

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

University of Oregon Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Student-Athlete Standards

The University of Oregon sponsors 19 varsity sports: Acrobatics and Tumbling, Baseball, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country, Football, Men's and Women's Golf, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer, Softball, Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Track and Field (Indoor & Outdoor), Women's Volleyball. There are more than 450 University of Oregon student-athletes each year.

There are special responsibilities and requirements that accompany being a student-athlete and representing the University of Oregon. The University expects its student-athletes to demonstrate academic honesty and integrity, to train and strive for their highest degree of athletic excellence, and to conduct themselves as responsible citizens. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves, both on and off campus, in a manner that brings respect to the University of Oregon and its athletic teams. Every student-athlete is expected to abide by the University of Oregon Code of Conduct, including all University policies, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) guidelines, and Pac-12 Conference regulations, in addition to adhering with all state and federal laws. The University of Oregon Code of Conduct can be found in the Schedule of Classes pamphlet.

Student-athletes are also accountable to the team rules and regulations specified by their respective head coach. If a student-athlete's head coach or the Director of Athletics believes the student-athlete engaged in misconduct, they may, at any time, reprimand the student-athlete, suspend the student-athlete from the team, or impose conditions of probation on the student-athlete's continued participation on the team.

Of the above rules and regulations, the following are given special emphasis:

1. Student-athletes are expected to attend class regularly and punctually. Each student-athlete is responsible for notifying his or her instructor of absences relating to home and away athletic contests. If a student-athlete expects to miss a class due to athletically-related competition, then he or she must show his or her professor a travel absence letter at the beginning of the term. These letters can be obtained by a student-athlete's coach or the Eligibility Coordinator in the Compliance Office.
2. Student-athletes may not sell or receive value for:
 - a. Tickets to University athletic events;
 - b. Athletic Department equipment/clothing/awards issued by the department or provided by commercial sponsors; or
 - c. Their autographs or personal appearances.
3. Student-athletes may not gamble on any NCAA-sponsored sport or participate in a fantasy league that costs money to enter. This means, for example, bets may not be made on NFL or any other football games, as football is an NCAA-sponsored sport. Any student-athlete approached by a person requesting that the results of an athletic contest be altered must immediately report the incident to the Compliance Office.
4. Student-athletes are advised that the legal drinking age in the state of Oregon is 21 years of age. Even students who are of legal drinking age must abide by NCAA, Student Conduct, General Code, and athletic department rules and regulations relating to alcohol and drug use. Student-athletes are specifically cautioned against illegal or unauthorized use of alcohol, drugs, and other intoxicants and shall not:
 - a. Use, or be under the influence of, drugs not prescribed by a physician and approved by the NCAA;
 - b. Drink, be under the influence of, or be in personal possession of alcohol during any intercollegiate event, athletic practice, or on road trips associated with athletic events; or
 - c. Use tobacco products during any intercollegiate athletic event, athletic practice, or on road trips associated with athletic events.

The Athletic Department is proud of its student-athletes abilities to meet these responsibilities and expectations and, as a result, pleased to have them represent the University in athletic competition.

Academic Responsibilities

A high priority for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is to expand and support every effort that will foster intellectual development and graduation of our student-athletes. While several levels of support exist at the University of Oregon, responsibility for success ultimately rests upon student-athletes' shoulders. As a result, each student-athlete is expected to:

1. Set a primary goal to obtain a degree;
2. Seek assistance before and/or when academic difficulties occur from the instructor and Support Services for Student-Athletes;
3. Attend all academic appointments, counseling, and advising sessions as scheduled;
4. Adhere to the University's policy regarding academic integrity; and
5. Maintain NCAA minimum course-hour requirements per quarter, making progress toward a degree based on NCAA and University standards.

Good Sportsmanship

Student-athletes are ambassadors of the University of Oregon and, as a result, hold the responsibility of behaving with dignity and sportsmanship. In this pursuit, student-athletes shall exemplify honesty and good sportsmanship during games and competition. Behavior at all times should reflect positively on the reputation of the University of Oregon both on and off the field of play, in pre-game comments to media, and when traveling and competing at other institutions.

The University of Oregon expects our student-athletes to always maintain an attitude of respect toward our opponents. As models of good sportsmanship, University of Oregon student-athletes should look for ways to encourage and appreciate quality play and effort, regardless of whether it's exhibited by a teammate or an opponent.

Athletically-Related Financial Aid

Athletically-related financial aid is a financial award given to a student-athlete based on athletic ability. These awards are commonly referred to as athletic scholarships. According to NCAA policies, athletic scholarships are limited to expenses for tuition and compulsory fees, room and board, and required course-related books. Most often, athletic scholarships are awarded for one academic year.

Each varsity sport is provided an athletic scholarship budget within the guidelines of the NCAA, Pac-12, and Athletic Department budget. Athletic scholarships are allocated at the discretion of the head coach. After a student-athlete is recommended by the head coach for an athletic grant-in-aid, the paperwork is returned to the Grant-in-Aid Coordinator for processing, and then it is sent to the Athletic Director and Director of Financial Aid for approval.

Following approval of an athletic scholarship and the start of its award period, NCAA rules and University of Oregon polices permit the reduction or cancellation of the athletics aid during the period of its award if a student-athlete:

1. Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
2. Fails to make satisfactory academic progress in his or her course of study;
3. Fails to make applicable financial obligations to the university;
4. Violates written team rules as defined by the head coach;
5. Violates the terms of a written agreement between the student-athlete and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and/or the University of Oregon;
6. Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent, or financial aid agreement;
7. Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty; or
8. Voluntarily withdraws from his or her sport at any time for personal reasons.

Toward the end of the of an athletics aid award period, each coaching staff will decide whether to renew or not renew each respective student-athlete's athletics aid for another award period. If the coaching staff decides to renew the athletics aid, they will also make a decision to either increase or decrease the athletics aid or keep it the same as the previous award. As part of a renewal, athletics aid may be reduced for any reason, including athletics ability.

In the event a student-athlete's athletics aid is reduced, cancelled, or not renewed for another award period, he or she will receive written notification of these actions. Such notification will occur on or before July 1 of the academic year in which the award period is ending. The notification letter will contain information and instruction on the opportunity for a hearing if the student-athlete believes the actions were done either for questionable reasons or without following proper regulations. The first instruction is to contact the Director of Financial Aid in writing within seven (7) days of the receipt of the letter to appeal. The Director of Financial Aid then issues a written decision. If either party is unsatisfied with the decision, it may appeal within seven (7) days of the decision. This appeal is made to the Financial Aid Appeals Board, which has its procedures governed by Oregon Administrative Rule 571-003-0125. The board hears the appeal on the merits of the case and issues a decision. The final appeal process is described in this decision, which is an appeal to the University President within seven (7) days of that decision. The President's decision is final.

For questions about this information, please contact either the head coach or Grant-In-Aid Coordinator.

Employment

Any student-athlete wishing to work during the regular academic year or summer must submit an Employment Approval Form to the Compliance Office prior to the commencement of his/her employment. Compensation must be provided for work actually performed, and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services. Student-athletes cannot accept any benefits or privileges that are not available to other employees by the employer. This includes arranged transportation, provided meals, or bonuses given by the employer. Compensation associated with legitimate employment does not count against individual or team financial aid limits.

Medical Responsibilities

Participation in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Oregon is contingent upon medical approval by the Athletic Medicine Staff. This process must be completed each year prior to the start of training and/or competition.

Each year student-athletes are required to sign a consent form demonstrating their understanding of the NCAA drug-testing program and their willingness to participate. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics does not condone substance abuse or illegal drug use by its student-athletes. Nor does the department endorse or permit the use of performance enhancement substances.

Residence/Dining Hall Responsibilities

Student-athletes typically live in dorms during their first year. After their first year, student-athletes usually move off-campus; however they are given a choice to remain in the dorms. All student-athletes are required to abide by the regulations and policies of the residence and dining halls.

Compliance Responsibilities

Student-athletes must participate in all mandatory educational programs held by the Compliance Office. Student-athletes are also to assist the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics administration by providing information for eligibility certification and NCAA compliance issues whenever sought. Automobile registration and employment information is also to be filed with the Compliance Office.

TICKETS TO EVENTS

Student-athletes may be given complimentary tickets for family and friends to the competition they are competing, including post-season competition. The policy for complimentary tickets must be followed or this privilege will be revoked.

TICKETS TO UNIVERSITY OF OREGON ATHLETIC EVENTS CANNOT BE SOLD OR TRADED FOR GOODS OR SERVICES.

Travel Expectations

When traveling as official representatives of the University of Oregon, student-athletes' actions should reflect favorably on the University, their team, and themselves. Student-athletes are expected to adhere to their particular team dress code, nutritional requirements, and curfew.

NCAA and Pac-12 Conference Responsibilities

All student-athletes are subject to NCAA rules and regulations, as acknowledged by signing the NCAA Student-Athlete Statement administered annually prior to certification of eligibility. Additionally, all Pac-12 Conference rules and regulations must be followed explicitly. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations of each unit.

Violations of the Student-Athlete Standards

If a student-athlete's head coach or the Director of Athletics believes the student-athlete has violated the student-athlete standards, they may, at any time, reprimand the student-athlete, suspend or dismiss the student-athlete from the team, or impose conditions of probation on the student-athlete's continued participation on the team.