

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK



2013-2014

Dear Student-Athlete:

I am delighted to welcome you to Clemson University. As a former Clemson student-athlete myself, I encourage you to take great pride in our university, its history and traditions. I hope you become a full participant in everything this great institution has to offer.

Students who choose to attend Clemson are among the nation's best and brightest. With the commitment and dedication of our outstanding coaches, faculty and staff, and the support of Vickery Hall staff, you will have every opportunity to achieve your academic goals. The Atlantic Coast Conference is recognized worldwide as one of the nation's finest conferences athletically and academically. I challenge you to help us establish Clemson as the ACC's finest. Let's fill the ACC-Academic Honor Roll and All-Conference teams with Tigers.

At Clemson, we are committed to performing at the highest athletic and academic levels, and we will always pursue this excellence with integrity. Remember, you represent Clemson on and off the field of play. You are our finest ambassadors.

I look forward to talking with you on campus and cheering as you compete with your teammates. I wish you great success this year and throughout your career at Clemson, and I hope you will join me in honoring our great university and all that Clemson represents.

Sincerely,

James F. Barker, FAIA
President

Dear Tigers,

On behalf of the Clemson University Athletic Department, we are excited to have you in the Tiger family for the 2013-14 academic and athletic year. You have the opportunity to make an impact that will last long after you collect your diploma. You will be challenged to excel in the classroom and in competition. In everything you do, you represent your family, friends, hometown, teammates, the Athletic Department, and Clemson University.

The next four to five years of your career will include working toward an academic degree and participation in practice and competition for an athletic team, while also growing and developing personally, emotionally, and spiritually as an individual. The administration, coaches, and support staff are committed to doing all that we can to help you seize every opportunity while you are here, inside and outside the lines of competition. We will provide you with every available resource, but it is your responsibility to dedicate yourself to earning your degree, competing to the best of your ability, and staying committed to your own personal development. Clemson University is considered to be one of the top institutions in the nation, and it is our goal to send you into your future career field, whether in athletics or out, among the most prepared for success.

I wish you the very best over your career. We have more than 450 student-athletes, with coaches, and support staff committed to doing all that we can to help you seize every opportunity, in all facets of your development. However, it is your responsibility to take advantage of these resources as you forge your own path. It is now your time to be a Clemson Tiger.

I look forward to getting to know you and following your career, and helping you develop a lasting relationship with Clemson University.

Go Tigers!
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Clemson University Athletic Department Mission Statement

The department of athletics offers nationally prominent athletic programs. Through a dedicated commitment to educational interests, a competitive athletic program and integrity in all areas, the student-athletes, coaches and staff strive to bring credit and recognition to Clemson University.

The mission of the Athletic Department is to sponsor broad-based athletics programs that provide educational, athletic and equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including young women and minorities. Furthermore, the department fosters and supports opportunities for young men and women to grow, governed by the ideals of integrity, sportsmanship and fair play. It supports the hopes and aspirations of its student-athletes, its administration, its coaches and its staff, as well as the student body as a whole, and is dedicated in assisting them to achieve the highest levels of academic success, personal development and excellence in athletics competition.

Furthermore, the Athletic Department seeks to be a source of pride for the citizens of South Carolina and to be recognized as a nationally prominent program, through consistently high levels of performance and accomplishment in athletic competitions.

The Athletic Department strives to develop student-athletes academically and athletically with the total commitment of aiding their efforts to graduate from Clemson University and advance to careers that will enable them to be productive members of society.

The Athletic Department is committed to the general welfare of student-athletes and embraces the NCAA's principles of sportsmanship and ethical conduct. It is dedicated to ensuring ethical, honest, and sportsmanlike behavior in full compliance with all federal, state, NCAA, Atlantic Coast Conference and University rules and regulations.

Embraced in the mission of the Athletic Department are the following principles:

1. To provide support in all areas of student-athlete welfare including academics, physical and emotional well-being, social development, personal growth, wellness, career and community service;
2. To recruit student-athletes who possess reasonable expectations of academic, athletic and social success;
3. To provide facilities, equipment, training and health care to ensure that student-athletes have the opportunity to excel, ensuring always the equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including women and minorities;
4. To maintain a sound financial base through adequate funding and appropriate management of funds;
5. To operate in compliance with all rules of the University, Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA;
6. To encourage student-athletes, coaches and staff to participate in appropriate community service activities, consistent with University, Conference and NCAA rules and regulations;
7. To employ coaches and staff consistent with University and Athletic Department philosophy and standards of integrity, moral conduct and sportsmanship;

8. To support equitable opportunities for all student-athletes, administrators and staff including women and minorities; and
9. To support equitable opportunities for all coaches and staff in areas such as advancement, benefit increases, and continuing education.

About Clemson Athletics

Teams

There are 19 Clemson teams and approximately 450 student-athletes. Nine men's teams compete in football, basketball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track, baseball, tennis, soccer, and golf. The soccer, football and golf teams have won national championships. On the women's side, nine teams compete in volleyball, basketball, cross country, indoor and outdoor track, rowing, tennis, soccer, diving, and golf.

Sport Supervision

An administrator supports each team's efforts to win ACC and NCAA championships and serves as the primary administrative contact for the team's coaches and student-athletes.

IPTAY

IPTAY, an acronym for I Pay Ten (dollars) A Year, started in 1934 to provide athletic scholarships for Clemson University student-athletes. While IPTAY has evolved and grown, the basic principles that were established in 1934 remain the same.

IPTAY has been regarded by many as the father of athletic fundraising and has transformed Clemson University into a national power due to the generous support of IPTAY donors. IPTAY's mission is to provide student-athletes the resources and opportunities to succeed in and out for the classroom while competing at the highest level of collegiate athletics. The annual donations support the following:

- All athletic scholarships;
- Vickery Hall and the student-athlete enrichment programs;
- Construction of new facilities;
- Tiger Band, including uniforms, instruments and travel; and
- The IPTAY Academic Scholarship Endowment.

If you or your parents have any questions about IPTAY or how to join IPTAY please contact Lindsey Leonard at lsweval@clemson.edu or 864-656-2975.

IPTAY Collegiate Club

The IPTAY Collegiate Club is made up of over 5,000 Clemson University students who support Clemson Athletics. A Collegiate Club membership is \$40. For more information on how to join the IPTAY Collegiate Club, please contact Lindsey Leonard, lsweval@clemson.edu or 864-656-2975.

Exit Interviews / Annual Interviews / Annual Survey

There are 3 formal means by which student-athletes can assist in identifying the strengths of the athletic programs and areas needing to be strengthened.

Exit interviews are conducted with all student-athletes graduating, exhausting eligibility or leaving the team or the University.

Annual interviews may be conducted with student-athletes who have eligibility remaining.

Annual surveys with all student-athletes are conducted following the conclusion of each season.

Sport supervisors will initiate each of these. Student-athletes are encouraged to informally provide feedback at other times throughout their experience.

Standards and Policies

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Clemson University Code of Conduct

Student-athletes are held accountable to the same policies and procedures as other University students outlined at <http://www.clemson.edu/administration/student-affairs/student-handbook/code-of-conduct/index.html>

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

As a valued member of the Clemson Athletic Department, I will use my talents to attain a quality education and earn a degree. Although time commitments are demanding during the athletic season, I will remain academically eligible, attend class, inform professors of expected absences due to official athletic events, maintain academic honesty, and make maximum use of Vickery Hall and its programs.

As a member of Clemson University's athletics family, I will responsibly represent, with integrity, the values, traditions, and people of Clemson University. As a Clemson University student-athlete, I will display good sportsmanship, know and follow NCAA and ACC guidelines, obey team rules and policies, and always give 100 percent effort to positively represent Clemson University on the field, in the classroom, and in my daily life.

Hazing

Hazing is not tolerated at Clemson, and by extension, in the Athletic Department. Student-athletes who have concerns/questions are encouraged to speak out. This can be done in an open forum (e.g. speak up with the offenders); or to a staff member with whom you feel comfortable. Members of the Athletic Department staff have a duty to follow-up on all reports of hazing. The student-athlete can be assured that their safety is of paramount importance, and their report will be handled appropriately. Information on hazing can be accessed at:

http://www.clemson.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=28500&ATCLID=206732361

Athletic Department Standard of Conduct / Discipline Policy

Athletic Department Guiding Principle of Pride: "Our actions honor our University, its traditions, teams, performance, people, and each other".

Participation in athletics is a privilege that carries a tremendous amount of responsibility for the student-athlete. As Clemson University's most visible ambassadors, student-athletes are expected to uphold high standards of integrity and behavior that will reflect well upon them, their families, coaches, teammates, the Athletic Department, and Clemson University. Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior and performance as representatives of Clemson University, to respect the rights of others, and abide by all rules and regulations of Clemson University, the ACC, the NCAA, and the Athletic

Department. Failure to comply with said rules may result in suspension, probation or dismissal from the team; non-renewal of athletic financial aid; or expulsion from the University. This policy covers student-athlete behavior on and off the field including that engaged in during social networking and in public media.

Student-athlete Misconduct

Student-athletes are held accountable by the same policies and procedures as other University students as outlined in the Clemson University Student Handbook. In addition they are held to the Clemson University Athletic Department Standard of Conduct and Discipline outlined here. The head coach of each sport also has his/her own set of team rules, and is responsible for enforcing these rules. The Clemson Athletic Department Administration will fully support appropriate disciplinary action taken by a coach in concurrence with the Director of Athletics.

Reporting Misconduct

The student-athlete has the responsibility to report any detainment by a law-enforcement agency; criminal charges filed by any agency; and other significant Code of Conduct violations to their coach immediately (within 24-hours of the incident). Student-athletes failing to comply with this expectation may be subject to greater consequences.

The coach, upon receiving a report of misconduct, is required to inform the Associate Director of Athletics for Performance or the Director of Athletics immediately or within 12 hours after learning of the infraction.

Sanctions for Misconduct

A student-athlete will be suspended immediately from all athletic activity, if arrested for and /or charged with:

- Any felony offense
- Sports wagering, gambling, game fixing
- Illegal possession of a weapon
- Sexual assault

Upon adjudication, these cases will be referred to the Conduct Review Board (CRB) for review and documentation.

A student-athlete arrested for and /or charged with a DUI will be withheld immediately from not less than the next 10% of their intercollegiate (championship segment) competitions. The head coach will recommend, within seven days, a course of action, and upon review by the Director of Athletics, administer further sanctions if warranted.

For all other misdemeanor charges/convictions, the head coach will recommend, within seven days, a course of action, and upon concurrence of the Director of Athletics, administer sanctions.

Clemson University Athletic Department Conduct Review Board (CRB)

The CRB will be appointed by the Director of Athletics for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the conduct policy, identify trends, and serve as a judicial board under specifically defined circumstances. Membership of the Board will comprise five members to be appointed by the Director of Athletics.

The CRB will hold regularly scheduled update meetings.

The CRB will meet to review student-athlete cases associated with:

Review of a student-athlete's suspension after their arrest/charge has been adjudicated, to recommend a course of action to the Director of Athletics who can lift or modify, leave in place, extend, or make permanent the suspension or take other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. The CRB may also be asked to review other discipline cases as requested by the Director of Athletics.

In reviewing a case, the CRB will consider factors such as:

- Nature of offense;
- Involvement of drugs / alcohol;
- Conduct in other areas of student-athlete responsibility (e.g. academics, institution, etc.);
- Past behaviors / repeated misconduct / repeated association with acts of misconduct;
- Multiple violations within a single act of misconduct;
- Student-athlete demeanor (to include self-disclosure of offense);
- Student-athlete cooperation during investigation.

Sanctions will subsequently be imposed, and may include, but not be limited to:

- Disciplinary warning;
- Disciplinary probation;
- Deferred suspension from athletic participation;
- Suspension from practice and/or athletic activity for a pre-determined period of time;
- Restriction upon the use of athletic facilities and services;
- Appropriate restitution;
- Community service;
- Counseling / educational programs;
- Permanent dismissal from the team (The Athletic Department will recommend that the student-athlete not have their grant-in-aid renewed for any succeeding academic year).

None of the sanctions imposed by the Athletic Department are meant to supersede the authority or proceedings assigned to other on-campus or off-campus entities.

The CRB will prepare, and submit to the Director of Athletics an annual report on all activities, and make recommendations on efficacy of conduct policy, associated sanctions, and educational programs in place to support positive student-athlete behavior.

Appeal Process

Student-athletes subject to sanctions as a result of violations to the Code of Conduct may, in writing, appeal the sanction with the Director of Athletics within five business days of the receipt of the decision. Failure to submit an appeal within the allotted time will render the original decision final.

An appeal is warranted based upon a claim of:

- An error so substantial that the student-athlete did not receive a fair review of their issue;
- The student-athlete has new information to support their case that was not immediately available at the time of the original review;
- The sanction was arbitrary or grossly disproportionate to the offense.

The student-athlete will schedule a meeting to present their case to the Director of Athletics. The student-athlete has the right to have an advisor/representative (non-lawyer) present. Sanctions being appealed shall remain enforced while the appeal is under consideration. The decision of the Director of Athletics is final.

Social Media Use

Student-athletes are permitted to have profiles on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook. This is contingent upon the understanding that a. no offensive or inappropriate pictures are posted, b. no offensive or inappropriate comments are posted, and c. any information posted on the site does not violate the ethics and core values of Clemson University, the Athletic Department; not violate the University nor Athletic Department Codes of Conduct, and all other local, state and federal laws.

Head coaches have the authority to limit their team's access to, and use of social media during specified time periods.

Refer to the Athletic Department's statement, and guidelines on social networking and public media posted at http://www.clemsontigers.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=28500&ATCLID=206732361.

Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct

Student-athletes are subject to the rules and regulations of the NCAA and ACC governing unsportsmanlike conduct. Additionally, student-athletes are expected to abide by the Athletic Department's Guiding Principle of Pride: "Our actions honor our University, traditions, teams, performance, people, and each other."

The principle of sportsmanship and ethical conduct (NCAA Bylaw 2.4) (*FROM THE NCAA MANUAL*) For intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches, and all others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values not only in athletic participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletic program. It is the responsibility of each institution to:

- (a) Establish policies for sportsmanship and ethical conduct in intercollegiate athletics consistent with the educational mission and goals of the institution; and
- (b) Educate, on a continuing basis, all constituencies about the policies in NCAA Bylaw 2.4(a).

ACC Sportsmanship Policy (*FROM THE ACC MANUAL*)

Duties of Member Institutions

Every reasonable effort shall be made by competing institutions to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship at all athletic events. However, in the event crowd control procedures must be initiated, this responsibility rests with each host institution, or with the tournament or meet director at off-campus championship events. The Director of Athletics or their designated representatives shall be available at the site of the competition to assist in controlling the crowd.

Only participants, coaches, officials and authorized personnel shall be allowed in the competition area before or during the competition.

No alcoholic beverages shall be sold to the public at the site of an ACC Championship.

Duties of the Commissioner

Whenever the Commissioner concludes (after a reasonable investigation) that there has been a violation of the unsportsmanlike conduct regulation, the Commissioner shall impose such penalty deemed appropriate by first giving notice to the individual and the institution. The Commissioner will provide the institution the time and opportunity that the Commissioner considers reasonable to take action and may adopt that action as Conference action if deemed appropriate.

In the event the individual or institution feels that the Commissioner's penalty is inappropriate or excessive in nature, an appeal may be initiated with the Executive Committee by filing a notice with the Conference President. The appeal must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of notification of the penalty imposed by the Commissioner.

- a. Carrying Penalty Over to Next Season. Whenever a penalty or suspension is imposed, such penalty to the individual may be carried over into the next season of competition at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- b. Definition of Suspension. As used in this regulation, "suspension" in the case of a player means that the player cannot participate in the designated number of contests but may practice; in the case of a

coach, “suspension” means that the coach cannot be present in the playing area for the designated number of contests but may conduct practice sessions.

Duties of Coaches, Student-Athletes, Band Members, Cheerleaders and Mascots

a. *Public Criticism of Officials.*

Public criticism of officials or public comments evaluating the officiating of particular contests is not in the best interest of intercollegiate athletics. Athletics personnel, players, band members, cheerleaders and mascots are prohibited therefore from commenting while acting in official capacity on officiating other than directly to the Conference office. Head coaches are responsible for the comments of assistants and other athletic staff members associated with their team.

Any coach who violates the prohibitions of public criticism of officials, as stated above, will be suspended from a future scheduled contest. Specifically, the coach will be allowed at the site of the contest up to an hour before the contest begins, after which he/she must vacate the playing area. This applies to all sports and includes all conference as well as non-conference contests.

b. *Coach and Player Decorum.*

While the Atlantic Coast Conference believes that one of the problems confronting intercollegiate athletics is the lack of adherence and enforcement of rules of decorum, it is cognizant that the majority of coaches, players, band members, cheerleaders, mascots, officials and administrators make a real effort to ensure contests will be conducted and played in a sportsmanlike manner.

Coaches and administrators have the responsibility to set the tone for responsible behavior on the part of their teams and followers. It is an infraction of the rules for coaches, squad members, team attendants, band members, cheerleaders or mascots to conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner.

Acts violating coach and player decorum rules shall include but not be limited to, the following and may subject violators to reprimand or suspension from additional contests as the Commissioner deems appropriate (Note: Person, for the purposes of this section, means coaches, squad members, team attendants, band members, cheerleaders or mascots).

1. Any person who strikes or physically abuses an official, opposing coach, player or spectator;
2. Any person who intentionally incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action;
3. Any person who uses profanity, vulgarity, taunts, ridicules or makes obscene gestures;
4. Any person who publicly criticizes any game official, conference personnel, a member institution, or institutional personnel;
5. Any person who engages in negative recruiting by making statements which are unduly derogatory of another institution or its personnel to a prospective student-athlete, parents, high school coach, or other person interested in the prospective student-athlete;
6. Any person who enters the competing area for an unsportsmanlike purpose; and
7. Any other act of unsportsmanlike conduct not specifically prescribed.

Duties of Contest Officials

The Atlantic Coast Conference feels strongly that officials must have the courage to enforce the rules set forth by the Atlantic Coast Conference and covered in this document. When officials enforce the decorum rules, they will be supported by the member institutions of the Conference and the Conference Office. Failure to enforce rules may subject officials to reprimand or suspension by the Conference Office.

Academic Integrity

From Clemson University's policy on Academic Integrity:

As members of the Clemson University community, we have inherited Thomas Green Clemson's vision of this institution as a "high seminary of learning." Fundamental to this vision is a mutual commitment to truthfulness, honor and responsibility, without which we cannot earn the trust and respect of others. Furthermore, we recognize that academic dishonesty detracts from the value of a Clemson degree. Therefore, we shall not tolerate lying, cheating or stealing in any form.

- I. Academic Integrity Policy
 - A. Any breach of the principles outlined in the Academic Integrity Statement is considered an act of academic dishonesty.
 - B. Academic dishonesty is further defined as:
 1. Giving, receiving or using unauthorized aid on any academic work;
 2. Plagiarism, which includes the copying of language, structure or ideas of another or attributing the work to one's own efforts;
 3. Attempts to copy, edit, or delete computer files that belong to another person or use of Computer Center account numbers that belong to another person without the permission of the file owner, account owner, or file number owner.
 - C. All academic work submitted for grading contains an implicit pledge and may contain, at the request of an instructor, an explicit pledge by the student that no unauthorized aid has been received.
 - D. It is the responsibility of every member of the Clemson University community to enforce the Academic Integrity Policy.

From Clemson University English Department General Policy on Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty. To plagiarize is to claim another's ideas or writing as one's own. It is a form of stealing.

Students often associate the term with writers who copy entire passages from a book, magazine, encyclopedia, or other printed source and turn them in to an instructor as their own work. This is perhaps, the most blatant form of plagiarism as well as the easiest for instructors to detect. After all, English instructors have spent years studying style, and they can usually recognize a passage lifted from *Time* magazine or other sources with distinctive styles. Instructors can usually recognize professional writing, even if they cannot immediately identify its source; they can, in fact, usually identify writing that is not the student's own, no matter what the source.

But plagiarism takes several forms. For instance, students plagiarize when they borrow ideas from other writers without giving them credit. In this case, students might not even use the other writer's language; nevertheless, they are stealing the writer's content. Students also plagiarize when they present another student's work as their own, including working off of another student's established file.

An increasingly common form of plagiarism is to download material from the Web and use it as one's own. However, with the sophisticated search engines now available, which can identify sources through key words and phrases, this form of plagiarism is also fairly easy to detect.

Because plagiarism is such a complex concept, the English Department offers the following summary definition. Plagiarism includes:

1. The literal repetition, without acknowledgment, of the writings of another author. All significant words, phrases, clauses or passages in a student's paper which have been taken directly from source material must be enclosed in quotation marks and acknowledged either in the text itself or in the endnotes.
2. Borrowing without acknowledgment another writer's general plan, outline or structure of argument in the creation of one's own organization.
3. Borrowing another's ideas and representing them as one's own. To paraphrase the thoughts of another writer without acknowledgment is to plagiarize.
4. Allowing either another person or business to prepare the paper and then submitting it as one's own work.

The university has instituted the use of a "Plagiarism Form" when faculty members find instances of clear-cut plagiarism. Please refrain from signing the form until you have been able to discuss the situation with Steve Duzan, Director of Vickery Hall, sduzan@clemsun.edu or 656-0945. If you are accused of academic dishonesty, please remember that you may not be penalized until you have an opportunity for a hearing. The office of undergraduate studies will contact you once your professor files a complaint. If you need more information or confidential assistance, contact Steve Duzan.

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICIES /ACADEMIC NOTES

It is important to understand that the University allows professors to set attendance policies for their class. It is possible to be dropped from a class for excessive absences, which could render you ineligible for practice and competition if you drop below full-time enrollment.

Mandatory Class Attendance

All students must attend their first scheduled day of classes and labs. Away competitions will not be scheduled during the first week of class. If you cannot attend class, you must contact the instructor and indicate an intention to remain in class. If you do not attend the first class or contact the instructor by the second meeting or the last day of drop/add period, whichever comes first, you may be dropped.

Class Attendance

You must inform professors at the beginning of each semester about those days you will miss due to team travel. Some professors limit absences to three or four and do not excuse absences for any reason, including travel for competition. If your predicted absences exceed those allowed, please consult with your athletic academic advisor immediately.

Because regular class attendance is so important, your athletic academic advisor will monitor your class attendance and academic progress. Student-athletes are expected to attend all classes. Absences will be reported to your coach. If you participate in EEE, your attendance is monitored closely. If you are not in EEE, professors report your attendance routinely to your athletic academic advisor.

The attendance policy for student-athletes is effective for the fall and spring semester. Absences are not carried over from one semester to another. See the chart on the following page for a list of penalties.

Team Travel Verification

When team travel conflicts with class attendance, you must obtain a travel verification memo from your coach. **WARNING:** Team travel verification is not a class excuse. Some professors do not recognize team travel as an excused absence. You must discuss making up any missed work with your professor(s) prior to travel.

Institutional Academic Policy for Students Participating in Intercollegiate Athletics

The NCAA rule, (outlined in the final section of this Handbook: NCAA and ACC Rules: Eligibility), must be adhered to by all Clemson athletes. In addition to this rule, the institution may have additional requirements.

Monitoring of Attendance

All Clemson student-athletes are expected to attend class, to meet academic expectations and to be good ambassadors for Clemson Athletics. Student-athletes will be monitored for the following:

- Fulfilling EEE hour requirements
- Class attendance/tardiness
- Tutor/mentor attendance
- Attending athletic academic advisor meetings

When you miss a class, a tutor/mentor meeting, or a meeting with your academic advisor, your head coach is notified. At the end of each week, a report is provided to the head coach, sport supervisor, athletic director, faculty athletic representative and dean of undergraduate studies that reports any absences from required meetings and an unwillingness to meet EEE hour-requirements.

Schedule of Penalties Imposed for Violations of the Attendance Policy

Absences	Penalty	Responsible Authority
First unexcused absence	Team discipline	Head Coach
Second unexcused absence	Team discipline	Head Coach
Third unexcused absence	Team discipline and head coach reports corrective measures to the sport supervisor.	Head Coach/ Sport Supervisor
Fourth unexcused absence	Student-athlete withheld from next practice.	Head Coach/Sport Supervisor
Fifth unexcused absence	Student-athlete withheld from next competition.	Head Coach/Sport Supervisor

Unexcused Class Absences - Cumulative, All Courses

Schedule of Penalties Imposed for Violations of EEE Requirements

Did not meet weekly hour requirement	Penalty	Responsible Authority
First week	Team discipline	Head Coach
Second week	Team discipline	Head Coach
Third week	Team discipline and head coach reports corrective action to sport supervisor.	Head Coach/Sport Supervisor
Fourth week	Student-athlete withheld from next practice	Head Coach/Sport Supervisor
Each subsequent week	Student-athlete withheld from next practice	Head Coach/Sport Supervisor

Application of Penalties

Withholding from competition or practice will be applied to the next scheduled contest or practice. If the team has completed its competition for the semester, the penalty will be applied to the first competition or practice the following semester. Student-athletes being withheld from away competition will not be permitted to travel with the team. The attendance policy applies whether or not the sport is in season.

[Note: Other instances of misconduct in Vickery Hall or in the classroom, such as habitual tardiness, will be evaluated on an individual basis with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, faculty athletic representative and director of Vickery Hall. Actions will be taken as deemed appropriate by this group.]

Changing Majors

Before changing your major, please consult with your athletic academic advisor in Vickery Hall, who has an expertise with NCAA eligibility rules. Changing majors may affect your eligibility, and you should know all consequences prior to making that decision.

Dropping a Class

Before dropping a class, you need the consent of your head coach and athletic academic advisor. A request form is available from your athletic academic advisor. Dropping a class may affect your NCAA eligibility, so it is a decision that merits consultation with your advisor and head coach.

Transfer Credit

Before taking courses at another college, prior approval must be obtained. Forms are available in 104 Sikes Hall. Only a grade of "C" or better will transfer to Clemson. Students only receive credit, not grade points for transfer credit, so transfer courses do not affect grade-point averages.

Avoiding Academic Suspension or Dismissal: (only one of three must be obtained)

1. Pass at least 12 hours and earn a 2.4 or higher GPA in the spring term. If the student is re-enrolled because of a successful appeal, the student must maintain this requirement in the fall semester as well.
2. Pass at least 12 hours and earn a 2.4 or higher GPA in the summer terms (Maymester, Summer I and Summer II)
3. Raise their cumulative GPA to a 2.0 or to the MCGPR listed below in the spring or summer terms (or in the fall if re-enrolled because of a successful appeal):

<u>Total Credit Hour Level</u>	<u>MCGPR</u>
16-29	1.75
30-59	1.85
60-89	1.95
90+	2.00

Total credit hour level includes all credit hours attempted at Clemson, plus any advanced standing received from transfer credits and credits based on approved examination programs.

FINANCIAL AID

Whether a walk-on student-athlete or a scholarship recipient, NCAA rules affect the amount of outside financial aid a student-athlete may receive and the amount that may be used by a team.

To help comply with those rules, Clemson must be notified of any financial assistance that a student-athlete receives from sources other than parents or legal guardians and Clemson. If money from another organization is used to help defray college expenses, inform compliance services of the amount and source.

NCAA rules require that after the initial grant-in-aid offer, the director of financial aid must renew scholarships each year no later than July 1. The amount of athletic aid can be increased or decreased on a yearly basis. If financial aid is cancelled or reduced for the following year, that decision may be appealed to the Scholarship and Awards Committee. Student-athletes will be notified of that decision, in writing, no later than July 1 prior to the next year. The letter will include appeal procedures.

Athletic Financial Aid (Scholarship) Facts

- Athletic scholarships are awarded on an annual basis.
- Athletic scholarships may be renewed, reduced or withdrawn at the conclusion of each academic year. Student-athletes must be notified in writing prior to July 1 of the upcoming academic year.
- NCAA Bylaw 15.3.4.3 states: “Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be increased, decreased or cancelled during the period of its award:
 - On the basis of a student-athlete’s ability, performance or contribution to a team’s success;
 - Because of an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.1);
 - For any other athletics reason.”
- NCAA Bylaw 15.3.4.3 **does** permit reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award if the recipient:
 - Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
 - Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement;
 - Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty; or
 - Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons.*
- NCAA Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3 and 15.3.4.2.4 allow an institution to reduce or cancel a student-athletes athletics scholarship for fraudulent misrepresentation (i.e., failure to report to practice) and engaging in misconduct by the university’s regular student disciplinary authority.
- If a Clemson student-athlete has a reduction or withdrawal of athletic aid, they have the right to appeal this decision. Student-athletes should contact Melissa Dubuque in financial aid for guidance on this process (656-4259 or dubuque@clemson.edu). (See Appeals section)
- Summer financial aid is not guaranteed to Clemson student-athletes.

** IMPORTANT NOTE: Athletes considering withdrawing voluntarily from their sport should obtain complete information on the impact of this decision before they take action. They can seek further information from any of the following individuals: Dr. Loreto Jackson (864-637-8181); [Compliance Services 864-656-1580 or compliance-L@clmson.edu](mailto:Compliance_Services@clmson.edu); or their Sports Supervisor.*

Summer School Financial Aid Policy

Financial aid will be considered for all student-athletes who complete an application. You should make requests for summer school financial aid to your Vickery Hall advisor prior to the Friday after Spring Break.

The following should be considered:

- Summer school financial aid is available only to student-athletes with eligibility remaining that received aid during the current academic year, and/or those receiving athletic aid in the upcoming academic year.
- Athletics aid will be provided to student-athletes for summer courses as recommended by a Vickery Hall advisor and approved by the sport supervisor.
- Student-athletes taking **on-line courses** and **internships completed away** from Clemson are eligible for tuition and books **ONLY**, provided it is within the percentage of permissible aid.
- Summer athletics aid **may not** exceed the percentage of aid received during the academic year.
- Athletics aid is **not available** for study abroad programs.

Special Notes for Students Attending Summer School to Regain Eligibility

Student-athletes will be required to attend study hall and participate in other academic support services as directed by Vickery Hall advisor.

Participation in voluntary athletically-related activities may be limited for those student-athletes who:

- Have a grade-point average below 2.2;
- Have been ruled ineligible for the fall semester;
- Must attend summer school to regain eligibility; and
- Have jeopardized progress towards degree.

Athletic Aid to Former Student-Athletes

A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility but does not have the number of hours to graduate may apply for scholarship aid. To apply for aid, download an application from compliance services [current athletes site](#).

Aid to former student-athletes will be at a minimum proportionate to the amount of aid received during your senior year. You must make satisfactory progress and take the equivalency of a full load. If you have questions, please contact your athletic academic advisor.

Pell Grant

The Pell Grant is a federal grant based upon a college student's financial need. The grant does not count towards NCAA team or individual limits. For the 2013-2014 year, the Pell Grant limit is \$5645. Student-athletes who qualify for this grant will receive one-half of the grant amount at the beginning of each semester.

To apply for a Pell, complete a FAFSA, which is available in the financial aid office, G01 Sikes Hall, or [online](#). Every student-athlete should complete a FAFSA form each academic year.

NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund

The NCAA has earmarked money to help pay costs that arise in conjunction with participation in athletics and enrollment in the academic curriculum. These funds are available to all student-athletes. See Amanda Gray, Director of Compliance or call 656-4138 or agray3@clemsun.edu.

University Charges to Avoid

Athletic scholarship does not cover expenses associated with:

- Library fines;
- Fines for damage to University property, including the residence halls;
- Key deposits or replacement of a lost residence hall key;
- Mailbox fee;
- Vehicle registration fee;
- Parking fines;
- Telephone bills; or
- Lost textbooks.

Accumulating this kind of debt affects the ability to schedule classes for the following semester, and in some instances, retain enrollment. Avoid these charges, and when any are assessed, deal with them immediately.

Student-Athlete Appeals

There are four appeal opportunities provided to student-athletes under NCAA legislation.

1. If you want to transfer to another school, a coach at another school may not contact you without first obtaining written permission from our athletic director. You may request a release to discuss transferring with other schools. Clemson will provide you with instructions regarding accessing the appeals process if it denies your request for a release.
2. In sports other than football, baseball and basketball, Clemson may permit your new college to apply the one-time transfer rule exception on your behalf. If Clemson does not provide this exception for you, you may appeal to the review committee.
3. If your athletic scholarship is reduced or cancelled during the period of the award, you may request a hearing to appeal the decision.
4. If your athletic scholarship is reduced or not renewed, at the conclusion of the academic year, you may request a hearing to appeal the decision.

The Appeals Committee is comprised of Clemson students (non-student-athletes), one faculty member from the Faculty Senate, a faculty member from the Library and a faculty member from each of the colleges. The Appeals Committee is chaired by the Chief Financial Aid Officer who serves as an ex-officio. Please contact the faculty athletic representative, athletic director or compliance services (864-656-1580 or compliance-L@clemson.edu) if you need additional information.

NOTE There are various reasons to appeal a decision within the Athletic Department. These internal appeals are listed within the policies to which they apply.

SUBSTANCE USE / ABUSE POLICIES

Drug Policy

Philosophy

The Clemson University Athletic Department (CUAD), its coaching staff, physicians, athletics trainers and administrators strongly believe that the use of illegal drugs, abuse of prescription drugs, and the abuse of alcohol are detrimental to the physical and mental well-being of its student-athletes. Improper drug use poses health and safety risks to the student-athlete, may be against the law, and constitutes a violation of team rules. Therefore, CUAD has implemented a mandatory program of education, drug testing and counseling/rehabilitation to protect the health and safety of student-athletes and students associated with Clemson Athletics.

Drug Education Policy

CUAD considers education to be an important part of its drug and alcohol policy. Mandatory educational sessions will be conducted annually to outline the risks associated with drug and alcohol abuse. The NCAA and CUAD drug and alcohol policies and testing guidelines will be reviewed for all student-athletes at the beginning of each year. Each student-athlete will receive copies of the policy and testing guidelines. They will also sign consent forms for NCAA and CUAD drug testing.

Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the CUAD drug testing, education, and counseling/rehabilitation program is to inform student-athletes of the dangers associated with substance abuse. The central goal of the CUAD drug and alcohol policy is to prevent improper drug and alcohol use in athletics and, where detected, to eliminate it, preferably through medical treatment and education. Specific goals of the CUAD program are:

- To educate individuals regarding the dangers associated with drug and alcohol use and abuse;
- To identify through random testing those individuals who may be currently using, abusing or are otherwise involved in illegal drug use;
- To recommend and provide confidential treatment for those individuals with substance-related problems; and,
- To provide corrective actions for those individuals with drug and alcohol-related problems.

Drug Testing

All teams are screened for drug use (1) on a random basis throughout the year and (2) at the request of the head coach and/or other CUAD officials. Rosters for each session of random testing are generated from NCAA squad lists. The participants' names will not be communicated until the day of the test. Compliance with all drug testing is required. In addition, the NCAA conducts random tests throughout the year and may test at championship events. Members of spirit squads, mascots, student athletics trainers, student managers and student video staff may be included in the testing program.

Drug Testing for Cause

In addition to random testing, student-athletes are also subject to drug testing if there is cause to believe that they may be using prohibited substances. Circumstances that constitute cause include, but are not limited to the following: current involvement with the criminal justice system for drug-related activities, admission of a current drug problem, or a pattern of aberrant behavior. Any coach, CUAD administrator or athletic staff member who has cause for concern may request that a student undergo testing. These requests may be submitted to the director of athletics or his/her designee, director of performance or associate director of athletics for administration. A record of requests made and their disposition will be on file with the associate director of athletics or his/her designee for administration.

Results of Drug Testing/Confidentiality

Maintaining confidentiality and protecting the rights of the student-athlete is a critical factor in drug testing. Under no circumstances will any CUAD personnel or any individual associated with the drug testing program be permitted to disclose publicly or allude publicly to any information acquired in their capacity, whether or not it relates to identified students, individual teams, or the CUAD. Any violation of this confidentiality clause may be grounds for disciplinary action, including immediate dismissal from employment. Further, unauthorized disclosures of certain confidential information may violate state and/or federal laws and could subject the individual to criminal prosecution and/or civil liability. Finally, CUAD personnel are also prohibited from providing advance notice of any drug test outside of approved procedure.

Prohibited Substances

Individuals are prohibited from the actual or attempted use, purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution and/or sale; or aiding and abetting the use, purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution and/or sale of any of the following:

Amphetamines	Opiates
Barbiturates	Phencyclidine (PCP) Benzodiazepines
Cannabinoids (Marijuana)	NCAA Banned Substances (see pp 34-35)
Cocaine Metabolite	Steroids

Student-athletes may participate in practice and competition if using a banned substance under the prescription of a physician, unless the team physician notifies the director of athletics that it is unsafe to do so. A student-athlete taking a banned substance under the prescription of a physician must notify the team physician of such fact to avoid a positive result for that substance. If a student-athlete tests positive for a banned substance as a consequence of using prescription medication prescribed to another it is a violation of this policy and constitutes a positive result for purposes of this policy.

Procedural Guidelines

The drug testing procedures to be followed will be explained to all student-athletes, in detail, at individual teams' beginning-of-year meetings.

There will be no advance notification provided to student-athletes regarding drug testing. Drug testing may be conducted on any day of the week, including weekends. If legitimate academic, athletic or personal circumstances require a student-athlete to miss a testing session, a referral will be made for testing at later unannounced date.

Failure or refusal to appear for a scheduled drug test will be treated as a positive drug test.

Certified lab technicians will collect urine, saliva, and/or hair samples. Each individual sample will be coded to provide confidentiality.

Student-athletes must report to the testing site at the required time. Typically, one hour will be allotted for collecting specimens. Student-athletes who are unable to produce usable specimens during the announced testing period may be charged with a positive test for failing to comply with the testing program's requirements, depending upon the circumstances.

Student-athletes are not permitted to leave the collection site once they have reported for testing. They must remain within sight of the lab technician(s) and CUAD personnel. They may leave when they are dismissed after completing their testing requirements.

Specimens will be measured for appropriate temperature and volume. Only those specimens that fall within industry standards will be accepted for testing. Specimens that do not meet these standards will be discarded and the testing process must be restarted.

Specimens are collected using the direct-observation method. Male student-athletes must not wear a shirt once they enter the stall and must have their shorts pulled down to their knees when providing specimens. Female student-athletes may wear a sports bra in the stall and must have their shorts pulled down to the knees when providing specimens.

Self-Referral Policy

Self-referrals play a significant role in the educational aspect of our program for those student-athletes who are honest and desire to make a positive life change. If a student-athlete makes the decision to self-report drug use, prior to a request from the Department to report for testing, a positive drug test will not be charged against the student-athlete.

Individuals utilizing the self-referral option will be referred by the Athletic Department to a substance abuse professional for assessment as to the severity of the problem, and for an appropriate program of treatment, to include frequent drug testing.

Parameters of Self-Referral Process:

- Self-referrals are a one-time opportunity, and can only be utilized prior to the notification of a drug screening.
- No penalty will be assessed for positive test.
- The student-athlete will receive immediate treatment for drug problem.
- The student-athlete must satisfactorily complete the prescribed treatment program.
- During the course of treatment, the student-athlete will be subjected to frequent drug screening. The outcome from the screening should be consistent with the counselor's expectations according to the treatment plan. However, any presence of a drug different than that for which the student-athlete was referred will result in a recorded positive test.
- Upon official release from the treatment program, the student-athlete will be subject to frequent drug testing. If any substance is detected, a positive test will result.

Classification of a Positive Drug Test

Specimens are examined by an independent testing agency. All specimens that show the presence of a prohibited substance during the initial screening process are retested. Testing is quantified in order to ascertain the exact amount of the prohibited substance in the student-athlete's system. The student-athlete will continue to be tested on a regular basis until such time as there is no presence of the prohibited substance. Student-athletes will be charged with an additional positive drug test if the level of a prohibited substance is higher on a subsequent test than it was on the test that triggered entry into the program.

Note: Mandatory counseling can be recommended in situations where there is a presence of any prohibited substance, even if the level is not enough to confirm a positive test, or at the discretion of the director of athletics, head coach or director of performance.

CUAD's Response - Positive Test Results, Admission of Guilt, and/or Conviction by any Legal Authority.

A positive test will be recorded for student-athlete under the following conditions: a laboratory-confirmed test, admission of use, a refusal to provide a sample for analysis or participate in the program, failure to appear for testing, production of an adulterated sample, observed attempts to interfere with sample, observed use and/or possession of drugs, conviction of a criminal offense related to the possession, use or trafficking of drugs, arrest for an offense related to the possession, use or trafficking of drugs where there is a factual basis for the arrest. (Where there are charges/convictions of criminal activity, the student-athlete will also be subject to the sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct policy).

- A student-athlete's drug testing results will be cumulative throughout his or her career.
- A student-athlete having a positive test will be tested as often as is deemed necessary.
- Any student-athlete failing to follow through on assigned counseling, and/or other sanctions as a result of his or her drug/alcohol offense will be charged with an additional positive test.

There may be compelling reasons that would warrant a head coach recommending immediate suspension. If so, the head coach would be required to present such reasons in writing to the director of athletics for consideration before proceeding.

A positive test result or admission to using drugs or alcohol and the plan for dealing with these issues may impact the student-athlete's scholarship in subsequent years. The issue of playing time or being a member of the team is the primary decision of the head coach in agreement with the director of athletics.

Consequences of Positive Test for NCAA banned substances (drugs other than performance -enhancing drugs)

First Offense

A positive test result or admission of drugs use will have the following consequences:

Student-athlete will participate in a conference telephone call with head coach, Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at which time the consequences of a positive test result will be reviewed.

Student-athlete will be required to attend a mandatory substance-abuse evaluation and education session conducted by a professional counselor who is provided by CUAD. Student-athlete will be subject to frequent unannounced retesting as determined by athletics administration and/or head coach.

Second Offense

Student-athlete will participate in a conference telephone call with head coach, Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at which time the consequences of a positive test result will be reviewed.

Student-athlete will be suspended for 10% of the team's contests. Contests used to satisfy this penalty must be conducted in the championship segment of the team's season. Postseason competition may be used to satisfy this requirement and the suspension will carry over to the following season if necessary. In cases where 10% results in a fraction of a contest, standard rounding practices will be used to determine the sanction (e.g., 1.7 is rounded up to 2).

Third Offense

If a third positive test or admission of guilt occurs, it must be assumed that the student-athlete has a very significant problem or has made some conscious value judgment as to his or her behavior. The third offense will dictate a dismissal from the team and nonrenewal of financial aid.

Consequences of Positive Test for Performance-Enhancing Drugs

Student-athletes who choose to take performance-enhancing drugs such as anabolic steroids are making a conscious decision to cheat and engage in an impermissible and unlawful activity that may irrevocably impair their health.

First Offense

Student-athlete will participate in a conference telephone call with head coach, Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services and parent(s) or legal guardian(s) at which time the consequences of a positive test result will be reviewed.

Student-athlete will be required to attend a mandatory substance-abuse evaluation conducted by a professional counselor who is approved by CUAD.

Student-athlete will be subject to frequent retesting as determined by athletics administration and/or head coach.

Student-athlete will be suspended immediately from 50% of the team's contests that are conducted in the championship segment. Postseason competition may be used to satisfy this requirement and the suspension will carry over to the following season if necessary. .

Second Offense

The student-athlete will be dismissed from the team and financial aid will not be renewed.

Possession of Steroids and Illegal Drugs

The unauthorized possession of any steroid and the possession of any illegal drugs by a student-athlete will be treated as a positive test result, and this action will be in addition to those taken by the judicial system and the University.

Alcohol Policy

The use of alcohol impedes the ability of a student-athlete to achieve optimal performance levels. CUAD does not support underage drinking, irresponsible use of alcohol or alcohol-related behavior that leads to involvement with the criminal justice system. Clemson University and South Carolina law restrict the use of alcohol. Student-athletes should refer to the [Clemson University Code of Conduct](#) for further information on these restrictions.

Student-athletes who consume alcohol will be held accountable for any alcohol-related incident in which they are involved on or off campus. In such cases, the student-athlete is subject to CUAD or team disciplinary action depending upon whether or not the incident results in legal action. The student-athlete may also be subject to University sanctions as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. If the incident does not result in legal action, the coach of that team will recommend to that team's sports supervisor the appropriate course of action. If the student-athlete is charged, convicted or pleads guilty to an incident involving the legal system, the course of action will follow CUAD's protocol for addressing violations of the Department's Standard of Conduct.

Alcohol incidents involving the legal system include, but are not limited to:

- Driving under the influence (DUI/DWI) or other motor vehicle violations involving alcohol.
- Public Intoxication
- Drunk and disorderly
- Minor in possession
- Possession of a false identification card.
- Student-athletes are subject to university sanctions for conduct associated with the irresponsible use/possession of alcohol. If an incident is reported to the University, and sanctions are subsequently imposed, CUAD will review and determine whether further sanctions/requirements will be imposed.

Possible Sanctions/Requirements in Response to Alcohol Violations

- Education
- Counseling
- Suspension of team privileges
- Suspension/separation from the team
- Parents/legal guardians of the student-athlete will be informed of all incidents involving irresponsible or illegal use of alcohol.

Clemson University Medical Alcohol Amnesty Policy (MAAP)

Clemson University's MAAP states: "Anyone who receives emergency medical attention for alcohol consumption, or seeks assistance for someone in an alcohol-related emergency will not be charged with violations of university alcohol-related policies. No one may receive protection under this policy more than once in a two-year period." CUAD acknowledges, and supports this policy. However, since the Department's alcohol policy focuses upon education and support, those aspects of the offense schedule related to counseling, and informing parents/guardians will be retained. Student-athletes should note that the university policy does not provide a defense from criminal charges that may ensue from the alcohol-related behavior.

The University offers early-intervention and other counseling programs for students using alcohol inappropriately. Contact Dr. Jackson (864-637-8181) for a referral, or contact Redfern Health Center directly (864-656-2415).

Sanctions for Substance Abuse, Discipline and the Appeal Process

Any student-athlete who violates the drug and alcohol policy is subject to the corrective actions and guidelines within this policy. Any student disciplined under the drug and alcohol policy has the right to appeal and to a hearing before the designee of the director of athletics. A request for appeal must be made in writing within five calendar days after notification of discipline.

Students are reminded that many of the drugs and most of the behaviors addressed in the substance abuse policy are illegal. Conduct involving illegal drug use or abuse may subject a student-athlete to criminal prosecution separate and apart from disciplinary action pursuant to the University's student code of conduct.

Association with drug-related activity in a manner detrimental to the best interests of CUAD is strictly forbidden. Moreover, involvement in the criminal justice system for a drug-related offense will be taken into account in disciplinary action imposed by the CUAD. Such involvement may also serve as an independent basis for discipline, outside the drug policies outlined above.

The president of the University receives an annual report summarizing the results of the drug-testing program. The faculty athletics representative receives a comprehensive report on a monthly basis, the contents of which are strictly confidential.

NCAA Drug Policy

NCAA Drug Tests

The NCAA conducts random tests for steroids and “street drugs” at bowl games and NCAA championship events. The NCAA has also instituted a summer drug testing policy where student-athletes may be tested wherever they are spending their summer. It is the responsibility of their university to provide the NCAA with contact information.

A positive test will result in the loss of eligibility for the remainder of the current year and will end one calendar year after the student-athlete’s positive drug test. If a student-athlete tests positive, eligibility must be restored by the NCAA. After a one-season penalty a subsequent drug test will follow to make sure the student-athlete is negative. A second positive test by the NCAA will result in a loss of all remaining eligibility for all sports.

NCAA Mandate on Documentation of ADHD Medications

Effective August 1, 2009, the NCAA requires strict documentation procedures for student-athletes seeking a medical exception due to their regular use of a medication that contains a banned substance, that could lead to a failed drug test (such as those medications taken to treat ADHD). Failure to have the appropriate documentation on file can lead to the student-athlete being charged with a positive drug test. Student-athletes must contact Clemson University Disability Services for documentation requirements (<http://www.clemson.edu/sds/>). Student-athletes are also encouraged to discuss this with their athletic trainer and academic advisor.

NCAA Tobacco Products

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all sports during practice and competition for all student-athletes, coaches and game personnel. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during practice or competition will be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition (NCAA Bylaw 17.1.8). The CUAD program is consistent with applicable NCAA policies. To the extent permitted by law, information obtained in the operation of the program is confidential.

NCAA’s View on Nutritional Supplements

The NCAA Drug Education and Drug Testing subcommittee (DEDT) has issued numerous memorandums to NCAA members regarding the risks involved with the use of nutritional supplements. Despite these efforts, the DEDT notes a significant number of positive drug tests. The DEDT is issuing this advisory to reemphasize the warning about the risks involved in the use of nutritional supplements. The environment for today’s student-athlete is filled with easy access to products which are legally available over-the-counter but contain substances banned by the NCAA. Many student-athletes assume if these products can be purchased at a health food store, they must be allowed under NCAA rules. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** Reliance on the advice of the clerk at the store, the distributor at the gym, or anyone who is not with the student-athlete’s athletic program, has resulted in erroneous information about whether the product contains any NCAA-banned substance. This false information sometimes results in a positive drug test for banned ingredients contained in the product. Appeals based on this argument have not been successful in

overturning a positive drug-test penalty. Some common nutritional supplements are creatine, DHEA, androstenedione, 19-norandrostenedione glucosamine, ma huang (ephedrine), amino acids and ginseng. Many fat burners and weight-gain products contain nutritional supplements. Nutritional supplements can come in pill, powder, liquid and bars. Some are NCAA-banned substances and some are not. Most are legal and may be obtained at grocery stores, pharmacies, health food stores, on the Internet and almost anywhere. Student-athletes who test positive for illegal supplements are subject to a one-year suspension and loss of eligibility.

NCAA Banned Substances

The NCAA bans the following classes of drugs:

- Stimulants
- Anabolic Agents
- Diuretics and Other Masking Agents
- Street Drugs
- Peptide Hormones and Analogues
- Anti-estrogens
- Beta-2 Agonists

Note: Any substance chemically related to these classes is also banned. The institution and the student-athlete shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned class regardless of whether they have been specifically identified.

Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions

Blood Doping

Local Anesthetics (under some conditions)

Manipulation of Urine Samples

Beta-2 Agonists permitted only by prescription and inhalation

Caffeine in concentrations in urine exceed 15 microns/ml

NCAA nutritional/Dietary Supplements Warning: Before consuming and nutritional/dietary supplement product, review the product with your athletics department staff

Dietary supplements are not well regulated and may cause a positive drug test result.

Student-athletes have tested positive and lost their eligibility using dietary supplements.

Many dietary supplements are contaminated with banned drugs not listed on the label.

Ant product containing a dietary supplement ingredient is taken at your own risk.

It is your responsibility to check with the appropriate athletics staff before using any substance.

Note to Student-Athletes: There is no complete list of banned substances. Do not rely on this list to rule out any supplemental ingredient. Check with your athletics department staff prior to using a supplement.

Some Examples of NCAA Banned Substances in Each Drug Class

Stimulants: amphetamine (Adderall); caffeine (guarana); cocaine; ephedrine; fenfluramine (Fen); methamphetamine; methylphenidate (Ritalin); phentermine (Phen); synephrine (bitter orange); methylhexanamine, etc. Exceptions: phenylephrine and pseudoephedrine are not banned.

Anabolic Agents - (sometimes listed as a chemical formula, such as 3.6.17 - androstenetrione); boldenone; clenbuterol; DHEA (7-Keto); nandrolone; stanozolol; testosterone; methasterone; androstenedione; norandrostenedione; methandienone; etiocholanolone; trenbolone; etc.

Diuretics (water pills) and *Other Masking Agents*; bumetanide; chlorothiazide; furosemide; hydrochlorothiazide; probenecid; spironolactone (canrenone); triameterene; trichlormethiazide; etc.

Street Drugs: heroin; marijuana; tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); synthetic cannabinoids (eg. Spice, K2, JWH-018, JWH-073)

Peptide Hormones and Analogues: growth hormone (hGH); human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG); erythropoietin (EPO), etc.

Anti-Estrogens: anastrozole; tamoxifen; formestane; 3.17-dioxo-etiochol-1,4,6-triene (ATD), etc.

Beta-2 Agonists: bambuterol; formoterol; salbutamol; salmeterol; etc.

Any substance that is chemically related to the class, even if it is not listed as an example, is also banned!

Information about ingredients in medications and nutritional/dietary supplements can be obtained by contacting the Resource Exchange Center, REC, 877-202-0769 or www.drugfreesport.com/rec password ncaa1, ncaa2 or ncaa3.

It is your responsibility to check with the appropriate athletics staff before using any substance.

**Student-Athlete
Support and Services
Policies and Programs**

Parental Notification Policy

The Athletic Department is committed to the development, education and success of student-athletes. The department encourages personal responsibility and accountability, and wishes to respect the rights and privileges due to student-athletes, the majority of which are adults. The department also recognizes that the input and involvement of parents and guardians can have a significant impact on the success and decision-making of student-athletes. Therefore, it is the position of the department that, on occasion, the decision may be made to inform parents and guardians of issues and events affecting student-athletes. Such instances may involve illegal or criminal activity, incidents impacting the health and safety of the student-athlete, and any other issue that may affect their participation as a student-athlete or enrollment as a student of Clemson University.

Student-athletes will be made aware of this policy through completion of the form entitled Student-Athlete Authorization/Consent for Disclosure of Educational Records.

Academic Support (Vickery Hall)

Constructed in 1991, Vickery Hall provides essential academic support programs for all student-athletes. Named for former Clemson Dean Kenneth Vickery, Vickery Hall was the first stand-alone facility in the country dedicated to the support of student-athletes.

Vickery Hall Mission Statement

The Student-Athlete Enrichment Programs are dedicated to providing a holistic, educational experience by inspiring an environment of respect, integrity, and excellence. Through our services, we guide and encourage each individual to reach full potential as a student, as an athlete, and as a citizen.

Vickery Hall Values Statement

We are committed to providing excellent, student-centered services in a safe and supportive environment.

We value:

- Education and lifelong learning as the foundation of our program
- Integrity and honesty in our dealing with student-athletes, faculty, and staff
- Respect and responsibility, both given and inspired
- Holistic development of each student-athlete
- The ethical standards governing Clemson University, the ACC, and the NCAA

Vickery Hall Vision Statement

“Excellence is a Lifestyle.”

Vickery Hall Computer Lab

The computer lab is available to student-athletes and other students who serve in support roles for athletics: trainers, managers, video personnel, cheerleaders and Rally Cats. Staffed by trained computer support personnel, it houses 47 networked workstations, high-resolution color printers and two scanning stations also are available. Wireless connectivity is available in the lab, and throughout the building.

Hours of operation:

Sunday: 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday: 7:30 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Priority Registration

The University allows student-athletes to register for classes prior to other students. This is done so that student-athletes can arrange class schedules to accommodate their academic goals and athletic responsibilities. Student-athletes must meet with their faculty advisor before registration. Once the schedule is made, the head coach and athletic academic advisor must approve any changes to it.

Textbook Policy

Student-athletes on athletic scholarship are provided textbooks that are required for class during the regular academic year and during the summer.

To secure textbooks, student-athletes bring their class schedule, all course syllabi and CUID to the bookroom operated in Vickery Hall. There they will receive a Book Request Form that will be taken to the campus bookstore and exchanged for textbooks. A separate *Book Request Form* must be completed for supplies, books purchased off-campus or materials from the Campus Copy Shop.

Student-athletes must return all textbooks and materials to the campus bookstore by the last day of exams.

The cost of the books not returned is billed to student-athletes' University account.

EEE – Enrich! Engage! Empower!

“Triple E” is a structured academic support program that includes the use of mentors, tutors, learning specialists and independent study. All freshmen and first-semester transfer student-athletes, and other student-athletes who are recommended by their athletic academic advisor participate in EEE. Participation is monitored and student-athletes are held accountable for engagement in the program.

Tutors

Student-athletes and student support personnel may request a tutor for assistance in any subject through Tutor Trac®, an on-line request system. With national accreditation from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA), the tutoring program serves all student-athletes and student support personnel. Problem solving, learning strategies and study skills are incorporated into the tutoring sessions. The program helps students clarify material and augments the instruction they receive from Clemson's distinguished faculty. Sam Plonk coordinates the tutor program and can be reached at 656-2832 or plonk@clemson.edu.

Mentors

Mentors work individually with student-athletes to reinforce study skills and time management techniques. Student-athletes may request a mentor through their athletic academic advisor.

Learning Specialists

The learning specialists design and implement strategies so that student-athletes can achieve academic success. Learning specialists also serve as a liaison to the Clemson disability services offices. Student-athletes who may experience difficulty learning are urged to talk with their athletic academic advisor.

Community Engagement

This is a unit of the Student-Athlete Services program where requests for athletes, coaches and staff to participate in community outreach activities are handled. This office assists in securing service opportunities, getting appropriate approvals from Compliance, managing the details of actual service, reporting hours and events, and is a liaison with community service organizations. The office, from where it is administered, is located in Vickery Hall. One component is the Solid Orange Squad (SOS), an elite group of student-athletes who volunteer their time and talents fulfilling requests for community service. Currently this group numbers **235** student-athletes. The SOS has no requirements for membership, only a willingness to serve. During the 2012-2013 academic year, **476** student athletes logged nearly 5000 hours of community service in over **130** different events. Rowing, Women's Track and Field, and Football led the way as the top teams for service.

The “Be a T.I.G.E.R!” character education program is a unique initiative aimed at elementary and middle school aged students and is designed to promote the qualities of a Tiger: T=Teamwork, I=Integrity, G=Gratitude, E=Education, R=Respect. Sponsored by the Office of Community Relations and completely directed by student-athletes, age appropriate lessons and activities have been developed using a sports format. The program currently has these components:

- Newspaper written by athletes and coaches
- E-mail buddy program called T.I.G.E.R.T.A.L.K! Student-athletes mentor middle school students using a directed conversation on Clemson’s Digital Express
- Assembly programs and personal appearances by student-athletes
- Annual Be A T.I.G.E.R! Field Day held each spring
- T.I.G.E.R Read- Books reflecting traits are read by elementary students using video prompts by athletes on YouTube.
- T.I.G.E.R Pals - Old fashioned pen pal program for children in group homes and after school/community center settings.

Clemson is the first Division I University to develop a focused character education program to be used by its athletes in the community.

If you are interested in being a part of our outreach programs or volunteering for the Solid Orange Squad, check our [webpage](#) .

Development

The Student-Athlete Services program supports the development of a well-balanced lifestyle for student athletes, encouraging emotional well-being, personal growth and decision-making skills; encouraging the student-athlete to develop and pursue career and life goals; and engaging the student-athlete in service to his/her campus and surrounding communities. Aspects of the program include workshops, lectures, experiential programs, and one-on-one counseling. Student-athletes interested in programming for their teams, or specific groups of student-athletes should contact [Dr. Loreto Jackson](#).

Equipment Room Services

Equipment and apparel are provided for student-athletes and are the property of the Athletic Department. Student-athletes will be issued apparel for practice and competition. All incoming student-athletes and walk-ons must be academically certified before receiving equipment or apparel.

Apparel Procedures

1. Practice gear is for official athletic practice and not for personal use. Replacement gear cannot be issued if a student-athlete forgets gear.
2. Complete athletic equipment size sheets properly. There will be very few exceptions on size changes once the form is completed.
3. Apparel and equipment are issued only after proof of passing physical examination by the training room staff.
4. Practice laundry is washed every evening, Monday through Friday, and put back in the student-athlete's locker in a numbered, color-coded mesh laundry bag system. Laundry is available after 1:00 p.m. every day.
5. Personal items will not be laundered! Do not include personal items in the laundry bag. All personal items unclaimed or unmarked will be discarded after one week. Lost or stolen practice equipment is replaced upon payment for the missing item. Prices for missing equipment are based on the replacement cost of the item.
6. Practice apparel and equipment must be turned in to the equipment manager if a student-athlete quits or is dismissed from the team. Student-athletes will be billed for equipment that is not returned. Once the bill is set, it is not permissible to return the equipment.
7. Practice apparel (practice sweats, practice shorts, all T-shirts and socks) belongs to student-athletes that stay on the team for the entire academic year. Laundry bags, pins and towels must be returned at the end of the year.

Competition Equipment and Apparel

1. Equipment is issued before competition and should be returned promptly after the competition, within 24 hours or not later than 4:00 p.m. the following Monday. Student-athletes will have all laundry privileges revoked until equipment is returned.
2. Equipment worn for competition should be worn only during competition and never during practice.
3. Student-athletes are responsible for all competitive equipment from the time it is issued until the time it is returned.

4. Lost or stolen competition equipment can only be replaced when the student-athlete submits the cost of the missing item. Prices for missing equipment are based on the replacement cost of the item.
5. All competitive equipment must be returned to the equipment manager.
6. Athletic shoes will be issued at the beginning of the year on the basis of need as determined by the head coach or equipment manager. NO additional shoes will be issued until the original pair is returned to the equipment room.
7. The equipment room is not responsible for items left in student-athletes' lockers. The person assigned the locker is responsible for ensuring it is secure. Lost or stolen items are the responsibility of the person assigned to the locker.
8. Each student-athlete assigned a locker is assigned a Clemson stool that has the locker room and locker engraved on it. The stool is the property of the Athletic Department. An inventory is taken at the beginning and end of the academic year. Any missing stool will be charged to the student-athlete assigned the locker at a cost of \$250.00.

Student-athletes are billed for any equipment or apparel items not returned or replaced. These charges will appear on advanced billings for registration. Student-athletes cannot register until the debt is paid, and will not be permitted to return any items reported as lost once the bill is submitted.

HHealth education

In addition to programs and services directed towards student-athlete welfare and health through the Athletic Department, Clemson University has a full-service health center (Redfern), which contains a Women's Clinic and a department of health education. Open to all students, this resource provides valuable information on all aspects of health from alcohol and tobacco education to responsible sexual behavior, confidential HIV testing, and peer-education programs. For further information on health/wellness resources, contact [Dr. Jackson](#) or stop by Redfern Health Center or call (864) 656-2233.

Leadership: Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee provides representation for all athletic teams and facilitates communication between student-athletes and athletics administrators. By generating intervarsity support and developing initiatives, SAAC improves the overall student-athlete experience.

The mission of Clemson University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enable student-athletes to participate in developing leadership skills both inside and outside the field of competitions, to protect student-athlete well-being, and to provide a vehicle through which athletics department administrators discuss with student-athletes issues regarding the management, operation, and rules that govern the athletics department and its sports' teams.

Duties of SAAC Representatives:

- Attend all SAAC meetings and related events
- Serve as liaison between the member's respective sport to the committee and the athletics department
- Serve the needs of fellow student-athletes via leadership and support
- Serve on at least one sub-committee with active involvement.
- Promote a positive student-athlete image on campus and in the community
- Assist in the growth and development of SAAC
- Play an integral role in the structure of our athletics department and its formulation of policies regarding student-athlete well-being.
- Reinforce and promote Clemson University's goal of becoming a top-20 University

Membership:

Two student-athletes from each team will serve as representatives on the committee. The representatives will be chosen by application to be reviewed by head coach, athletic advisor, SAAC advisor, and SAAC officers. The student-athlete should be in good academic standing, and will comprise student-athletes from different class levels.

Check the SAAC [website](#) for a list of representatives:

Media Relations Services

The Sports Information Department (SID) assists student-athletes in all phases of dealing with the media because of opportunities to interact with news media. This interaction should help develop communication skills that can be helpful not only during the intercollegiate experience, but in future professional and business settings.

Tips for Interviews

Never agree to a telephone or personal interview unless it is coordinated through the sports information office. This helps avoid contact with unauthorized people.

Be calm during the interview. Cooperating with the media allows you to give your side of the story, positive opinions and message. You can never go wrong complimenting a teammate or the opposition in an interview.

Be on time for the interview or in returning phone calls. If a problem arises, please notify the SID office immediately so the interview may be rescheduled.

Control the interview - you are not obligated to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable. The proper way to answer a question is, "I'd rather not discuss that subject at this time" or "I'd rather not make a comment on that question at this time."

Never say anything that you may regret to see or hear in the next day's newspaper, radio or television show. You can always tell the media member to speak with your coach.

Please contact the SID office if you feel uncomfortable with any interviews, or for any further assistance, at 656-1926 or 656-4218.

From the NFL Media Relations Handbook:

“Fans judge you as an athlete according to how you perform during competition. They judge you as a person according to how you perform with the media. If fans develop a good impression of you through the media, especially when things are not going well in competition, the benefits to you can be significant.”

Nutrition

The Athletic Department provides the services of a sports nutritionist for individuals and teams. The emphasis is upon nutrition for performance, energy, weight loss, weight gain, and health-related dietary issues. The Athletic Department enjoys a collaborative relationship with the University Dining Services that is willing to work on special needs with athletes, coaches and teams. Contact [Lisa Chan](#), RD, (720) 352-2730 for more information, to make an appointment or program request.

Psychology / **C**ounseling

The Clemson University Athletic Department provides, for student-athletes, teams, and coaches, the services of a sports psychologist, and a counselor. Student-athletes may be referred to one of these professionals or may request a consultation. Contact the sports medicine individuals who work with your team or [Dr. Jackson](#) for further information or 864-637-8181. Additionally, the University has Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) housed in the Redfern Health Center. While the Athletic Department counselor is housed there, student-athletes may also choose to access this program at any time, without having to go through the Athletic Department. Call 864-656-2415 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

Sports Medicine

The Sports Medicine Department/Athletic Training Room is the medical facility for the Athletic Department, which provides diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation for Clemson student-athletes. Fulltime certified athletic trainers, graduate assistant athletic trainers, and student athletic trainers work under direct supervision of the team physician. This group of qualified individuals works closely to determine the best possible care of the Clemson student-athletes. The following are some of the objectives of the Sports Medicine Staff:

1. To qualify that first year student-athletes are physically prepared to participate at the intercollegiate level through a pre-participation physical examination.
2. To anticipate and prevent injuries or illnesses that could endanger participation in practice, competition or the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle when athletic participation concludes.
3. To rehabilitate injuries and illnesses in a manner that promotes a healthy return to practice and competition.

Responsibilities of the Student-Athlete

Report any injury or illness to the Sports Medicine Staff member(s) assigned to your sport or the team physician as soon as possible. Inform the Sports Medicine Staff member(s) of any potential issues that may affect the physical wellness of teammates.

Graduate Assistant and Student Athletic Trainers

The graduate assistant and student athletic trainers work under the direct supervision of the staff athletic trainers and team physicians. Education of the graduate assistants and student athletic trainers includes in-service training sessions throughout the academic year conducted by the full-time staff members, as well as other qualified personnel.

Physical Examinations

Each year the team physician gives each student-athlete a physical. In accordance with NCAA regulations, each student athlete must have passed a physical examination prior to any athletic participation, which includes workouts in the strength and conditioning facility. BE AWARE that the Athletic Department does not allow any activities or participation until the Sports Medicine department has cleared you. There are no exceptions.

Treatment Confidentiality

Each student-athlete signs an information release in the medical history to permit the Athletic Department to release medical information. Every effort will be made to make this information of a general nature and not specific.

Procedures for Athletic Injuries and Illnesses

Injuries should be reported to and treated by the athletic trainer(s) assigned to the student-athlete's sport. If the assigned athletic trainer is not available, another athletic trainer should be consulted. Treatments should not be missed because a specific athletic trainer is not available. Athletic trainers are under the direct supervision of the team physician and will carry out any medical treatment prescribed by the team physician.

Procedures to see the Team Physician(s) and receive treatment:

1. Check in at the front desk to receive a doctor's form or treatment/rehabilitation sheet.
** An athletic trainer must complete doctor forms **
2. Receive appropriate treatment/care by the sport's assigned athletic trainer. If the assigned athletic trainer is not available, any athletic trainer can provide treatment and/or oversee the rehabilitation.

Medications

The Athletic Department will pay for the following:

- Medication necessary to help recover from injuries;
- Medications for infections, asthma, ulcers, etc. that are deemed necessary to allow safe and full participation during the competitive season;

- *Prescriptions.* In order to qualify for payment, the prescription must be written by CUAD Team Physicians or authorized by the Sports Medicine Staff. All covered prescriptions are filled only at the Hubbard Young Pharmacy, 402 College Avenue (located across from the old Astro Movie Theatre in downtown Clemson) 8:00am – 6:00pm M-F; and 8:00am – noon Sat.
- Individual packets of over-the-counter medications are available in the Training Room.

Note: The Athletic Department cannot pay for medications unrelated to athletic performance.

Treatment Guidelines

- Dress in shorts and t-shirts for treatments;
- Shower and change into clean shorts and t-shirts for treatment after practice;
- An athletic trainer should be consulted prior to any treatment or rehabilitation. Treatment records will be maintained by the individual sport's athletic trainer;
- Illnesses will be seen by the team physician at Jervey between 7:15am-8:00am. **ONLY** the team physician can excuse the student athlete from class. This excuse must be obtained **PRIOR TO** the missed class. Excuses will not be issued after the fact.
- If an athlete needs treatment, surgery, or testing, he/she is to coordinate the appointment through the sports medicine staff. Every effort will be made to schedule this appointment around classes. It is the responsibility of the student athlete to inform their professor and the athletic academic advisor in Vickery Hall if any conflict occurs.

Athletic Training Room Rules

1. No food or drinks;
2. No tobacco products of any kind.
3. No cleated shoes of any kind.
4. No shoes of any kind will be allowed on any tables.
5. Please leave all bags (travel, laundry, or book) or any other extra articles in the cubbies at the entrance of the Athletic Training Room.
6. No horseplay or abusive language.
7. No supplies will be removed from the Athletic Training Room without the permission of an athletic trainer.
8. No athlete should be late for a practice or event because he/she was in the Athletic Training Room.
9. Allow adequate time for treatment and taping.

Athletic Training Room Hours - (864) 656-1952

Monday – Thursday: 7am – 12 Noon, 1pm – 6pm. Friday: 7am – 12 Noon, 1pm-5pm.

Weekends, holidays, and after hours care is available by appointment only. Contact your assigned athletic trainer.

Individual sports athletic trainers will set appropriate times.

Team Physician Hours - Jervey Athletic Training Room

7:15 – 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Departure determined by daily activities.

If a medical emergency arises before or after Athletic Training Room hours, seek treatment at the Emergency Room at Oconee Medical Center (Highway 123 in Seneca). The Student Athlete must contact their athletic trainer the next working day following the ER visit to discuss conditions and proper follow-up treatment. Failure to do so may result in CUAD denial of all athletically-related medical charges.

Insurance

All athletes are required to provide the Sports Medicine Department with current medical insurance information. Charges for approved medical treatment of an athletic injury are filed to this coverage first. Clemson then covers any secondary portion that is remaining. All student-athletes on scholarship must provide their insurance information before participating in any athletic activity. All non-scholarship student-athletes must provide appropriate proof of billable medical insurance before their physical is given.

**** IMPORANT NOTE: HMOs will not be accepted as sufficient insurance coverage.**

Additional Information

- Clemson University Athletic Department is not responsible for any injury that results from activity not sanctioned as an intercollegiate athletic event. Financial responsibility is the sole responsibility of the student athlete.
- All medical care provided outside the Athletic Department must have prior approval. The Athletic Department will not assume any financial responsibility for medical services obtained without the prior approval of the Sports Medicine Staff. This may include, but is not limited to the following: diagnostic testing, medication, surgery, rehabilitation, etc. ***Second opinions and any resulting treatment are not paid for by Clemson University.***
- Contact the insurance coordinator immediately if medical billing is received at home for charges that are covered by CUAD.
- Nonparticipating/non-competing student athletes (i.e. fifth year or medical hardships) are not eligible for medical benefits.
- Upon completion of sport participation (exhaustion of eligibility, dismissal or resignation), the Athletic Department is no longer financially responsible for any injury or illness. An Exit Injury Statement must be signed at that time. If an exception is needed to restore the athlete to pre-injury/illness status, it must be approved by the Sports Medicine staff at that time.

Dental Care and Contact Lenses

CUAD will be responsible for dental injuries sustained while participating in an authorized practice or competition. If contact lenses are necessary for sports participation, athletics will provide for an exam, fitting, and purchase of a nine-month supply of lenses per eye for each academic year of eligibility. Athletic trainers should be notified immediately when a lens is lost during competition or practice.

General Principles Regarding AIDS

1. The American College Health Association states that there is no medical justification for restricting the access of students with AIDS, AIDS related complex (ARC), or a positive HTLV-III antibody test to student unions, theatres, restaurants, cafeterias, snack bars, gymnasiums, swimming pools, recreational facilities or other common areas.
2. The Clemson policy statement on AIDS ensures that those individuals identified as having a positive antibody to HTLV-III, ARC or AIDS will not be unlawfully discriminated against at Clemson.
3. Presently, only blood and semen have been clearly implicated in transmission, although HTLV-III has been isolated from blood, semen, saliva, tears, breast milk and urine, and is likely to be isolated from other body fluids excretions and secretions.

In view of the above statements, and in the opinion of the Athletics Team Physician, the following principles apply:

1. Permission to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Clemson for a person with AIDS, ARC, or HTLV-III positive antibody is dependent upon such variables as:
 - The determined infectivity of the affected individual;
 - Risk for other student-athletes involved with the infected individual;
 - The amount of and type of body-to-body contact in each sport and the relative risk of fluid exchange during practice or competition; or
 - Other factors deemed by team physician to protect the health of all participants.
2. Infected individual's scholarship and other benefits are handled consistent with any other medical condition affecting competition in intercollegiate athletics.

Weight Control and Supplements

The Clemson Sports Medicine staff and the Strength/Conditioning staff work together closely to determine the best course of action for athletes that need to gain or lose weight. The team physician and team nutritionist will also play vital roles in this process. Do not take supplements without the approval of the Sports Medicine staff. ***A student-athlete is ultimately responsible for any substance they put in their body.*** Product assessment includes careful review of product labeling and ingredients in order to determine if any NCAA banned substances are included. Consultation with an aforementioned staff member is **always** recommended. Student-athletes assume the risk that supplement products may be mislabeled or contaminated with an undisclosed banned substance.

Strength and Conditioning

The Clemson University strength facilities are designed to provide the athlete with the best possible equipment, instruction, and training in the country. A staff of five full-time trainers and a host of graduate assistants are available to teach proper lifting techniques, design sport-specific programs and motivate each athlete to excel in his or her particular sport.

The strength facilities are for University athletes only. However, upon request from the strength, speed and conditioning director, permission to use the facilities may be granted to other individuals on a case-by-case basis. The individual must sign a waiver release form to use the strength facility.

The strength staff will handle all scheduling and training blocks.

Teams or athletes should always report to the weight room promptly at their assigned time. Graduate assistants will be assigned weight room duties and supervision as directed by the strength, speed and conditioning coordinator. The graduate assistants will monitor varsity sports throughout the course of the year. This includes program design, implementation, instruction, and testing.

Weight room hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Take pride in your strength facility by carefully following the policy guidelines listed below:

1. You must wear only Clemson gear when training in the strength facility. No head gear or cut off shirts.
2. All shorts must be at mid-thigh and no spandex shorts unless under normal issued shorts.
3. You must check with your strength coach each time that you enter the facility.
4. No swearing is allowed.
5. You must have a workout, follow it, and record workout content on your own.
6. If you have an injury that may in any way inhibit a portion of your workout, you must first see a trainer and receive a written slip explaining the injury, which movements are to be avoided, and which ones may be substituted.
7. Lifters are required to use collars any time there is weight on Olympic bars.
8. Lifters are required to use spotters on every set.
9. Move weights from the weight trees to the bar only. Never set the weights on upholstery or lean them against equipment.
10. Strip all bars immediately after use. Return dumbbells to the rack in proper order.
11. Food, drink, gum, tobacco of any kind, and toothpicks are not permitted.
12. Portable audio devices are allowed in cardio area only.
13. Spitting or defacing the facility is not permitted and will result in immediate expulsion.
14. The staff offices and telephones are off-limits to athletes, unless permission is given.
15. The strength staff is not responsible for holding personal items.
16. Follow all instructions given by coaches.

Failure to follow any of the policies will result in loss of weight room privileges.

Honors and Awards

NCAA and ACC Academic Awards

Post-Graduate Scholarships

Each year the NCAA and ACC award a number of post-graduate scholarships to student-athletes who plan to pursue graduate or professional school programs of study. Recipients are selected based on athletic and academic performance, leadership, community service and participation in student activities. Scholarship applications and nominations are coordinated in Vickery Hall by Leslie Moreland. If you are interested in learning more about the post-graduate scholarship opportunities, see your athletic academic advisor.

ACC Weaver-James-Corrigan Post-Graduate Scholarship

The ACC honors three student-athletes a year from each institution with a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship. A fourth student-athlete is recognized who intends to enter the workforce or continue in athletics. All recipients have performed with distinction athletically, have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, have demonstrated exemplary conduct in the community and have engaged in leadership activities.

Top Six Award

Community service is a priority with the ACC office. Each year, it recognizes six Clemson student-athletes most involved in community service.

NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Scholarship

The goal of this program is to increase the pool of, and opportunities for qualified minority and female candidates in intercollegiate athletics. The NCAA awards 13 scholarships valued at \$6,000 to ethnic minorities and 12 scholarships to women who will be entering their initial year of postgraduate studies. Candidates must be seeking admission, or have been accepted, into a sport-administration or related field.

NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship

The NCAA awards up to 174 postgraduate scholarships of \$7,500 each year to student-athletes who have excelled academically and athletically. Applicants must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.0, performed with distinction as a member of a varsity team, shown involvement in University activities and perform volunteer service.

Walter Byers Post-Graduate Scholarship Program

The NCAA awards annually to one male and one female student-athlete in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and potential for success in graduate study. Award recipients must have a 3.5 grade-point average, show evidence of superior character and leadership, and demonstrate that athletics has had a positive influence on their personal development. The scholarship is valued at \$21,500.

Post-Graduate Internships

Internship opportunities are available through the NCAA and ACC for students interested in pursuing careers in sports administration, sports media or compliance. Interns participate in projects or work alongside practicing professionals as they tackle day-to-day challenges. Internship applications and

nominations are coordinated through Vickery Hall by Leslie Moreland at 656-0965 or lmorel@clermson.edu.

NCAA Internship Program

The NCAA offers twelve paid, one-year internships at its national office in Indianapolis, Indiana, providing on-the-job learning experiences for college graduates who express an interest in pursuing a career in the administration of intercollegiate athletics. The areas of the positions are administrative services, branding and communications, championships, Division I men and women's basketball, education services, enforcement services, governance and membership services.

ACC Futures Internship Program

The ACC, in partnership with Fox Sports Network, Sunshine Network, and Disney Wide World of Sports, offers five one-year paid internships. The internships are designed for graduating student-athletes with an interest in sports administration, programming and sports broadcasting.

Clemson University Student-Athlete Academic, Leadership and Community Service Awards

Student-athletes with a 3.00 grade-point-average during the fall or spring semester are named to the Student-Athlete Honor Roll. The following awards are presented annually:

Academic Achievement Award

In recognition of student-athletes that have made a significant and consistent improvement in his/her academic coursework.

All-Academic Team

Award is presented to the student-athlete from each team that has earned the highest cumulative grade point average following sixty or more hours earned at Clemson University.

Athletic Director's Academic Excellence Award

This award is presented to graduating senior student-athletes that have been on the honor roll for seven consecutive semesters.

Academic Hall of Fame

Awarded to individuals that have won ACC or NCAA post-graduate scholarships in recognition of their athletic, academic, and leadership success.

Cecil Huey Award

This award is presented to a graduating student-athlete that has demonstrated academic and athletic achievement while adhering to high ethical standards. Student-athlete intends to pursue graduate studies.

Bill D'Andrea Service Award

This award is presented to an individual(s) who demonstrates a commitment to academics, devotion to service, and excellence in leadership.

NCAA Foundation Leadership Award

Presented to the student-athlete who represented Clemson University at the NCAA National Foundation Leadership Conference and has shown excellence and commitment to becoming a leader on campus.

President's Cup

Presented to the team whose team members have the highest level of participation in community service, hold leadership positions and who excel athletically.

Athletic Honors and Awards

Clemson provides a number of awards to recognize student-athletes for significant athletic achievements. To receive an athletic award, a student-athlete must be eligible for athletic participation as defined by the NCAA, and listed on the team roster from the first practice through the final competition. Awards may not be purchased.

Letter Awards

Student-athletes, student video personnel, student equipment managers, student medical trainers, cheerleaders, and rally cats are eligible for letter awards consideration.

The Head Coach establishes the standards for awarding the letter awards. The awards are provided in succession and are listed below:

1 st Letter Award	Letter Jacket
2 nd Letter Award	Coaster Set
3 rd Letter Award	Watch
4 th Letter Award	Ring

Department Awards

Rookie of the Year

Presented to a rookie who demonstrated outstanding athletic performance during competition.

Determined Spirit Award

Presented to an individual who showed outstanding perseverance and achieved excellence.

Record Breaking Performance

Presented to an individual or team who broke school, regional, or national records.

Competition of the Year

Presented to a team with a striking performance which led to an outstanding victory.

Athlete of the Year

Presented to a standout individual who demonstrated outstanding athletic performance and has been instrumental to the team's success.

Best Moment

Presented to an individual with a striking performance which led to an outstanding victory.

Solid Orange

Presented to an individual who exemplifies a Clemson student-athlete through leadership, athletic performance, service, academics, and sportsmanship.

Unsung Hero Award

Presented to a senior support staff member who has gone above and beyond, demonstrating an unwavering dedication to the program.

Atlantic Coast Conference Awards

Member institutions of the ACC participate in an awards program to honor ACC Champions for each conference sport with an official championship. Each year Clemson Athletics gives the awards listed below as part of this program to the championship team:

Conference Championship (Ring or Watch plus ACC plaque

The value of this award may not exceed \$250.

Unlike the NCAA award, all student-athletes on the team may receive the award regardless if they were on the ACC Tournament travel squad. A student-athlete must be listed on the squad list and eligible from the first practice through the final competition. Medical hardships are not eligible for the award. Other than the student-athletes, only manager(s), trainer(s), coaches, and any other personnel who are on the normal travel party for ALL away competitions are eligible to receive this award.

All-ACC Awards

Student-athletes who are named to All-Conference or All-Tournament teams receive individual awards from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Awards and criteria for selection are established by the Conference. Clemson may not give an additional award.

ACC Championship Participant Gifts

ACC Championship Participant Gifts are provided to members of the official travel party to ACC Championships.

NCAA Awards

Participation Awards

The value of this award may not exceed \$100.

Only those student-athletes who travel to the site of the competition will be eligible for these awards. Other than the student-athletes listed as part of the travel party, the following individuals are eligible for these awards: 1. Manager(s), 2. Trainer(s), 3. Any other personnel who are on the normal travel party for ALL away competitions. Medical hardships are not eligible for the award.

Regional Awards

The value of this award may not exceed \$300.

Awards will be provided as outlined above for those individuals/teams who either win a regional, win two rounds in the NCAA Tournament or place high enough to advance to the NCAA Championship finals.

Track/Diving (Individual) Participation Awards

The value of this award may not exceed \$100 for those student-athletes who participate in regional competition. The value of this award may not exceed \$300 for those student-athletes who participate in the national championship.

Only those student-athletes who travel to the site of the competition will be eligible for these awards. Other than the student-athletes listed as part of the travel party, the following individuals are eligible for these awards: 1. Manager(s), 2. Trainer(s), 3. Any other personnel who are on the normal travel party for ALL away competitions. Medical hardships are not eligible for the award. *Golf/Tennis (Individual) Awards*
The value of this award may not exceed \$100 for those student-athletes who participate in regional competition. The value of this award may not exceed \$300 for those student-athletes who participate in the national championship.

Individual awards and team awards are not cumulative (an individual must choose one or the other).

National Championship Awards (TEAM)

The value of this award may not exceed \$415.

Those teams winning a National Championship will be eligible for a National Championship ring.

National Championship Awards (INDIVIDUAL)

The value of this award may not exceed \$415.

Any individual in Golf, Swimming, Tennis, or Track who wins a National Championship will be eligible for a National Championship ring. Only that individual may receive a ring.

*NCAA participation and National Championship Awards are not cumulative.

NCAA and ACC RULES

Compliance Services

Compliance services assist Clemson coaches, student-athletes and fans in understanding and abiding by the rules and regulations of the NCAA the ACC, and the institution. Student-athletes are reminded of Clemson's commitment to rules compliance as they perform in the classroom, meet the obligations of intercollegiate athletics and help conduct official visits for prospective student-athletes.

Clemson voluntarily joined the ACC and the NCAA. Because of our membership in these two associations, we follow the rules established by each. Student-athletes are an important part of Clemson's compliance effort. The rules that follow are key principles to know and follow. Your coaches, athletic academic advisor and other athletic administrators will supplement this information throughout the upcoming year.

The following information summarizes key NCAA rules that directly affect student-athletes and to which are attached significant consequences if student-athletes do not comply. If you have questions about NCAA rules, please contact compliance services at 656-1580, compliance-L@clemson.edu or visit the [website](#). Compliance services is located in 105 Jervey.

Eligibility

NCAA Progress Towards Degree

Clemson athletes must adhere to the following:

- Earn 18 hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the preceding regular two semesters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement)
- Earn 24 hours (only six may be earned in summer school) and at least a 1.8 grade point average (GPA) to be eligible at the beginning of your second year;
- Declare a major, earn 40% of your degree requirements and at least a 1.9 GPA to be eligible at the beginning of your third year. Eighteen hours must be earned during the regular academic year;
- Earn 60% of your degree requirements and at least a 2.0 GPA to be eligible at the beginning of your fourth year. Eighteen hours must be earned during the previous regular academic year.
- Earn 80% of your degree requirements and at least a 2.0 GPA to be eligible at the beginning of your fifth year. Eighteen hours must be earned during the previous regular academic year.

In addition to these requirements, you must earn six hours each semester to be eligible for competition the following semester, and you must maintain the GPA requirement throughout the year.

Eligibility for Postseason Competition – Between Terms

Student-athletes who are:	Enrolled in:	Must pass:
Undergraduates not in final semester	12 or more degree applicable hours	Six-degree applicable hours
Undergraduates in final semester	Enrolled in 7-11 degree applicable hours	Six-degree applicable hours.
Undergraduates enrolled in final semester	Enrolled in six or less degree applicable hours.	All hours attempted.

Employment

NCAA rules no longer restrict student-athlete employment. It is now permissible for all student-athletes to work, and there is not a limit on the amount of earnings during the academic year or summer vacation period provided the student is compensated for work actually performed. However, individual team rules may differ.

Clemson must monitor student-athlete employment, so it is important to complete the *Student-Athlete Employment Information Form* and provide it to compliance services. The form can be found in the current student-athlete section on the [compliance page](#). Student-athletes must complete a form for ALL jobs when compensated and provide it to compliance services.

Fee-for-Lesson

A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis provided:

1. Institutional facilities are not used;
2. Playing lessons are not permitted;
3. Compliance services obtains and keeps on file documentation of the recipient of the lesson(s) and the fee-for-lesson(s) provided during any time of the year;
4. Compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient's family) and not another individual or entity;
5. Instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual at a time; and

6. A student-athlete does not use his or her name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions.

Before providing fee-for-lessons, contact compliance services and complete an approval form.

Extra Benefits

An extra benefit is any award, gift, benefit, or expense not allowed by NCAA rules. Generally, a student-athlete may not receive a benefit that is not available to other members of the student body. Examples of such benefits, which may not be provided by anyone other than your parents or those you are financially dependent upon, include but are not limited to: loans, gifts, clothing, stereo equipment, compact discs, food, beverages, transportation, ownership or use of automobiles, use of automatic cash machine, low interest or interest free loans, cell phones, telephone credit cards and use of charge accounts. *

Please understand that receipt of any extra benefits renders student-athletes ineligible and the team may have to forfeit contests in which the student-athlete participated. If offered any extra benefit, please contact compliance services immediately at 656-1580 or compliance-L@clemsn.edu

**The ACC requires Clemson to gather information about vehicles at the beginning of each academic year. Be prepared to provide information about ownership, outstanding loans and lending agencies before being certified to compete.*

Time Limits – Practice and Competition

The NCAA believes athletic participation should enhance the educational welfare of student-athletes. To support that principle, there are limits to the number of hours a student-athlete can be required to participate in athletically related activities. When a team is in-season, those limits are set at 20 hours per week and one day off in a seven-day period. When a team is out-of-season, those limits are set at eight hours per week and two days off during the calendar week. At the beginning of each year, student-athletes receive a list of activities that are counted as required athletically related activities. Contact compliance services at 656-1580 for more information or if countable athletically-related activities exceed the permissible amount. It is the responsibility of each student-athlete to contact compliance services if they are aware of the team exceeding their hours. Throughout the playing season compliance services will randomly select student-athletes to verify playing and practice hours submitted by the coach. PLEASE RESPOND!

Gambling

Gambling is a serious breach of conduct for an intercollegiate student-athlete. If a student-athlete gambles, eligibility to participate in intercollegiate competition is lost. The following activities are considered as gambling by the NCAA:

- Providing information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities such as injury reports, game plan strategy or player discipline;
- Soliciting a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- Accepting a bet on any team representing an institution;

- Soliciting or accepting a bet on any intercollegiate game or any item that has tangible value – like a dinner, cash, T-shirt; or
- Placing or taking bets on intercollegiate athletics or those professional sports in which the NCAA also sponsors. This includes working with a bookmaker, parlay cards, or any other method employed by the organized gambling industry.

Protecting Amateur Status

Consult your head coach before entertaining invitations to participate in competition away from Clemson in your sport. NCAA rules may differ from those of the amateur governing body for your sport. Please review the following activities that are against NCAA rules. Participation in the following jeopardizes eligibility, and most likely requires the student-athlete to be reinstated by the NCAA. Reinstatement almost always involves the student-athlete being withheld from competition and payment of any money earned in the impermissible activity.

NCAA amateur rules do not allow the student-athlete to:

- Accept payment or a promise of payments such as cash, prizes, gifts or travel for participation in the student-athlete's sport;
- Enter into an agreement of any kind to compete in professional athletics. A verbal or written professional contract may not be negotiated;
- Request to be put on a draft list for professional sports or try-out with a professional sports organization;
- Use athletic skill for payment;
- Conduct a camp/clinic;
- Play on any professional athletics team;
- Receive athletically related financial aid that is determined by anyone other than the University; or
- Participate on teams other than Clemson's during the sport's season.

NCAA rules will not allow student-athletes, in any sport, to:

- Agree to have their picture or name used to promote a commercial product;
- Accept gifts, meals, loans of cars or money from anyone other than their parents or those responsible for your expenses;
- Be represented by an agent or an organization that markets athletic skills or reputation;
- Receive any benefit that is not available to other students at the university;
- Participate in a summer league not approved by the NCAA. The Athletics Director must provide written permission for summer league participation; or
- Play on a non-departmental athletic team during the academic year without permission from the head coach and faculty athletic representative.

Outside Competition

The ACC and NCAA limit student-athletes' participation on outside teams during the academic year (including official vacation periods.) Also, there are restrictions for competing on outside teams during the summer. Student-athletes cannot agree to participate on an outside team without first getting the approval of the head coach and compliance services. *Penalties for participating on an impermissible outside team can range from permanent loss of eligibility to the loss of at least one season of eligibility.*

Promotions

The Athletic Department embraces Clemson's commitment to community service. Student-athletes may be asked to participate in institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions. When student-athletes receive invitations to participate in outside promotions, contact compliance services to complete the Student-Athlete Promotional Activities Form at 656-1580 or compliance-L@clemson.edu to make sure the activity does not jeopardize eligibility.

Clemson's student-athletes may field requests to participate in promotions that are not permissible because of ACC or NCAA rules. If contacted by phone or in person to become involved in a promotion, student-athletes must refer that person to compliance services. Let compliance services determine if the activity meets the NCAA and ACC requirements. If it does, compliance will work with the head coach, the student-athlete and the person or organization making the request. If the request does not meet the requirements of NCAA or ACC rules, compliance protects the team and student-athlete from unnecessary penalties.

Player Complimentary Admissions

These policies and procedures are applicable for sports that charge admission.

Policies

- Student-athletes receive a maximum of four complimentary admissions per home or away contest during the regular season in which they are eligible to compete;
- All admissions are by a pass list only - no "hard" tickets are issued;
- Tickets may be used by anyone designated by the student-athlete, excluding player agents or individuals associated with an agent "runner";
- Student-athletes may authorize another teammate to use up to four complimentary admissions with prior written approval of all student-athletes involved in the trade or transfer;
- All transfers must be made prior to the athletic contest; and
- When available, extra tickets may be purchased in advance using existing student ticket priority and paying the appropriate costs for regular and postseason events;
- Complimentary admission tickets MAY NOT BE SOLD or exchanged for goods or services

Procedure

The ticket office will administer all game-day admissions. People (except children) receiving player complimentary admissions must display picture identification at the pass gate. The name and signature on the I.D. must match the name and signature on the player request.

After the game, a copy of the complimentary admissions master list will be reviewed by compliance services and the ticket office will keep the original for five years from date of event.

Boosters

The NCAA strictly limits the role representatives of athletics interest (boosters) may take with regard to our recruits and student-athletes. NCAA rules do not allow boosters to assist with recruiting or to provide benefits to enrolled student-athletes. Clemson is held responsible for any actions taken by a booster with prospects or current student-athletes. The NCAA defines a booster as someone who has:

- Attended Clemson;
- Participated with or been a member of IPTAY;
- Contributed to the Athletic Department or to IPTAY;
- Assisted, or have been requested by the athletic staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- Assisted in providing extra benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
- Has been otherwise involved in the Clemson athletic program.

Once an individual is identified as a booster, that identity is permanent. Please contact compliance services at 656-1580 or compliance-L@clemson.edu for more information.

Student-Athlete Host Guidelines – Recruiting

Host Responsibilities: Clemson's goal for our student-athletes is academic and athletic excellence. We will accomplish this goal by attracting young men and women with potential for excellence. The use of alcohol and other illegal drugs during an official visit is not consistent with excellence, and we urge our student-athletes to serve as hosts of excellence. Student-athletes who serve as hosts, have the greatest potential to attract young men and women who can help Clemson win ACC and National Championships. Our hosts pledge to conduct the visit with excellence and integrity!

Subsequent to the visit, the host will verify with the recruiting coach that the visit was conducted consistent with NCAA rules. Specifically:

- The \$40 (per diem) entertainment money was used to provide the prospective student-athlete and/or their parents (or legal guardians) food, beverage, and entertainment.
- IPTAY members or other individuals who are not employed by Clemson were not engaged with prospects.
- Alcoholic beverages, drugs or any interactions of a sexual nature were not used.
- The prospective student-athlete did not participate in any activity that violates any federal or state law.

- The prospective student-athlete did not participate in any gambling or gaming activities.
- The prospective student-athlete did not participate in any activities that could be interpreted as a tryout.
- The prospective student-athlete was not transported 30 miles beyond Clemson for entertainment purposes.

Rules Violation Reporting Policy

Clemson is committed to operating its athletic programs in a manner consistent with the letter and the spirit of NCAA, ACC, and institutional rules and regulations. Towards that end, the compliance program combines rules education for coaches, staff, and students with a systematic monitoring program to ensure compliance with those rules. As part of its obligation as an ACC and NCAA member, Clemson reports any instances when rules compliance has not been achieved.

Staff members and student-athletes have an obligation to report any possible NCAA or ACC rules violations to compliance services or to the Athletic Director. Compliance services and the faculty athletic representative will review the information and determine if a violation occurred. While reviewing information, the strictest confidentiality will be provided to the process. If a violation is confirmed, it will be reported to the NCAA and ACC. Clemson is committed to reporting all confirmed rule violations, and none are considered so minor to be overlooked.

Student-athletes are encouraged to talk with their coaches, sport supervisor, compliance services (105 Jervey) or their athletics academic advisor if they have questions about NCAA rules compliance.

Agents

Highly skilled student-athletes in a sport that has professional opportunities may receive contact from an agent during their tenure at Clemson. Always refer agents to compliance services. If the student-athlete has eligibility remaining, signing with or even verbally agreeing to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing athletic ability can jeopardize the eligibility. The world of sports agents can be complicated, and all student-athletes should inform the head coach and compliance services when contacted by an agent.

With Agents You May:

- Request information from a professional team or organization concerning your professional market value;
- Secure advice from an attorney or other third party concerning a proposed professional contract, provided the attorney or other third party does not represent you in negotiations for that contract; and
- Compete professionally in one sport and be an amateur in another (e.g. you may sign a professional baseball contract and still play college basketball). Signing a professional contract normally terminates eligibility for an athletic scholarship in any sport.

Also, you may obtain disability insurance that provides protection against the loss of future earnings as a professional athlete due to a disabling injury. Please contact Andy Campbell at wcampb2@clemson.edu or 864-656-3901 for assistance.

With Agents You May Not:

- Agree orally or in writing to be represented by an agent right now or in the future after your eligibility is exhausted;
- Accept any benefits from an agent that include, but are not limited to, transportation, money, and gifts regardless of their value. This limit extends to your family too; or
- Try-out with a professional athletic team in a sport while enrolled as a regular full-time student.

For more specific information about agents and the South Carolina laws that govern their activities with Clemson student-athletes, please contact Clemson's agent coordinator [Andy Campbell](#) /864-656-3901.