



# Idaho State University

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Athletics Academics

#### ISUPP 8070

##### *POLICY INFORMATION*

**Policy Section:** *Athletics*

**Policy Title:** *Athletics Academics*

**Responsible Executive (RE):** *Director of Athletics*

**Sponsoring Organization (SO):** *Department of Athletics*

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## **I. POLICY STATEMENT**

Academics are an integral part of the Department of Athletics (Department) at Idaho State University (ISU). To this end, the Student-Athlete Support Center has been established which provides student-athletes with an academic support system that gives them every opportunity to be successful in the classroom and make progress toward a meaningful degree. The services provided by this office respond to the needs of the individual athlete and create a setting for the student-athlete to develop the qualities of discipline, leadership, character, and teamwork while enjoying the benefits of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) intercollegiate athletic participation. All academic and eligibility requirements will be followed as outlined in the *NCAA Division I Manual, Big Sky Conference Code, the current ISU Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate Catalog, and the ISU Department of Athletics Academic Manual.*

## **II. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The associate athletic director/senior woman administrator provides oversight of student-athlete academics. The assistant athletic director for academics coordinates, implements, and oversees the programs for student-athlete academics. The Student-Athlete Support Center is a liaison

between the student-athlete and ISU departments such as Admissions, Registrar, Academic Services, and the Student Success Center.

### III. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT

#### A. Programs

##### 1. Academic Advising

- a. An athletic academic advisor begins the advising process by discussing opportunities and general university requirements, specific major requirements, and aids student-athletes in planning to ensure requirements are accomplished.
- b. The athletic academic advisor is a liaison to major advisors, supplemental advising, Academic Skills Center, Career Center, and other campus resources.

##### 2. Pre-Registration/Registration

The Student-Athlete Support Center is available during preregistration dates and throughout the semester to aid student-athletes in registering for their classes.

##### 3. Guided Study Center

A computer lab in the basement of Turner Hall is set up for student-athlete study sessions. There is also a non-computer study room across the hall for tutor sessions and group projects.

##### 4. Tutorial Services

- a. The Student-Athlete Support Center provides all student-athletes with subject tutors, through the Content Area Tutoring (CAT) program, upon request from the student-athlete.
- b. In addition, the Student-Athlete Support Center has posted times and days when all drop in labs are open for student use.
- c. Specific rules and regulations regarding tutoring of student-athletes can be found in the *Peer Tutor Training Manual* (see the section on student-athletes).

##### 5. New Student Orientation

All new student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) are given an orientation. They are given a campus tour and are provided with information that will help them be successful during their time at ISU.

##### 6. Academic Monitoring

The Student-Athlete Support Center monitors the academic progress on a regular basis to be sure student-athletes are making satisfactory progress toward their degrees and maintaining NCAA (see NCAA Bylaw 14) and ISU academic/athletic eligibility.

7. Fifth Year Program

The Department may provide a fifth year of financial assistance if candidates meet the minimum qualifications established by the Department. Any student-athlete must apply and be approved for the financial assistance.

8. Student-Athlete Handbook

Each student-athlete receives a copy of the *Student-Athlete Handbook*, which includes the *Student-Athlete Code of Conduct*.

B. Academics

1. The academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree for each student-athlete shall be a priority of the Department.
2. ISU admission standards shall apply to all student-athletes.
3. Minimum academic requirements for eligibility shall be based on NCAA, Big Sky Conference, and ISU standards.
4. Coaches are responsible for notifying student-athletes of academic eligibility requirements and to see that their student-athletes maintain the appropriate number of credit hours throughout the season to maintain their eligibility (see NCAA Bylaw 14).
5. *Compliance Assistant Eligibility Checklists* are produced by the faculty athletic representative (FAR) or the assistant athletic director for compliance. The head coach and the assistant athletic director for compliance are to verify the accuracy of the checklists.
6. Academic records are kept in the Student-Athlete Support Center.
7. Coaches will receive a copy of the *Academic Summary* report.
8. Each student-athlete must declare a major beginning their third year or fifth semester. The student-athlete must then enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester that apply toward graduation in that major (see NCAA Bylaw 14).
9. To ensure satisfactory progress toward a degree is met, after a major is declared, each student-athlete must pick up an advising information form each semester from the Student-Athlete Support Center, meet with their major advisor, and return the completed form to the Student-Athlete Support Center for evaluation.

10. If a student-athlete is ineligible for athletic competition at the beginning of any semester due to incomplete grades, he/she may become eligible during the semester upon the removal of the incomplete grade or grades on the official records in the Registrar's Office.
11. A student-athlete who participates in a sport that extends over two semesters must meet all academic requirements for both semesters.
12. Student-athletes who are eligible during a term are academically eligible between terms until the first day of classes of the succeeding term. Student-athletes who have been academically ineligible during a term remain so until the day after the date of the last scheduled final exam and the grades, which make them eligible, are received and posted in the Registrar's Office on the official grade sheet.
13. A student-athlete who attends the summer term must meet the conditions established in NCAA Bylaw 14.4 and ISU policies.
14. Refer to the current *ISU Undergraduate Catalog* for scholastic probation and dismissal.
15. Student-athletes who are not eligible for competition during the semester of their off-season are not eligible to practice with the team during the semester they are ineligible.
16. Student-athletes who have a D or an F at midterm will be pulled from practice until an academic recovery plan is approved.
17. All student-athletes will abide by the Academic Dishonesty policy as outlined in the *Student-Athlete Code of Conduct* found in the *Student-Athlete Handbook*.