

STUDENT-ATHLETE BILL OF RIGHTS

I N D I A N A A T H L E T I C S

A first-of-its-kind policy first passed in 2018, the Indiana University Student-Athlete Bill of Rights codifies IU Athletics' commitment to supporting the academic, athletic, and personal success of all Indiana University students who participate in intercollegiate athletics.

1. A CULTURE OF TRUST AND RESPECT

Indiana University pushes student-athletes to be the best they can be academically and athletically, but does so in an environment of trust and respect. No physical or verbal abuse or demeaning language or treatment is tolerated.

2. COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

IU Athletics comprehensively supports all student-athletes to maximize their academic potential and earn an Indiana University degree. This support includes but is not limited to: access to top quality academic staff members who are dedicated to IU student-athletes; access to top-quality, dedicated academic facilities including the D. Ames Shuel Academic Center; free access to special diagnostic and support services including tutors, mentors, learning assessments, and accessible educational support services; opportunity to choose their own course of study along with the necessary support to meet degree requirements; and access to Priority Registration to minimize academic/athletic conflicts.

3. COMPREHENSIVE ATHLETIC SUPPORT

IU Athletics comprehensively supports all student-athletes to maximize their athletic potential. This support includes but is not limited to: access to top quality coaching and training; access to top quality practice, competition, strength and conditioning, and related facilities; access to cutting edge, performance-based technology; and providing top quality apparel and equipment.

4. SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Student-athletes that receive scholarship support will receive a guaranteed contract that clearly articulates the details of their scholarship support. Scholarship support will not be reduced unless the student-athlete leaves the team, becomes ineligible, or violates a university, department or team policy/rule. Any reduction of a scholarship's terms may be appealed to an independent panel of faculty members whose decision on the matter is binding and final.

5. LIFETIME DEGREE GUARANTEE

Indiana University Athletics "Hoosiers For Life" program was a first-of-its-kind program in intercollegiate athletics, and it remains a bold statement about IU's commitment to supporting its student-athletes who leave school early but later decide to return and earn their IU degree. Under the program, all scholarship aid recipients who leave school early to pursue a professional athletics career, tend to a family emergency, or any other approved reason are eligible. Other eligibility requirements include that they were eligible to play for at least two seasons at IU; were eligible and in good standing under university, athletic department, and team rules when they left IU; did not transfer to another school; and are readmitted to IU consistent with current guidelines, procedures and policies. If one of these criteria is not met, Athletic Director has authority to admit student-athlete to the Hoosiers For Life program at his/her discretion.

6. ASSISTANCE TO MAXIMIZE YOUR NIL AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

IU Athletics is committed to being a leader in helping student-athletes maximize their financial opportunities through Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL). We partner with industry experts and campus resources to provide education, including financial management, throughout their student-athlete IU experience.

7. COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELLNESS

IU Athletics is committed to protecting and enhancing the health, safety, and wellness of its student-athletes. This support includes, but is not limited to: access to comprehensive and high-quality medical, dental, vision, psychological, rehabilitation, and related health care services for any injuries or illnesses related to their participation in intercollegiate athletics at Indiana University at no out-of-pocket cost to the student-athlete or their family.

8. COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Through the Excellence Academy, which includes the Hancock Hiltunen Caito Center for Leadership and Life Skills, IU provides its student-athletes with comprehensive personal development opportunities and experiences to prepare them for life after college. These opportunities include but are not limited to: access to top quality counseling services; leadership and life skills training and programming; education in financial management; and training to prepare student-athletes for the transition to next stage of lives.

9. A COLLECTIVE VOICE

IU student-athletes have a formal, collective voice in the administration of intercollegiate athletics, and we recognize the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) as that voice. Through SAAC, IU student-athletes will: be provided with the opportunity to meet with the Athletic Director every semester to ask questions and share concerns; and have representation on the IU-Bloomington Faculty Athletics Committee.

**THESE RIGHTS ARE PREDICATED ON THE STUDENT-ATHLETE'S COMPLIANCE WITH
NCAA, CSC, BIG TEN, IU AND TEAM RULES. NOVEMBER 2025.**

