



Student–Athlete Handbook

2024-2025

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INTRODUCTION

The staff of the Erskine College Department of Athletics welcomes each student-athlete to the College and its intercollegiate athletics programs. Our scholastic achievement and athletic ability have created a place for you at an outstanding Christian institution.

We hope you will take full advantage of the academic and athletic opportunities offered at Erskine. Your experiences will give you the opportunity to achieve academic fulfillment, athletic success, and personal growth.

This handbook is designed to ease your transition to Erskine-life and serve as a resource guide for returning student-athletes. The purpose of this handbook is not only to answer questions about your environment, but also to orient you to the athletics program, of which you are now a member. This handbook includes information related to your academic and physical welfare as well as necessary sports participation. A directory is included with a list of persons who will be able to answer questions not covered within.

If you read the information presented in this handbook and utilize the resources mentioned, it will minimize any confusion or inconvenience during your time as a student-athlete at Erskine College.



Message from the Director of Athletics

Dear Student-Athlete:

Welcome to Flying Fleet Athletics! As members of NCAA Division II Conference Carolinas and the Gulf South Conference in football, you will have an opportunity to compete against a high-level of competition this season. NCAA Division II is based upon the balance of a student-athlete's college experience between academics, athletics, and community involvement. We look forward to helping you develop as athletes all the while exposing you to Christian values that are integral to the mission of Erskine College.

You have been selected to represent our college as a student-athlete because we believe in your ability to achieve a healthy balance between academic and athletic obligations. It is also our expectation that you will take responsibility for your own behavior in all areas of Erskine life, whether in the classroom, residence hall, or on the athletic field. Sportsmanship is expected from players, coaches, and fans. Please remember you are always representing *Erskine* on your uniform, so do so with pride and responsibility.

While we field twenty-four intercollegiate teams with over **700** student-athletes, be aware that we care about YOU. We want your experience here to be both challenging and enjoyable, preparing you for life after Erskine. Community is an important part of the Erskine experience, so we want you to be involved in campus life.

The Athletic Department Mission Statement and Goals are ambitious. We are continually striving to be a highly competitive athletics program and a leader in Conference Carolinas while maintaining our academic integrity, Christian mission, and rules compliance. We call it "***The Fleet Way.***" ***Let's make 2024-2025 remarkable!!***

Please feel free to visit or call me if I can be of assistance to you. **GO FLEET!**



Mark Peeler

Mission Statement

Institutional Mission Statement

Erskine College exists to glorify God as a Christian academic community where students are equipped to flourish as whole persons for lives of service through the pursuit of undergraduate liberal arts and graduate theological education.

College Mission Statement

The mission of Erskine College is to equip students to flourish by providing an excellent liberal arts education in a Christ-centered environment where learning and biblical truth are integrated to develop the whole person.

Intercollegiate Athletics Mission Statement

The Erskine College Department of Athletics is dedicated to the ideals of Erskine College and is a part of the college's mission to equip students to flourish as whole persons in a Christian community. Through a commitment to the growth and development of our student-athletes, our coaches and staff strive to bring credit to the College as a whole.

The mission of the department is to create an environment in which student athletes can be competitive both on the field of play and in the classroom, while maintaining integrity, sportsmanship, humility, and a Christ-like attitude toward others. The department exists to enhance the diversity and quality of student life and to aid in the character development of student-athletes. Members of the department encourage habits that lead to lifelong well-being and provide equitable opportunities for all student-athletes and coaches. Additionally, the department itself strives to follow all rules laid out by the NCAA, Conference Carolinas and the Gulf South Atlantic Conference.

To fulfill this mission, the department stresses integrity and honesty in every area of operation and has developed a philosophy to provide guidance and direction for the personnel in the department. This mission and accompanying philosophy of the "The Fleet Way" require a special dedication on the part of all associated with Erskine Athletics.



The philosophy of Erskine Athletics is based upon the ideals of ‘The Fleet Way.’ This philosophy focuses on three pillars and a strong statement.

“Christ-Centered”- This simply means that we believe Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, and thus, we seek to serve and honor Him in all we do. Our decisions and actions are built on this foundation. As we build and develop tomorrow’s leaders, we strive to influence them by this core value. We want leaders who serve, sacrifice, and make mistakes but take responsibility. We also strive to develop young people who love and accept other people for who they are. We want to be guided each day with the goal of seating The Lord above all.

“Competitive”- Every student-athlete is dedicated to the pursuit of winning. We have won 25 conference team championships in the past fifteen years, and each one has brought much pride to our program. Championships, however, are not the end all be all. There have been many miserable players and coaches who were part of championship teams. The pride really is in the process. We want our teams to be highly competitive and fight with every ounce of strength they have. The most important aspect is the quest to compete at the highest level of the team's potential. Win or lose, our job is to build leaders on and off the field.

“Community-Focused”- In this world of the latest technological advancements, people casually walk around staring at a screen, and true community is becoming an obscure concept. The notion that our “friends” are merely people who like our posts keeps us from interacting in real life. Successful leaders, however, are those who grasp the concept of relationships. One of the most valuable memories of the college experience will be in the relationships that are formed and nurtured. The concept of community is important to Erskine Athletics. We want student-athletes to build strong relationships with their teammates, but we also want them to engage in the entire Erskine community. We want them to be servants for their communities because leadership starts with service to people.

Our goal for the Erskine College Flying Fleet Department of Athletics can be summarized as follows:

“A self-sacrificing, relentless pursuit of remarkable.”

We want young people committed to a cause greater than themselves. The concept of *team* demands that members give up their personal interest for the good of the whole. It is what makes athletics great. It takes special people to work hard and persevere not for themselves but for the goal of everyone on the team. If we lose, we get back up and continue to fight. If we win, we continue to fight. Ultimately, we seek the REMARKABLE. I have always been drawn to that word. My favorite definition of remarkable is “conspicuously unusual and extraordinary.” We want to be different. We want people to take notice of the Flying Fleet and be struck by the uniqueness of what is going on here.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Erskine Department of Athletics requires coaches, athletic trainers, and staff to conduct themselves in a manner, which creates a positive image of the Christian mission of our institution. As a student-athlete, you are expected to uphold these same standards.

PERSONAL CONDUCT

By joining the Erskine Athletics program, you become a representative not only for your team, but also of this Department and our College. Upon entering Erskine, you have the freedom to manage your lifestyle to a far greater degree than you have experienced in the past. It is essential that this freedom be handled in a responsible manner so as not to jeopardize your opportunity to obtain maximum results from your college experience. It is important that your personal conduct demonstrates good judgment. You are expected to behave both on and off campus in a manner, which brings credit to your team and the College as a whole. You are responsible for your own behavior; be aware of the image you are creating. Be careful what you place on Facebook/Twitter/Snapchat/Instagram or any other social media site. Student-athletes will be expected to have “clean” social media accounts because you are a representative of Erskine College. Failure to represent oneself in a positive light on social media could lead to disciplinary action and/or loss of scholarship. Any tickets or arrests by local enforcement will be subject to athletic department discipline. Failure to notify the athletic department of incidents involving law enforcement could result in suspension from team and/or scholarship loss.

Because of the extensive time and energy required for successful sport participation, it is imperative that you, as a student-athlete, budget your time wisely and establish sound objectives and priorities. Experienced student-athletes have found that the only way to attend classes, practices, meetings, study, prepare out-of-class assignments, and still have time for themselves is to be organized, create an effective schedule, and adhere to it.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Developing good sportsmanship requires an effort on your part. Review and familiarize yourself with the following sportsmanship expectations for Erskine student-athletes:

Enter each competition expecting fairness; the proper attitude is all-important. Enter each competition with the idea of giving your best performance; compete hard but play fair. Treat your fellow players equally and with respect; unsportsmanlike conduct in others never justifies retaliation with unsportsmanlike conduct on your part. Don't make excuses or discuss a teammate's shortcomings; almost every situation has a positive and a negative side—emphasize the positive. Support the officials; avoid criticizing them or blaming losses on their actions. Help to build your team by encouraging teamwork; support your coach and concentrate on playing well. Good sportsmanship comes easily if you are proud of your performance.

The NCAA states the following:

For intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches, and all others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility. These values should be manifested not only in athletics participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics program.

Regardless of the situation, *fighting* will not be tolerated by the Erskine Department of Athletics. It is your coach's responsibility to bring peace to a physical confrontation. If a physical confrontation occurs while you are on the bench, you are to remain on the bench and allow your coach to deal with the situation by following your coach's instructions. To avoid harsh penalties, do not allow yourself to be provoked into a fight or initiating such unsportsmanlike behavior.

SERVICE

The Erskine Department of Athletics is dedicated to a focus on community as part of "The Fleet Way," and contributing to the community around them in a purposeful way. As part of this commitment to community, student-athletes are encouraged to participate with their teams in service projects and fundraising activities to support their program.

DRESS CODE

As personal appearance is a direct reflection of you, take an interest in how you appear. You are a highly visible representative of Erskine Athletics (especially in the classroom and in Moffatt)

and, as such, you are responsible for using good judgment in your personal appearance. It is not appropriate to wear pajamas or athletic uniforms to class or to the dining hall. Neither is it appropriate to wear pulled up hoodies or ear buds/headphones into the classroom. Hats of any kind should not be worn in class or in Moffatt Dining Hall. Please refrain from wearing flip flops in class and Moffatt as well. We expect you to have a standard dress of professionalism during the academic day. “The Fleet Way” emphasizes community engagement; we want to impact our community in a positive manner with the way we present ourselves.

STUDENT-ATHLETE MISCONDUCT

Once registered at Erskine, you are expected to conform to all federal, state, and local laws, as well as Erskine regulations as outlined in *The Pilot*, the Erskine Student Handbook. As a student-athlete and a representative of Erskine Athletics, you will be held to a higher standard of conduct than the remainder of the student body.

Note the following areas of student-athlete misconduct:

1. Misconduct resulting in disciplinary action against you by your coach;
2. Misconduct resulting in disciplinary action against you by either the Deans, Judicial Council, or the Committee on Discipline and Appeal (CDA);
3. Behavior that is deemed by the Athletic Director or your head coach to be unbecoming of a member of the Erskine College Athletic Department that does not fall in areas one or two.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION APPEALS PROCESS/DUE PROCESS

You will receive due process with any athletically related disciplinary action. Throughout all proceedings listed below, you alone will be responsible for representing yourself; no other representative will be allowed on your behalf. Note the appeals process in each area:

1. You have the right to appeal disciplinary action taken against you by your coach to the Athletic Director. Such appeal must be made in writing within 48 hours of your coach’s decision. Upon appeal, the Athletic Director will investigate the situation and decide as whether to reduce, uphold, or increase the action taken by your coach. The decision of the Athletic Director will be final.

In situations where your misconduct has been determined serious enough by the Athletic Director to warrant a decision to dismiss you from the team, such decision may be appealed to the Faculty Athletic Committee (FAC). The appeal must be made in writing to the Faculty Athletic Representative, chair of the FAC, within 48 hours of the decision

by the Athletic Director. If the decision of the Athletic Director is upheld by the FAC, you may appeal such decision to the College President. The appeal must be in writing to the President with 48 hours of the decision by the FAC. The decision of the President will be final.

2. Following any disciplinary action taken against you by the Judicial Council or CDA, a meeting will be held with you, your coach, and the Athletic Director. Following this meeting, a decision will be made by the Athletic Director regarding any further athletically related discipline. The decision of the Athletic Director will be final.
3. If you engage in any behavior which is deemed by the Athletic Director or your head coach to be unbecoming of a member of the Erskine College Athletic Department, the Athletic Director will review such behavior and determine if any athletically related disciplinary action should be taken. In situations where the Athletic Director has determined your misconduct serious enough to warrant a decision to dismiss you from the team, such decision may be appealed to the Faculty Athletic Oversight Committee (FAC), as in area one. If misconduct is determined to be severe enough to warrant some disciplinary action but not dismissal, the decision of the Athletic Director will be final.

COLLEGE ALCOHOL POLICY

The College has a straight-forward policy concerning the use of alcohol by students: **Possession or consumption of alcohol is not permitted on the Erskine College Campus.**

As a student-athlete, you may receive special attention from other students. Along with this high visibility come responsibilities. As a “role model,” you are expected to present a positive image both on and off campus. While you may feel as though a few drinks will not hurt anything, it has often been found that after drinking you are much more likely to place yourself in a situation which, with clear thinking, you would have avoided. **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PLACE ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND OTHER SOCIAL WEB PAGES IN REGARDS TO YOUR LIFE. STUDENT-ATHLETES SHOULD NOT POST PICTURES ON FACEBOOK /INSTAGRAM/SNAPCHAT AND/OR SOCIAL WEB PAGES SHOWING ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT NOR HAVE ANYTHING ON THEIR PAGE THAT REFLECTS NEGATIVELY ON ERSKINE ATHLETICS AND/OR ERSKINE COLLEGE. STUDENT-ATHLETES DOING SO COULD FACE SUSPENSION AND/OR LOSS OF ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP.**

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR COACH

Your head coach plays an important role in your experiences as an Erskine student-athlete. Your physical, emotional, social, and spiritual welfare are to be of high concern for your coach. The pressures of the playing season can often strain your relationship with your coach, but it is our hope that a mutually respectful, mutually beneficial relationship will emerge and continue even after you graduate.

We expect your relationship with your coach to be one of respect. The NCAA and Erskine College prohibit any form of consensual romantic relationship between coach/staff and student-athlete. A relationship of this type creates a conflict of interest and will not be tolerated.

Should you have a grievance with your coach, you are encouraged to discuss the problem directly with him/her. Such a conversation can often lead to a resolution to the situation. However, if after discussion the situation with your coach you still have a grievance, you are encouraged to meet with either the Athletic Director or Faculty Athletic Representative. Your conversation will be kept confidential.

ACADEMICS

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

Students who represent Erskine in intercollegiate athletic competition are regular, full-time students of the College and, as such, have the same academic responsibilities as students who are not athletes. In addition, student-athletes must devote sizable amounts of time and energy to participating in their sports. Balancing academic demands requires much of the Erskine student-athlete.

As an Erskine student-athlete, you are expected to meet the following responsibilities:

1. To develop and maintain habits of learning commensurate with education at the college level and pursue a program of study leading to a degree.
2. To attend all class meetings, labs, required discussion sessions, and required conferences with teachers for all courses. The only acceptable reasons for missing course obligations or appointments with professors are serious illness, family emergency, or official travel to college-sponsored activities.

Our coaching staff has been advised that in the event of a conflict between practice and a scheduled class, laboratory, make-up session, field trip, or student-teacher conference, student-athletes are permitted to miss practice without penalty.

a) All students should be familiar with Erskine policy regarding class attendance as printed in the latest edition of the Catalog (see Attendance Regulations).

b) Students should find out the instructor's attendance and make-up policies for all courses in which they are enrolled.

c) Student-athletes are responsible for all material covered in class when they are absent as well as for all assignments due or assigned on a day when class is missed. Student-athletes must take the initiative to talk with the professor about making up missed work because of an excused absence.

3. To seek academic advice from professors and, when necessary, from Erskine Supplemental Instruction (SI). The advising offered by the SI is strongly suggested to all students.
4. To pre-register and register every semester during the official pre-registration and registration periods.
5. To fulfill all requirements of enrolled courses, including turning in papers and assignments on time and taking, on the scheduled dates, all quizzes, tests, and the final examination.
6. To seek out the advice or help of the instructor about difficulties in a course, preferably during the instructor's regular office hours. If that time is not possible, arrange an appointment with the instructor at another time.
7. To keep their coach informed of academic progress during the semester and notify him/her should problems surface.

PLAGIARISM AND THE HONOR SYSTEM

All student-athletes should remember that they are to follow the Honor Code at all times. You can refer to the definition of the Honor Code in The Pilot and the Code of Conduct section of this Handbook.

Occasionally, scholastic dishonesty occurs as the result of a lack of information or misinformation. Everyone knows cheating on an exam is dishonest; however, students have, on occasion, turned in papers, which they thought were acceptable only to find they were not because of plagiarism. One area of essay or term paper writing that often causes students confusion is acknowledging sources. **If you use another person's ideas or expression in your writing without acknowledging the source, you are guilty of plagiarism.** Although most students understand that you are plagiarizing if you use someone else's work more or less verbatim, they do not realize that not giving proper credit for ideas, research conclusions, etc., is also the same thing.

A good rule of thumb is to quote the unique or witty and paraphrase the rest; but remember, if you are paraphrasing someone else's work, you must acknowledge your source either by direct quotations or by footnotes. It is often difficult to separate your thoughts from someone else's after reading an article. In general, don't write your thoughts while you are reading someone else's research material. Many students have the most difficulty when they are asked to prepare a commentary or critique on a particular book. If you consult a critical essay or book review to stimulate your thinking, it is very difficult not to end up with material that should be acknowledged.

A simple principle can be helpful when trying to determine if you should acknowledge a source or not: If you know it or it was your opinion **before** you did any reading on the subject, it need not be acknowledged.

Remember, whenever specific facts, opinions, judgments, or explanations are obtained from you readings, they must be acknowledged, even if you present the facts entirely in your own words.

PHILOSOPHY OF OUR COACHING STAFF REGARDING THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

Student-athletes look to their coaches for guidance in their lives. As such, the coach is usually in the best position to stress the importance of academic achievement in developing successful careers beyond the undergraduate level. Coaches best serve the interests of the student-athletes when they emphasize the importance of academic achievement. Our coaching staff promotes academic achievement by:

1. Understanding the academic expectations that the faculty hold for student-athletes.
2. Taking care to recruit only those students who demonstrate the potential to succeed academically.
3. Creating an atmosphere in which team members strive for stated academic goals.
4. Making class, lab, and required study session attendance mandatory.
5. Scheduling practice sessions that minimize conflict with courses and excusing students from practice when these conflicts occur.
6. Regulating the amount of practice time, competition, and traveling time so that each week the students are able to devote a minimum of two hours, for each credit hour taken, to academic pursuits; this time is exclusive of time spent in the classroom.
7. Advising students to take advantage of the off-season to enhance significantly their academic standing. While conditioning and athletic skill enhancement may occur during this time, the student-athlete should have every opportunity to lead a normal student life.
8. Arranging travel time to minimize missed classes, labs, and required study sessions.

CHANGING YOUR SCHEDULE

Changes in your schedule should be made no later than the first five days of class. If after this time you want to add or drop a course to your schedule, you will need to see your academic advisor.

The NCAA requires each student-athlete to be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours during your competition season. Be careful when dropping a course so that you do not fall below the NCAA minimum requirement of 12 semester hours. If you drop below 12 hours you are no longer allowed to participate in your sport for the remainder of the semester.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Every effort should be made to maintain a satisfactory progress toward a degree. If it becomes necessary for you to attend summer school, please consult with your coach or the Athletic Director. No scholarship money is available for summer school.

If you wish to attend summer school at a College/University other than Erskine, consult with the Registrar's Office to ensure that the hours will transfer. Only summer school courses taken at Erskine will count towards your GPA. If you transfer in a course from another institution only the hours will transfer in.

ERSKINE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for an undergraduate degree from Erskine, a student must successfully complete at least 124 semester hours. Also, the student must have a 2.0 average in all work attempted at Erskine.

A minimum of one-half of the credit hours in the student's major and minor must be taken at Erskine and require a GPA of 2.0. Work of the senior year (the last 30 hours) must be taken on the Erskine campus with a GPA of 2.0 during that year.

Students who are planning to graduate need to:

1. File an application for degree during the fall of their senior year.
2. Pay all tuition, fees, and other obligations owed the College before receiving a diploma.

NCAA Progress Towards Degree Requirements

Student-athletes must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible to participate in the next season of competition:

1. Student-athletes must pass **nine (9) hours** of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled.

2. Student-athletes must pass **24 semester hours** since the beginning of the previous fall term.
3. **18 hours** must be earned during the Fall and Spring semesters.
4. Student-Athletes must achieve a **minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA** prior to the beginning of each fall term.
5. NCAA regulations require students to officially **declare a major by the start of their fifth semester** in residence.

If you are a recipient of athletically related financial aid, remember your Athletics Financial Aid Agreement states:

“I understand that to qualify for this financial aid, I must fulfill the admission requirements of Erskine College and meet and maintain the eligibility requirements for athletic participation and financial aid established by the NCAA, the Conference Carolinas, and Erskine College.”

If you fail to meet the proscribed NCAA minimum academic requirements, your athletic scholarship will not be renewed.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

GO TO CLASS: It cannot be emphasized enough that there is a direct correlation between class attendance and academic success. Accordingly, attend your classes, not just regularly, but every time one of your classes meets. **You should only miss class for athletic travel.**

You should inform your professor if illness requires you to miss a class. If a conflict is caused by away games, your professors are usually more than willing to assist you in catching up with missed work. Remember, it is your responsibility to make up missed assignments due to team travel.

While in class, be engaged. Do not be on your phone or computer unless the instructor requires those devices for course instruction. It is critical that you are attentive in class so that the faculty know you are serious about your academic studies.

ERSKINE ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to remain a student at Erskine, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:

Hours attempted And transferred	Automatic Exclusion	Probationary Status	Average Work
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0-32	less than 1.20	1.20-1.60	2.0
33-64	less than 1.40	1.40-1.70	2.0
65-93	less than 1.50	1.50-1.80	2.0
94-	less than 1.70	1.70-1.90	2.0

A student on academic probation is subject to the following regulations:

- a) The academic program must be approved by faculty advisor and the Academic Dean;
- b) With the permission of the Academic Office and faculty advisor, the student may retake courses failed;
- c) Must earn a GPA of 2.0 during the probationary term or raise the cumulative GPA above the probationary range;
- d) **Can be absent only one time from class without an excuse; not eligible for excused absence as a member of college organizations, including athletic teams;**
- e) Should confer with instructors and consult with the faculty advisor in order to get all possible help from them;
- f) May be advised or required to attend summer school at Erskine for the purpose of improving GPA.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING

The Erskine College Department of Athletics Substance Abuse Policy is primarily an educational endeavor. The unannounced, random drug testing discussed in this document helps direct specific educational and counseling services to the athletes who need them most.

The Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine and his designees will be responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing the substance abuse education program. Educational techniques could include substance abuse education seminars, guest lectures, and current pointed materials relative to substance abuse. The Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine will contact all persons to be involved in the educational program, and provided in-service training when appropriate.

The Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine (in conjunction with the Office of Student Development) will be responsible for coordinating substance abuse counseling. The student athlete will be required to participate in substance abuse counseling with a credentialed healthcare professional.

12.2 Drug Test Policy

1. Methods of selection for testing- the method of selection is based on the following:
 - ALL student-athletes will be subject to drug testing.
 - Testing will be carried out on an unannounced basis.
 - Any student-athlete who demonstrates behavior indicative of possible substance abuse (probable cause) or having previously tested positive will be subject to unannounced testing at any time.
 - Probable cause referrals must be made directly to the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine in writing. Included in the referral needs to be the behavior that was witnessed that provided probable cause. Probable cause referrals can only be made by head coaches, athletic trainers, or the Director of Athletics.
 - Follow-up on probable cause referrals will be left up to the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine.

2. Substances to be tested for include, but are not limited to:

- Amphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Cannabinoid (Marijuana)
- Cocaine
- Methaqualone (Qualudes)
- MDMA (ecstasy)
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine (PCP)
- Any other controlled substance as indicated by state or federal law.

***Although athletes will not be tested for alcohol abuse, any athlete convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or of drunk and disorderly conduct will be considered to have tested positive for substance abuse and will be subjected to the consequences outlined in section 4a., b., and c. of this document.**

3. Testing Procedures

1. Each athlete (and parent of athlete if she/he is under 18) will sign a consent form prior to participating in Erskine athletics. This form indicates the athlete's consent to be tested as a pre-requisite for participation in the Erskine College athletics program.
2. Each student-athlete must have his/her updated cell phone number in ATS, because text message is the standard method of communication to inform the student-athlete to report for a drug test. A student-athlete without text message capability must inform the Associate AD for Sports Medicine. Failure to receive a message is not a valid excuse for missing a drug test.

3. The Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine will be responsible for selecting the dates for testing. Testing will be conducted weekly.
4. The Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine will be responsible for selecting the athletes to be tested through either random selection or probable cause referral.
5. If the student-athlete does not report when told, the following procedure will take place:
 - a. The respective head coach will be notified.
 - b. The student-athlete will have a meeting with the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine and/or the Deputy Director of Athletics.
 - c. The student-athlete will be subject to weekly testing for the remainder of the school year.
 - d. If the student-athlete misses another test the remainder of the year, it will be considered a positive test.
6. The giving of a urine sample will be observed. The observer can be a member of the athletic training staff or an athletic training student.
7. The athlete will sign a form indicating that she/he has observed the sample collected and verified it was sealed appropriately.
8. Upon completion of the urine sample, the athlete will need to remain in the testing area for 2-3 minutes to allow the test to give the initial reading.
9. An athletic training staff member will read the results after 2-3 minutes.

Recording of results:

10. If the results are negative, the test is completed.
11. If the results are positive, the athlete will complete a chain of custody form and watch the athletic training staff member seal the sample with security tape and place the specimen in a laboratory plastic bag and then into a box for mailing to a laboratory. **It is important to remember that this is an initial reading that has to be confirmed by an outside laboratory.** The Director of Athletics will be informed of this positive test.
12. Upon receipt of the sample, the outside laboratory will test the sample and results will be sent to the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine.

4. Actions resulting from positive tests:

It is important to remember that positive test results are cumulative throughout the course of the student-athletes' collegiate career.

A. First Positive Test:

1. The student-athlete will be advised of the test results via e-mail with date, time, and place of a meeting. The student will meet with the Director of Athletics, the head coach, and the Associate AD for Sports Medicine.
2. The student-athlete will be suspended for seven (7) days; at least one competition must be included in the suspension. The student-athlete is banned from any intercollegiate

athletic activities and may not use Erskine athletic facilities to work out in during the suspension.

3. The student-athlete is placed on nonrestrictive (no change in athletic, academic and/or social status) probation. **The head coach will NOT take any additional disciplinary actions toward the student-athlete beyond the seven (7) day suspension.**
4. The student-athlete may be required to enter substance abuse counseling for such time as deemed appropriate by the substance abuse counselor involved. Continued participation in the athletic program may be contingent upon **satisfactory participation in and completion of** the substance abuse counseling program.
5. The student-athlete will sign a consent statement acknowledging the positive test, the seven (7) day suspension, the term of the nonrestrictive probation, and the consequences of a second positive test. Refusal to sign the contract statement will result in immediate dismissal from the athletic program, with loss of athletic grant-in aid at the end of the school year.
6. Any student-athlete having tested positive will be subject to all drug tests for the remainder of the school year.

B. Second Positive Test:

1. The Associate AD for Sports Medicine will notify the Director of Athletics and head coach.
2. A meeting will occur with the Director of Athletics and the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine.
3. The student-athlete will be dismissed from the athletics program, with loss of grant-in-aid at the end of the school year.
4. The student-athlete will sign a statement acknowledging the second positive test.

NCAA BANNED DRUGS AND WARNING

The NCAA requires we inform you of the NCAA Banned-Drug list for 2024-2025 season. You were provided this list when you signed the Drug-Testing Consent Form before the season began. Should you like more information, go to www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed_outreach/health/drug_testing/index.html

Please note this warning from the NCAA:

“Many student-athletes assume if products can be purchased at a health food store, they must be allowed under NCAA rules. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** Advice of the store clerk, or anyone who is not with the student-athlete’s athletics program has resulted in erroneous information regarding the presence of NCAA banned substances. Reliance on this erroneous information may result in positive drug tests. Appeals based on ignorance have not been successful in overturning positive drug-test penalties. Familiarize yourself with the Banned Drug list.

MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

The NCAA list of banned drug classes is composed of substances that are generally reported to be performance enhancing and harmful to one's health. The NCAA bans performance enhancing drugs to protect student-athlete health and safety and ensure a level playing field, and it also recognizes that some of these substances may be legitimately used as medications to treat student-athletes with learning disabilities and other medical conditions.

Accordingly, the NCAA allows exceptions to be made for those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. The benefit of a medical exception procedure is that in most cases the student-athlete's eligibility remains intact during the process. The most common of these medications are those that are used to treat Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Common medications used to treat ADHD include methylphenidate (Ritalin), lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Vyvanse), methylphenidate HCL (Concerta), amphetamine (Adderall), which are banned under the NCAA class of stimulants. In order for a medical exception to be granted for the use of these stimulant medications, the student-athlete must show that he or she has undergone standard assessment to identify ADHD. **If the student-athlete does not undergo a standard assessment to diagnose ADHD, he/she will not meet the requirements for an NCAA medical exception.**

In order for a student-athlete to be granted a medical exception for the use of a medication that contains a banned substance, the student-athlete must complete the appropriate form that is located on the Athletic Training Page of the Erskine College Athletics website, www.erskinesports.com. If there are any questions about this policy, please contact the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine.

INSURANCE

The Athletic Department Secondary Insurance will cover the cost of medical bills (after primary insurance has paid) for athletic injury sustained as a result of required team activities for two years from the date of the injury. Unless otherwise authorized, the secondary policy covers medical services by members of the Erskine medical staff. Any medical services the student-athlete seeks independently, without communicating with the Erskine athletic training staff (emergency services are an exception) will not be covered by the secondary insurance policy. Any surgery/treatment performed after this two-year "window" ends will not be covered.

If you or your parents have any questions concerning insurance coverage, please contact Rebecca Magee, ATC, Deputy Athletic Director at 864-379-8859.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE

Student-athletes who are covered under any U.S. Government Insurance (Medicaid, Tricare, etc.) are excluded from coverage under the Athletic Department's supplemental insurance. These

students may purchase a short-term sports injury policy to serve as the primary policy if they want to be eligible for coverage under the Athletic Department's secondary insurance policy.

MEDICAL EXPENSES

You must report any athletically related injury or illness to a member of our Athletic Training Staff before the Department of Athletics' secondary insurance policy medical expenses.

Coverage provided by the Department must be in compliance with the guidelines issued by the NCAA. NCAA rules do not allow the Department to pay for injuries that are not the result of intercollegiate practice or competition. If you are injured in an intramural or recreational game, Departmental coverage is not applicable.

All injury treatment and rehabilitation will be conducted by the athletic training staff. Exceptions may be made upon recommendation of the team physician or in the event of special circumstances, such as needing physical therapy during the summer.

The Department of Athletics does not assume any financial responsibility for medical treatment obtained independently by the student-athlete, without the inclusion and approval of the Erskine athletic training staff and team physician (except medical emergencies). See below for more information regarding coverage of medical expenses.

INJURIES RESULTING FROM INTRAMURALS

Your coach will decide if you are permitted to participate in the Erskine Intramural program. Note however that no circumstance exists in which an injury that is in any way related to intramural participation will be covered by the Athletic Department's insurance.

ATHLETIC TRAINING

We are fortunate at Erskine to have a dedicated athletic training staff. Through our Athletic Training Staff, the student-athlete is provided athletic healthcare for the prevention and treatment of athletically related injuries and illnesses.

Staff

Johnathan Kitts, Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine 379-6689

Rebecca Magee, Deputy Director of Athletics/Athletic Trainer 379-8859

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Rebekah Lloyd, Athletic Trainer 379-8890

Dr. Dan Divilbiss, Team Physician/Medical Director
 Dr. Mick Maughon, Orthopedic Surgeon

Athletic Training Room Hours

Monday through Friday

9am – 11:30am

1pm – 6pm

Saturdays and Sundays (practice and game preparations coverage)

Student-athletes are encouraged to arrive early for pre-practice treatment and preparation so that they are ready for practice on time. Lack of appropriate planning and time management on the part of the student-athlete does not create a need for special consideration by the Athletic Training Staff.

Our Athletic Training Staff can assist you best if you keep them informed of problems when they occur. When a problem does occur, contact one of our staff members.

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM RULES

1. All personal belongings (extra clothing, books, shoes, balls, etc.) must be kept out of the Athletic Training Room while treatments are being administered.
2. No food or drink will be allowed in the Athletic Training Room.
3. No loitering in the Athletic Training Room.
4. Following a game or practice, always shower before coming in for treatments.
5. Wear appropriate clothing in the Athletic Training Room.
6. While in the Athletic Training Room, use proper etiquette. (Profanity or inappropriate actions will not be tolerated).
7. All material removed from the Athletic Training Room must be checked out and returned at the agreed time.
8. No towels are to be removed from the Athletic Training Room except for athletic training purposes.
9. Clean up after you have finished your treatments (towels, cups, etc.)
10. All treatments must be approved by an Erskine Athletic Trainer.
11. No tobacco products are allowed in the Athletic Training Room.
12. No pictures or videos of any kind shall be taken in the Athletic Training Room.

MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSIONS

A concussion is defined as, “a clinical syndrome characterized by immediate and transient post-traumatic impairment of neural functions, such as alteration of consciousness, disturbance of vision, equilibrium, etc... due to brain stem (connects cerebral hemispheres with the spinal cord) involvement.” A sports concussion is defined as, “complex pathophysiological process affecting the brain, induced by traumatic biomechanical forces.” Concussions are life, threatening injuries that we handle very conservatively and seriously.

Per legislation adopted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in April of 2010, any athlete who sustains a concussion during a practice or a game will not be allowed to return to that practice or game. All student-athletes have signed the concussion statement at the beginning of the year stating that they understand the signs and symptoms of a concussion and will report any of those symptoms.

We will utilize the following tools in the diagnosis of a concussion on the field: standardized assessment of concussion (SAC) score and symptom report. Once the athlete is diagnosed with a concussion, he/she is no longer able to compete that day. The student-athlete will be taken to the athletic training room to undergo further neuropsychological and balance assessment. Our athletic training department utilizes ImPACT, a computer-based neuropsychological assessment tool and the Balance Error Scoring System (BESS). Every student-athlete will have baseline ImPACT and BESS scores that will be recorded before he/she begins practice.

Once the athlete sustains a concussion, the following procedure will occur:

1. If the athlete is unconscious, he/she will be transported via ambulance to Self Regional Hospital in Greenwood, SC and Dr. Dan Divilbiss, MD, Erskine College team physician, will be notified immediately. The Office of Student Services will be notified as well.
2. If the athlete is conscious, he/she will be taken to the athletic training room for further testing. This testing will include:
 - Self-report of symptoms completed interview style
 - Standardized Assessment of Concussion (SAC)
3. The athlete will be sent home with a take home sheet with care information and phone numbers of their respective athletic trainer.
4. The Office of Student Development will be notified of the injury. Student Development should notify the resident director or resident assistant of the student-athlete's dorm.
5. The student-athlete will report to the athletic training room every day for follow-up. Included in this follow-up will be:
 - Daily self-report of symptoms
 - Follow-up with Dr. Dan Divilbiss, MD at the next available opportunity

Once the student-athlete reports no symptoms of concussion, he/she will take another ImPACT test. Once his/her ImPACT score returns to baseline, s/he will begin a progressive exertion protocol over the course of several days. The student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in any athletic activities until he/she has no symptoms of concussion, equaled their baseline ImPACT score and passed progressive exertional testing without the return of symptoms.

The student-athlete must be cleared by a member of the athletic training or medical staff before being allowed to return to sport. For grade III concussions, the student-athlete must be cleared by Dr. Dan Divilbiss, MD. The return to sport will often be a progressive return to sport. The student-athlete and coach must realize that this process may take one week or several weeks, depending on the severity of the concussion and various other factors.

MANAGEMENT OF EATING DISORDERS AND OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS

Eating disorders are a common physical and psychological problem among student-athletes. As a result, the following policy has been developed to help the student-athlete in his/her recovery. If

at any time, we are notified by a coach of the suspicion of an eating disorder, the following steps will be put into play.

1. Meeting with coach, staff athletic trainer, and Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine to discuss events that have led the coach to this suspicion.
2. If after the meeting, it is felt that further investigation is necessary, the student-athlete will undergo a body-type evaluation, which will include at the minimum: height, weight, and the measurement of body fat percentage.
3. If there is still a concern, a meeting will be set-up with a member of the Erskine College medical staff, the Associate Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, staff athletic trainer and the student-athlete. During this meeting, the concern will be voiced to the student-athlete. We will also request that we be allowed to contact the parent(s) of the student-athlete to express our concerns as well as to inform them of the need for further medical testing to be conducted. The expenses of the medical testing are the responsibility of the parent(s) of the student-athlete.

All other psychological disorders will be referred to Dr. Dan Divilbiss for further evaluation. If Dr. Divilbiss feels that follow-up consultation with a psychologist is needed, the Office of Student Services will be contacted, and an attempt will be made to secure an evaluation with Ms. Cameron Hipp. After that initial evaluation, further decisions will be made in regard to the management of the psychological disorder. Parents will only be notified when the situation could potentially be life-threatening, and expenses will be incurred.

MANAGEMENT OF THE PREGNANT STUDENT-ATHLETE

Should a student-athlete become pregnant while at Erskine College, the following policy will be followed. The National Collegiate Athletic Association recommends the participation in all sports that have the potential for bodily contact be ceased after the first trimester (12 weeks). If the pregnant student-athlete participates in golf, she can continue to participate if she is not experiencing any of the following symptoms: vaginal bleeding, shortness of breath before exercise, dizziness, headache, chest pain, calf pain or swelling, pre-term labor, decreased fetal movement, amniotic fluid leakage, and muscle weakness. If the student-athlete experiences any of these symptoms, she is to report them to a member of the Erskine College athletic training staff immediately.

It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to inform the Erskine College medical staff should they become pregnant. Once the student-athlete notifies the medical staff; the athletic director, the respective head coach, and the Office of Student Services will be notified. If the student-athlete does not have a physician, the Erskine College medical staff will refer her to the appropriate medical personnel. The student-athlete cannot participate in intercollegiate athletics after delivery until cleared by her physician.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Every student-athlete is required to have a physical examination completed by a member of the Erskine College Medical Staff prior to participating in team physical activities. They will not receive a new physical examination during their four-year career unless medical situations dictate that. Every student-athlete will be required to complete an injury questionnaire before they can compete in subsequent years. If, during the physical, additional testing is required

before the student-athlete is cleared for participation; the cost of those tests is the responsibility of the student-athlete or their parents.

TREATMENT OF INJURY AND ILLNESS

Student-athletes must report to the Athletic Training Staff all injuries or illnesses that might interfere with their ability to practice or participate in your sport. At that time, an evaluation is performed to determine the extent of the injury.

Directions given by the certified Athletic Trainers are to be followed. If the student-athlete has suffered an injury, s/he may practice/play only with the approval of an Erskine Athletic Trainer. Treatment should continue until the medical or Athletic Training Staff determines that no further treatment is required.

After evaluation by one of the team physicians, the student-athlete has the right to a second opinion. It is important to note that any costs associated with a second opinion WILL NOT be covered by Erskine College's secondary insurance policy.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

All student-athletes must have primary health insurance that includes coverage for athletic injuries, before beginning practice.

Like any other college, the Erskine Department of Athletics asks for your insurance or your parents' health insurance coverage for you be used as the primary source in covering the cost of any athletically related injuries you may have. Should a student-athlete's primary insurance be Tricare or Medicare, they will be required to purchase another policy for the secondary policy to apply. Should a student-athlete elect to keep Tri-care or Medicaid as his/her primary policy (without purchasing a primary policy for athletic injuries), the secondary policy purchased by the Athletic Department will NOT apply to him/her. International student-athletes will be enrolled into an insurance plan that will cover athletic injuries and the charge will be applied to their bill from the school.

The Department of Athletics carries secondary insurance coverage for athletically related injuries. This insurance is designed as a supplemental (i.e., coinsurance) policy and is used to cover, up to the limit of our policy, cost not recovered by the athlete's primary personal insurance. The Department of Athletics will only be responsible for bills approved by an Erskine Athletic Trainer prior to the services being rendered. Additionally, through the NCAA, the Department holds a catastrophic injury and disability policy on all athletes.

Please note that our supplemental policy will not cover any pre-existing conditions. If you have had any type of injury prior to attending Erskine, whether you have seen a physician or not, it will be classified as a pre-existing condition by our insurance company should a re-injury occur and will not be covered. In order to have a pre-existing condition covered, we will need documentation from your attending physician that states you have fully recovered from this injury and are cleared for practice and competition. Also note that this supplemental insurance policy that Erskine provides is an accident-only policy and coverage is limited to one-time traumatic injuries. The policy does not cover over-use injuries that develop over a period unless the first onset of pain began while you were competing in intercollegiate athletics at Erskine.

SICKLE CELL STATUS

The NCAA requires that all student athletes show proof of their sickle cell trait status before they are medically cleared to participate in their sport. This may be done by providing a form signed by the physician stating the status of the student athlete, by providing a copy of the record of the sickle cell trait test.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**MAINTAINING YOUR AMATEUR STATUS**

A previous section in this Handbook dealt with the aspect of athletic eligibility regarding academic expectations. However, there is another aspect of athletic eligibility that is very important for you to remember; be careful not to endanger your amateur status. It is essential that you check with the Athletic Director before making decisions regarding outside (non-Erskine) athletic competition.

The NCAA states the following:

Student-athletes shall be amateurs in an intercollegiate sport, and their participation should be motivated primarily by education and by the physical, mental, and social benefits to be derived. Student participation in intercollegiate athletics is an avocation, and student-athletes should be protected from exploitation by professional and commercial enterprises.

The following are NCAA guidelines for maintaining your amateur status:

You cannot, within your sport:

1. Accept payment or a promise of payment for participation in your sport.
2. Enter into an agreement of any kind to compete in professional sports.
3. Request that your name be put on a draft list for professional sports or try out with a professional sports organization.
4. Use your athletic skill for payment. (You cannot be employed on a “fee for lesson” basis.)
5. Play on any professional athletic team.
6. Have your athletically related financial aid determined by anyone other than Erskine.

7. Participate on teams other than those fielded by Erskine during the season. (This includes exhibition or tournament games.)

You cannot, in any sports:

1. Accept such things as gifts, meals, loans of cars, or money from athletic interest groups or people within the athletics program of Erskine.
2. Be represented by an agent of organization to market your athletic skills or reputation.
3. Receive any benefit that is not available to other students at Erskine.
4. For all basketball players, you can only participate in a summer league that has been approved by the NCAA. (You must have written permission from the Athletic Director for summer league competition.)
5. Play on a non-departmental athletic team during the academic year without permission from your head coach or Athletic Director.

NCAA RULES ON GAMBLING

The NCAA enforces rules and regulations regarding gambling activity by student-athletes. The following is a summary of Bylaw 10.3 found in the *NCAA Manual*. NCAA rules on gambling prohibit student-athletes from:

1. Providing information to individuals in organized gambling activities concerning college athletic competition.
2. Soliciting a bet on any intercollegiate team.
3. Accepting a bet on any team representing the institution.
4. Soliciting or accepting a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value.
5. Participating in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate and professional sports through a bookmaker, a parlay card, or other method employed by organized gambling.

FINANCIAL AID

An athletically related grant-in-aid, as well as other forms of financial assistance, may be provided to help you with your Erskine expenses.

Athletic teams are provided with a specific amount of grants-in-aid (scholarships) in accordance with Erskine, Conference Carolinas, and NCAA regulations. The grants are awarded by the Financial Aid Office upon the recommendation of the head coach and approval of the Athletic Director. Grants-in-aid are not reimbursements for services performed, but rather are provided to help student-athletes with their educational expenses.

Once a grant-in-aid is awarded (grants are awarded on an annual basis), Erskine is committed to fulfilling its financial obligation to you for that full year unless:

1. Your academic performance renders you ineligible for athletic competition;
2. You voluntarily withdraw from your sport for personal reasons;
3. You misrepresent information on your application or Letter of Intent;
4. You engage in misconduct serious enough to warrant disciplinary action and cancellation of aid.

In subsequent years, any modification (increase, reduction, or non-renewal) to the original grant-in-aid may be made only by recommendation of the Athletic Director under conditions or situations specified by NCAA legislation.

REDUCTION/NON-RENEWAL OF A GRANT-IN-AID

Decisions by the Erskine Athletic Department to reduce or not renew a grant-in-aid must be based on the conditions set forth in the Erskine College Athletics Financial Aid Agreement, which is to be signed by every student-athlete receiving a grant-in-aid.

Should a decision be made to reduce or not renew your grant in aid, you have the right to appeal the decision to the Scholarship and Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Appeals are to be made in writing to the Director of Financial Aid within 15 days of the decision. Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Director of Financial Aid will notify you of the date and time you are to appear before the committee. You alone will be responsible for representing yourself in the appeals process. The decision of the Scholarship and Financial Aid Appeals Committee may be appealed to the President, with the decision of the President being final.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All outside grants and loans that you receive must be in accordance with NCAA rules and regulations and must be reported to the Financial Aid Office. Your combined aid amount may not exceed a full scholarship equivalency, and additional financial assistance may have to count toward team equivalency limitations as established by the NCAA.

It may be necessary to adjust the amount of aid being received from either the Athletic Department or from other sources, including the Financial Aid Office, to comply with Conference Carolinas and NCAA regulations relating to individual and team limitations.

COMPLETION OF THE FAFSA

If you have any financial aid based on the results of the FAFSA, you will receive a renewal FAFSA from the Financial Aid Office in December or January. Please do not lose any Federal or State aid simply because you failed to complete the FAFSA. **It is your responsibility to make sure the document is completed.** If you do lose any financial aid because you did not complete the FAFSA in a timely manner, the Athletic Department will not assist you in replacing the lost aid.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Erskine student-athletes are strongly encouraged to live in the residence halls. If you do choose to live off-campus and are granted permission by the Office of Student Development, please note that such a change could affect your overall financial aid package, including your athletic grant-in-aid, as portions of your aid are allocated to cover room and board charges.

If you receive an athletic grand-in-aid and are considering moving off-campus, you are to discuss such matters with your head coach to verify what changes, if any, will be made to your overall financial aid package by such a move. You should also meet with the Financial Aid Office to receive an updated off-campus aid package in the term prior to moving off-campus.

TRANSFER RELEASE

Releases to speak with other institutions regarding a possible transfer can be requested at any time. To enter the transfer portal student-athletes should complete the following:

1. Obtain and complete a Request for Permission to Speak Form from the Deputy Director of Athletics or the Athletic Director.
2. Return request form to the Deputy Director of Athletics.
3. Complete NCAA education module online.

Upon completion of these steps the Deputy Director of Athletics or their designee will place the student-athlete in the transfer portal. Per Conference Carolinas policy student-athletes transferring to another institution within Conference Carolinas must serve a year-in-residence. To be eligible upon transfer you must be eligible for competition at Erskine College.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Interview Requests

A student-athlete has the right to decline meeting with the media. If the student-athlete does not wish to speak with the media, the student-athlete must notify the Sports Information Director either personally or through a coaching staff member.

The Media may request up to two student-athletes to interview following an athletic event. As a student-athlete you are entitled to a “10 minute cooling down period” before conducting this interview.

All student-athlete interviews should be scheduled through the Sports Information Department. If contacted directly by a media representative, a student-must inform the Sports Information Director or a member of his/her coaching staff of the interview request. A student-athlete may also refer the media representative to the Ben Auten, Sports Information Director, at (843) 822-5340 or auten@erskine.edu

A student-athlete’s contact information, ie cell phone or e-mail address, will not be given to a media representative without the prior consent of the student-athlete.

Releases

The College reserves the right to use a student-athlete’s name and image in any type of media release from the Sport Information Office including but not limited to event previews, event recaps, promotional materials, social media, etc.

A student-athlete’s personal information, such as grades, will not be released without the student-athletes prior approval.

Any disciplinary action or sports-related injury will only be mentioned in generalities.