

**3359-48-03 Athletic policy.**

(A) Statement on athletics.

The mission of the department of athletics is to provide opportunities for competition in intercollegiate athletics and in doing so, to support the educational mission of the university of Akron. Competitive athletic programs can contribute significantly to the learning and development of students and all university athletic programs are designed to be in harmony with the essential educational objectives of the institution. Intercollegiate competition in organized athletics helps to foster an enthusiastic sense of shared allegiance and collegiality among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the greater Akron community.

*Academics:* The student-athlete is first and foremost a student. The university of Akron is committed to being an environment of teaching and learning that fosters the development of students and the understanding that the assumption of personal responsibility is at the heart of the educational experience. All student-athletes must make a total commitment to academic integrity.

*Student life:* Student-athletes are integrated into the student body and thus held to the same standards of conduct as all other students. As such, each student-athlete has the responsibility



A student-athletes behavior has a definite impact on the reputation of the athletic department and on the attitude that the surrounding communities have toward student-athletes in general.

The conduct of the student-athletes will be closely scrutinized as they sit in the classroom, as they compete on-campus, as they travel, and as they compete off-campus. Student-athletes will be looked upon as role models, particularly by young children, and it is important that their personal conduct be above reproach at all times.

(B) Ethical conduct.

All student-athletes shall deport themselves with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, the university of Akron and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and

Prior to each contest, the competing student-athlete must designate the names of family members, relatives or fellow students through a pass list provided by the coaching staff. Under NCAA regulations, no more than one of the four complimentary admissions available to the student-athlete may be provided to anyone other than family members, relatives, or fellow students (i.e., a “wild-card” admission). A fellow student is defined as anyone attending a four-year collegiate institution.

In addition to a student-athlete’s own family members, relatives, or fellow students, specific family members or relatives of a teammate are permitted to use the student-athlete’s complimentary admissions if so designated. Teammates may not utilize another student-athlete’s one “wild-card” admission (that is, a person other than a family member, relative, or fellow



Staff members of the athletics department and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

- (1) Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- (2) Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- (3) Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- (4) Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling;
- (5) Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g. cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value.

(G) Housing.

- (1) On-campus: returning student-athletes will be notified by the housing office during the spring semester to pick up housing contracts in the residence hall office. Students should indicate roommate and location preference on the contract and return it to the housing office by the indicated due date. Non-Onrp-

residence hall costs, it will be necessary for the student-athlete to pay the balance by the due date.





(b) Satisfactory



- (3) Foreign students must meet the NCAA initial eligibility



- (3) Government grants for educational purposes such as Pell grants benefits received under the G.I. Bill of Rights, military reserve training program, special United States government entitlement programs and state government awards to disabled veterans.

(N) Tuition and fees.

Any student-athlete who receives athletic financial aid to pay for coursework must sign and return the copy of the scholarship award proposal to the financial aid office. Financial aid which the student-athlete has accepted and which can be used to pay for classes will be subtracted from the amount of his/her fee invoice.

- (1) If tuition is fully paid by an athletic scholarship, the student-athlete will receive a copy of the paid fee invoice along with a validation sticker. Athletic aid cannot be used to pay for parking, change fees, or late fees.
- (2) If tuition is partially paid by an athletic scholarship, the student--





- (2) Coaches will be notified of summer school budget by February of each academic year. Head coaches shall notify student-athletes of summer school availability, requirements and deadline for requests.
  - (3) A summer grant-in-aid award shall fund tuition only. This shall not include books or living allowance, these expenses are the student's responsibility.
  - (4) Head coaches are required to provide a list of summer school recipients by April of each academic year to the athletic department
  - (5) Student-athletes shall receive written notification of a summer grant-in-aid award by the financial aid office.
  - (6) Student-athletes may not receive summer scholarship dollars to repeat a course that was withdrawn or received an "F" because of lack of attendance.
  - (7) Any student-athlete receiving a summer grant-in-aid award that receives an "F" or withdraws after the refund period shall be required to reimburse the athletic department.
  - (8) Any reduction or cancellation of aid is permissible only if such action is taken for proper cause by the regular disciplinary or financial aid authorities of the institution and the student-athlete has been provided written notice of an opportunity for a hearing.
- (S) Financial aid grievance procedure.
- (1) Student-athletes will be notified in writing of reduction or cancellation of athletic financial aid. Upon receipt of this notification instructions will be provided regarding the process required to schedule a financial aid hearing.
    - (a) The athletic scholarship hearing board shall be comprised of the director of student financial aid, who shall serve as chair of the committee, and two other voting members as appointed by the vice president for ~~student engagement and success~~ student affairs.



- (b) The board shall convene to hold hearings relative to the reduction or cancellation of athletic financial aid.
- (c) Athletes who have received notification of reduction or cancellation of aid and who wish to use the appeal procedure shall give written notice to the director of student financial aid of their request for a hearing.
- (d) The director of student financial aid shall schedule the hearing and shall send the athlete notice of same. Such notice shall include the date, time, and location of the hearing.
- (e) A written list of witnesses and their relevance must be given to the chair of the board at least one day prior to the hearing. Also, if the representative of the athletic department or the student-athlete intends to have an advisor present, that individual must be identified in writing one day prior to the hearing.
- (f) The hearing shall be conducted as follows:
  - (i) A representative of the athletic department shall appear first and provide a rationale for the reduction or cancellation of the athletic grant-in-aid. The presentation shall be in the presence of the student-athlete.
    - (a) The presentation shall be made by the coach if possible. An advisor may be present, but can only participate in an advisory capacity. If the coach cannot present the case, the name of the replacement should be submitted to the chair of the board with an explanation of why the coach could not present the case.
    - (b) The department of athletics may present witnesses in support of its case or, with the approval of the chair of the board, written

statements may be submitted. The testimony of witnesses may be by question and answer or by narrative.

- (c) At the completion of testimony by each witness, members of the board may ask questions. The student-athlete may also ask questions, but the questions must be directed through the chair of the hearing board.
- (ii) After the athletic department has presented its case, the student-athlete shall put forward his/her case.
  - (a) The athlete has the right to representation in an advisory capacity and the right to

- (f) The representative of the athletic department may also ask questions of the witness and/or the student-athlete, but the questions must be direc