University Policy 2060

Student Athletes Conduct

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Responsible Party

Office of General Counsel, (208) 426-1203
Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, (208) 426-1418
Athletic Director, (208) 426-1826

Scope and Audience

This policy applies to all student athletes and coaches.

Additional Authority

University Policy 2020 (Student Code of Conduct)

1. Policy Purpose

   To govern the University’s and the Athletic Department’s practice and procedure as well as the conduct of student athletes.
2. Definitions

2.1 Education Records (as defined by FERPA)

Records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a person acting for the agency or institution.

2.2 Nolo Contendere

A plea in a court of law in which the defendant does not accept or deny responsibility for the charges but agrees to accept punishment.

3. Responsibilities and Procedures

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:

(i.) All prior criminal convictions;

(ii.) All prior juvenile dispositions wherein the student-athlete was found to have committed an act that would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult; and

(iii.) 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 and/or his designee. 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 Athletic 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 athlete who is convicted of a felony is 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-athlete charged with a criminal violation or a violation of the Student Code of Conduct may be automatically suspended from the athletic program pending a review by the Student-Athlete Conduct Committee which is comprised of the Athletic Director, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the University Counsel. Suspension may include practice and/or competition with the team. Failure by the student-athlete to self-report criminal or Student Code of Conduct charges within forty-eight (48) hours to the coach and the Athletic Director or his/her designee may subject the student-athlete to further disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the athletic program. The same review procedure shall be utilized when a student athlete is convicted of a criminal charge or a violation of University Policy 2020 (Student Code of Conduct).

e. Coaches shall immediately inform the Athletic Director and/or his designee of any knowledge of charges or convictions against their student-athlete along with their recommended disciplinary action, if any. The Athletic Director or his designee shall create a student conduct report which will be sent to the members of the Student-Athlete Conduct Committee. After the review described in Section D. herein, a report shall be made to the President. The President or the President’s designee shall report to the State Board of Education as required by Board Policy.

f. Each head coach shall hold a team meeting at the beginning of the academic year. The head coach shall verbally review the team rules with the student-athletes. Each team member shall receive a copy of the team rules and sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the rules.

g. Student athletes are required annually to give written consent for drug testing as required by the Boise State University Intercollegiate Athletic Drug and Alcohol Policy, Education and Testing Program and the NCAA drug testing program, as a condition of the privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics.

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