

ATHLETIC DEPT. PROMISE



Welcome to the Pioneer Family!

MidAmerica Nazarene University is committed to recruit, retain, and graduate the brightest and best young men and women who will pursue excellence in competition, while exemplifying Christ in their personal and professional relationships.

What You Can Expect From Us

Before you commit to joining an MNU athletic team, we want to tell you all the ways we are committed to you, the student athlete.

Expect MidAmerica Nazarene University Coaches to:

- Create a positive and competitive environment
- Set clear expectations
- Create a safe and healthy environment
- Promote an attitude of unconditional love and Christlike spirit
- Embody servant leadership

Expect MidAmerica Nazarene University Athletic Administrators to:

- Work to provide necessary resources for coaches and athletes to pursue excellence
- Engage in the lives of student athletes personally and know their names
- Celebrate your successes
- Facilitate meaningful relationships between MNU athletics and the community

Expect MidAmerica Nazarene University Administrators to:

- Encourage student athletes to compete at the highest level in all areas
- Acknowledge and support all student athletes, programs, and their ambitions
- Embrace athletes as an integral part of the MNU community

Expect MidAmerica Nazarene University Faculty and Staff to:

- Engage the broader community for support of student athletes and programs
- Embrace unity and family through consistent attendance at athletic events
- Deliver excellence in customer service with and for students and student athletes

Our Core Covenants

MidAmerica Nazarene University is committed to five core covenants that are the foundation for every Pioneer team, student athlete, coach, administrator, and campus community member. These core covenants are visible throughout MNU athletics and extend beyond the playing field.

Competitive

Coaching Staff: Not to brag, but MidAmerica Nazarene University's coaching staff have won multiple national and conference coach of the year awards. They have trained All-Americans and All-Conference student athletes.

Strength & Conditioning: The Pioneers have a dedicated Strength and Conditioning Coach that specifically focuses on Olympic lifts. Student athletes receive year-round conditioning and strength training, tailored to the individual needs of your sport.

Heart Conference Network: The Heart Conference Network Apple TV app gives you quick and easy access to your favorite Heart of America Conference live and archived events.

Apparel and Equipment: Proud Partnership with Adidas since 2008. Pioneer student athletes use practice and game apparel and equipment that helps student athletes perform at the highest level and gives them a distinct recognition of MNU.

Discipline

Mental Health – Student Counseling and Wellness Center: The mental health and well-being of the student-athlete is important to MNU. Our student counselling center is available students to help deal with issues affecting their lives.

Concussion Treatment: Each student athlete completes a baseline concussion test prior to participation. Student athletes diagnosed with a concussion are not allowed to practice or compete until cleared by a medical professional.

Academic Support - Tutoring, Mentoring, Facilitated Study Hall, Learning Support Services, Career Counseling: The MNU Athletics department is committed to the academic success of each student-athlete. The Mabee Learning Commons offers many support services like individual tutoring, team study hall and career counseling for a life beyond the playing field.

Family

Association of Student Athletes: The Association of Student Athletes serves as the voice of all MNU athletes. The ASA provides a platform for student-athletes to discuss issues of concern to them and offer feedback to the athletics department. The ASA serves as an advocacy group on behalf of all MNU athletes to enhance their collegiate athletics experience. Additionally, the ASA offers its members the opportunity to develop their leadership skills as they represent and empower all MNU athletes.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: FCA is a student athlete-led ministry uniting two passions- faith and athletics-to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Compassion Fund: The Compassion Fund provides critical resources for students facing significant financial needs, such as textbooks, medical appointments, medications, travel home during a family emergency, and much more.

Integrity

New Student Orientation & Freshman Seminar: The first-year experience at MNU is designed to immerse you in what it means to live as a Pioneer. It is best captured in these three interrelated statements:

- Finding your Voice
- Hearing God's Voice
- Sharing in a Community Voice

These themes are woven throughout New Student Orientation, Freshman Seminar, residence life, classes and programs through your first year. We strongly believe that you are here for a reason and there is a purpose for your life.

Student Success Coach: MidAmerica Nazarene University has a designated staff member that focuses on academic success and collaborates with the Learning Center to help connect student athletes to help build their capital.

#MNULeadershipAcademy: These seminars and workshops provide college skill building, tailored specifically for student athletes. The series also helps connect with MNU athletic alums.

Pioneer Pledge: Pioneer Pledge is MNU's loan repayment assistance program. Designed to give you peace of mind about the cost of an MNU education, the Pioneer Pledge will pay your educational loans if your income is modest (less than \$43,000/year).

Passion

Neer Nation: Associated Student Government sponsors the fan zone for each game to support the MNU Pioneers onto victory.

Service: There are multiple opportunities for student athletes to learn and put into action servant leadership. Community service occurs with each team and throughout the MNU community.

Small Groups: The Christian faith was always meant to be practiced in community. Athletic teams, residence hall groups, groups focused on particular majors, and groups that anyone can sign up for will be the communities that meet for 7 weeks. Each small group will include praying together, discussion over the Christian faith, and a time of encouragement.

Pioneer Athletic Association: Pioneer Athletic Association members are the driving force behind improving on the tradition of excellence we have established among our athletic programs.

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