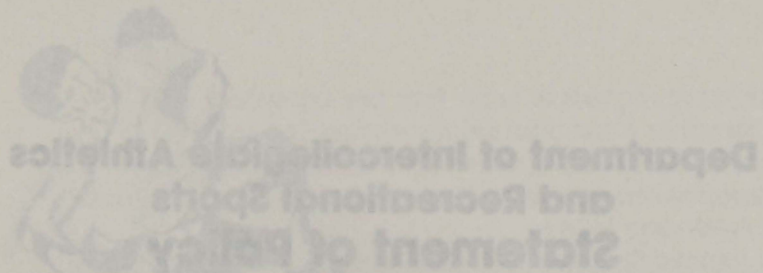


student athlete handbook and code of conduct



Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
and Recreational Sports
Florida International University
Student Affairs
Miami, Florida August, 1977



**Welcome
Student - Athletes
to
Florida International University**

You have selected an outstanding multi-purpose state university in which to pursue your advanced educational goal. Together we can accomplish this objective.

Few experiences will be as unique, exciting and rewarding as this phase of your campus life which is about to unfold.

You have joined an outstanding total University with an intercollegiate athletic program that has pride, character and prestige. The Sunblazers maintain a winning tradition which is perpetuated each year by the selection of worthy, respectable and determined young student-athletes such as yourself.

Your participation in the intercollegiate athletic program will not only contribute to the total future of the academic community, but also to the continued growth and progress of the intercollegiate athletic program at Florida International University.

This handbook has been prepared for your information as an aid and reference in answering some of your questions, and to serve as a guideline of your individual responsibilities while a student-athlete at Florida International University.

Best wishes from the entire athletic staff.

Yours in sports,

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Miami, Florida

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports Statement of Policy

This Statement of Policy has been prepared by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports for the purpose of clarifying the policies of this Department as they relate to individuals involved in our program. It is an overview of our general philosophy and is in no way intended to cover all questions which may arise. Hopefully, it will clarify areas of maximum concern and give the reader a better understanding of the objectives and procedures of the Department.

I. Responsibilities of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports of Florida International University operates programs which require the trust and support of both the student-athlete and the public. As such it has a number of responsibilities.

A. Student-Athletes

The Department establishes programs with the goal of fostering intercollegiate athletics and recreational sports by providing the best possible framework within which our student-athletes can compete. The Department has a dual responsibility to see that each student receives the best possible education. Secondly, it has the responsibility to provide the best possible athletic and recreational program and environment so that each student has the opportunity to compete to the fullest extent of the athlete's ability.

B. Public

The Department has as one of its primary objectives that of providing the public with highly competitive athletic teams. In so doing, it is our goal to provide a quality program which deserves public confidence.

C. Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

The Department is committed to the principles and objectives of the IAIW and NCAA, State University System of Florida and Florida International University. All intercollegiate athletic activities will be governed by the rules and regulations of these organizations.



II. Responsibilities of Coaching Staff

Coaches also have responsibilities in a number of areas. They have the responsibility to provide the public with a quality program. They have the responsibility to represent the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports, Florida International University, and the State of Florida in a manner that will enhance the athletic and recreational program, and promote confidence in the program. They have a responsibility to all student-athletes to take a sincere interest in academic, athletic and recreational activities to insure that each individual is treated with fairness and provided with the optimal opportunity to excel. They have the responsibility to operate all programs and activities within the rules and regulations of the IAIW and NCAA, State University System of Florida and Florida International University.

III. Rights and Responsibilities of Student-Athletes

To be admitted to Florida International University and to its baccalaureate programs is a privilege which must be earned by each student's academic promise and continuing performance. So, too, to represent the University in intercollegiate competition is a distinct privilege and must be earned by promise and continuing performance.

Every student-athlete who participates in intercollegiate athletics becomes a member of a team. By accepting this privilege of team membership, the student-athlete accepts the following responsibilities as a student.

A. Academic

The Athletic Department does not view the student-athlete as merely an athlete; the athlete's major purpose at the University is to pursue an academic degree. The student-athlete has the responsibility of attending class on a regular basis, of completing all classroom assignments, and of conducting all

academic matters in ways that are consistent with acceptable classroom performance. The student-athlete is required to meet all University and college academic requirements as well as the eligibility rules of the AIAW and NCAA.

The Athletic Department has a sincere interest in the general welfare and academic achievement of every athlete. Because of this, the Department has designated an individual to assist student-athletes in their academic pursuits. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to give full cooperation to college, departmental, and athletic personnel in all matters of an academic nature.

B. Athletic Rules and Regulations

The student-athlete is subject to the rules pertaining to the athlete's particular sport as established by the coaches and the Athletic Department. Of particular interest are the following:

1. The student-athlete must participate in practice and games except when declared unfit by the team trainer or doctor, or in any other way unable to participate through no fault of the athlete.
2. The student-athlete must obey the decisions of the coaches regarding manners and behavior on road games including dress policies. The conduct of all team members is the responsibility of the accompanying coaching staff.
3. When dealing with the news media, the student-athlete has an important obligation, to both teammates and the sport, not to make comments critical in nature that may be detrimental to the Department of Athletics. It is everyone's responsibility to discuss and solve problems within the organization.

C. Personal Conduct

A Florida International University athlete is a public figure whose conduct, both on and off the field, reflects on his/her teammates, coaches, and the University. The athlete is expected to conduct himself/herself in an appropriate manner at all times.

D. Athletic Participation

The student-athlete is expected to be a responsible member of the team, contributing energy and skill to the best of ability and conforming to the self-discipline which team membership implies.



IV. Grants-In-Aid Regulations

The purpose of the grants-in-aid program at Florida International University is to insure that all financial assistance to student-athletes is consonant with the regulations of the AIAW, NCAA and the primary educational values of the University. To receive financial assistance from the Department of Athletics is a privilege, which a student-athlete must earn by participating to the best of ability, not only on the playing field but in the classroom as well. Indeed, the grant-in-aid is awarded to make this dual commitment possible. Its basic assumption is that the student who is willing to devote long hours on the practice field, may, through a regulated program of financial assistance, be relieved of the obligation to work part-time to subsidize his/her college education. The primary value is to the student's educational program. To be sure, grants-in-aid are awarded only to those young athletes who, in addition to their academic qualifications, show exceptional athletic promise, but the justification in the program must ultimately reside in its capacity to permit students to meet the University's academic expectations while encouraging participation in an intercollegiate sport.

A. Responsibilities Imposed by the Grant-in-Aid Program

The University's program of financial assistance to student-athletes involves mutual responsibilities. Many of these are explicitly stated in the AIAW and NCAA Manuals and apply equally to all member institutions. They provide for the manner in which an offer of a grant-in-aid is to be made and accepted, for the limitation of financial assistance it may provide, and for the duration for which a grant-in-aid may be tendered. In addition, the handbook regulations

call upon the student to protect the athlete's eligibility for financial assistance by remaining in good academic standing and by insuring that the athlete has never used skill or knowledge in athletics for financial gain. In brief, the regulations of the AIAW and NCAA provide the foundation upon which the University and its student-athletes base their mutual responsibilities.

These regulations do not totally define the mutual responsibilities which Florida International University would foster with the student-athletes involved in its intercollegiate programs. For example, the University conducts its grant-in-aid program on the assumption that each entering student-athlete will meet academic responsibilities and that as a consequence, grants-in-aid will be renewed at the close of each college year or semester, whichever is applicable. The renewal of a grant-in-aid will not be predicated upon extraordinary athletic prowess or conspicuous athletic success; nor will it be predicated upon the student-athlete's failure to participate due to a disabling athletic injury. No student will be denied a renewal of grant-in-aid because an injury or relative lack of ability has forced the athlete to the sidelines. This assumption of responsibility on the part of the University must, however, be matched by an equal assumption of responsibility on the part of the student-athlete. In order to earn the renewal of a grant-in-aid the student-athlete must be a responsible member of the team. If seriously injured, the athlete need not continue to compete to earn the renewal of a grant-in-aid. But the athlete cannot hope to receive renewals if voluntarily withdrawn from the athletic program or if absenteeism and uncooperative attitude abdicate the athlete's responsibilities.

B. Renewal Procedures

The responsibility for the administration of the University's grants-in-aid program is rested in the office of the Director of Athletics. It is the Athletic Director's obligation to insure that the regulations of the AIAW and NCAA and the policies of the University are being observed. The student-athlete who is meeting responsibilities in the classroom and is a contributing member of the athletic program, need not initiate action to insure the annual renewal of his/her grant-in-aid. If there is a reason to believe that those responsibilities are not being met, it is within the authority of

the Director of Athletics to authorize the non-renewal of a grant-in-aid or the adjustment of the amount of aid provided. Non-renewal or tender adjustment action must be initiated by the head coach of the sport providing the grant-in-aid. For appeal procedures regarding non-renewal or other adjustments to grants-in-aid, see Section VI Procedures for Hearing of Grievances.

Note: In some cases grants-in-aid may be explicitly awarded on a one-quarter or one-year basis. In those cases where the head coach makes it clear to the student-athlete that the grant-in-aid is for a one-quarter period, such an award may or may not be renewed at the complete discretion of the Director of Athletics, upon recommendation of the coach.

C. Work Stipulation

A student on full grant-in-aid may not work at any time during the academic semester, nor may the athlete receive additional financial aid other than that received from parents or loans. If additional aid is received, the amount earned will be deducted from the grant-in-aid. A student may work during official University vacation periods. A student on a partial tender may work for the amount which is the difference between a full tender and the partial tender. The amount earned over the difference will be deducted from the grant-in-aid.

V. Infraction of Athletic Department Rules

If the coach alleges an infraction of Athletic Department rules and regulations, the coach may suspend the athlete from the team or take other appropriate disciplinary action. The athlete may appeal the suspension or action as outlined in Section VI.

VI. Procedures For Hearing Of Grievances

The parties agree that all problems should be resolved, whenever possible, before the filing of a grievance and encourage the informal resolution of grievances. The purpose of these procedures is to provide a prompt and efficient means for the investigation and resolution of grievances. The procedures hereinafter set forth shall be the sole and exclusive method for resolving the grievances of athletes.

If, prior to seeking resolution of the dispute by these procedures, or while a grievance is in process, an athlete seeks resolution of the matter in any other legally constituted forum, the Athletic Appeal Board shall have no obligation to entertain or proceed further with the matter pursuant to this grievance procedure.

The term "grievance" shall be defined as: a circumstance thought to be unjust and grounds for complaint. However, the grounds for grievance may not infringe upon a coach's judgment regarding ability.

It is every head coach's responsibility to provide every student-athlete at the first meeting of squad members, or individually when student-athletes report after the initial meeting, a copy of the grievance procedures, after explaining them to the athlete.

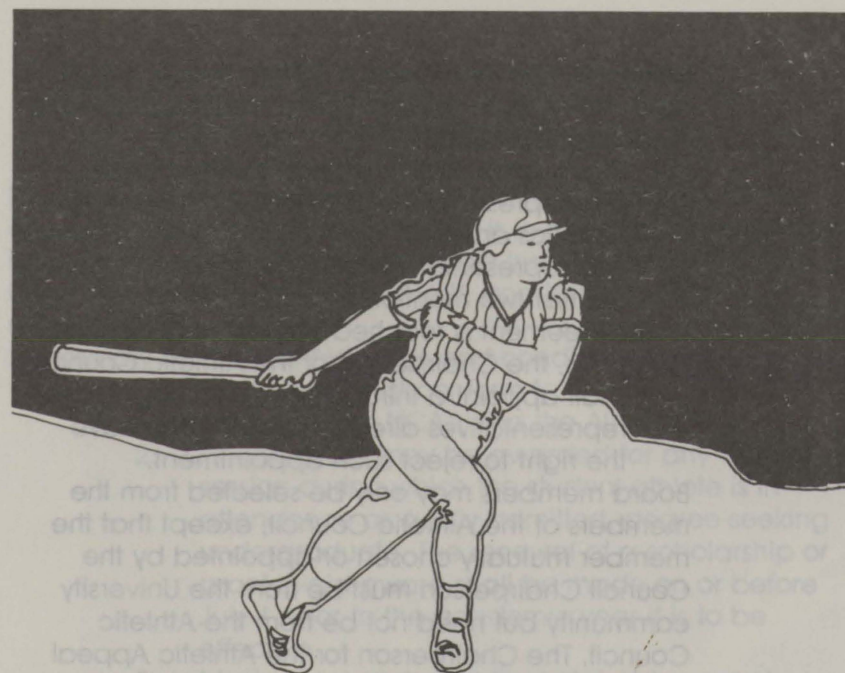
Every student-athlete indicates by signature on the grievance sheet, which the head coach retains, that: 1) the athlete understands the grounds for grievance and the grievance procedures, 2) the athlete has received a copy of the procedures and a copy of the Student-Athlete Handbook, and 3) the athlete agrees to follow the grievance procedures as specified below.

A. Resolution by Coach

1. An FIU student-athlete who has a grievance may take the grievance to the assistant coach under whom the athlete plays or to the head coach of that sport.
2. Should the athlete not want to go directly to the assistant coach or the head coach, the athlete may take the grievance to the team captain, and the team captain will inform the appropriate coach of the grievance.
3. A conference will be held between the appropriate coach and the athlete. If this conference is held with the assistant coach and the grievance is not resolved, a conference will be held between the athlete and the head coach. At the discretion of the athlete or the head coach, the captain and/or the assistant coach may participate. The athlete and the coaches will use their best efforts to resolve the grievance.

B. Resolution by Director of Athletics

1. If the grievance has not been resolved by the conferences provided above, the dissatisfied party will notify the Director of Athletics.
2. The Director of Athletics will hold a conference between the athlete and appropriate coach. The athlete, the coach and the Director will use their best efforts to resolve the grievance.



C. Appeal to Athletic Appeal Board

1. If the Director of Athletics' recommendation for resolving the grievance is rejected by the athlete, he/she may appeal the grievance to the Athletic Appeal Board as provided below. The athlete, the coach and the Director all recognize that the process provided in paragraphs A and B may involve a period of time. The athlete agrees to initiate a grievance, and the coach and the Director agree to process the grievance, in a timely manner so that an appeal, if necessary, may be made to the Athletic Appeal Board within the time period provided below.
2. The appealing party shall state in writing, directed to the Director of Athletics and received in the office of the Director of Athletics within forty-five (45) days of the circumstance which is the grounds for the grievance; (a) all factual details relevant to the nature of the grievance, (b) why the recommendation for resolving the grievance, made by the Director pursuant to paragraph B above is unacceptable and why the grievance is still unresolved, and (c) how the grievance should be resolved.
3. Upon receiving the written grievance, the Director of Athletics shall furnish to the athlete a list of all persons currently serving as members of the

University's Athletic Council. Within five (5) school days, an Athletic Appeal Board shall be chosen in the following manner:

- (1) one representative chosen by the athlete,
- (2) one representative chosen by the Director of Athletics and
- (3) one representative chosen concurrently by the first two mentioned above. If no agreement is reached within two (2) school days, the Chairperson of the Athletic Council shall appoint a third person, and each of the representatives already chosen shall have the right to reject such appointment.

Board members may only be selected from the members of the Athletic Council, except that the member mutually chosen or appointed by the Council Chairperson must be from the University community but need not be from the Athletic Council. The Chairperson for the Athletic Appeal Board will be the delegate mutually chosen (or appointed by the Council Chairperson).

4. Within five (5) school days after the Athletic Appeal Board is constituted, the Board Chairperson shall conduct a meeting of the Board to hear the grievance. The athlete, the appropriate coach, and the Director of Athletics shall be entitled to appear at the hearing, and the Board may hear such other people and use such procedures as it shall consider fair to all involved. A decision must be made within ten (10) school days following the first meeting of this Board.

All records resulting from this grievance procedure will automatically become a part of the student's file in the Student Services Office and in the Athletic Department. Upon graduation of the student or the completion of a four-year period commencing on the date of the decision of the Athletic Appeal Board, all official and non-official records of the proceedings and the resolutions of the matter at hand will be expunged completely from all University records.

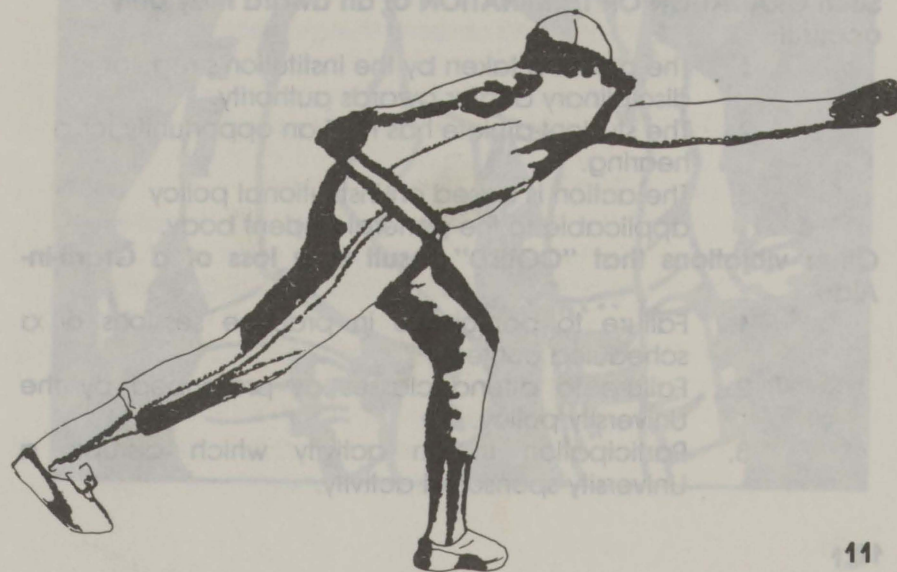
The purpose of the Board is to consider the written appeal request, to review the entire case proceedings, and to resolve the grievance. The Board's decision will be forwarded to the Vice-President of Student Affairs for implementation. There will be no further appeal.

Grant-In-Aid

Financial aid may be awarded to any student-athlete for any quarter or year during which he/she is in attendance, provided he/she has been fully admitted to the institution as a regular bona fide student per NCAA, AIAW, and institutional requirements.

A summary of Grant-in-Aid terms and conditions follows:

1. The award must conform to the regulations of the institution, the NCAA and the AIAW.
2. Financial aid may be awarded for any term or session during which the student-athlete is in attendance as a fully-admitted, degree-seeking undergraduate. The renewal of a scholarship or grant-in-aid award shall be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year it is to be effective.
3. Maximum permissible financial aid may not exceed "commonly accepted educational expenses"; i.e., tuition and fees, room and board and required course books. AIAW allows tuition, fees, and board only. As of the academic year 1978-79, financial aid based on athletic ability for women will be limited to tuition and fees.
4. A student-athlete may not receive financial assistance other than that administered by the institution except that financial assistance may be received from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent.



5. When unearned financial aid is awarded to a student, and athletic ability is taken into consideration in making the award, such aid combined with other aid the student-athlete may receive from employment during quarter time, and/or other scholarships and grant-in-aid (including governmental grants for educational purposes) and like sources, these may not exceed commonly accepted educational expenses as defined in paragraph 3 above (NCAA only).

Institutional aid MAY NOT BE GRANTED OR TERMINATED during the period of its award:

1. Because of the recipient's athletic ability or his/her contribution to a team's success.
2. Because an injury prevents the recipient from participating in athletics during the period of its award.

Institutional aid MAY BE GRADATED OR TERMINATED during the period of its award if the recipient:

1. Does not satisfy the state institutional academic requirements for like scholarships or grants-in-aid.
2. Voluntarily renders himself/herself ineligible for intercollegiate athletic competition.
3. Fraudulently misrepresents any information on his/her Application, Letter of Intent, or Tender of Financial Assistance.
4. Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty by the appropriate institutional committee or agency.

Such GRADATION OR TERMINATION of an award may only occur if:

1. The action is taken by the institution's regular disciplinary and/or awards authority.
2. The student-athlete has had an opportunity for a hearing.
3. The action is based on institutional policy applicable to the general student body.

Other violations that "COULD" result in a loss of a Grant-in-Aid:

1. Failure to participate in practice sessions or a scheduled contest.
2. Failure to attend classes as prescribed by the University policy.
3. Participation in an activity which disrupts a University sponsored activity.





4. Failure to regain good standing and rejoin the team after being suspended for conduct or appearance not acceptable to the coach or the Athletic Department.
5. Conviction of a serious crime, or repeated misdemeanors.

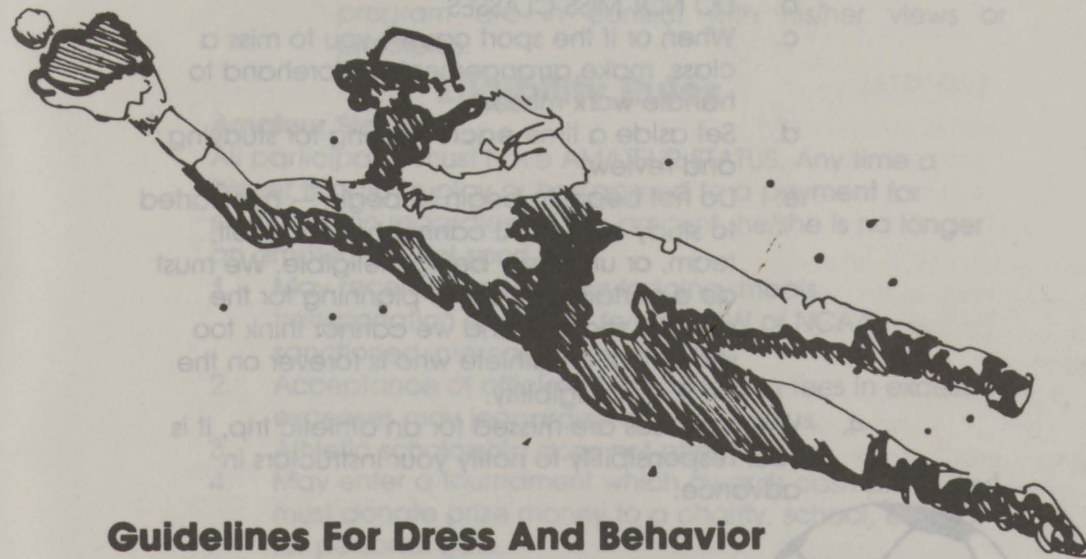
Coach's Authority:

1. A Coach **may not** withdraw a grant-in-aid. There is no circumstance under which a coach can perform this action.
2. A coach **MAY SUSPEND OR DISMISS** a player from the squad for the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to participate in practice sessions or a scheduled athletic contest.
 - b. Failure to observe established training rules.
 - c. Voluntary withdrawal from the team.
 - d. Failure to attend classes as prescribed by University policy.
 - e. Failure to observe the general standards of appearance when representing the University as established by the coaches and players in cooperation with the Athletic Department.

Training Guidelines

1. A student-athlete is prohibited from the use of drugs, except as medically prescribed.
2. The use of tobacco and alcohol is discouraged.
3. The student-athlete should strive for eight hours of sleep per night, eat balanced meals at regular hours and take care of his/her health; mental, moral and physical.
4. The student-athlete must report all injuries to the coach and trainer immediately.

5. Take care of your equipment -- keep it clean. Do not borrow a teammate's equipment -- **HANDS OFF!**
6. Take care of your locker, locker room, and training equipment. Any mutilation of our equipment may result in suspension from the team.
7. You play as you practice -- go full tilt in those sessions whatever the drill may be.



Guidelines For Dress And Behavior

1. You represent Florida International University and are expected to conduct yourself as a gentleman/lady at all times, reflecting favorably on the University and the team. This means respect for the property of others, civilized language, courtesy, and respect for all rights of others.
2. Team members seated on the bench or sidelines, should conduct themselves properly. In case of a disturbance that results in stoppage of play, players must report to their bench immediately.
3. Take pride in your appearance
4. Meals, travel arrangements to the field, and **curfew** will be arranged on each trip.
5. Take your books with you on trips. Excellent STUDY TIME! Libraries are usually available. No one should ever be on academic warning.
6. Keep your language clean on the court/playing field, in the locker rooms, and in public.

Educational Requirements

The real reason you are in school - DO THE BEST POSSIBLE

1. AIAW or NCAA rules of eligibility
2. University rules of eligibility
3. Classroom hints
 - a. Participate in class discussion. Do not expect a "gift." Work for the grade just as you work for a position on the team.
 - b. DO NOT MISS CLASSES
 - c. When or if the sport causes you to miss a class, make arrangements beforehand to handle work missed.
 - d. Set aside a time **each** evening for studying and review.
 - e. Do not begin to begin to begin — get started to study early. You cannot help yourself, team, or university being ineligible. We must do a certain amount of planning for the coming seasons and we cannot think too strongly of an athlete who is forever on the brink of ineligibility.
4. When classes are missed for an athletic trip, it is your responsibility to notify your instructors in advance.



Other Suggestions

1. Attendance at practice, scheduled meetings and activities is required.
2. Respect the flag during the playing of the National Anthem.
3. Participate in pre-game, half-time and post-game ceremonies when guided by the coach.
4. Team members remain with the team at all times during a trip, except under circumstances when approved by the head coach.

5. Each student-athlete must abide by any additional rules and/or regulations which may be prescribed by the coach and accepted by the team, not in conflict with other established rules, subject to the approval of the Director of Athletics and/or the University Athletic Council.
6. Participation in athletics is strictly voluntary. The student-athlete may withdraw from the athletic program any time he/she feels the rules governing the conduct of the intercollegiate athletic program are in conflict with his/her views or principles.

Eligibility Rules

I. Amateur Status

All participants must have AMATEUR STATUS. Any time a player is paid to play or has agreed to a payment for participation regardless of the amount, he/she is no longer an amateur in that sport.

1. May receive expenses for lodging, meals, transportation and entry fee in AIAW or NCAA sanctioned intercollegiate events.
2. Acceptance of officiating or coaching fees in excess of expenses may jeopardize amateur status.
3. Athletic scholarship does not affect status.
4. May enter a tournament which awards cash prizes, but must donate prize money to a charity, school, etc. not for personal gain.
5. Merchandise awards: Total value of all awards for women cannot exceed \$25.00 per event, Sept. 1-Aug. 31. The value of any and all awards for any one male may not exceed \$200.00.

II. Academic Status

Only a student-athlete who is presently admitted and enrolled in a degree-seeking program as a full-time undergraduate shall be eligible.

1. Must be **fully-admitted** in accordance with the regular entrance requirements of Florida International University.
2. Must be enrolled in a program leading to a degree.
3. Must carry an academic load of at least 12 hours.
4. After participation in a varsity sport, to be eligible again for the same sport, a student must earn 30 credits in the four (4) consecutive quarters preceding his/her next quarter of competition in that sport.
5. Academic warning, probation and dismissal:

WARNING: A student whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate) will be placed on WARNING indicating academic difficulty.

PROBATION: A student on WARNING whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate) will be placed on PROBATION indicating serious academic difficulty. The college/school of the student on PROBATION will appropriately communicate conditions which must be met in order to continue to enroll in the program.

DISMISSAL: A student on PROBATION whose cumulative and quarterly GPA falls below a 2.0 (undergraduate) or 3.0 (graduate) will be automatically dismissed from his/her program and the University. The student has ten (10) working days to appeal the dismissal decision. This appeal must be made in writing to the Dean of the college/school in which he/she is enrolled. If the student's appeal is denied, the student's dismissal from the University is for a minimum of four (4) quarters. After four (4) quarters, the student may re-apply to the University in the same program, a different program or register as a special student.

6. A student will not be declared eligible until he/she is re-admitted to the University into a specific academic program.
7. A student may become eligible during the academic term by removing incomplete grades.



III. Length of Eligibility

A student may participate four (4) years in one sport. He/she must complete his/her seasons of competition within five (5) years from the beginning of the quarter or term in which he/she first registered at a collegiate institution.

IV. Hardship Case

To be considered a hardship case involving a request that participation in a game or meet not be counted as a season or participation, the case must meet the following criteria: The term "hardship" is defined as that incapacitating condition resulting from injury (or illness) sustained in the first intercollegiate competitive event of the season or practice session occurring between the first and second such event which causes the loss of the remainder of that season's participation.

1. Female Athlete (AIAW) - A female athlete who is injured during the season and has competed in no more than 1/4 of the school's season will not have used a year of her eligibility.
- 2a. Male Athlete - Any participation during a season in an intercollegiate sport, regardless of time, shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. Cross country, indoor, and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports.
- 2b. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by his conference or his institution for reasons of "hardship," which is defined as that incapacity resulting from injury or illness under the following conditions.
 - (i) It occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition
 - (ii) It occurs when he has not participated in more than two football games or more than three contests in any other sport, provided the injury or illness occurred in the first half of the season and resulted in incapacity to compete for the remainder of the season.
 - (iii) This provision shall be administered by the allied conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the NCAA Eligibility Committee.

V. Transfer Students

1. A transfer student from a four-year school must be in attendance for one year before he is eligible for any varsity competition (NCAA). Women athletes may compete, but cannot receive an athletic grant-in-aid (AIAW).
2. A transfer student who has attended a four-year college prior to his attendance at a junior college must abide by the one-year transfer rule unless he graduated from the junior college(NCAA).
3. A transfer student from an accredited junior college is immediately eligible for varsity competition providing he/she meets all institutional, AIAW and NCAA eligibility requirements.
4. A junior college transfer student may not represent two (2) institutions in the same sport during the same academic year.
5. When a school drops an intercollegiate sport from its program, a student-athlete may transfer from that school and be immediately eligible in that sport, provided he/she meets all institutional, AIAW, and NCAA eligibility requirements and was in good academic and social standing at the time of transfer from the other school.

VI. Team Limitations

Any student who, after competing as a member of a team representing Florida International University, competes with any other team in the same sport during the same quarter, shall be ineligible to compete in that sport for the remainder of the season.

A student may not compete in any athletic competition under an assumed name, or otherwise, with intent to deceive.

Athletic Training Policies

1. The training room under the direction of the head trainer, will service all participating student-athletes.
2. A complete physical examination prior to each season of competition, administered through the training room, is mandatory for all student-athletes participating in all FIU sponsored intercollegiate athletic competition.

3. All athletic injuries or illnesses will be cared for by the training staff or designated team physician.
4. No athlete will be allowed to charge the Athletic Department for services rendered to him/her by University or private medical personnel unless the head trainer gives written authorization. Only those injuries incurred between the NCAA & AIAW starting dates for each sport and last event for each sport are covered by the Athletic Department. Out-of-season injuries and illnesses are not the responsibility of the Athletic Department.
5. All athletic injuries are to be directed to the training room for an evaluation first, and not directly to the health clinic. The training staff will evaluate the injury, inform the coaching staff of their decisions, and make all referrals to medical personnel.
6. No cleated or spiked shoes are to be worn at any time in the training room
7. All protective pads or special equipment made and issued to a squad member for his/her protection and/or care are expected to be returned to the training room either when no longer needed or at the completion of the season. If not returned, the athlete will be charged for the replacement cost.



Athletic Equipment

The University furnishes the best possible equipment for your use and protection, and you are personally responsible for any equipment assigned to you.

1. Team or Activity Equipment - This will be turned in at the close of their respective seasons. Coaches or sponsors are responsible for making arrangements with the Equipment Room Supervisor for a final inventory and inspection of all equipment, and will personally ascertain that the final inventory reflects all items turned in and/or have explanation of missing items. Items not turned in or accounted for will be brought to the immediate attention of the Assistant Director of Athletics.
2. Student Equipment - This equipment must be returned on the due date. Items not returned will be requested by phone, followed up by letter. If the student does not respond, action will be taken to impound the student's records. Upon return of items, and/or reimbursement for same, notice to clear the student's record will be forwarded to pertinent areas.

Student Government Association Athletic Committee Statement

We, the Athletic Committee of the Student Government Association, take pride in the accomplishments of our intercollegiate athletic programs, which we support through funding.

We are working closely with Athletics on the decision-making policies, each intercollegiate athletic team having representation on the Director's Advisory Council.

The student-athlete must realize that when participating in intercollegiate athletics, each athlete is a representative of the entire University community.

Ethical Considerations for the Player:

1. Respect differing points of view.
2. Treat all players, coaches and officials with courtesy.
3. Respect the achievements of others.
4. Be willing to train in order to achieve one's full potential.
5. Respect your coach's guidelines of conduct.

Student-Athlete's Statement of Concurrence

The purpose of Intercollegiate Athletics is to provide an opportunity for the participant to develop as a skilled performer in an educational setting.

As education seeks to provide ways in which each may grow emotionally, socially and intellectually, so does the intercollegiate athletic program. In addition, the participant has the opportunity to travel, represent the University and learn the art of being a team member. All this gain is not without sacrifice, for the player may lose some individual rights and privileges to accept the policies of the program when becoming a member of the team.

I, _____
Certify that this statement has been administered by the institution's Director of Athletics and/or representative after (1) having reviewed the Student-Athlete Handbook,(2) having been given the opportunity to ask questions concerning these guidelines and (3) understanding the grounds for grievance and the grievance procedures.

Signature of Student-Athlete

Athletic Equipment

The University furnishes the best possible equipment for your use and protection, and you are personally responsible for any equipment assigned to you.

1. Team or Activity Equipment - This will be turned in at the close of their respective seasons. Coaches or sponsors are responsible for making arrangements with the equipment inventory and

Statement of Concurrence

The purpose of intercollegiate athletics is to provide an opportunity for the participant to develop as a skilled performer in an educational setting.

2. As education seeks to provide ways in which each may grow emotionally, socially and intellectually, so does the intercollegiate athletic program. In addition, the participant has the opportunity to travel, represent the university and learn the art of being a team member. All this is not without sacrifice for the player may lose some individual rights and privilege to accept the policies of the program when becoming a member of the team.

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We, the Athletic Committee of the Student Government Association, take pride in the accomplishments of our intercollegiate athletic programs which we support through Student-Athlete Fund.

We are working with athletes on the decision-making process and intercollegiate athletic programs have a representative on the Director's Advisory Council.

The student-athlete must realize that when participating in intercollegiate athletics, each athlete is a representative of the entire University community.

Ethical Considerations for the Player:

1. Respect differing points of view.
2. Treat all players, coaches and officials with courtesy.
3. Respect the achievements of others.
4. Be willing to train in order to achieve one's full potential.

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