
STUDENT ATHLETES -- CONDUCT POLICY

PURPOSE: This policy is intended to govern the University's and the Athletic Department's practice and procedure as well as the conduct of student athletes.

I. Regulations: The following regulations shall be complied with:

- A. The Athletic Department shall require a disclosure statement completed and signed by the student athlete prior to participation in any intercollegiate athletic endeavor, which shall include a description of
1. All prior criminal convictions,
 2. All prior juvenile dispositions wherein the student was found to have committed an act that would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult, and
 3. all pending criminal charges, including juvenile proceedings alleging any act which would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult.

This statement will be kept in the office of the Athletic Director. Failure of a student athlete to accurately disclose all incidents described above may result in immediate suspension from the team. These records are "education records" as that term is defined under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (FERPA).

- B. No person shall be knowingly recruited as a player for an intercollegiate athletic team who has been convicted of a felony or, in the case of a juvenile, who has been found to have committed an act which would constitute a felony if committed by an adult. Exemptions to this restriction shall be granted only by the President upon recommendation of the Athletic Director and faculty athletics representative. Such decisions shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education at the time the exception is granted.
- C. A student athlete convicted of a felony after enrollment, including a plea of nolo contendere on a felony charge, shall be removed from the team and shall not be allowed to participate again in intercollegiate athletics at any Idaho public college or university pursuant to State Board policy. Further, the University may cancel any athletic financial aid received by a student who is convicted of a felony while the student is receiving athletic financial aid subject to NCAA regulations and the University's applicable student judicial procedure. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the exercise of disciplinary actions under the Student [Code of Conduct](#).
- D. Any student charged with a criminal violation will be automatically suspended from the athletic program pending a University review of the charges. Suspension includes practice or competition with the team. Failure to report criminal charges within forty-eight (48) hours to the coach and the Athletic Director may subject the student athlete to action up to and including dismissal from the athletic program. The review shall be conducted by the Athletic Director, Vice President for Student Affairs and the University Counsel upon receipt of the appropriate coach's recommendation. The same review procedure shall be utilized when a student athlete is convicted of a criminal charge or a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

- E. Student athletes are required to give written consent to the drug testing required by the Boise State University Intercollegiate Athletic Drug Policy, Education and Testing Program and the NCAA policy on drug testing, as a condition of the privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics.
- F. Each team's coach shall hold an annual team meeting with their respective teams at the beginning of each season. The coaches shall be required to verbally review the team rules with team members at the meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory. Each team member shall receive a written copy of the team rules and sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the rules and attendance at the meeting where the rules are verbally reviewed. The team rules shall include the requirements contained in this Student Athlete Conduct Policy.
- G. Student athletes shall immediately report any criminal charges or Student Code of Conduct charges to their head coach and to the Athletic Director. Coaches shall be obligated to inform the Athletic Director of any knowledge of charges against their athletes along with their recommended team action, if any. The Athletic Director shall report the same to the Vice President for Student Affairs and after the review described in Section 4. herein, to the President, who shall report the same in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education as soon as possible, but not later than 10 working days after learning of the charges. The report to the Executive Director shall include a description of the alleged violation of law and the institution's proposed action, if any.
- H. Coaches shall immediately report the conviction of any student athlete to the Athletic Director and after the review contemplated in Section 4. herein, to the President, who shall report the conviction in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education as soon as possible, but not later than ten (10) working days after the conviction. This report shall include a description of the violation of law and the institution's proposed action, if any.