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Handbook

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1 - Intercollegiate Athletics

Morehead State University (MSU) is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Ohio Valley Conference, and the Pioneer Football League. In the NCAA, MSU competes at the Division I level in all sports, including the Football Championship Subdivision in football. The University field's intercollegiate varsity teams for men in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, and outdoor track. The varsity sports for women are basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, indoor and outdoor track, sand volleyball and volleyball. Rifle is a sponsored co-educational sport.

Mission Statement

Morehead State University believes that Intercollegiate Athletics is an integral part of the University and that a broad-based intercollegiate athletics program encourages student participation and involvement in the total life of the University. In addition, intercollegiate athletic programs play a positive role by supporting the academic and public service missions of the University. The core values we maintain in our daily operations are demonstrated below.

Compliance

Each athletic program shall adhere to the principles of fair play and amateur competition as defined by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Ohio Valley Conference, and the Pioneer Football League.

Quality

Each athletic program shall be administered at the highest level that the University's resources will allow so that each student-athlete will have the opportunity to compete to the fullest extent of his or her ability.

Equality

The athletic programs shall adhere to the University's Affirmative Action Plan promoting equal opportunity for all employees and students, as well as applicants for employment and student participation.

Graduation

Each student-athlete, through academic counseling and individual assistance, shall be encouraged toward completion of degree requirements and graduation.

Commitment to Excellence

When you choose to become a member of Morehead State Athletics, you choose excellence in the classroom as well as in athletics. Morehead State University student-athletes have consistently demonstrated that success in athletic competition can be achieved simultaneously with success in the classroom. This statement is supported by the fact that student-athletes at Morehead State continually graduate at a rate higher than the general student population. As a Morehead State University student-athlete you are first and foremost a student. As a student-athlete, you are expected to fulfill certain expectations. Among these is the understanding that:

- Earning a degree is your primary goal.
- Regular class attendance is expected.
- Complying with NCAA, Ohio Valley Conference, and Pioneer Football League rules is your responsibility.
- Being involved with all aspects of campus life will add much to the opportunity you are being given.
- You represent Morehead State University, the athletic department, and your team, and that each is judged by your actions.
- You are expected to make a commitment to academic, athletic, and behavioral integrity and honesty.

Student-athletes represent Morehead State University, their respective teams and the entire University's athletic program. Your behavior, whether positive or negative, will give a lasting impression of all student-athletes of MSU. As a student-athlete, you receive more scrutiny than do most other students. More is expected of you. If you cut class, neglect assignments, are inattentive in class, do poorly on examinations, are late, or **become noticed due to your actions**, you receive special attention because you are a student-athlete. Likewise, if you are disciplined by the University for breaking the rules or committing a crime, you again will be subject to adverse publicity because you are a student-athlete.

The student-athletes at Morehead State University, by demonstrating character, intelligence, and athletic ability, have established a tradition which is one of the University's greatest strengths. You are a vital part of this tradition, and it is up to you to carry on this tradition of excellence as a student and as an athlete.

Student Athlete Bill of Rights

As a student-athlete at Morehead State University, you shall have the right to be treated as an individual of worth, with both respect and dignity in all aspects of your athletics experience. Additionally, you have certain rights which are detailed below:

- Your rights under the law will be upheld at all times.
- Your right to confidentiality will be held in the highest regard by all members of the Intercollegiate Athletics Department.
- You have the right to respectful treatment by your peers and by members of the Intercollegiate Athletics Department. You have the right to be informed of and offered an opportunity to participate in a review before termination occurs for reasons other than those permitted by the NCAA.
- You have the same personal rights and responsibilities as all other students at MSU.
- You have the right to present any violation of your rights or any other grievances to the administration of the Intercollegiate Athletics Department (see the Director of Athletics for procedure).

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is comprised of two student-athletes from each varsity sport (four from football). This committee was established to give student-athletes a voice and representation in Morehead State University athletic department decision making. The committee will meet at least twice a semester and address national student-athlete issues, as well as issues relating only to MSU student-athletes. If there is an issue which you think should be addressed, contact your team representative. If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact Victoria Johnson, Senior Woman Administrator/Athletic Operations.

Constitution and By Laws

Mission Statement

The purpose of the student-athlete advisory committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, by protecting student-athlete welfare, and by fostering a positive student-athlete image.

Purpose

Encourage unity, common purpose, and camaraderie between teams and among all athletes in the program. Generate a student-athlete voice within the Morehead State University's Athletic Department and solicit student-athlete input on programs. Evaluate the MSU Athletics Program and make recommendations to the athletics department for the improvement of the student-athlete academic, athletic, and social experience. Promote and support MSU's athletics at institutional, conference, and national levels which would include the review of proposed legislation at these various levels. Organize community service efforts in order to spread the MSU athletic values in the community. Diversity among committee members is highly desirable.

Membership

Each coach will select or appoint two representatives for the SAAC. Any student-athlete participating on a MSU varsity sport team may be eligible to be a board member. All members must remain actively involved in activities and events of the SAAC throughout the year. Diversity among committee members is highly desirable.

Officers

The offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer will be nominated and elected or appointed at the last meeting of the spring semester for the next academic year. The officers shall meet one week prior to the regular semester general meeting to discuss business and set agendas. The officers will hold office for one academic year with a possibility for re-nomination.

Duties of Officers

Co-Presidents

Presides over meetings, serves as liaison to the MSU Athletics Department and Advisors, functions as spokesperson from the SAAC to the community, serves as a liaison to the OVC SAAC and is responsible for reporting to each respective committee, and keeps the Board apprised of relevant NCAA activities.

Vice-President

Presides over meetings and performs any functions when President is absent, oversees all standing committee and reports to Executive Board any relative information, reviews legislative issues at all levels and makes recommendations for policy change, facilitates relationship with NCAA and other institutions concerning student-athletes' welfare.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keeps written and typed records of all SAAC general meetings and Executive Board meetings, performs such duties as are incidental to the office and which are required of the office by the Board, and controls all income to the SAAC.

Duties of Representatives

- Attends all SAAC meetings
- Actively participates in SAAC activities and events.
- Reports/discusses agenda items with team members.
- Acts as liaison between team, departmental administration, and student services personnel.
- Receives information about legislative concerns and provides input relative to these issues.
- Participates in leadership training activities.

Election Code

- The quorum to conduct nominations and elections shall be 33% of the active membership.
- The majority needed to elect shall be 50% plus one vote.
- The majority is derived from the board members present at the meeting.
- Any member may nominate a board member of any office by raising his/her hand at the appropriate time and being recognized by the presiding official. Next, the presiding official will ask for a vote on a piece of paper for each candidate. Board members shall raise a hand to vote affirmative.
- If a 50% plus one cannot be obtained, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped from consideration and the board members shall vote again.
- If both of the team reps are planning to be absent for a vote, the representative may vote by written proxy to the SAAC moderator at least one day before the meeting.

Subcommittees

Subcommittees will meet on a monthly, or as needed basis and will coordinate the events within each area. The chairperson shall be elected by the Morehead State University SAAC Board Members. Membership on these committees is open to all academically eligible student-athletes. The subcommittees are as follows:

Community Service

Responsible for designing and implementing appropriate community volunteer/fund-raising activities for the student -athletes of Morehead State University. The program will focus on the role of the MSU athlete as a role model and provides an opportunity for the student-athlete to give back to the community which supports them.

Public Relations

Responsible for facilitating communication between the MSU SAAC, the student body, and the general public. Its main focus is to emphasize a positive image of the MSU student-athletes by promoting activities that encourage interaction between MSU student-athletes, the student body, and the general public.

Social Events

Responsible for coordinating potential social activities for the MSU student-athlete, potential student-athletes, and other MSU students. This committee should focus on bridging the gap between different MSU sports teams as well as between the MSU student body and MSU student-athletes.

Athletic Facilities

Academic-Athletic Center and Ellis T. Johnson Arena

Ground was broken in the spring of 1978 for the AAC and the athletic staff assumed occupancy in June 1981. Seating capacity is 6,500 for basketball with additional seating available for concerts and commencement.

The AAC houses offices for all athletic staff members except baseball, football, volleyball, rifle and soccer. Also located in the facility are the Myron Doan cheer room, "Trophy Walk of Fame," concession areas, and the Eagles Nest II, a VIP room for entertaining boosters and guests, as well as the Len Miller room.

The arena was named for Johnson in February 1987. A native of Morehead and a longtime resident of Huntington, West Virginia, Johnson served with great success as MSU's Director of Athletics, Head Basketball Coach, and Head Football Coach. His coaching records include the most victories in basketball (176) in Eagle history. He is a member of the MSU, OVC, and Kentucky athletic halls of fame.

EAGLE Center

In the Fall of 2011 with the opening of the new Recreation and Wellness Center, the existing wellness center building was converted into the Eagle Athletics Guided learning and Enhancement Center (EAGLE Center). This state of the art building has 7,000 square feet dedicated to the academic success of student-athletes. The center features 30 computers stations, wireless internet access, group and private study areas and administrative offices. The Eagle Center is also home to an indoor tennis facility.

John E. (Sonny) Allen Baseball Field

John E. (Sonny) Allen Field has been the home of Eagle baseball since 1973. The stadium, which seats 1,200, is named for John E. (Sonny) Allen, a standout student -athlete and successful coach at Morehead State University. He was a four-year starter for the basketball Eagles and ranks fourth on the all-time scoring list with 1,923 points. Allen served as head baseball coach at MSU for 14 seasons, compiling a record of 226-137. He was named OVC Coach of the Year three times as he guided Morehead State to baseball conference championships in 1957, 1969 and 1973. Allen died in 1998.

Allen Field has locker rooms for each team which lead directly to the dugouts. The Eagle locker room is newly renovated and includes showers and lockers. The coach's office is also housed in the stadium, as are a concession stand, Athletic Training Center, locker rooms for coaches and umpires, and public restrooms. The stadium press box can accommodate 10 people. In addition, a 2,000 square foot indoor hitting/pitching facility is located adjacent to Allen Field and stadium lighting was installed in June 1999.

The outfield fence is 40 feet high from the right field line to center field and 30 feet high from right center field to center field. The distances to the fence are 330 feet down the left field line and 345 feet down the right field line. The right-center field power alley is 335 feet and the left-center power alley is 378 feet. The deepest part of the outfield is left-center which is 398 feet. Straightaway center is 375 feet.

Jayne Stadium

Jayne Stadium is named after William LaGrande Jayne, a former resident of Boyd County who dedicated his life to the education of the people of Eastern Kentucky. This is the second facility to bear his name. The first stadium, built in 1931 also bore his name. The current facility, built in 1964, seats approximately 10,000.

This facility houses all of the football offices and the Athletic Training Center. It is also home to the Eagle soccer team. Additionally, the stadium includes locker room facilities for the football team and soccer teams.

Football coaches' offices are located within Jayne Stadium. Also, public restrooms, concessions stands, ticket booths, and an apparel booth are part of the stadium. Visiting team's locker facilities are located under the visiting team's stands on the east side of the stadium.

Phil Simms Weight Training Center

The Phil Simms Weight Training Center is located in the northeast corner of Jayne Stadium. The 10,000 square foot facility is home to the Strength and Conditioning staff. The facility was constructed in the fall of 1990 with money donated to Morehead State University by one of its most distinguished athletic alumni, Phil Simms, formerly of the New York Giants and currently a football commentator for CBS.

Beach Volleyball Courts

Morehead State's Beach Volleyball courts are located on the site of the former Sadler Tennis Courts. The facility houses three sand courts and ample space on a wooden deck for coaching and watching matches. The facility is match-ready for NCAA matches.

University Field

University Field has been home to Eagle Softball since 1989. Major renovations have taken place since then to improve this facility. These renovations include: dugouts, windscreens, a new field drainage system, restroom facilities, storage facilities, spectator seating, an irrigation system, and most recently, a new press box. The infield of University Field is comprised of skinned dirt with brick dust and the outfield is Bermuda. The dimensions of the field are 215 feet down the left and right field lines and 200 feet to straightaway center field.

Conference Affiliation

Ohio Valley Conference

Formed in 1948, the OVC currently has eleven member institutions and sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, rifle, tennis and track for men; basketball, cross country, golf, rifle, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women.

Member Institutions

Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN
Belmont University	Nashville, TN
Eastern Illinois University	Charleston, IL
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, KY
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville, AL
Morehead State University	Morehead, KY
Murray State University	Murray, KY
Southeast Missouri State University	Cape Girardeau, MO
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	Edwardsville, IL
University of Tennessee at Martin	Martin, TN
Tennessee State University	Nashville, TN
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville, TN

OVC Sportsmanship Statement

General

The Ohio Valley Conference is committed to establishing sportsmanship and developing healthy environments for competition. This Conference wants to lead the way in abolishing the notion that it is desirable to create a "hostile" environment for intercollegiate athletic contests. Instead, we will strive to create "hospitable" environments. We believe that part of the role of education through sports is to teach our youth and our communities to conduct themselves with sportsmanship and respect for opponents.

In an effort to achieve this goal, the Conference has developed this statement which outlines the expectations of the various groups and individuals associated with our intercollegiate athletics programs.

Administrators

It is incumbent upon institutional administrators to create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams, particularly for those individuals at Conference institutions. OVC administrators must develop the attitude that the treatment of a visiting team and its fans will be in the same manner that they would want their teams to be treated.

The athletics director at the host institution must ensure that he or she, or someone else designated as game manager, approaches the coach of the opposing team at a spectator event in order to welcome that coach to the institution, provide an opportunity for the coach to address any concerns, indicate the location of the game manager in the arena or stadium, and identify security personnel present for the contest. The athletics director should educate security personnel to ensure that the visiting team is protected from abuse from the home crowd and that security is in very close proximity to the visiting team's bench. Each institution must arrange its seating at spectator events so as to emphasize sportsmanship and minimize the harassment of the visiting team and its fans.

The athletics director must ensure that those who are employed by the university treat the opponents with fairness and respect. For example, public address announcers must be required to announce the contest in an even-handed manner with equal excitement for both teams. The institution's chief executive officer and athletics director should review periodically with other athletics department staff members, coaches, student-athletes and spirit groups (cheerleaders and bands) precisely what is acceptable conduct, as set forth in this document.

Coaches

Coaches have the greatest amount of influence over whether the young people in their programs are taught and follow the high principles of sportsmanship. The OVC has been benefited by coaches who have risked losing a contest by removing student-athletes who have demonstrated disrespect for their opponents. This discipline measure educates that individual and his or her teammates about the importance of sportsmanship over participation and winning. This type of attitude and courage must be adopted by all OVC coaches. Administrators and coaches must pay special attention to their student-athletes' behavior and continually emphasize the need for sportsmanship and respect. Such education is needed to counteract the constant messages received by our young people from many professional athletes and others who demonstrate a lack of respect for opponents. This Conference and its coaches are committed to teach messages that are appropriate about sportsmanship.

Coaches also have the ability to influence the behavior of their fans. OVC coaches must take every opportunity when addressing the media, booster groups or other public forums to express the desire for fans to support their team at home contests, but not to abuse the visiting team. Coaches and administrators should stress that the participants in our athletics contests are young people who do not deserve to be mistreated by a hostile crowd.

Student-Athletes

Respect for the game in which the student-athlete participates also demands respect for the opponent.

Student-athletes at Ohio Valley Conference institutions are expected to treat opponents with sportsmanship. There can be no tolerance for taunting and baiting of opponents.

OVC student-athletes must understand that they are perhaps the most visible representatives of their institutions. Also, their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger. OVC student-athletes must honor the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of representing our schools by behaving with dignity and class on and off the field.

Spirit Groups

Like our student-athletes, these groups are visible representatives of our universities. As such, we place high expectations on them for decent behavior. Cheerleaders, bands, and other spirit groups are admitted to contests at the pleasure of our institutions to support their teams and assist in creating a fun atmosphere. They are not admitted in order to disrupt or confront the opponent and such behavior will not be tolerated. Their focus must be toward encouragement of their team and respect for the opposing team.

Officials

Officials who are assigned Conference contests must enforce the rules regarding sportsmanship, without tolerance for abuse. The only warning to participants and coaches regarding sportsmanship should come at the beginning of the contest. Once the contest begins, penalties (consequences), not warnings, must be assessed for violations of unsportsmanlike conduct. Similar to the baseball policy of ejecting coaches for arguing balls and strikes, the Conference will require that officials eject any coach who protests unsportsmanlike conduct calls, provided such ejection is permissible by the rules of that sport.

Each official assigned by the OVC will be provided a card with the following statement which must be read to the captains and coaches of every contest prior to the beginning of the game: "The Ohio Valley Conference requires officials to enforce all rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and players. There will not be any tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players, especially taunting and baiting. If such comments are heard, a penalty will be assessed immediately. If any coach protests an unsportsmanlike penalty, he or she will be ejected from the contest. We have been instructed not to issue warnings during the contests. It is strongly suggested that you remind your participants of this policy." Officials who do not follow this policy will be subject to suspension.

Commissioner

The commissioner is expected to enforce the unsportsmanlike conduct rules of the game and the Conference. He or she is authorized to assess penalties for improper behavior that is not detected or properly addressed during the contest. Institutions and their personnel are expected to fully cooperate with his or her effort to investigate possible improper behavior.

In the unfortunate event that an altercation occurs during a contest, all individuals who are on the bench are expected to remain there. It is incumbent upon the head coach to ensure that this occurs. The commissioner is directed to suspend automatically the head coach of a team whose bench personnel enter the field or court of play during an altercation, regardless of whether those individuals become involved in the altercation.

Fans

The Conference hopes and believes that the establishment of the principles outlined in this document will create a wholesome atmosphere that will attract more fans to our events. The fans attending our games must be reminded by the public address announcer of the expectation of sportsmanship and respect for opponents.

We expect that all fans will act in an appropriate manner, and respect the opposition and the officials. We understand that occasionally there are individuals who attend games and abuse the opposition and officials. Those individuals may be dismissed from athletics events.

Concluding Statement: The Conference believes that the effort to meet the expectations outlined in this document will increase the attractiveness at our athletics events by creating a healthy environment for our competition.

OVC Fan Code of Conduct

The Ohio Valley Conference and its member institutions are committed to creating a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all fans attending OVC contests. We ask that all fans act in a responsible and courteous manner. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome. When attending an OVC contest, fans are expected to refrain from the following behaviors:

- Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal in nature
- Intoxication or other signs of alcohol impairment that results in irresponsible behavior
- Vulgar, abusive, racist, sexist, demeaning or intimidating language or obscene gestures
- Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the playing surface)
- Verbal or physical harassment of opposing teams and their fans
- Failing to follow instructions of stadium personnel

Guests will be treated in a consistent, professional and courteous manner by all facility and institutional personnel. Fans are encouraged to report any inappropriate behavior to the nearest usher, security guard or institutional administrator. Facility staff and/or security will promptly intervene to support an environment where fans and their guests can enjoy the event free from the above behavior. Fans that violate these provisions will be subject to removal from the contest site.

The Ohio Valley Conference and its member institutions thank you for adhering to the provisions of the Ohio Valley Conference Fan Code of Conduct.

Pioneer Football League

The Pioneer Football League was formed in November of 1991 and is comprised of NCAA Division I universities that previously sponsored intercollegiate football at other levels. With the passing of NCAA legislation in January 1991, Division I institutions were required to conduct all intercollegiate sports at the divisional level. Therefore, the five charter members: Butler University, the University of Dayton, Drake University, and Valparaiso University – joined together, sharing a common academic and athletic philosophy and a common commitment to operate quality football programs. In February of 1992, the University of San Diego joined the PFL for its inaugural season.

Morehead State University has played as an NCAA Division I-AA Independent, offering need-based financial aid in football, since receiving permission from the University's multi-sport athletic conference, the Ohio Valley Conference, to cease participating for the conference championship in football and to move to the need-based aid program. The Eagles last competed in the OVC in football in the 1995 season.

Announced in September 2000, Morehead State was among four schools that joined the Pioneer Football League. Membership, including conference scheduling, became effective during the 2001 season. The PFL expanded to nine teams with the additions of MSU, Austin Peay, Davidson and Jacksonville (FL). Those four schools formed the South Division. The remaining members of the league, Butler, Dayton, Drake, San Diego and Valparaiso, comprised the North Division. APSU left the league in 2006 and currently a round robin

schedule is played. In 2007, Campbell University joined the PFL and Marist followed in 2008.

The PFL is committed to operating a quality football program for the benefit of student-athletes and the university community.

Member Institutions

Butler University	Indianapolis, IN
Davidson College	Davidson, NC
Drake University	Des Moines, IA
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville, FL
Marist College	Poughkeepsie, NY
Morehead State University	Morehead, KY
Stetson University	DeLand FL
University of Dayton	Dayton, OH
University of San Diego	San Diego, CA
Valparaiso University	Valparaiso, IN

2-Awards and Recognition

OVC Student Athlete Awards

Scholar-Athlete Award

The OVC Scholar Athlete Awards are selected annually. A maximum of six awards per year in the conference affiliated schools are awarded to eligible student-athletes. Three awards are given to men and three to women. A student-athlete must have an overall grade point average of 3.25 (based on a maximum 4.00) or its equivalent. The student-athlete must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in his or her sport, having earned a varsity letter in that sport. Qualities of demonstrated leadership abilities should also be exercised.

Each member institution may submit no more than two nominations of student-athletes who meet the eligibility requirements. The Director of Athletics, coaching staff, and faculty representative will coordinate the nominating process and submit the name(s) to the conference. Previous recipients of the award may not be nominated. Nomination must be received in the commissioner's office no later than September 15.

The OVC Faculty Representative Committee will serve as the selection committee. Each recipient shall receive an engraved plaque in honor of winning the award.

Commissioner's Honor Roll

An annual award, a student-athlete must meet the following criteria: passed with a 3.25 grade point average or better, not less than 24 semester/36 quarter hours of credit during the previous two semester or three quarters (not including summer school), have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season in a sport sponsored by the NCAA and competing in the OVC.

Medal of Honor Award

Faculty Athletic Representatives submit names of student-athletes no later than July 1 of each year. The OVC office shall select the Academic Medal of Honor winners from the individuals nominated by identifying the persons with the highest grade-point average in the sports in which the OVC conducts a conference championship.

OVC Academic Achievement Awards

Institutional Academic Achievement Awards

An institutional award will be presented annually to the Conference member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll that year. For purposes of determining an institution's percentage, the total number of the institution's student-athletes who satisfy the criteria for selection to the Commissioner's Honor Roll is divided by the total number of the institution's eligible student-athletes.

Team Academic Achievement Awards

A team award will be presented annually in each Conference-sponsored sport to the Conference member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll that academic year. For purposes of determining a team's percentage, the total number of the team's student-athletes who satisfy the criteria for selection to the Commissioner's Honor Roll shall be divided by the total number of the team's eligible student-athletes.

PFL Academic Achievement Awards

Academic All-Conference Teams

- a. There shall be a first-team and second-team Academic All-Conference.
- b. The PFL Media Representative shall send a nomination form to each member sports information director

before the start of each season. There shall be no limits to the number of individuals to be nominated, providing each meets or exceeds the following criteria:

- (1) The player nominated shall have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale,
- (2) Student-athletes who have achieved sophomore academic and athletic standing and (3) Is a regular starter or key reserve who has competed in 50% of his team's contests. c. Sports Information Directors shall return nomination forms to the PFL Media Representative by a predetermined date each year.
- d. The PFL Media Representative shall prepare ballots for nominated players and provide a ballot to each member institution's sports information director.
- e. The Sports Information Directors of member institutions shall select the Academic All-Conference team in a method prescribed by the PFL Media Representative. Voters may not vote for nominees from their own institution.
- f. The PFL Media Representative shall tabulate the results and present the Academic All-Conference team in a timely fashion following the return of the ballots.
- g. The top 11 vote-getter(s) irrespective of position shall be named to the first-team Academic All-Conference; the next 11 highest vote-getter(s) shall be named to the second team. In the event of a tie, both nominees involved in the tie will be placed on the higher team. No honorable mention squad will be named.
- h. Two Academic All-Conference teams will be selected, and shall receive certificates. Teams will be selected with the following apportionment:
 - (1) 11 offensive players,
 - (2) 11 defensive players and
 - (3) 3 special team players

PFL Conference Honor Roll

The conference honor roll is a compilation of all student-athletes who have competed in Pioneer football and who have attained a specified grade-point average. Each school's academic advisor (or appropriate personnel) shall submit a list of eligible athletes to the PFL Media Representative following the conclusion of the fall semester but before January 5. The criteria used to select the recipients are as follows:

- a. The student-athlete nominated shall have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale;
- b. The student-athlete must be enrolled full-time in accordance with NCAA rules; and
- c. The student-athlete must have been a member of their respective football team during the term. Participation is not required.

Letter Awards

MSU Letter Award Winners

Purpose

Letter awards sponsored by the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics are used to recognize each individual Student-athlete in their respective sport for their contributions to the program as an active, competing team member.

General Requirements

Any student-athlete receiving an athletic award at Morehead State University must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a member of the student body at the time the award is made unless he or she has graduated.
- Be recommended for the award by the coach of the sport in which he or she participated and approved by the appropriate sport administrator and forwarded to the Director of Athletics for further action.
- Must be nominated for the award and be submitted to the IAC for their approval of his/her receipt of the award.
- Award winners will receive a stole for graduation.

Awards - Sponsored by Outside Organizations

The criteria used to determine recipients who shall receive awards sponsored by local donors and any additional awards administered by the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics at Morehead State University in excess of the letter award winners given in each sport is as follows:

No additional award will be given at any time without first presenting the criteria used to determine the recipient of the award to the Director of Athletics for his recommendation and to the Athletics Committee for approval. The coach of a given sport shall present the criteria for receiving the award and the name(s) of the award recipients to the Director of Athletics and the Athletics Committee for approval.

3-Your Academic Success

Registration

To register, you must be admitted to the University, have paid the enrollment deposit and have a personalized registration packet. Registration packets for new students are available at the Office of Enrollment Services Center.

Early Registration and Orientation

New freshmen or transfer students enrolling for the fall semester are encouraged to participate in SOAR (Summer Orientation Advising and Registration). The day's activity provides an overview of the educational opportunities and facilities of the University. Students will also be able to meet with academic advisors and register for classes for the fall semester.

Although you may not have a permanent advisor assigned when you register, department chairs and academic advisors are available to offer assistance. Each student is assigned a permanent advisor within the first two weeks of his/her first semester. **Students are responsible for making the first contact with their advisor.**

Students who are unable to attend an in person SOAR session will be required to complete an online version prior to getting a schedule. Contact the office of First Year Programs for more information on the online orientation (606) 783-2517.

Orientation programs are also held during the regular fall and spring registration periods. All new freshmen and transfer students, including those that attended the summer orientation, are required to attend the fall program. Students are notified of the specific dates and times of these activities upon their acceptance to MSU by the Office of Admissions.

Late Registration

Students are encouraged to register according to the timetable in the published class schedule. Late registrants are assessed a \$75 late registration fee and often encounter scheduling difficulties. This fee cannot be paid by the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Change in Schedule

Schedule changes include adding and dropping a course, changing from one course section to another, changing the number of credits involved in any course, or changing from audit to credit or from credit to audit. Any schedule change must be approved by the Director of Student-Athlete or Director of Compliance. Deadlines for making schedule changes are published online at the Registrar's website under – Academic Class Planning. Once the deadline has passed you cannot drop a class. This requires approval from the dean of the college in which the student majors.

Any change in your schedule can affect your eligibility. Contact the Director of Student-Athlete Services before making any schedule changes.

Cost associated with making schedule changes cannot be paid by the Athletic Department and are the responsibility of the student-athlete.

Grading System

The evaluation of the academic work of undergraduate students is indicated by letters as follows:

A – 4.0 Excellent--value of four quality points per semester hour.

B – 3.0 Good--value of three quality points per semester hour.

C – 2.0 Average--value of two quality points per semester hour.

D – 1.0 Below average--value of one quality point per semester hour.

E – 0.0 Failure--No semester hours or quality points earned.

I – 0.0 Incomplete--same as an E until work is made up in the course by the middle of the following semester.

U – 0.0 Unofficial withdraw same as an “E.”

To compute your GPA, if you receive an A in a 3-hour course, you would earn 12 quality points; a B would earn 9 quality points; a C would earn 6 quality points; a D would earn 3 quality points; and an E would earn 0 quality points or credit for the course.

Minimum University Academic Standards

SCHOLASTIC STANDING: Students are eligible to register if they meet the following minimum cumulative scholastic standing. Total hours include all credits attempted at MSU and transfer work. Grade point average is calculated using only MSU coursework (transfer credits are not calculated into MSU grade point average).

I. A 1.8 MSU cumulative grade-point average if 24 or fewer semester hours have been attempted.

II. A 1.9 MSU cumulative grade-point average if 25-36 semester hours have been attempted.

III. A 2.0 MSU cumulative grade-point average if 37 or more semester hours have been attempted.

ACADEMIC PROBATION: Students failing to meet the Scholastic standards listed above are placed on academic probation. At the end of each academic term, the Registrar provides a grade report that reflects grades for the term and the MSU cumulative grade point average. A student on academic probation may enroll in no more than 13 semester hours of course work during each semester and for no more than 3 semester hours of coursework during each summer session. Students on academic probation should retake as many classes as possible in which they earned a grade of “E”, “D” or “U”. Students on academic probation will be required to participate in the Academic Recovery Program offered through the Office of Academic Advising and Retention (AARE).

SUSPENSION: Any student who after two consecutive semesters (excluding summer terms) on academic probation has not earned the grade point average specified above on academic probation will be suspended from the University. The suspension period following a fall semester is the spring semester; following a spring semester the suspension period is for the summer terms and fall semester. During a suspension period, a student will be ineligible to enroll for any credits at MSU.

****Any student that is making satisfactory progress (A MSU semester GPA of 2.0 or greater) and participating in the Academic Recovery Program during the probationary period will not be academically suspended as long as progress is being made towards meeting scholastic standing guidelines.****

Students suspended under this policy have the following two options:

1. They may appeal by petitioning a hearing before the Committee on Academic Standards and Appeals if the student believes the suspension was the result of circumstances beyond his or her control. If an appeal of the suspension is granted, the student must meet all additional requirements set forth by the Committee on Academic Standards and Appeals. The committee may, in some cases, waive the requirement that the student have attempted 48 semester hours before declaring academic bankruptcy. Requests for appeals are made in the Office of Academic Advising and Retention, 321 Allie Young Hall.

2. They may re-enroll after the lapse of one semester (excluding summer school); Students wanting to return to MSU will need to complete a new application and meet with the admissions appeal committee before being readmitted as a student. Students requesting an admissions appeal must submit a complete Action Plan (signed by an academic advisor) including a two semester plan and a statement that they have met with their financial aid counselor. The admissions appeal committee may also require additional documentation.

3. The re-admittance or the acceptance of a suspension appeal does not guarantee that financial aid will be granted. There is a separate financial aid appeal process. The requests for financial aid appeals are made in the Office of Financial Aid in the Enrollment Services building located behind the Adron Doran University Center.

Minimum Load for NCAA Athletic Competition

Minimum academic standards are governed by NCAA regulations. In order to be eligible for practice and competition, each student-athlete must comply with these rules concerning the number of credit hours which must be carried during the academic term and the total number of hours **which must be earned** during the regular (fall and spring semester) terms.

As a student-athlete you must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and registered for a minimum of 15 credits each semester during which you practice and/or compete. **If you drop below 12 credits at any time, you are immediately ineligible for practice and competition.**

Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3 the only exceptions to the above requirements are for the graduate student and a student-athlete who is in the last term before graduation. The latter person needs only to take the number of hours required for graduation. Be sure to check with the Associate Director of Athletics/ Compliance to confirm you qualify for this exception.

NCAA Eligibility

40-60-80 Rule

For students entering a collegiate institution full-time, they must complete 40% of his or her degree by the beginning of the third year of college enrollment, 60% by the beginning of the fourth year, and 80% by the beginning of the fifth year.

80-90-100 Rule

For students first entering a collegiate institution full-time, the grade point average rule will be in effect after their first year of enrollment. After one year (two semester) students must have 90% of the minimum grade point average required for graduation. After two years (four semesters), students must have 95% of The minimum graduating grade point average, while after three or four years, students must have 100% of the minimum graduation grade point average to be eligible.

Developmental Courses

Students may take more than 6 hours of developmental work, but only 6 of those hours will count toward the 24 hours required for eligibility in the freshman year.

Freshman Eligibility

6 credit hours must be successfully completed during each semester to earn athletic eligibility for the next full-time semester **Bylaw 14.4.3.1(c)**. Along with this requirement a full time student-athlete must achieve at least 18 hours within the fall and spring semester to have a possibility to be eligible for the next academic year.

Students who pass 5 hours or less during any regular semester (fall or spring) will be immediately ruled ineligible for athletic competition during the next regular term. If you are a full-time student, there is no appeal or waiver of this rule.

As a reminder all freshman are required to pass 24 hours before entering their sophomore year. Among the

24 hours, 6 of which can be developmental hours **Bylaw 14.4.3.1(a).**

Football Eligibility

14.4.3.1.6 In **football**, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's **football** team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11*)

14.4.3.1.6.14.1.1 A student-athlete who is ineligible, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6, to compete in the first four contests of a playing season against outside competition may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided he or she successfully completes at least 27-semester hours or 40- quarter hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. A student-athlete in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment may use credit hours earned at the certifying institution during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester/40-quarter credit-hour requirement. (*Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 2/6/12*)

Academic Probation

On occasion, students, for various reasons, find themselves falling below the minimum standards for continued enrollment. A concerted effort is made by the Eagle Center Staff to assist students in salvaging their scholastic careers by providing services to those on academic probation. Designated study skills seminars, individualized academic counseling programs, and study tables are provided to help students successfully accomplish their academic goals through the Academic Support Services staff.

Auditing and Repeating Courses

Any student who plans either to audit or repeat a course needs to see either the Director of Student-Athlete Services or Director of Compliance. Courses that are audited or repeated do not count as progress towards their degree and will not help with obtaining the 40%-60%-80% rule. The credit may help the GPA, but will not help in obtaining NCAA eligibility.

Student Classification

Classification is determined by the number of credit hours, including transfer work, successfully completed. The classifications are as follows:

Freshman:	0-29 credit hours
Sophomore:	30-59 credit hours
Junior:	60-89 credit hours
Senior:	90+ credit hours

Academic Support Services

The EAGLE Center

The mission of the EAGLE Center is to provide student athletes with the support necessary to assist in reaching the athletes' full potential academically, athletically, personally, and professionally during their time at Morehead State University. The academic support program is fully integrated with the University. The program is designed to assist student-athletes with the transition to a university setting and continues throughout their collegiate career, until the day he or she receives a diploma, finds a job, and/or enters graduate school.

The facility provides space for the presentation of informational seminars, supplemental instruction, academic tutoring, individual and group study. The overall intent of the center is to increase student-athletes' potential for academic, personal and career success.

Academic Services

Individualized academic counseling and guidance services are available upon request, as well as workshops and seminars centered on improving study habits and increasing motivation for academic success. For information or assistance, call 606-783-2084. Other services available include the following:

Academic Advising

Academic advising for undeclared and Bachelor of University Studies students is offered by full-time, professional advisors. Advisors assist students with information about specific programs, University procedures, and career counseling.

Minority Retention and Academic Services

Minority academic services include advising, workshops, tutoring, and study groups for minority students. For more information, call 606-783-9453.

Tutoring and Learning Center

The TLC offers free academic assistance outside the classroom to all MSU students. Tutoring is available days, evenings and weekends. TLC peer tutors can help with individual class assignments, as well as test

preparation and study skills. Tutor-led study groups are also available. To make a tutoring appointment, go to www.moreheadstate.edu/tutoring and follow the TutorTrac link. The TLC also provides study areas for monitored study hours. Computers are available for student use. For more information, phone 606-783-5200, go to www.moreheadstate.edu/tutoring or come to the Tutoring and Learning Center at Allie Young 220.

Academic Recovery Program

The Academic Recovery Program is designed for students who perform below academic standards. Students are provided resources and strategies that can aid in achieving academic success.

Disability Services

Assistance for students with physical, psychological, and learning disabilities is available through the Disability Services office in accordance with the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Requested accommodations must relate to a functional limitation that you experience as a student at MSU, and if approved, will be provided at no charge. To qualify, you will need to submit documentation of a disability from an appropriate professional and confidentially discuss your needs with a Disability Services staff member. While you may pursue these services at any time, earlier contact may be in your interests as some accommodations take longer to arrange and they will not be applied retroactively. Student must opt into services every semester. For more information or to schedule an intake session, call 606-783-5188 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/disability.

Academic Mentors

The purpose of an Academic Mentor is to provide individualized and/or small group academic support and assistance for student-athletes, assisting them in their transition to the University, developing their study skills and habits, fostering an understanding of learning and motivation, and helping them to develop academic literacy skills. Mentors are volunteer students, so they must be arranged by the Eagle Center Staff. These duties include:

- Working with student-athletes on a regular basis to provide guidance in their coursework
- Help students develop good study skills and habits
- Foster an understanding of the principles of learning and motivation
- Facilitate the application of these principles to the student-athletes course work

Study Hall - Individual

The Eagle Center is open for student-athletes Monday through Thursday from 8:00am-10:00pm; Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm and Sundays from 3:00pm-9:00pm. The center includes 30 computer stations, wireless internet access, group and private study areas. The Athletic Academic Coordinator, student staff, and other staff members are on duty at all times to monitor, answer questions and help where needed. Students are checked for attendance and are monitored for productivity.

Eagle Center regular operating hours are listed below:

Day of week	Regular Lab Hours
Sunday	3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00pm
Saturday	Closed

*Study Lab hours are adjusted when necessary and will be posted in advance.

Required Study Hall Hours (Fall/Spring Semesters)

Incoming freshman and Transfers

All incoming freshmen and transfer students are required to attend Study Hall a minimum of five (5) hours each week during their first semester. Coaches can require more than 5 hours for team members.

Upper Classmen

All upper classmen (sophomore, Junior, Senior) with a prior semester **or** cumulative G.P.A. below 2.5 are required to attend Study Lab a minimum of five (5) hours each week.

Required study hours for a student with a GPA ≥ 2.5 are at the discretion of the team Coach and/or Eagle Center Staff.

Scheduled (Required) Study Lab Hours

Students who meet the following requirements will be required to schedule their study hall time like an appointment. These study appointments will be made around the student's class schedule and will be monitored for attendance. These appointments are intended to help the students manage their time and ensure that they are getting the academic support that they need.

- Probationary students
- Provisionally accepted students
- Students with required developmental classes

The Eagle Center and its resources are available for use by all current student-athletes.

Removal of Student Athletes from required study lab

A student may be removed from individual study hall and required to study with the coach and/or attend group study hall. Rules of study lab are expected to be followed. A student may be required to increase their study hall attendance over and above the consequences that the coach gives the student.

Tutoring (Will count as study hall hours)

Scheduled tutoring at approved learning labs

- If arranged, it is mandatory
- Student must sign-in through the TutorTrac system

Academic Progress Report Form

Academic Progress Report forms will be provided to each student to deliver to their professors at the following intervals:

- 4 weeks: attendance and grade checks
- 8 weeks: attendance checks
- 12 weeks: attendance and grade checks

Road Trip Study Hall Credits

Students have the opportunity to earn one (1) hour of study per day while on a road trip by completing the appropriate request form with your team's coaching staff. The team's coaching staff will verify the work that is done by completing and signing the Coaches section of the RTSLC form, then forwarding the form to the Athletic Academic Coordinator immediately upon return from the team's road trip. **This is at the discretion of the Coaching Staff. Study hall hours may be required to be completed prior to the departure for the trip.**

Missed Class Policy

UAR Number: 131.03

Title: Excused Absences Policy

Attendance Prompt and regular class attendance is the responsibility of all students. Students should be aware that excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, may affect their ability to earn a passing grade.

In the course syllabus, every instructor is required to provide his/her policy on class attendance, missed work, and any other related matters that could affect student performance. However, individual course attendance policies must comply with the policy outlined herein (i.e., individual course policies may not supersede those outlined below). If a student is absent from class because of a University excused absence, as identified in this UAR, instructors are required to allow the student the opportunity to make up work missed in a fair and equitable manner without any reduction in the student's final grade as a direct result of such absence.

This policy does not supersede program accreditation requirements and as a result excludes all academic programs/ courses that require the completion of a certain number of clock hours, as in clinical experiences, practicum, or internships. The maximum number of absences for these courses will be determined by the program's associate dean, department chair, and/or coordinator in order for the program to maintain accreditation standards.

University excused absences are grouped into five categories: 1) University-Sponsored Activities; 2) Student/Family Illness/Death; 3) Military Obligations; 4) Jury Duty or Subpoena for Court Appearances; and 5) Major Religious Holidays.

University-Sponsored Activities

It is the responsibility of the appropriate Administrative and/or Academic Unit Director to provide faculty notification in advance of scheduled university-sponsored activities that will result in student absences. It is preferred that one week's notice be given to students and faculty; however, due to the unique nature of some activities, notification may not be possible until the last class meeting prior to the absence or until after the absence. It is the student's responsibility to provide their institutional excuse to their instructors in a timely fashion in order to receive this consideration.

Academic Activities: Requests under this category include, but are not limited to, performing arts, band, debates, seminars, honors classes, attendance/presentations at institutional, state or professional conferences and class trips. Requests for these absences are to be excused by the Academic Dean of the college within which the activity originates.

Athletics (Including Cheer & Dance): Student-Athletes, Managers, and Trainers can only be excused for three reasons: official athletic competition; practice opportunities related to travel, timing, and away gym availability; or travel to and from Official Athletic Competition as outlined by NCAA regulations. All athletic-related absences are presented by the Athletic Director or the Vice President for Student Affairs for review and input by the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and the Provost.

In addition each coach is required to provide instructors of student-athletes, managers and trainers within the first two weeks of the semester a letter outlining the specific dates of potential travel. This initial faculty notification letter should be based on competition for the respective sport according to the published season schedule and does not serve as the one-week notification for any potential absence as outlined in the letter. The letter will also include the dates for conference tournament competition in case the team qualifies for post-season activities. Specific competition dates affecting student-athlete, managers and trainer's attendance during or following conference tournaments must be provided to instructors as soon as those competition dates are made available to the Athletic Director.

The athletic department requires student-athletes, managers and trainers to obtain faculty signatures documenting receipt of said letter for their coaches to keep on file indicating the student-athlete, managers and trainers has opened a line of communication with each of their instructors.

Student Organizations: Requests under this category are submitted to Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students and/or Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success for approval prior to any notice being sent to faculty.

Student/Family Illness/Death

Illness or Injury of Student: The student who seeks an excused absence for missing up to two class sessions must submit written confirmation of treatment by a medical practitioner (including certified athletic trainers according to KRS 160.445) to the instructor; however, if more than two class sessions are missed, the student must submit excuse documentation to the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students immediately upon return to class, but not later than two weeks after the absence.

MSU Counseling and Health Services does not provide official medical excuses for missed classes. Students will be provided a written confirmation the day of treatment at the clinic with the Counseling and Health Services embosser. The granting of the excuse from the clinic is at the discretion of the instructor.

Death/Illness of Family Member: The student who seeks an excused absence for missing up to two class sessions for the critical illness/death of an immediate family member must provide appropriate documentation of the circumstance by the next class session in order to be provided the opportunity to make up missed work. If more than two class sessions are missed, the student must submit excuse documentation to the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students immediately upon return to class, but not later than two weeks after the absence.

Documentation must include details about the immediate family member's specific date(s) of the treatment, treatment location, practitioner's signature in the case of an illness, or an official obituary in the case of an immediate family member's death.

Note: "Immediate Family" is defined as father, father-in-law, stepfather, mother, mother-in-law, stepmother, brother, brother-in-law, step brother, sister, sister-in-law, stepsister, spouse, partner, child, stepchild, grandchild, grandfather, grandmother, step grandfather, step grandmother, and legal guardian.

In the case of medical/death emergencies, if a period of extended absences is necessary (more than two class sessions) the student should contact the Office of the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students as soon as possible; however, if more than two class sessions are missed, the student must submit excuse documentation to the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students upon return to class, but not later than two weeks after the absence. All pertinent information regarding the extended absence should be provided for the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students to verify, at which time an institutional excuse may be provided to all of the student's instructors.

Short-term Military Obligations

Short-term military obligations are those that require student absence for a period up to 30 consecutive days, and they are specific to the branch of service including but not limited to the following: Active Component Army (Active Duty – Title 10), Reserve Component Army (National Guard/USAR – Title 32), and/or Military Science obligations incurred due to one's status as a contracted/participating cadet in the Morehead State University Military Science (ROTC) Program.

Military Science (ROTC) students requesting a university excused absence, under this justification must initially coordinate their request through the Military Science Department. Requests under this category must be approved by the Dean of the Caudill College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences prior to the date of the absence if at all possible.

Military Service is an acceptable university excuse and the proper documentation from the specific branch of service must be verified. Requests under this category are submitted to the Director of Military Initiatives with final approval by the Vice President of Student Affairs or the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students prior to the date of the absence, if at all possible.

Jury Duty or Subpoena for Court Appearance

The student must submit subpoenas or notification of jury duty to the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students prior to the date of absence.

Major Religious Holidays

Requests under this category are submitted to Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students prior to the date of absence.

Process to Make-Up Missed Work

Regardless of the nature of the excused absence, the student is responsible for opening a line of communication with their instructors and completing all coursework according to the terms agreed upon between the instructor and the student.

It is the responsibility of the student to request an opportunity to complete missed work following an absence and this request should be made to the instructor no later than the next class session. Once the an excuse has been granted for the absence, all missed work must be completed within the time frame agreed upon between the student and the faculty member in order for the student to receive full credit.

Missed activities will be rescheduled or, in the event that rescheduling of an activity is not practical or possible, a fair and equitable alternative way of arriving at the overall grade must be developed by the instructor. If students are allowed to drop their lowest test score in a course, the instructor cannot require the student to use a missed exam as that "drop."

Students must be afforded the opportunity to make-up missed work within a reasonable time period upon their return.

Punitive measures must not be taken against a student who presents an official University excuse, as outlined in this UAR.

Appeals

Students who feel that they have been unjustly penalized by an instructor's attendance policy or by the instructor refusing to accept an excuse may follow the academic grievance procedures outlined in the Student Handbook

4–Athletic Grants-In-Aid and Other Financial Assistance

Athletic Grants-In-Aid

You may have been awarded a grant-in-aid, frequently called a “scholarship”, because of your athletic ability. That aid may range from a small stipend to a full grant covering tuition, board, room, and any other required fees.

In addition to those items, if you qualify, you may receive grants from the GI Bill of Rights, payments for participation in advanced ROTC, a Pell Grant, and other government benefits. You may also borrow money from a legitimate lender such as a bank.

Period of Award

The period of award for a scholarship will be for the full academic year (August to May) if you're academic standing merits it. Your grant cannot be canceled or reduced during an academic year unless you render yourself ineligible for competition, are guilty of serious misconduct, or voluntarily withdraw from the sport. Further, your grant may not be increased during the year.

Allowable Expenses

Athletic aid is disbursed according to each student-athlete's billing information and amount of aid the student will receive. The most likely order in which aid is disbursed is as follows:

- 1.) tuition and fees
- 2.) books and/or meals
- 3.) room, depending on the amount of remaining funds. In some instances, athletic aid may be reduced based on your total financial aid packet.

Restrictions on Scholarship Disbursements

Books: Student-athletes receiving scholarship funds allotted for books will receive an e-mail with directions on how to order their text books online from the bookstore. It is each student's responsibility to complete this process. The books received by the student athlete are “on-loan” and must be returned to the **Eagle Center** at the end of each semester. Books that are not returned by the designated deadline will be billed to the student-athlete. A “hold” will be placed on the student's record and will not be released until the bill is paid in full.

Meals: the portion of scholarship funds allotted for meals must be used at the dining services offered on campus.

National Letter of Intent Guidelines

This National Letter of Intent (NLI) is applicable only to prospective student-athletes who will be entering four-year institutions for the first time as full-time students, except for some transfers who are graduating from junior college. No prospective student-athlete enrolling at midyear shall sign a NLI.

Financial Aid Requirement

At the time of signing the NLI, the student-athlete must have received in writing from the institution an award including athletics financial aid for the entire academic year. The award letter should list the terms and conditions of the award, including the amount and duration of the financial aid.

Qualified Release Agreement

A qualified release agreement shall be provided in the event the institution and the student-athlete mutually agree to release each other from any obligation to the NLI. It should be understood that if the student-athlete receives this qualified release agreement, he/she shall not be eligible for competition at a second NLI institution during the first academic year of residence and shall lose a season of competition. The form must be signed by the parent/guardian, the student-athlete, as well as the Director of Athletics. A copy must be on file with the Ohio Valley Conference office.

Appeal Process

The NLI Steering Committee has been authorized to issue interpretations, settle disputes, and consider petitions for a full release from the provisions of an NLI where there are extenuating circumstances. The steering committee's decision may be appealed to the NLI Appeals Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

Full details on the National of Letter Intent can be found at www.national-letter.org.

Renewing Grants-In-Aid

A student-athlete must remain eligible for athletic competition and eligible for receipt of financial aid in order for the recommendation for renewal of his or her scholarship to be approved.

Yearly Renewals

University Policy states that renewals that expire in May must be completed two weeks prior to the end of the semester. The student-athlete must be notified of renewal or non-renewal prior to July 1.

Reduction or Cancellation of Athletics Aid

15.3.4.1 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14)*

- (a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
- (b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3);
- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4); or
- (d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled. A student-athlete's request for written permission to

contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal.

15.3.4.2.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3 (other than as permitted in Bylaw 15.5.6.4.1). *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.2 Non-athletically Related Conditions. An institutional financial aid agreement may include non-athletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academics policies or standards, compliance with athletics department rules or policies) by which the aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award. *(Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.2.3 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial aid. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)*

- (a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;
- (b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2); or
- (c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.4.3.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.4.3.2 Decrease Not Permitted. An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal of Institutional Financial Aid. [A] [Note: Bylaws 15.3.5 and 15.3.6 apply to autonomy conferences. They also apply to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected to apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions related to reduction and nonrenewal of institutional financial aid.]

15.3.5.1 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award or reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

- (a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.5.1.2);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty, as determined by the institution's regular student disciplinary authority;

(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal; or

(e) Violates a non-athletically related condition outlined in the financial aid agreement or violates a documented institutional rule or policy (e.g., academics policies or standards, athletics department or team rules or policies).

15.3.5.1.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. [A] Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3 (other than as permitted in Bylaw 15.5.6.4.1). *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.1.2 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. [A] If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

15.3.5.2 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted -- During the Period of the Award. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.5.1); or

(c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.5.2.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. [A] An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.2.2 Decrease Not Permitted. [A] An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athletes or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student- athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.5.1. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)*

15.3.5.3 Reduction or Nonrenewal Not Permitted -- After the Period of the Award. [A] If a student-athlete receives athletically related financial aid in the academic year of his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, the following factors shall not be considered in the reduction or nonrenewal of such aid for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility: *(Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

- (a) A student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position);
- (b) An injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition; or
- (c) Any other athletics reason.

15.3.6 Increase Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12 awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

Appeals to University Scholarship Committee

The University Scholarship Committee (USC) serves as the appellate body for scholarship decisions made by the Chair of the University Scholarship Committee. Decisions made by the USC can be appealed to the President of the University.

Appeals must be made in writing and filed with the Director of Financial Aid within ten days of receipt of written notification. The Director of Financial Aid is responsible for making arrangements for the hearing and notifying the parties involved. If the Director of Financial Aid also serves as the chair of the USC, the vice chair of the committee will conduct the appeals hearing.

Voting members of the committee will have one vote. The person conducting the hearing (chair or vice chair of the USC) will vote only in case of a tie. The decision will be determined by a simple majority of a quorum of the hearing committee.

The student-athlete and the coach shall be informed of the specific hearing procedures and format. All hearings will be closed to the public and must provide for the following:

- The student-athlete and the coach may be accompanied by an advisor selected from the student body, faculty, or staff. The advisor serves only in a support role and may not actively participate in the hearing.
- The student-athlete and the coach will be given the opportunity to present their cases without interruption and to question each other and witnesses. Reasonable limits may be placed by the chairperson on the discussion.
- The committee may ask questions of the student-athlete, the coach, and the witnesses.
- Witnesses are not permitted to remain in the room while the hearing is in session.
- At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee will move into executive session for deliberation.
- Once the committee reaches a decision, the committee will reconvene and the parties involved will be advised accordingly.
- Written notification of the decision and the procedures for appealing to the President will be forward by registered mail to the student-athlete and the coach.
- Transcripts of the hearing will be made available to the coach and the student-athlete.

Appeals - Presidential Review

Appeal to the President is not simply a second hearing, but a review to ensure that institutional procedures were followed and that all relevant information was considered. The student-athlete and/or the coach may request a review.

A request for review must be made in writing to the President within ten working days following official written notification of the committee's decision.

The request must clearly state the reason(s) for seeking modification of the committee's action. If, in the judgment of the President, the request for review warrants consideration, such a review will be completed within ten working days of receipt of the request. All parties will be notified in writing of the President's decision

President's Action

The President's decision is final.

International Athletic Scholarships

Each international student-athlete awarded an athletic scholarship has the potential of tax liability. The athletic department is responsible for forwarding pertinent information to the Payroll Office each semester in order to allow required taxation of international athletic scholarship awards. The following are general procedures for withholding on scholarships awarded to international student-athletes for the 2011-2012 calendar year.

The Internal Revenue code Section 117 excludes "Qualified scholarship" (U.S. source - tuition, fee, and books) from taxation. A student must have either a social security card (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). If either of these documents has not been obtained, steps must begin immediately by completing the appropriate application documents. If an employment arrangement exists, you must apply for a social security number by completing Form SS-5 at <http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html> or for scholarship only, you must apply for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number at www.irs.gov by completing Form W-7. Please coordinate your application process through the Payroll Office.

A scholarship awarded to an international student in excess of the qualified portion (See #1) will be taxable at the reduced rate of 14% providing they have an F, J, M. or Q VISA. All other VISA types are taxable at 30%. A student may file a W-4 for a reduced withholding rate providing they have either a SSN or ITIN. The reduced rate allows for a daily rate to be applied to the number of days in the United States for a calendar year. The 2010 rate is \$10.00 per day. This amount computed is deducted from the non-qualified portion of the scholarship and assessed 14% tax. The international student must complete a W-4 (Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate) and a certification statement verifying that proper federal income tax returns were filed for the previous year (if applicable) and will be filed for the current year. These forms must be completed annually.

An international student, who is from a country that has a tax treaty agreement with the United States, will be allowed to claim an exemption from federal taxes to a level provided for by the tax treaty. The exemption may be claimed by completing a Form W-8BEN (Certificate of Foreign Status). This form may be completed annually in the Payroll Office; however, the effective term of the document varies depending upon individual circumstances. These students must have an SSN or ITIN number to complete Form W-8BEN.

After the necessary forms are completed, federal taxes will be calculated. The Athletics Department will be required to notify the students of the amount due and deadline for remittance. The Office of Accounting and Financial Services will be notified to enter the tax due on the student's account. Payroll will then forward the tax as a 1042 deposit to the Internal Revenue Service electronically. The students will remit their payment to Accounting and Financial Services so that the appropriate student account can be credited. Each student-athlete will be responsible for paying the federal tax by the deadline to avoid having his or her schedule purged.

At the end of the calendar year, Form 1042S (Foreign Person's U. S. Income Subject to Withholding) will be issued to the student to file with their United States Federal Income Tax Return. The Payroll Office also requests a copy of each student's VISA, passport, and I-20 or IAP66 for filing purposes. The above guidelines are to be followed each semester in order to comply with federal tax law. The rates are subject to change.

Exhausted Eligibility

12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the

United States. (Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)

student-athletes receiving an athletic grant-in-aid, who have completed their athletic eligibility and meet the requirements listed below, may be eligible to receive financial aid beyond their final athletic award period. The requirements a student-athlete must meet to receive aid after their athletics' eligibility is exhausted, include:

- Have a minimum 80% of degree credit and beginning your fifth year.
- Be within 32 credit hours of graduation as verified by the Academic Advisor.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better each semester.
- Be recommended by their head coach.

The amount of such awards varies depending upon institutional resources and the amount of aid a student receives during their final semester of competition. Awards are limited to tuition and fees. These awards are renewable semester-by-semester basis. During the period of award, student-athletes will be given work assignments by the Department of Athletics not to exceed twenty hours per week. The student-athlete receiving such aid must also abide by the rules, regulations, and conduct codes contained in the MSU student-athlete Handbook.

The Head Coach will submit written recommendations for this type of aid to the sport administrator. The recommendation should include team participation, rules observance, character, and academic progress of the student-athlete.

The sport administrator will authorize any additional grant-in-aid requests based upon these recommendations and availability of funding. The student-athlete will be notified in writing by the Director of Athletics of the grant-in-aid decision.

Summer School Aid

Student-athletes receiving an athletic grant-in-aid may apply for summer school aid if they meet certain conditions and funds are available. A summer school grant may consist of a maximum award of aid based on the percentage of aid received by the student-athlete during the preceding academic year. In order to apply for summer school aid, the student-athlete must request summer school aid and meet with an athletic department administrator to review their application.

Summer Athletic Aid recipient responsibilities:

- Advance-register for classes during Advance Registration in April
- Notify the Athletic Academic Coordinator of any changes in schedule, housing, attendance, etc.
- For each summer class the student- athlete receives athletic aid, the student will be responsible for 5 hours of study lab per week. Online students need to make arrangements with EAGLE Center staff.

Summer aid availability is limited and application for it does not guarantee the award.

5–Athletic Compliance

The NCAA, Ohio Valley Conference, and Pioneer Football League have many rules which apply to the student-athlete. Some of the most important regulations are summarized in this section. For any questions regarding rules compliance, contact the Senior Associate Athletic Director/Compliance.

Complimentary Admissions/Tickets

Morehead State University students are entitled FREE admission to all Morehead State's regular season home intercollegiate athletic contests. Actual tickets for events will not be issued; admission is granted upon proof of identity as an MSU student (valid MSU ID).

Each student-athlete of a ticketed sport is eligible to receive up to four complimentary admissions per NCAA bylaw 16.2.1.1 for each regular season competition. Only one (1) of these admissions can be for a non-relative. All complimentary admissions for players will be available on the day of the event from "WILL CALL" at the respective facility. *Photo* Identification is required for the recipients to receive their admission.

Departure from this procedure can result in loss of eligibility for the student-athlete. Under no circumstances should a student-athlete sell or accept any compensation for his or her complimentary admissions.

Extra Benefits

Bylaw 16.02.3 An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

Following are some of the benefits which are in violation of the rules: transportation which is not paid for by the student-athlete, gifts or loans of money, long distance telephone calls not paid for by the student-athlete, gifts of clothing or other personal items, arrangements for the purchase of an automobile on "favorable terms," allowing the student-athlete to use an automobile not his or her own (perhaps a coach's car), free admission or a special discount not available to all students, special favors to parents or legal guardians, unusual housing or living arrangements, selling (or allowing the sale of) the student-athlete's tickets to an athletic event, and special entertainment not available to other students.

When in doubt about accepting any benefit, consult your coach, the Compliance Office.

Employment

Any student-athlete who is pursuing employment should contact the Compliance Office to complete records in regards to their employment and employment earnings. NCAA rule concerning employment during the academic year could restrict a student-athletes work opportunities. Check with the Compliance Office if you need to consider outside employment.

Sports Wagering

Bylaw 10.3 The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition including, but not limited to, activities such as "parlay cards", tournament brackets or draw activities, fantasy leagues, etc.:

- (a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- (b) Non-athletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
- (c) Staff members of a conference office; and

(d) Student Athletes.

According to the information provided by the NCAA Agent, Gambling and Amateurism (AGA) Activities staff, if a fantasy league charges an entry fee in order to be able to participate, and there is a prize at the end, the restrictions of Bylaw 10.3 will apply, and it would be a violation for student-athletes, athletics department staff members, and conference staff members to participate in such an activity.

Living Arrangements

Single, full-time undergraduate students of Morehead State University who are under age 21 and have earned fewer than 60 hours of college credit must live in University housing and enroll in an athletic meal plan.

Students requesting an exemption of this requirement must apply and receive written approval from the Office of Student Housing. All exemptions requests must be received prior to July 15th for the academic year and December 1st for students entering at the beginning of the spring semester. Exemption requests submitted after the deadline will be subject to a non-refundable \$100.00 late application-processing fee. This fee is required for exemption requests submitted after the semester deadline and does not guarantee an exemption will be approved. Waiver requests will not be accepted during the Registration process. Contact the Housing Office at 783-2060 for a Housing/Dining Exemption Request Form.

Students who have reached the age of 21 or earned 60 college credit hours by the first day of classes for the semester they intend to reside off campus do not need to apply for an exemption.

An exemption of the housing requirement may be granted for the following reasons:

Internship/Clinical Semester*-Submission of documentation from student's University advisor regarding the assignment location of the internship/clinical semester, copy of MSU class schedule for term requested

*Exemption is valid for internship/clinical semester only. Additionally, students enrolled full-time for which the internship/clinical assignment accounts for less than fifty-percent of enrolled credit hours are not eligible for this exemption. Internship/clinical assignments must be outside of the recognized commuter distance to be eligible.

Commuter Exemptions-available only to instate students within 50 miles of Morehead commuting from parents/guardians legal permanent residence. Completed commuter parent/guardian verification statement, copy of parent/guardian's driver's license (or similar state issued official exemption has been granted. Students with less than 60 hours and under 21 years of age will be required to live in University housing identification card) verifying address

Special Circumstances– For consideration the student must demonstrate that the situation is both “unique and unusual” and beyond any reasonable means of the student to control. Examples of situations that would fall under this category include but are not limited to: transfer students who will have necessary

credit hours following the transcript evaluation process or an expectant parent with a due date shortly after the semester begins. Examples of situations that would not qualify for exemption under this category include but are not limited to: seasonal or other allergies that can be treated by allergy medications or leases entered into prior to an exemption being approved. All requests documenting a specific need related to the Americans with Disabilities Act will be reviewed by the University's ADA Coordinator.

Outside Competition

Bylaw 14.7.1 a student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team.

If you have any questions about such competition, please check with your Head Coach or the Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance.

Player-Agents

Bylaw 12.3.1 an individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

Each student-athlete should be aware that Morehead State University has a Professional Sports Counseling Panel. Student-athletes may direct any questions about professional potential or sports agents to this counsel. Please contact the Athletic Office at 3-2088.

Transfer Request

Any student-athlete who wishes to transfer must contact the office of compliance to initiate transfer. The student-athlete must send a written notification requesting his/her name be added to the transfer portal. Once the notification has been received in the office of compliance, the student-athlete will receive a NCAA Transfer signature page. The student-athlete is required to submit the form back to the office of compliance. This form notifies the transferring student-athlete that he/she will have all athletic aid removed at the earliest opportunity provided by NCAA bylaws and that if the student-athlete decides to return, he/she will not be placed back on athletic aid. This form also provides information needed for the office of compliance to complete data within the Transfer Portal. It should also be noted that all transfer regulations still apply in the case of a transfer and the Institution still has the authority to not grant the transferring student-athlete any an applicable exception to the year in residence requirement.

13.1.1.3.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification of transfer at any time. The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete

13.1.1.3.3 Student-Athlete Withdrawn From Four-Year College. An institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal

13.1.1.3.4 Transfer From Institution Placed on Probation by Committee on Infractions. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain authorization through the notification of transfer process to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility.

However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution.

13.1.1.3.5 Transfer From Institution Ineligible for Postseason Competition -- Academic Performance Program. On approval by the Committee on Academics, an institution may contact a student-athlete at another institution whose team is ineligible for postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility due to sanctions pursuant to the Academic Performance Program, without obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. The student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution

Transfer Release Appeals

Under NCAA regulations student-athletes are entitled to have transfer release denials reviewed by a panel of individuals outside the athletics department. **14.5.5.2.10.1 Hearing Opportunity.** If the student's previous institution denies his or her written request for the release, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon written request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs, office of the dean of students, or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and non-athletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.2) of receipt of the student-athletes written request for a hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete. (Revised: 1/11/94, 4/26/01, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

The Chair of MSU's University Scholarship Committee will appoint a three-to-five member panel consisting of faculty, staff and students. The procedures for the review meeting include:

- The meeting will be closed to the public.
- The student-athlete may be accompanied by an advisor selected from the student body, faculty or staff. The advisor serves only in a support role and may not actively participate in the discussion.
- The student-athlete and the coach will be given an opportunity to present their case without interruptions and to question each other.
- The committee may ask questions of the student-athlete and the coach.
- At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee will meet privately.
- The decision will be determined by a simple majority of the members present.
- Once the committee reaches a decision, the meeting will reconvene and the parties involved will be advised accordingly.
- The decision of the committee is final.

Withdrawal from Team

Any student-athlete voluntarily withdrawing from a team after the first date of competition must do so in writing. A statement indicating the effective date, team, and reason for leaving the team is to be given to the head coach, who will forward it to the Compliance Office. If a student-athlete voluntarily withdraws from an athletic team and is receiving athletic financial aid, such assistance will not be renewed for the following award period and is subject to immediate cancellation.

If a withdrawal statement is not received in the manner stated above, attempts will be made to contact the student-athlete and remind him/her of this policy and obtain a withdrawal statement. A record will be kept by the head coach of all efforts to contact student-athletes leaving the team. Failure by a student-athlete to follow this policy will be grounds for immediate discontinuation of his/her athletic grant-in-aid.

Reporting Violations

The NCAA stipulates that each student-athlete is responsible for his or her compliance with NCAA regulations. This condition applies to the period of recruitment, as well as participation in college. MSU's compliance policies and procedures have been developed for Athletic Department staff, student-athletes, and representatives of athletic interests, to educate and prevent violations BEFORE they occur. In the event a possible secondary or major violation is discovered, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY the Compliance Office and/or the Director of Athletics with the following information:

- The date, time and location of the violation.
- A description of the violation, including the affected rule.
- The identity of the coaches, prospective and enrolled student-athletes, and other individuals involved in the violation.
- The reason(s) the violation occurred.
- The means by which and when you became aware of the violation, and
- Any additional information that should be considered in reviewing this case.

The Compliance Office will review all the pertinent information and coordinate the University's reporting to the OVC and NCAA.

Student Host Guidelines

This information is intended as a guide for student-athletes who may serve as a host for a prospective student-athlete on his/her official (paid by the University) visit. Hosts will abide by established NCAA, OVC, and Morehead State University rules and policies governing prospective student-athlete official visits. Hosts will be responsible for insuring these policies and guidelines are followed when they are assigned to serve as a student host for any prospective student-athlete. Each coaching staff member will be educated on proper behaviors and procedures for utilizing student hosts, based on NCAA guidelines, by the compliance office prior to the start of each school year in order to empower them for training student hosts in each athletic program.

Student hosts will be required to sign an agreement outlining the appropriate conducts as established by MSU, OVC, PFL, and NCAA standards.

- o ☐ Host must be enrolled at Morehead State University as a full-time student.
- o The student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete
- o A maximum of \$75 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of \$150 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, his or her entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$40 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;
- o Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and

- o Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.
- o No cash may be given to the visiting prospect or anyone else.
- o Host must not be involved with, encourage, or promote any activity that involves alcohol, drugs, gambling, and/or sex. In addition, host must contact the head coach and/or the Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance at any time the prospect or anyone else associated with the visit fails to adhere to any and all of these guidelines.
- o Host may not transport the prospect or anyone accompanying the prospect more than 30 miles from campus.
- o Host may not use vehicles provided or arranged for or by any institutional staff member or booster of the athletics interests.
- o Host should not allow recruiting conversations to occur, on or off campus, between the prospect and a booster of the athletics program. (If an unplanned meeting occurs, only an exchange of greetings is permissible).
- o The prospect shall not be allowed to participate in any athletics related activity involving or related to the sport for which the prospect is being recruited.

Compliance Forms and Receipt Policies used for Prospects and Student Hosts

- A host instruction/receipt form will be provided for each student-athlete host prior to the official visit. The form will provide a list of all rules and the host will be required to read and sign the statement.
- A student-host expense report will also be provided and returned to the Athletic Department.

Entertainment

On and off campus, entertainment during an official visit should provide the prospective student-athlete with a picture of student life on campus and in the surrounding community. Student hosts and staff members must adhere to the aforementioned NCAA and OVC rules regarding entertainment and insure that it occurs within a 30-mile radius of campus. Further, no more than \$75 per day, per prospective student athlete, can be provided for entertainment during an official visit.

Behavioral Policy

Morehead State University student-athletes will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that creates a positive image of the people associated with the department.

- No underage use of alcohol. The use of alcohol by a prospective student-athlete at any time during the official visit is prohibited. Further, there is a zero tolerance policy in place for any student host with regard to alcohol for the duration of their duties as student host. Any violation of this policy could result in loss of scholarship, as determined by the head coach of that particular sport and the Director of Athletics.
- No use of drugs or sex as a recruiting device. Morehead State University does not and will not permit prospective student-athletes to be exposed to activities that encourage or involve the use of drugs or sex while on an official visit. Further, any student host who knowingly exposes or places prospective student-athletes in such a situation could face the elimination of their athletic scholarship, as determined by the head coach of that particular sport and the Director of Athletics.
- No activity that violates criminal law. Morehead State University Athletics will not permit any activity during an official visit that violates criminal law, including the condoning of underage drinking.
- No gambling/gaming activities. In conjunction with NCAA policy, Morehead State University strictly prohibits the use of gambling or gaming in any fashion (legal or illegal) by a prospective student-athlete or student host as a means of entertainment on an official visit.
- No use of strippers, gentlemen's clubs, or the equivalent. Morehead State University Athletics will not condone the use or visitation of or by strippers, gentlemen's clubs, or the equivalent during any official visit.
- Curfew, if any and unstructured time. Curfews are subject to the prospective student-athlete's head coach. Generally, student hosts and prospective student-athletes are expected to be in their room at a time that will allow enough rest (7-8 hours) to be alert and prepared for class or the second day of a

visit.

Violations

- Violations of Morehead State University's official on- campus recruitment policy shall be addressed based on the individual responsible for the infraction, as well as the degree of severity.
- A student-athlete, who serves as a host for a prospective student-athlete, shall be solely responsible for entertainment funds if they are provided by the coach or athletics department. The funds shall remain in the possessions of the student-athlete host and should never be given to the prospective student-athletes. These funds must be utilized for entertainment (e.g., food, recreation, movies) and can never be used to purchase souvenirs, gifts, alcoholic beverages or anything of that nature. According to NCAA **Bylaw 13.6.7.5** a student-athlete host is limited to a \$75-per-day entertainment fee.
- A student-athlete, who violates policy relative to the use of alcohol, drugs, sex, or entertainment, including the use of strippers and gentlemen's club or the equivalent, shall be suspended from 2 athletic events..
- A student-athlete who violates policy relative to criminal law that results in arrest or a crime involving gambling/gaming activities shall be immediately suspended from all athletically related activities until the matter is resolved, pursuant to the MSU Athletics Student-Athlete Behavior Policy. Upon resolution that results in charges being dropped or the student-athlete being cleared of charges through the judicial system, the student-athlete may be reinstated with the possibility of other departmental sanctions being imposed by the Director of Athletics as outlined in the student-athlete handbook. If the student-athlete is convicted, pleads no contest or guilty to a felony charge, he or she will be permanently dismissed from the team with his or her grant-in-aid being revoked immediately.
- Any student-athlete sanctioned for any of the aforementioned violations has the right to appeal under the procedures outlined in the student-athlete handbook. Violations by athletic department personnel, including but not limited to, administrators, coaching staff, athletic trainers, and staff will be addressed based on the severity of the violation.
- Remember, as a student host your actions are representative of all MSU students, and of the athletics program. As a host, you are not only the best representative of our program and the University, you could be the most influential factor in whether this prospect will attend Morehead State University.

Time Demands

Time Management Plans

Each program is required to create a weekly schedule that outlines a student-athlete's activities required by or at the direction of the coaches. Such activities include but are not limited to: practice, conditioning, weight training, community service, promotional events, fundraisers, etc. The weekly plan must be released on a consistent day throughout the year, as determined by team, and must be provided far enough in advance for the student-athlete to prepare for that week accordingly. After the schedule is distributed to the team, any change requires at least 24-hour notice. There is an exception to the 24-hour notice for sports with inclement weather issues.

Designated Time Off/Additional Days Off

After the last contest of the championship season, each sport must provide one week (seven days) where no countable athletically related activities occur. This policy is sport-specific. In regards to time demands, each program must provide its student-athletes an additional 14 days off from all countable athletically related activities (CARA) throughout the academic year. Seven of these days can be made up of designated time off after the championship season.

Team Rules

In order to insure student-athletes are properly informed of any team rules and policies, each Head Coach will prepare or work in conjunction with their teams to review/revise team rules and policies.

Upon completion of the rules, coaches will review them with their student-athletes. A copy of each team's rules will be kept on file in the athletics office.

Student-athletes may be suspended from teams without prior incident for using alcohol and/or other illegal drugs or banned substances.

Student-Athlete Behavior Policy

Because of the rising nature in profile of Morehead State Athletics and as all our sports teams attract considerable media attention, off-field indiscretions become spotlighted issues for media scrutiny.

Arrests and other unlawful activities on behalf of our student-athletes reflect poorly on the University, the athletics program, and the integrity of our student-athletes, both individually and collectively. It is not consistent with the character of Morehead State University and detracts from the successes of Morehead State student-athletes. Accordingly this plan, emulating plans of other institutions, is being presented for use beginning with this academic year.

Clearly stated expectations enable student-athletes to achieve their goals, academically and athletically. Athletes must understand that there is a standard that must be met on and off the field or court of play. If they do not meet that standard, the consequence of not participating in their sport of choice, or representing their university, can take place. The following set of standards is meant to clarify expectations and make clear any sanctions for misbehavior while tied to Morehead State University. Student-athletes make enormous contributions to the institution and the community by virtue of their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

Sanctions for Inappropriate Behavior among Morehead State Student-Athletes

The Morehead State Department of Intercollegiate Athletics requires administrators, coaches, athletic trainers, and staff to conduct themselves in a manner that creates a positive image of the people associated with the department. Similarly, student-athletes must uphold the same standards of conduct that will provide a means to serve as positive role models in the community and ambassadors for Morehead State. MSU recognizes that the clear statement of sanctions is necessary to address inappropriate behavior. Situations can be more clearly and objectively resolved when such a statement exists. The following sanctions are meant to serve as a basic guide. Team rules and other university policies, when allowing for more stringent penalty, may supersede the athletics department guidelines.

Felony Charge – Any student-athlete arrested and charged with a felony, or with a crime involving gambling or game fixing under Kentucky law or any other jurisdictional equivalent, shall be suspended automatically from practice and playing privileges until the charges are dropped, dismissed, or otherwise resolved. Athletics grant-in-aid may be retained until resolution is found. Appeal of this sanction may take place pursuant to appeal procedures found later in this policy.

Felony Conviction – Any student-athlete convicted of or pleading guilty or no contest to a felony charge or a game fixing charge under Kentucky law, or any other jurisdictional equivalent, shall be permanently dismissed from the team. The athlete shall have his/her grant-in-aid removed immediately for the

remainder of the academic year pursuant to NCAA **Bylaw 15.3.4.2**. The Athletic Department will recommend to the MSU Scholarship Committee that the grant-in-aid shall not be renewed for any subsequent period as well. The student-athlete may appeal this decision pursuant to appeal procedures found later in this policy. *Any student-athlete involved in gambling violations shall be subject to sanctions contained in Section 10.3 and 10.4 of the NCAA Division I Manual.*

Misdemeanor Charge and/or Conviction – Any student-athlete, arrested, charged, and/or convicted of a misdemeanor charge (with the exception of gambling charges related in sections A and B of this policy and other than minor traffic infractions) will be subject to a review process. The Director of Athletics will review the charges and all of the surrounding circumstances. The Director of Athletics may then impose sanctions.

The factors which the Director of Athletics will consider include, but are not limited to:

- Nature of charge (non-violent or violent)
- Self-disclosure of the violation
- Cooperation during the investigation with all parties involved
- Alcohol and/or drug use
- Prior behavior
- Consistency with regard to the actions taken in other cases

Sanctions imposed by the Director of Athletics can include, but are not limited to:

- Warning
- Probation
- Restricted use of athletic services or facilities
- Suspension from play and/or practice for a stated period of time
- Counseling by certified University counselors (for violations that may warrant such counseling)
- Dismissal from the team. The student-athlete shall retain his/her grant-in-aid for the balance of the academic year in which this activity takes place, pursuant to their continued enrollment at Morehead State. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics shall recommend to the MSU Scholarship Committee that the grant-in-aid not be renewed for any subsequent year.

This review process will be used when Department of Intercollegiate Athletics employees first learn of the charge and/or arrest. This review process will also be utilized again, in its entirety, if there is then a conviction resulting from the charge and/or arrest. The student-athlete may appeal any decision pursuant to appeal procedures found later in this policy. The initial review process will take from 7-10 days. Sanctions will be imposed within that time frame. The second review process will be completed within seven days of its initiation.

Privacy Concerns

In recognition of each student-athletes right to privacy, specific sanctions imposed under these procedures will not be announced publicly. Rather, if requested, a “violation of university or departmental policies” will be cited.

Appeals Procedure

Any student-athlete sanctioned under these procedures may appeal within 5 working days, in writing, to the Director of Athletics. In the event of an appeal, a Review Committee shall consider all factors, including any extenuating circumstances. The student-athlete may appear personally before the committee, with or without a representative of his/her own choosing from the members of the University community. Any appeals hearing referred to in this policy will take place within 2 weeks of an appeal request. The Review Committee shall be composed of:

- The Director of Athletics (or designee)
- The NCAA Faculty Representative (who shall chair the group)
- The Dean of Students

Within five working days after hearing the appeal, the committee shall issue its decision. Should the student-athlete choose, the President of Morehead State University may grant one final appeal, to take place within 5 days of other exhausted appeals options within this policy. The President's decision on review is final.

Student-Athlete Conduct Review Appeal Procedure

Any student-athlete sanctioned by the Director of Athletics outside of any other written policy (Conduct Policy, Alcohol and Other drug, etc.) under these procedures may appeal within 5 working days of the decision. He/she must submit a request for appeal to the Dean of Students in writing. The Dean of Students will notify the Director of Athletics and the Chair of the Student-Athlete Conduct Review Committee. In the event of an appeal, the committee shall consider all factors, including any extenuating circumstances. The student-athlete may appear personally before the committee, with or without a representative of her/his own choosing from the members of the university community. The committee will meet within 5 working days of receiving notice from the Dean of Students. The student-athlete must abide by the sanction of the Director of Athletics until the case has been reviewed by committee.

The review committee shall be composed of:

- a. Dean of Students
- b. Chief Diversity Officer
- c. Representative of Counseling Services
- d. Representative of MSU Police Department
- e. Voting member of the IAC to serve as chair

Within 3 working days after hearing the appeal, the committee shall issue its decision which shall be final with no further right of review.

Use of Name or Picture in Advertising

The following bylaws pertain to the use of likeness of current student athletes and modeling.

12.5.1.3 Continuation of Modeling and Other Non-athletically Related Promotional Activities After Enrollment. [A] If an individual accepts remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service prior to enrollment in a member institution, continued remuneration for the use of the individual's name or picture (under the same or similar circumstances) after enrollment is permitted without jeopardizing his or her eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 3/10/04)*

- (a) The individual's involvement in this type of activity was initiated prior to his or her enrollment in a member institution;
- (b) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;
- (c) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's name or involvement in intercollegiate athletics;
- (d) The individual does not endorse the commercial product; and
- (e) The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.5.2.1 Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete. After becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:

- (a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or
- (b) Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual's use of such product or service.

12.5.2.2 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Picture without Knowledge or Permission. If a student-athlete's name or picture appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to promote a commercial product sold by an individual or agency without the student-athlete's knowledge or permission, the student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain his or her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required in cases in which a student-athletes photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use. *(Revised: 1/11/97, 5/12/05)*

Media Interviews

Student-athletes are encouraged to interact with members of the news media as part of their overall intercollegiate athletics experience. Interviews **must** be scheduled through the athletic media relations office. On game/match days, no interviews should be conducted prior to or during a competition. Post- game/match interviews are common and should be conducted in the interview room or press box/row area under supervision of the athletic media relations staff, coaching staff, or athletic administrative staff.

Student-athletes are reminded that they are public figures and representatives of Morehead State University, Morehead State Athletics, and their respective teams and should conduct themselves as such in all public forums; interviews, public appearances, social media outlets, etc.,

Student-athletes wishing for assistance with any media issues should contact the Media Relations office at 783-2500.

Social Media

Student-athletes should be concerned with any behavior that might embarrass themselves, their families, their team and teammates, and/or Morehead State University. This includes ANY activities conducted online or on your phone. As a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate sports at MSU, you are a representative of the university and are always in the public eye. Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you use social networking web sites such as "Myspace," "Facebook," "Twitter," and photo sharing sites like Flickr and Picasa.

Anything posted online is available to anyone in the world. Any text or photo is completely out of your control the moment it is online even if you limit access to your site.

Consider the impact of posting information, photos, or other items online that could embarrass you, your family, your team, the athletic department, or MSU.

Do not post your home address, local address, phone number(s), birth date, or other personal information. Exercise caution as to what information you post on your website about your whereabouts or plans. You will be opening yourself up to predators.

Be aware of who you add as a friend to your site. Many people are looking to take advantage of student-athletes or seek connections with student-athletes to give them a sense of membership on a team. This includes sports agents, insurance predators, bookies and media members looking for "dirt."

Agents

12.3.1 General Rule. [A] An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey -- Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment.

[A] In baseball and men's ice hockey, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who is drafted by a professional baseball or men's ice hockey team may be represented by an agent or

attorney during contract negotiations. The individual may not receive benefits (other than representation) from the agent or attorney and must pay the going rate for the representation. If the individual does not sign a contract with the professional team, the agreement for representation with the agent or attorney must be terminated prior to full-time collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/15/16, Revised: 1/19/18)*

12.3.1.2 Exception -- NCAA-Certified Agents -- Men's Basketball. [A] *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.1 Elite Senior Prospective Student-Athletes. [A] In men's basketball, on or after July 1 immediately before his senior year in high school, a prospective student-athlete identified as an elite senior by USA Basketball may be represented by an NCAA-certified agent (see Bylaw 12.02.1.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18 Applicability to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft.)*

12.3.1.2.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes and Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- After Request for Evaluation From NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee. [A] In men's basketball, after the conclusion of the playing season, a student-athlete or a two-year college prospective student-athlete who has requested an evaluation from the NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee may be represented by an NCAA-certified agent (see Bylaw 12.02.1.2). *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.3 Expenses From an NCAA-Certified Agent. [A] *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.3. / 12 Expenses Before Agreement. [A] Before signing a written agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, a prospective or enrolled student-athlete (and his family members) who is eligible to be represented by an NCAA-certified agent may receive transportation and meals from an NCAA-certified agent in the locale where the prospective or enrolled student-athlete is located (e.g., locale of home or institution) in conjunction with the process to select an agent. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 For an elite senior high school prospective student-athlete, effective date to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft. Expenses permissible after appropriate changes to the Uniform Athlete Agent Act, Revised Uniform Athlete Agent Act and relevant state laws.)*

12.3.1.2.3. / 12 Expenses After Agreement. [A] After signing a written agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, the agent may provide the prospective or enrolled student-athlete (and his family members) with transportation, lodging and meals associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team. *(Adopted: 8/8/18 For an elite senior high school prospective student-athlete, effective date to be determined after NBA and NBPA evaluation of, and determination permitting, the eligibility for high school students to enter the NBA draft. For an enrolled student-athlete or two-year college prospective student-athlete, effective immediately.)*

12.3.1.2.4 No Missed Class Time. [A] A prospective or enrolled student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with the agent selection process or to meet with an agent or professional team. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.5 Written Agreement. [A] An agreement between a prospective or enrolled student-athlete and an NCAA-certified agent shall be in writing. An agreement that involves a prospective student-athlete shall be disclosed to the NCAA national office. An agreement that involves an enrolled student-athlete shall be disclosed to his institution. If a high school prospective student-athlete does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement must be terminated before full-time enrollment. If an enrolled student-athlete or two-year college prospective student-athlete does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement must be terminated before full-time enrollment in the ensuing regular academic term. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.2.6 Compensation for Representation. [A] A prospective or enrolled student-athlete is not required to compensate an NCAA-certified agent for his or her services. *(Adopted: 8/8/18)*

12.3.1.3 Representation for Future Negotiations. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw [12.3.1](#) if he or she enters into an oral or written agreement with an agent for representation in future

professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed his or her eligibility in that sport.

12.3.1.4 Benefits from Prospective Agents. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport.

12.3.1.5 Exception -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. [A] A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability. *(Adopted: 4/28/11)*

12.3.2 Legal Counsel. [A] Securing advice from a lawyer concerning a proposed professional sports contract shall not be considered contracting for representation by an agent under this rule, unless the lawyer also represents the individual in negotiations for such a contract.

12.3.2.1 Presence of a Lawyer at Negotiations. [A] A lawyer may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional organization or have any direct contact (in person, by telephone or by mail) with a professional sports organization on behalf of the individual. A lawyer's presence during such discussions is considered representation by an agent.

12.3.3 Athletics Scholarship Agent. [A] Any individual, agency or organization that represents a prospective student-athlete for compensation in placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid shall be considered an agent or organization marketing the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.3.3.1 Talent Evaluation Services and Agents. [A] A prospective student-athlete may allow a scouting service or agent to distribute personal information (e.g., high school academics and athletics records, physical statistics) to member institutions without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided the fee paid to such an agent is not based on placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid.

12.3.4 Professional Sports Counseling Panel. [A] It is permissible for an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel to: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/16/10)*

(a) Advise a student-athlete about a future professional career;

(b) Assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing a loan for the purpose of purchasing insurance against a disabling injury or illness and with arrangements for purchasing such insurance;

(c) Review a proposed professional sports contract;

(d) Meet with the student-athlete and representatives of professional teams;

(e) Communicate directly (e.g., in person, by mail or telephone) with representatives of a professional athletics team to assist in securing a tryout with that team for a student-athlete;

(f) Assist the student-athlete in the selection of an agent by participating with the student-athlete in interviews of agents, by reviewing written information player agents send to the student-athlete and by having direct communication with those individuals who can comment about the abilities of an agent (e.g., other agents, a professional league's players association); and

(g) Visit with player agents or representatives of professional athletics teams to assist the student- athlete in determining his or her market value (e.g., potential salary, draft status).

Bylaw 10.3.2 Sports Wagering Activities

(a) A student-athlete who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins ("point shaving") or who participates in any sports wagering activity involving the student-athlete's institution shall permanently lose all remaining regular- season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

(b) A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity through the Internet, a bookmaker or a parlay card shall be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum period of one year from the date of the institution's determination that a violation occurred and shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of eligibility. If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a later violation of any portion of **Bylaw 10.3**, the student-athlete shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

Athletic department administrators will be monitoring these web sites. You will be asked to friend a private MSU Athletics profile.

Online predators, potential employers, graduate programs and scholarship committees, police and internship supervisors, use these sites to gather information on persons of interest. Many graduate programs, scholarship committees, and employers now search these sites to screen applications. The athletic department advises MSU student-athletes to **exercise extreme caution** in their use of social networking websites.

Please note that you may be asked to remove a post or photo deemed to be inappropriate for a representative of Morehead State athletics. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact a member of the MSU athletics administrative staff for assistance.

6-Alcohol and Other Drugs

Alcohol and Other Drug Testing

Alcohol and Other Drug Testing

The abuse of alcohol and other drugs is a serious problem in our nation. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs have a negative and sometimes deadly effect on those who abuse them. The Office of Intercollegiate Athletics at Morehead State University firmly believes that the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs can have a negative effect on the performance of the student-athlete, both in the classroom and in their sport. The potential for drug abuse threatens the viability of collegiate athletes, the public's confidence in athletic departments and the academic reputation of colleges and universities.

A principal motivation for drug testing, aside from the concern for the health of student-athletes, is that drug abusers are not physically fit for the rigors of intercollegiate sports and therefore pose a risk of serious injury to themselves or others in the course of practice and competition. Moreover, drug abuse undermines the integrity of the University's athletic program.

Students who choose to become involved in intercollegiate athletics at Morehead State University are also subject to NCAA regulations, which currently require that student-athletes in all sports submit to a year round drug testing program. In addition, all student-athletes are subject to drug testing at NCAA championship events. Accordingly, students who become involved in intercollegiate athletics at Morehead State University will consent to and participate in the University's drug education and testing program.

Morehead State University's drug testing program shall include mandatory testing on a random basis and selective testing based on "reasonable suspicion" that a student-athlete is involved in alcohol and other drugs. Whenever there is "reasonable suspicion" to believe that a student-athlete is using alcohol or other drugs which are not indicated during the rigors of sport, and thereby poses a risk of serious injury to oneself or others, the student-athlete shall be tested. Although educational efforts will continue to be the major thrust of addressing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse by student-athletes, a clearly defined program of testing student-athletes is considered a reasonable, responsive and necessary element of the total program to deter and detect such use and to provide support to those individuals needing to overcome addictive behaviors.

Reasonable Suspicion

Reasonable suspicion will be determined if a student-athlete exhibits behaviors that are not consistent within the student-athlete's normal behavior. These considerations will be examined before administering drug testing.

Student-athlete begins to show:

- Poor motivation
- Sloppy hygiene and appearance
- Lack of hustle on field
- Irritability or loss of temper
- Failure to follow orders or lack of discipline
- Unexplained absences
- Common and routine injuries which will not heal or are recurrent

Has a recurrent problem with:

- Being late to practice, team meetings, or functions
- Missing appointments
- Ignoring curfews
- Staying up too late
- Falling asleep during the day/class

- Skipping meals

Appearance of the following signs and/or evidence of illness:

- Dilated or constricted pupils
- Droopy eyelid or reddish eyes
- Excessive scratching and breaking out of skin
- Constantly running, red nose
- Recurrent bouts of flu or colds that require medical attention
- Appears over-stimulated or “hyper”
- Becomes withdrawn and less communicative
- Repeated automobile and traffic violations

Consent Forms

Each student-athlete must sign an NCAA Consent Form and a Morehead State University drug testing authorization form each year. These forms will be kept on file by the Director of Athletics. A student-athlete who does not sign the authorization forms will not be permitted to participate in any team activities.

Required Testing

Random testing: Random testing may be administered on a per-team or teams basis. Student-athletes will be subject to drug testing at any time.

Drug screening on reasonable suspicion: After consulting the Director of Athletics or his/her designee, a coach or administrator within the Athletic Department may order drug testing for a student-athlete who demonstrating symptoms or behaviors, which are indicative of substance abuse. The coach or administrator must document in writing the grounds of his/her reasonable suspicion of drug use based on objective facts and/or reasonable inferences. To the extent practicable under the circumstances, the coach and administrator should discuss the matter with the student prior to documenting said grounds. The Director of Athletics or his/her representative must review this documentation.

Follow up Cause Testing: Student-athletes who have previous violations of the Alcohol and other Drug

Policy will be tested individually or as part of a regularly scheduled test for up to one calendar year.

Reentry: Drug Testing: Student-athletes must submit for a reentry test and be released by a Team Physician prior to returning to competition.

Pre-season Screening: Student-athletes are subject to pre-season drug testing and may be notified of such by the Director of Athletics or his/her designee at any time prior to his/her first competition.

Postseason/Championship Screening: Any participant or team likely to advance to post-season championship competition may be subject to additional testing. Testing may be required of all team members or individuals student-athletes at any time within thirty (30) days prior to the post-season competition. If a Student Athlete test positive, he or she will not be allowed to compete during the postseason unless he/she subsequently test negative prior to departure for the event.

Notification

The Student-athlete will be notified in person by a member of his/her coaching staff or the athletic training staff of his/her selection for drug screening. At the time of notification the athlete will be informed where and when to report for the screening. If the screening will take place at another time and location, the student athlete will sign a notification form.

Drug Screening

In order to protect the student-athlete from injury and protect the integrity of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program, the Athletic Department reserves the right to drug test the student-athletes under its supervision for drugs according to the procedures in this policy. Drug testing of the student-athlete will take place under these situations:

Procedure for Urine Sample Collection

- All student-athletes must sign NCAA Alcohol and other Drug Testing Consent Form, along with a Morehead State University Alcohol and other Drug Testing Consent Form.
- A list of student-athletes to be tested will be randomly generated from the NCAA squad list or team squad list. This list may include 5th year students with no remaining eligibility.
- Student-athletes will be notified in person by a University representative of impending University drug testing. Student-athletes will be asked to follow the University representative directly to the testing area.
- When a student-athlete is selected to be tested, he/she must report immediately to the collection area.
- If Student-athlete is informed of drug test prior to practice, the student-athlete will be allowed to participate with practice but the student-athlete must be under direct supervision until student-athlete produces a proper sample.
- A member of MSU Intercollegiate Athletics Department will be present in the collection area for donor identification and to assist the student-athlete.
- Collection of the sample will be performed by the University Health clinic in accordance with their collection procedures.
- Failure to appear, or refusing to give a urine specimen, will be cause of immediate suspension of the student-athlete from competition and or practice, and provides a basis for reasonable cause testing. Failure to appear or refusal to give a urine specimen will result in a positive exam. This suspension will be in force until reinstated by the Athletic Director.

Response Procedures for Positive Test Results

There are four ways in which a student-athlete can test positive under this program:

- The presence of one or more banned substances (as defined in the policy) or alcohol in the student-athletes urine sample.
- The manipulation, adulteration, or attempted manipulation or adulteration of any student-athletes urine sample by the student-athlete.
- Any arrest of a student-athlete for: DUI, and /or the purchase or possession of illegal banned substances (as defined in this policy).

Student-athletes are subject to punitive actions from Morehead State University Alcohol and other Drug Policy for any of these violations.

Athletic Department Penalties for Positive Tests

In addition to University penalties:

First Positive test: If a student-athlete tests positive or refuses to participate in required test, the following actions will be taken:

- All test results will be mailed by the testing facility to the Director of Sports Medicine. The Director of Sports Medicine will notify the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics or his/her designee and Team Physician.
- The Athletic Director or his/her designee will inform the student-athlete verbally and in writing within 48 hours of the positive test result or of the consequences of refusing to be tested, refusal of testing will constitute a positive exam. The Director of Sports Medicine will notify the University Counseling Center of any positive tests.
- Student-athlete will be suspended for up to 10% of the regular season contests. If the suspension occurs during the end of the season or during the summer, the remaining suspension will be served at the beginning of the next season.
- Student-athlete will be suspended from practice and games up until student-athlete has been seen by the University Counseling Center and a treatment program has been established. The Director of Athletics will use his/her discretion in cases where appointments cannot be arranged with the University Counseling Center within a timely manner.
- Student-athlete may be allowed to participate in team practices if it is determined to be safe by the Team Physician.
- The student-athlete will be required to participate in counseling at the University Counseling Center or from a private Counseling Center of the student-athlete's choice and expense. The private Counseling Center must be approved by the University Counseling Center. The student-athlete will

sign a release so that the Director of Athletics may be informed of progress of the counseling sessions. The University Counseling Center must certify verification of participation and success progression. The athlete must attend counseling until released by the Center.

- Student-athlete will be indefinitely suspended, if he/she misses or does not participate or progress in drug counseling sessions. Removal of suspension will be up to the Director of Athletics.
- University Counseling Center will send a letter verifying completion of program, to the Director of Athletics.
- Parent/guardian notification by Director of Athletics in cases of dependent student-athletes.
- The Director of Athletics may determine whether the student-athlete's athletic grant-in-aid will be reduced or cancelled.
- Following a positive drug test repeated unannounced testing will occur, and a negative result is required for eligibility to be restored.
- The student-athlete will be subject to re-entry and follow-up testing at any time during the current academic year or ensuing academic years during their eligibility at MSU. Refusal to participate in retest will be treated as a second positive test.

Second positive test: If a student-athlete tests positive a second time during his/her eligibility at MSU or refuses to participate in a required test:

- All test results will be mailed by the testing facility to the Director of Sports Medicine. The Director of Sports Medicine will notify the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics or his/her designee and Team Physician.
- The Athletic Director or his/her designee will inform the student-athlete verbally and in writing within 48 hours of the positive test result or of the consequences of refusing to be tested, refusal of testing will constitute a positive exam. The Director of Sports Medicine will notify the University Counseling Center of any positive tests.
- The student-athlete will be required to participate in counseling at the University Counseling Center or a private Counseling Center of the student-athlete's choice and expense. Private Counseling Center must be approved by the University Counseling Center. The student-athlete will sign a release so that the Director of Athletics may be informed of progress of the counseling sessions. The University Counseling Center must certify verification of participation and success progression. The athlete must attend counseling until released by the Center.
- The student-athlete will be suspended for at least 50% of the in-season contests, in addition to the required counseling. If the suspension occurs during the end of the season or during the summer, the remaining suspension will be served at the beginning of the next season.
- Student-athlete may be allowed to participate in team practices if it is determined to be safe by the Team Physician.
- The student-athlete will be subject to re-entry and follow-up testing at any time during the current academic year or ensuing academic years during his/her eligibility at Morehead State University. Refusal to take a repeat test will be treated as a positive test.
- Prior to re-instatement of eligibility, evidence of progress towards satisfactory completion of all counseling/educational and other sanctions must be verified. Lack of completion of any sanctions will result in ineligibility.
- Student-athlete will be indefinitely suspended, if he/she misses or does not participate in drug counseling sessions. Removal of suspension will be up to the Director of Athletics.
- University Counseling Center will send a letter verifying completion of program to the Director of Athletics.
- The Director of Athletics may determine whether the student-athlete's athletic grant-in-aid will be reduced or cancelled.
- Following a positive drug test repeated unannounced testing will occur, and a negative result is required for eligibility to be restored.
- Parent/guardian notification by Director of Athletics in cases of dependent student-athlete.
- The student-athlete will be subject to re-entry and follow-up testing at any time during the current academic year or ensuing academic years during their eligibility at MSU. Refusal to participate in retest will be treated as a third positive test.

Third positive test: If student-athlete tests positive a third time during his/her eligibility at MSU or refuses to

participate in a required test:

- All test results will be mailed by the testing facility to the Director of Sports Medicine. The Director of Sports Medicine will notify the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics or his/her designee and Team Physician.
- The Director of Athletics or his/her designee will inform the student-athlete verbally and in writing within 48 hours of the positive test result or of the consequences of refusing to be tested, refusal of testing will constitute a positive exam. The Director of Sports Medicine will notify the University Counseling Center of any positive tests.
- The student-athlete will be permanently suspended.
- Parent/guardian notification by Director of Athletics in cases of dependent student-athlete.
- Student-athlete will lose grant-in-aid and permanently removed from team.

All offenses are cumulative throughout the student-athlete's eligibility.

Upon initial evaluation by the University Counseling Center, notification will be sent by the University Counseling Center to the Director of Athletics advising him/her of the start of the treatment program. Upon conclusion of the treatment program, the University Counseling Center will send a second notification advising the Director of Athletics of its completion. The notification will be kept in a secure location in the AAC.

Failure to Comply

Failure to submit a signed consent form renders the student-athlete ineligible to practice or to represent Morehead State University in intercollegiate competition and may result in the loss of athletic grant-in-aid athletics. Failure to provide a urine sample as requested will result in a positive exam.

Appeal Procedure

An appeal procedure is available to any student-athlete found to have tested positive for a prohibited substance. The student-athlete must request the appeal within 48 hours of being informed of the positive test result. The appeal will be heard by the faculty representative to the NCAA, a University Counseling Center member, and a member of the Morehead State University athletic administration who did not order the test.

The student-athlete, at his/her own expense, gives a second sample to be tested at a University approved laboratory. The student-athlete will remain eligible until all appeals are heard.

The student-athlete may request a review of a reported positive result. The appeal of the positive test results must be based upon one of the following:

- Evidence of procedural error.
- Evidence which refutes the positive finding.
- A written request for review accompanied by supporting evidence must be submitted to the Director of Athletics within the allotted 48 hours of notification of the test results.
- The Appeals Committee will be made up of the Director of Athletics, Faculty Academic Representative, and a representative of the University Counseling Center. Director of Sports Medicine will be present in an advisory role.
- The Appeals committee will meet as soon as possible, but within 7 business days of the student-athlete's request. The appeal hearing will consist of a review of all available evidence related to the initial findings as well as new evidence or documentation provided by the student-athlete.
- The Appeals committee may affirm the initial findings or reverse the initial findings. Only the second will be considered as a method of retesting, no other retest will be allowed.

A written copy of the appeal decision will be provided to the student-athlete and the Athletic Department within two working days of the hearing.

Alcohol violations not involving a motor vehicle (i.e. public intoxication, minor in possession, violations of Morehead State alcohol and other drug policy) are subject to review by the Director of Athletics. Penalties from such violations will be determined by the Director of Athletics.

Confidentiality

Test results are kept confidential. Only the Director of Athletics, Team Physician(s), Director of Sports Medicine, Head Coach, and University Counseling Center are informed of the identity of the student-athlete.

Other individuals (Assistant Coaches, Athletic Trainers, Academic Staff, Medical Staff, etc.) will be informed only on a need-to-know basis.

Safe Harbor Program

Any student-athlete who has a drug or alcohol problem may report it to either the University Counseling Center, a member of the athletic department, or to a member of the coaching staff without penalty. The student-athlete will then receive aid in addressing issues of dependency without incurring stated University penalties.

A student-athlete eligible for the Safe Harbor Program may refer him or herself to the program for voluntary evaluation, testing, and counseling. A student is not eligible for the program after her/she has been informed of an impending drug test or after having received a positive University or NCAA Drug test.

The University Counseling Center will help prepare a Safe Harbor Treatment plan, which will include a confidential preliminary drug test. The initial test will not result in any administrative sanction. However, the Team Physician may suspend the student-athlete from activity if medically indicated.

Student-athlete will be permitted to stay in Safe Harbor Program for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed forty-five (45) days, as determined by the treatment plan.

A student-athlete will only be permitted to enter the Safe Harbor Program one time during his/her athletic eligibility at Morehead State University. If a student-athlete is determined to have any new substance use after the initial Safe Harbor Program test, or fails to comply with the Safe Harbor treatment plan, the student athlete will be removed from the Safe Harbor Program and be subject to appropriate sanctions as detailed in the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Any positives after Safe Harbor Program will be treated as a positive test and all sanctions are applicable.

Student-athletes in the Safe Harbor Program may be tested by the NCAA. Compliance or participation in the University's Safe Harbor Program does not remove him/her from NCAA Testing. While in compliance with the Safe Harbor treatment plan, the student-athlete will not be included in the list of students eligible for random drug testing by Morehead State University. Team Physician, Director of Athletics, and Director of Sports Medicine shall be informed of the student-athletes involvement in the Safe Harbor Program. Other University employees may be informed only to the extent necessary for the implementation of this policy.

Tobacco Use

The NCAA stipulates that the use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., student athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, managers, and game officials) in all sports during practice and competition. Violation of this rule could result in loss of eligibility.

Dietary Supplements

Many nutritional/dietary supplements contain NCAA banned substances. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not strictly regulate the supplement industry; therefore purity and safety of nutritional/dietary supplements cannot be guaranteed. Impure supplements may lead to a positive NCAA drug test. The NCAA has documented cases of student-athletes testing positive for banned substances when the student-athlete's claimed they were only using "nutritional substances." Due to this finding, the NCAA has issued the following statement: "The use of these and all substances is at the student-athlete's risk." The MSU athletic department and staff does not advocate the use of non-permissible substances.

For further questions regarding dietary supplements please feel free to visit the Resource Exchange Center at www.drugfreesport.com/rec.

A list of banned drugs may be found at the www.drugfreesport.com or in the Morehead State University Athletic Department website.

7-To Your Health

Sports Medicine

Your physical well-being is not only vital to athletic success, but important to living a long, healthy life. Morehead State University takes extreme caution and concern to safeguard your health and has established policies regarding illness and injury, payment, referrals, specific medical concerns, treatment, and the Athletic Training Center.

Pre-Participation Physical Examination

- All student-athletes (scholarship and walk-ons) must pass a Pre-Participation Physical Examination given by Morehead State University Team Physicians. No student-athlete will be allowed to participate, until the Physical Exam is complete and on file in the Athletic Training Center.
- This Physical Exam will be in effect for the duration of the academic year.
- All student-athletes must provide active primary medical insurance prior to the scheduling of the Physical Exam.
- A Sickle Cell Solubility Test is mandatory for all student-athletes.
- It is mandatory for all student-athletes to undergo baseline concussion testing.
- A history of medical problems, previous injuries, and family medical history must be provided during the Physical Exam.
- The student-athlete must report any special conditions to the Sports Medicine staff at the time of the Physical Exam.
- Failure to report any previous injuries or special condition to the Sports Medicine staff will release Morehead State University from any liability in the event of another injury caused by the unreported condition.
- Student-athletes who present special medical problems may be required to be examined by a specialist prior to being granted full participation status and passing the Physical Exam. Payment for any tests or procedures ordered to clear a student-athlete for participation is the responsibility of the student-athlete.
- Loss of one paired organ (kidney, eye, etc.) may disqualify a student-athlete from participation. The student-athlete and his/her parent will be required to sign a waiver/release form.

Medical Treatment

All student-athletes must report injuries or illnesses to the Sports Medicine staff as soon as possible.

Athletic-Related Injuries

- A Certified Athletic Trainer will initially evaluate and provide treatment for all injuries.

- Orthopedic injuries will be evaluated by Head Team Physician or orthopedic consultant from Beacon Orthopedics. If further imaging is required, test will be ordered at that time.
- Appointments not referred or coordinated by the Sports Medicine staff are the responsibility of the student-athlete. This includes but is not limited to financial, travel and coordination of information.
- Any student-athlete who wishes to seek a second opinion may do so at their own expense or at the approval of the Assistant Director of Athletics/Director of Sports Medicine. The Head Team Physician or Senior Orthopedic Consultant will have the final clearance in the return to full team participation.

Non-Athletic-Related Injuries

- The Sports Medicine Staff will evaluate and treat non-athletic problems for the student-athlete. Should the Sports Medicine Staff feel it is necessary to refer the student-athlete to a general medicine physician; the partnership with Morehead State Health Clinic or St. Claire Family Medicine will be utilized.
- The University is not responsible for non-athletic general medicine costs.
- This includes but is not limited to colds, flu, mono, allergies, tonsillitis, cavities, dermatitis, acne, ulcers, ear infections, or any injuries that are not a direct result of practice, competition, and/or team travel.

Referrals

- Medical referral appointments will be made by the Sports Medicine staff, Head Team physician, or Senior Orthopedic Consultant only.
- Sports Medicine staff will try to schedule appointments that accommodate the student-athlete's schedule. Should a conflict arise, it is the student-athlete's responsibility to inform the Sports Medicine Staff and cancel the appointment.
- Any student-athlete who wishes to seek a second opinion may do so at their own expense or at the approval of the Director of Sports Medicine. The Head Team Physician or Senior Orthopedic Consultant will have the final clearance in the return to full team participation.

Specific Medical Concerns

- **Contact lenses/glasses:** Eye appointments must be made through the Athletic Training Center. These can be provided in accordance with **NCAA Bylaw 16.4.1(f)** which stipulates that glasses, contact lenses, or protective eye wear (e.g., goggles) for student-athletes who require visual correction in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics, may be financed by the institution. Contacts will be issued based on playing weeks. Issued contacts are to be used during the playing weeks only. If you run out of contact lenses, you will not be issued more during that same season.
- **Dental injuries:** Only injuries that are a direct result of athletic participation will be covered by Morehead State's excess insurance.
- **Medication:** Morehead State University will only be responsible for those medications that are deemed necessary as a direct result of an athletic injury. Any medication that is prescribed secondary to a non-athletic injury or illness must be reported to the Sports Medicine staff.
- ADD and ADHD medication must be reported prior to the start of the academic year. The use of these medications requires specific documentation from the prescribing physician and must be kept on file in the Athletic Training Center yearly.

Medical Payments

Morehead State University carries an excess medical insurance policy on all student-athletes. Primary medical insurance will be utilized first. The University policy will be used under the following provisions:

- Payment on the balance remaining after primary insurance company has made payment.

- Primary insurance has denied payment and proof of the denial is sent to the excess medical insurance policy.
- This insurance policy will only be used in the event of an athletic related injury. Should the student-athlete be injured at home or not in a University regulated practice or competition the total cost of medical attention will be the student-athlete's responsibilities.
- Morehead State University will not be responsible for any bills as a result of a pre-existing injury (any injury prior to the student-athlete's first pre-participation physical exam).
- Absolutely no charges can be made by any student-athlete, for medical treatment, without the Director of Sports Medicine's prior approval.
- Morehead State University will no longer be medically responsible for any student-athlete who withdraws from the University, is academically disqualified, quits a team, or is no longer eligible for intercollegiate athletics. The only exception to this situation is when the student-athlete or parents make arrangements in the above-mentioned situations.
- Morehead State University strongly urges all student-athletes and parents to carry primary medical insurance.
- Student-athletes may be required to return to their HMO/PPO to receive advanced medical procedure
- Medical bills will only be covered for two years from the injury date. Any bills occurring after the two year deadline will be the responsibility of the athlete.

Athletic Training Center Rules and Regulations

- The Athletic Training Center is located in the northwest corner of Jayne Stadium, attached to the football locker room, the Athletic Training Center houses state of the art rehabilitative equipment. Auxiliary Athletic Training rooms are also located in the AAC room 175.
- Do not treat yourself. Check in with a Sports Medicine staff member before any treatment. Every injury must be evaluated by an Athletic Trainer prior to initiating any treatment.
- Do not interfere or touch equipment that you or someone else is connected to.
- Shower before any post-practice treatment.
- Shorts and shirts must be worn at all times. No cleats are allowed to be worn in the Athletic Training Center.
- There is no eating, drinking, smoking, or tobacco chewing allowed in the Athletic Training Center.
- The Athletic Training Center is not a lounge; it is for taping, treatments, and rehabilitation.
- The parking lot next to the Athletic Training Center is for Sports Medicine staff only. Please do not park there.
- If you are issued pads, braces, sleeves, etc. take care of them. You must return any item at the end of the season. You are responsible for any item that is checked out to you.
- Be on time for all appointments. This includes Athletic Training Center treatments and visits to any physician. Appointments are made by the Sports Medicine staff only. Every effort is made so as to not conflict with student-athlete's class or practice times.

Phil Simms Weight Training Center Rules

The Strength and Conditioning facilities are safe facilities as long as common sense is utilized. Always think cautiously when performing any exercise. The Strength facilities were created so you would have the opportunity to become stronger and more injury resistant. They are not places where injuries should occur. Weight room rules have been established for your safety.

- The weight room is accessible to members of MSU athletic teams only. Student-athletes must be supervised by a coach at all times while in the Phil Simms Weight Training Center.
- Absolutely no parking will be allowed inside the stadium area, near the athletic training center, or on the track. Any vehicles found in violation will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Be respectful of the facility and keep it clean.
- Wear tennis shoes at all times.
- Return weights to racks.
- After use, return weight belts to the hangers.
- Work out with intensity.
- Have a spotter at all times.
- A shirt must be worn at all times; No sports bras.
- Do not throw tape, pre-wrap, cups, etc. in the weight room.
- Food and/or drinks (besides sports drinks or water) are not permitted in the weight room.
- Tobacco or spitting is not permitted in the weight room.
- Do not bring radios into the weight room. Music being played will be controlled by the coach.
- No Horseplay!
- Do not touch the sound system.
- All athletes must wear MSU athletic gear in weight room.
- Do not spit on walls, floors, or in the water fountain.
- Do not remove weight equipment from the facility. (example: dumbbells)
- If an injury should occur, immediately contact an Athletic Training Center staff member.
- Call the Strength Coach if you are running late or are unable to make a lifting session.

8 - Athletic Senior Staff Directory

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