

The University of Texas at Tyler
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics



Student-Athlete Handbook 2011-2012

Welcome to Patriots Athletics

On behalf of the Department of Athletics at The University of Texas at Tyler, I would like to congratulate you on being selected as a member of our sports program and welcome you into the UT Tyler athletics family. We take great pride in the high quality of the Patriots Athletic Department and we are excited about the part you will play in making our athletic program a success.

Take a look around the University and you will see growth everywhere. UT Tyler is committed to providing you with the best possible environment in which to cultivate and enhance your abilities as a student and as a student-athlete. We expect the same effort from you on the field and in the classroom. Accountability is part of being a student-athlete – it is a part of life.

Your primary purpose for being at UT Tyler is to receive a quality education. We expect you to work hard, study diligently and give your utmost to achieve your full potential. As a student-athlete at UT Tyler, you have the serious responsibility of assuming a leadership role as a member of one of our athletic teams. Because of your high visibility as an athlete, you are expected to uphold our University's guiding values of integrity and honesty and exhibit sportsmanship, self-discipline and personal responsibility.

Please feel free to contact me, or any of the Athletic Staff if you need help or assistance at anytime during the year. Again welcome to UT Tyler Patriot Athletics and we look forward to sharing with you some of the greatest years of your life.

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Athletics Philosophy Statement

The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Department believes in the fair and equitable treatment of men and women. UT Tyler strives to increase overall learning and add to the national reputation of the University by attracting high-ability student-athletes and other students to UT Tyler who would not otherwise attend the University. The intercollegiate athletic program provides opportunities for student-athletes to build their bodies and their minds, including learning to act and compete with integrity and honor while developing leadership and teamwork abilities. Opportunities are provided to plan, practice, and execute team and individual skills under competitive circumstances, learn the value of dedication and perseverance, and to represent the University well while accepting outcomes with grace.

UT Tyler athletics provides an active student life on campus by providing a myriad of opportunities for students to participate in athletic events as athletes, members of music and spirit groups, and as enthusiastic spectators.

Opportunities are provided for all students, faculty, and staff to join together in celebrating the University as a whole in festive and meaningful ways that build a sense of community and loyalty among us.

About UT Tyler

As a component of the renowned University of Texas System, The University of Texas at Tyler continues to build on more than 100 years of higher education tradition and international recognition. The university has earned recognition for offering rigorous academic training as a four-year comprehensive university with pre-professional programs. UT Tyler offers more than 70 degree programs and has campuses in Tyler, Longview and Palestine.

UT Tyler became a four-year university in 1997 and admitted its first freshman class in 1998. Created in 1971 as an upper-division institution serving junior, senior and graduate level students, the university has been a member of the UT System since 1979. While welcoming freshman students, the university still recognizes the importance of its transfer and graduate enrollment. A steady increase in enrollment has brought the university to more than 6,500 students.

The University of Texas main academic campus was established at Austin in 1881. From the beginning, it was planned that the institution of higher learning would one day have campuses and centers located throughout the state. Today, the UT System enrolls nearly 150,000 students at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels. There are nine academic campuses, six health complexes, four medical schools, two dental schools and seven nursing schools. On average, the UT System awards 30,000 undergraduate degrees each year.



University Facts

Address	3900 University Blvd. Tyler, Texas 75799
President	Dr. Rodney H. Mabry
Enrollment	6,600 (est. Fall '11)
Founded	1971
Mascot	Patriots
Colors	Orange, Navy and White
Conference	American Southwest
Affiliation	NCAA Division III

Important Campus Telephones

Academic Enrichment Center	5693
Athletics	7105
Bookstore	7070
Campus Computing Center	7357, 7367
Career Services	5581
Cowan Center	7266
Enrollment Management	7204
Financial Aid	7180
Human Resources	7234
Library	7342
Herrington Patriot Center	7466
Patriot Village Apartments	5725
Registrar's Office	7215
Residence Life	7008
Ornelas Hall	6400
Student Activities/Intramurals	7281
Student Affairs	5674
Student Counseling	7079
University Pines Apartments	566-3565
University Police	7060
University Police - Emergency	7300

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Tennis – Adam Stone

Track – Grant Spencer

Volleyball – Ashley Montalvo

UT Tyler Athletics Facilities

The athletics facilities at The University of Texas at Tyler are among the very best in Texas and in NCAA Division III. They include the Herrington Patriot Center, Summers Tennis Center, the Citizens 1st Bank – Perkins Soccer Complex, Irwin Field (Baseball) and the UT Tyler Softball Field.

All facilities are under the administrative control of the Vice President for Auxiliary Services and Athletics and must be scheduled for practices and games through the Herrington Patriot Center office.

UT Tyler student-athletes are fortunate to have these facilities and should take pride in their appearance. It is the duty of every student-athlete to keep UT Tyler's facilities clean and to remind others of the same.

Student-athletes must adhere to the same facility use policies as all other students, including presenting proper identification (Student ID Card), completing facility membership forms, etc.

Affiliation

The University of Texas at Tyler is a member of the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) and the American Southwest Conference (ASC). All student-athletes will adhere to and immediately report any violations or possible violations of NCAA and ASC regulations.



General Student-Athlete Guidelines

Student-athletes involved in UT Tyler athletics will uphold the following:

Academic

1. Attend classes regularly and complete all academic assignments;
2. Consult with your academic advisor when you have questions or concerns about your education;
3. Maintain an academic course load of at least 12 hours per semester and make satisfactory progress toward a degree;
4. Accept responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility;
5. The team goal is to maintain at least a 3.0 team GPA. All team members will present their coach with a class syllabus from each course. Major tests and assignments from the syllabus will be entered on a master calendar. Coaches will use the calendar to monitor progress on assignments, preparation for tests and to check grades following the tests.
6. Since just a few tests and projects may constitute your final grade in a course, you can not afford to bomb a test. Therefore, there will be consequences for poor test performance.
7. Attend mandatory team study hall as directed by the head coach.
 - a. Coaches will determine the time and number of sessions attended per week.
 - b. Attendance will be checked and you must arrive on time.
8. Strive to obtain a college degree within the four or five year expectation

Athletic

1. Abide by all University, NCAA, ASC and team rules;
2. Maintain oneself in top physical condition, with accepted health standards;
3. Attend all organized practices, unless officially excused;
4. Take proper care of equipment and return it in good condition;
5. Treat officials and opponents with respect, avoid undue confrontations

General Conduct

1. Abide by all policies outlined in the University's Student Handbook and this document;
2. Obey residence halls policies and regulations
3. Obey all federal, state, and local laws
4. Abstain from using tobacco, alcohol, and non-therapeutic drugs

Sportsmanlike Conduct

Sportsmanlike conduct means more than the absence of negative actions in public. Coaches and athletics administrators are able to provide you with techniques for dealing in a positive manner with the following situations which may arise during play: (a) communication with officials and opponents on routine matters during athletic events; (b) maintaining control during emotionally charged situations; (c) reacting in a positive manner to an aggressive action by an individual or group. Coaches are to define actions, which constitute inappropriate conduct and suggest ways to avoid such behavior.

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to:

1. Breaking a federal, state, or local law;
2. Physically abusing officials, coaches, opponents or spectators;

3. Throwing objects;
4. Unauthorized seizing of equipment from officials or the news media;
5. Inciting players or spectators to negative actions or any behavior which insults or defiles an opponent's traditions;
6. Using obscene or otherwise inappropriate language or gestures;
7. Making public statements which are negative, controversial or outside the Department's standards or policies;
8. Participating in any actions which violate the generally recognized ethical standards of intercollegiate athletics, the University or the community.

Student-Athlete Discipline Policy

The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Department will be represented by responsible staff members and student-athletes. The successful completion of a college degree by each student-athlete is the department's primary objective. However, student-athletes will be held to a higher standard. In particular, the character, integrity and behavior of UT Tyler student-athletes on and off of the playing field must be above reproach. Based on this premise, the following represents the discipline sanctions for behavior that deviates from these expectations.

The Student-Athletic Discipline Policy is divided into seven areas.

1. Alcohol
2. Drugs
3. Local, state, and federal laws; felony charges.
(Student Arrest)
4. NCAA/American Southwest Conference Rules
5. Institutional (Student Handbook) and Residence Life
6. Team Rules
7. Appeals

1. Alcohol

With the exception of DUI/DWI, which fall under Texas state law, (additional information on page 20), the following guidelines pertain to all alcohol related incidents, regardless of the student-athlete's age, filed by residence life, university staff or any law enforcement agency during the athlete's years of NCAA eligibility.

First Offense

1. The student-athlete will have a conference with the head coach, at which the student-athlete will be suspended from competition for a minimum of 20% of the entire regular season contests. Lost dates may carry over from one year to the next. Student-athletes may continue to practice during the suspension.
2. The student-athlete will meet with the Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs for a university disciplinary action hearing.
3. The student-athlete will be required to complete an alcohol/drug education program before resuming competition, with any cost assumed by the student-athlete.
4. The student-athlete will be required to perform 20 hours of community service, which must be pre-approved by the Associate Athletics Director, in consultation with the head coach, prior to resuming competition. Failure to complete community service hours prior to the reinstatement date will result in suspension from practice and competition until community service hours are completed and verified by the Associate Athletics Director. Should the student-athlete be involved in more than one sport, the suspension would carry over to the student-athlete's other sport(s).
5. Offenses that occur in the non-traditional season will be treated the same as traditional or in-season offenses, except the 20% suspension will commence at the start of the next season.

Second Offense

1. The student-athlete will have a conference with the head coach, at which time the student-athlete will be suspended from practice and competition (all team activities) for one calendar year. This suspension

- prohibits participation on any UT Tyler intercollegiate team.
2. The student-athlete will meet with the Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs for university disciplinary action.
 3. The student-athlete will be required to perform 100 hours of community service, which must be pre-approved by the Athletics Director for, in consultation with the head coach prior to resuming competition. Failure to complete community service hours prior to the reinstatement date will result in suspension from practice and competition until community service hours are completed and verified by the Athletics Director. Should the student-athlete be involved in more than one sport, the suspension would carry over to the student-athlete's other sport(s).

Third Offense - If a third offense occurs, while the student-athlete is enrolled at UT Tyler, it will result in the permanent suspension from all involvement in athletics at UT Tyler.

2. Drugs (See also Athletics Substance Abuse Policy)

A student-athlete, who uses, possesses or distributes drugs and/or drug paraphernalia, while in or out of season, is accountable for any incident in which he or she is involved. Regardless of the legal implications, if it is determined that a student-athlete is in violation of the UT Tyler Drug Policy, the following minimum sanctions will be enforced:

1. The student-athlete will have a conference with the head coach. If the student-athlete has been found guilty of the use, possession or distribution of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia the student-athlete will be

- suspended from all practices, competitions and team events for a minimum of one calendar year.
2. The student-athlete will meet with the Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs Officer for university disciplinary action.
 3. The student-athlete must successfully complete all assigned rehabilitation.
 4. The student-athlete will be required to perform 100 hours of community service, which must be pre-approved by the Athletics Director, in consultation with the head coach prior to being considered for reinstatement. Should the student-athlete be involved in more than one sport, the suspension would carry over to the student-athlete's other sport(s).
 5. A student-athlete found guilty of the use and/or possession or distribution of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia may appeal his/her suspension to the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

3. Local, State, Federal Laws: Felony Charges (Student Arrest)

A. Summary Suspension - If the Athletic Department (a) has information which indicates that a student-athlete has been convicted of, has not contested having committed (e.g. has pleaded guilty or no contest/nolo contendere), or has been charged with or arrested for a violation of local, state or federal law involving drugs, gambling or violence (e.g. rape, assault, destruction of property, etc.) or any felony, irrespective of the jurisdiction, or (b) in the event a student-athlete has admitted to department officials (including coaches) that he/she has engaged in conduct that may constitute a violation of the law as outlined above, the student-athlete shall be immediately suspended from participation and competition until any charges have been addressed by the legal system and/or any applicable university or departmental disciplinary process has been

completed. “Information” that may trigger the application of this policy shall include, but not be limited to, court, arrest or other law enforcement, university or departmental records. By suspending the student-athlete, the department and the university are in no way prejudging whether any crime has been committed or whether any institutional or departmental discipline is warranted. Such action is taken to protect the integrity of the intercollegiate athletics program.

B. Institutional and/or Departmental Discipline -

Separate and apart from the Summary Suspension permitted above, a student-athlete may face institutional or departmental disciplinary action based upon the same facts or incident that led to a finding of a violation of law or a criminal charge. If pursued, institutional discipline would proceed as explained in the Institutional Handbook. In the event that departmental discipline is pursued, including discipline by a head coach, the policies and procedures on misconduct, appeals and hearings set out in the Institutional Handbook would be followed.

C. Student Arrest - After reviewing the available information about a case and discussing the situation with the student, the Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs shall make a decision regarding whether the University will bring disciplinary charges against the student immediately or wait for the outcome of the trial prior to deciding if the university disciplining charges are appropriate.

If arrested and charged with a violation, a student-athlete must follow the steps listed below:

1. Report violation to his/her head coach and Judicial Affairs Officer.
2. Notify his/her head coach.

3. Undergo a review by the Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs.
4. Adhere to the decision of the Director of Residence Life and Judicial Affairs , or, if appealed,
5. Adhere to the decision of the Hearing Officer

4. NCAA/American Southwest Conference Rules

Student-athletes are obligated to abide by NCAA, American Southwest Conference and University rules. Failure to do so, deliberately or unintentionally, could result in the loss of eligibility. When in doubt about the rules, student-athletes should contact the Compliance Officer or Athletics Director.

All students should be familiar with and refer to the NCAA Manual or ASC Handbook if questions arise (copies can be obtained from the head coach or athletics department). Some NCAA or ASC rules violations may require other discipline sanctions determined by other policy categories. Student-athletes are expected to know and follow all NCAA and ASC rules and regulations, and ignorance of such rules and regulations will not mitigate any offense.

5. Institutional (Student Handbook) and Residence Life

The following policy will apply during an academic year, and/or at anytime the student-athlete is on campus, regarding violations of institutional and residence life policies.

First Offense

1. The student-athlete will be placed on probation for up to a calendar year. The terms of probation may be modified depending on the circumstances however;

- basic probationary conditions imply that the student-athlete may be immediately suspended from UT Tyler Athletics for the remainder of the academic year if he/she violates additional institutional, residence life or department of athletics rules while under probation.
2. The student-athlete may be assigned up to 100 hours of community service.
 3. The student-athlete will abide by regular institutional judicial process.
 4. The student-athlete will lose up to 20 percent of season's competition opportunities. The effective date of the loss of competition will be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Lost dates may carry over from one year to the next.
 5. The student-athlete may or may not be permitted to practice with their athletic team.
 6. The student-athlete will be given a written warning with copies to the Head Coach from the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Second Offense - If the student-athlete receives a second offense of any policy in the UT Tyler Institutional Handbook in the same academic year, the student-athlete will be placed on suspension for a minimum of a calendar year.

6. Team Rules

The coach in each individual sport may also establish individual team rules (class attendance, dress code, etc.), with prior approval from the Athletics Director, which are stricter than this discipline policy. Each student-athlete will receive a written copy for review and discussion.

7. Appeals

Appeals will be handled according to current University policies and procedures.

Athletics Substance Abuse Policy

The University of Texas at Tyler recognizes a responsibility to ensure each student a safe, healthy, and supportive educational environment.

Part of the administration's responsibility is to periodically take necessary precautions which provide for the welfare and safety of our student-athletes, coaching staffs, sports medicine staff, administration, and support personnel.

Unfortunately, substance abuse is a serious problem in our society. Drug use can be detrimental to the physical and mental well being of our student-athletes and university support personnel. It is our desire to discourage the use of illegal drugs, both on and off campus, and to provide a learning environment that is drug free at every level of the educational and athletic process.

UT Tyler student-athletes are viewed as leaders and role models and, as such, are respected and emulated by other individuals in The University of Texas at Tyler community.

Leadership brings additional responsibilities. While off campus, student-athletes represent the University. Therefore, it is expected that individuals at The University of Texas at Tyler exhibit leadership qualities and respectable character while off campus, as well as on campus.

With this in mind, our existing drug screening policy has been revised to include a random testing procedure for all

student-athletes in all sports on a random basis. We have endeavored to implement a drug screening policy that will discourage the use of drugs and illegal substances and allow the university the opportunity to intervene as early as possible should the presence of drugs be discovered within the athletic programs.

Prohibited Drugs

Drug screening urinalyses will be performed for any or all of the substances, which appear on the NCAA's list of banned drugs (see NCAA drug testing regulations).

Except when prescribed by a qualified physician to treat an individual's medical condition, use of the following "street drug" substances by a student-athlete in the UT Tyler intercollegiate athletics program is expressly prohibited and shall be considered in violation of program rules and regulations.

Amphetamines	Barbiturates
Benzodiazepines	Cocaine
Opiates	Methqualone
Phencyclidine	Steroids
Tetrahydrocannabinoids (Marijuana)	
[And any form, combination or derivative thereof]	

Also refer to the NCAA list of banned substances.

Although athletes will not be tested for alcohol abuse, any athlete convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs/driving while intoxicated (DUI/DWI) as defined by Texas state law, or drunk and disorderly conduct will be considered to have had tested positively for substance abuse, and will be subject to the consequences outlined in this document.

A. Assumptions

1. The use of illicit drugs will impair an individual's good judgment and diminish one's ability to behave in a prudent manner, especially in pressure situations. Illicit drugs are referred to as "mind altering" substances.
2. The use of illicit drugs is detrimental not only to the physical but also the mental well being of student-athletes. Students who participate in collegiate athletics must use good judgment, or the probability of injury to themselves or to others is greatly increased.
3. The use of illicit drugs is harmful to one's athletic health and may be life threatening. Numerous highly publicized deaths of prominent athletes have occurred as a result of drug overdose.
4. The use of illicit drugs becomes addicting and increases the propensity to resort to criminal activities to support a very expensive habit.
5. The use of illicit drugs seriously affects the fitness of student-athletes. Students who want to excel in college athletics must have a high degree of physical fitness.
6. There is a need for a concerted effort to deter the use of illicit drugs, especially in public schools and colleges/universities.
7. College student-athletes are a uniquely visible group of students because of the nature of the extracurricular activities in which they are engaged. College student-athletes have a strong influence on young people and have a responsibility to be good role models for them.
8. A comprehensive drug program for highly visible groups that involve education, testing, and rehabilitation for drug users can be a strong deterrent to drug use.

9. It would be desirable but not practical for every college student to participate in a comprehensive drug program.
10. College student-athletes are not discriminated against when they are required to participate in a comprehensive drug program for it is in their best interest and welfare that such a program is established. Participation in collegiate athletic programs is a privilege and is NOT a right.

B. Purpose of the Program

The purpose of The University of Texas at Tyler Drug Education, Testing and Counseling Program will be:

1. To establish and define written policy and procedures for The University of Texas at Tyler to: A) educate eligible student-athletes as to the dangers of drug abuse, B) periodically drug screen a select number of eligible student-athletes and C) drug screen any eligible student-athlete where a reasonable suspicion exists concerning unlawful use of a controlled substance.
2. To promote the health, academic, and athletic progress of each student-athlete at The University of Texas at Tyler.
3. To encourage eligible individuals to develop healthy, responsible lifestyles.
4. To discourage any drug use and abuse by eligible student-athletes at The University of Texas at Tyler.
5. To identify any eligible student-athlete who may be using illegal drugs or controlled substances and to identify the illegal drug or controlled substance.
6. To identify any chronic dependency and ensure that it is treated and addressed properly to the fullest extent of our available resources.

7. To provide reasonable precautions to ensure that each eligible student-athlete is exposed to safe and effective academic and athletic environments by minimizing the dangers associated with drug abuse.
8. To provide reasonable safeguards in order that every eligible student-athlete is medically competent to participate in university related activities.
9. To re-emphasize to eligible student-athletes their responsibilities as a positive role model, both on and off the campus.
10. To empower eligible student-athletes with a reason to say “NO” to drug use and abuse.
11. To provide guidance, counseling, and treatment to eligible student-athletes who test positive by referring them to the appropriate professional help as indicated.

C. Education, Counseling & Detection Procedures

The following procedures will be used by University personnel to implement the illicit drug prevention policy: Students will review the NCAA Drug-Testing video along with the NCAA Drug-Testing Program booklet. This will be done at the annual Student-Athlete Orientation. In addition:

1. The student-athlete will sign a form acknowledging consent to undergo drug screening. Student-athletes may refuse to consent to drug testing under this program. However, those who decline participation in The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Drug Prevention Program, which is designed to protect the health and reputation of the student-athlete, will not be eligible for nor shall be permitted to participate in intercollegiate athletics for The University of Texas at Tyler. A student-athlete who fails or refuses to be tested for drugs as provided in the policy, after initially consenting to drug testing, shall be considered

- to have made a decision not to participate in The University of Texas at Tyler Athletic Program.
2. All student-athletes in the intercollegiate athletics program may be tested at random during the academic year.
 3. The collection and coding of specimen samples are executed in a manner insuring total confidentiality and identification.
 - a. Students will be selected by a random selection process.
 - b. Students will be tested at a location predetermined by the team athletic trainer.
 - c. An independent drug testing lab (THE Lab) will be responsible for the testing with the head technician recording as the Crew Chief.
 - d. The procedures will assure confidentiality and integrity of the tests.

D. Testing Procedures

1. At the beginning of each academic year, the athletic team trainer will send each student-athlete's identification number/or name to the testing lab, who then enters the information into their computer data base. This information is confidential and will be used to identify a specific sample.
2. Throughout the academic year a percent of testing numbers will be drawn using a random table to determine which student-athletes will be tested in that particular group.
3. The Athletics Director and the Head Athletic Trainer shall be responsible for selecting the dates for testing and notifying the appropriate coaches concerning the specific test date, time, site, and student-athletes to be tested. It will then be the responsibility of the coach to insure the presence of the student-athletes for

- testing as scheduled. If after being notified by his/her coach, the student-athlete fails to report for the drug test, it will be considered as a positive test.
4. The student-athlete shall provide picture identification when entering the drug-testing station.
 5. The drug-testing station shall not be used for any other reason while the drug-testing is in session.
 6. The team athletic trainer will assist designated laboratory Crew Chief in collecting urine specimens at any time and providing accurate identification of the student-athlete.
 7. A student-athlete who has a legitimate reason for not being tested at the prescribed time must present that information to the team trainer within the time frame for testing.
 8. A student-athlete who does not report at the appointed time without just cause will be considered to have a positive test. The Athletics Director determines whether or not the absence is just cause.
 9. The test numbers of all student-athletes will be in the pool each week. Test numbers of student-athletes who were tested on the last test will be returned to the pool. When a student-athlete has had two consecutive random tests and his/her number is drawn again, the team athletic trainer, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, may elect to defer that test.

E. Actions

1. The analysis results are returned to the Head Athletic Trainer. Test results are revealed only to the student-athlete, athletic director, head coach of the student-athlete's sport, and director of counseling.
2. All offenses are cumulative for the term of the student-athlete.

3. A student-athlete who has been sanctioned for a positive drug test will be subject to re-test for the remainder of the athletic year.
4. A positive test is that result which generates a reading which is considered a positive result according to a NCAA policy.

F. Falsification of Test Results

Any attempt to falsify test results by providing false information, altering a urine sample, manipulating test results, including findings of hyper dilution, or any other conscientious effort to circumvent the process will result in an automatic suspension from participation in the athletic program for a period of no less than one (1) academic year.

G. Sanctions

The following sanctions are defined for the situations identified:

Positive Test. The penalty for a positive test result will be dismissal from the athletic program for a minimum period of one calendar year. The student-athlete may not practice or participate on any UT Tyler athletic team during this time.

After one calendar year the student-athlete may appeal to the head coach for reinstatement. In order to be considered for reinstatement, the student-athlete must have met the following conditions:

- Successfully passed all subsequent drug screening tests
- Successfully completed all counseling sessions

- Successfully completed 100 hours of approved community service

The decision for reinstatement will be made by the Athletics Director, based on the recommendation of the head coach. If the student-athlete fails any drug screening after the initial failed screening that student-athlete may not appeal for reinstatement.



Sports Medicine/Insurance

All UT Tyler student-athletes are required to complete six (6) designated forms before they may compete or practice. The forms will be made available to all student-athletes and are available on the athletic training website at www.uttlerpatriots.com/compliance/. The forms are:

- Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form
- Medical Waiver Form
- Medical History Form
- Emergency Contact/Insurance Information Form
- Acknowledgement of Insurance Requirements - Student Self-Insured Version
- Acknowledgement of Insurance Requirements - Parent Insured Version

Training Room

The UT Tyler training room will be available and open throughout the day as well as prior to, during, and after games, events, or practices. A calendar with available time will be posted on the front door. If you are not able to make it to the posted time, make an appointment with your athletic trainer to assure that someone is available. The training room is located on the first floor of the Herrington Patriot Center (HPC 1045). UT Tyler's head athletic trainer is Rebekah Grube. You can reach her at (903) 565-5742.

The following therapeutic modalities are available to UT Tyler student-athletes:

- Whirlpool
- Hydrocollator
- Ultrasound
- Muscle stimulation

- Ice packs
- Intermittent compression

Emergencies

Should an emergency occur at UT Tyler, patients will be transported to East Texas Medical Center, Mother Frances Hospital or the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler.

Trinity Mother Francis Hospital: (903) 593-8411
800 E. Dawson, Tyler TX 75701

East Texas Medical Center: (903) 597-0351
1000 S. Beckham, Tyler TX 75701

UT Health Center at Tyler: (903) 877-3451
11937 US Hwy. 271 Tyler TX 75708

Practices

Practice is defined as any meeting, activity or instruction involving sports-related information and having an athletics purpose, held for one or more student-athletes at the direction of, or supervised by, any member or members of an institution's coaching staff. Practice is considered to have occurred if one or more coaches and one or more student-athletes engage in any of the following activities.

1. Field, floor or on-court activity;
2. Setting up offensive or defensive alignments;
3. Chalk talk;
4. Lecture or discussion of strategy related to the sport;
5. Activities using equipment related to the sport;
6. Discussion or review of game films, motion pictures or videotapes related to the sport; or
7. Any other athletically related activity.

No class time shall be missed for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest.

According to NCAA regulations, all athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week.

Gambling & Sports Wagering

The NCAA is proud of you for becoming a college student-athlete. It is proud of our country's long tradition of college sports. It wants to protect your bright future and the integrity of sports. That's why NCAA rules prohibit sports gambling of any kind by college student-athletes, coaches, trainers or anyone else involved with college sports.

As a college student-athlete, you must follow the rules of the NCAA. One of the rules, NCAA Bylaw 10.3, specifically prohibits sports gambling.

In clear, simple language, here's what the rule means:

You may not place any bet of any sort on any college, amateur or professional sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition.

You may not give information to anyone who does place bets on college or professional sports.

That means...

- NO wagers for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) on ANY professional or college sports event, even those that don't involve your college.
- NO sports "pools," even those run by your friends in the dorm.
- NO Internet gambling on sports events.
- NO fantasy leagues that award a prize and require a fee to participate.
- NO sports wagering using "800" numbers.
- NO exchange of information about your team with ANYONE who gambles. In other words, no

information about injuries, new plays, team morale, discipline problems, or anything else.

The Consequences

NCAA rules are clear. The minute you are discovered to have participated in activities designed to influence the outcome of a game (i.e., “point-shaving”) or taken part in betting involving UT Tyler...

You are declared permanently ineligible to compete in all college sports. You are off the team. You also run the risk of being expelled from UT Tyler.

If you accept or place a bet on any college or professional team other than your own, you will automatically be suspended for a minimum of one year and be charged with a season of competition.

You also run the risk of being arrested and charged with a crime. That’s because sports wagering is illegal in every state except Nevada. Sports bribery is illegal in every state. And even in Nevada, it is against NCAA rules for a student-athlete to make any wager on a sports event.

Summer Camps

A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements: The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character and any coaching or officiating assignments shall represent not more than one-half of the student-athlete's work time.

Compensation provided to the student-athlete must be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the student-athlete's athletics reputation or achievement. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete.

A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp or clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp or clinic. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic. Also, there cannot be any organized practice at a camp or clinic site by members of a team.

The Athletics Director must give permission in advance of the student-athletes' employment arrangements.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

The UT Tyler SAAC is comprised of two students-athletes from each athletic team at UT Tyler. The group, which selects its own officers every year, is a communications link between student-athletes and the athletic administration. The committee designs and implements programs which encourage academic achievement, health promotion, social responsibility and general awareness.

Student-athletes interested in serving on the SAAC should notify their head coach.

Community Service

The mission of intercollegiate athletics at UT Tyler is to provide athletics programs that contribute in an effective and meaningful manner to the achievement of the broader goals of the University. The athletics programs should aspire to enhance the total education experience of students, promote the matriculation and retention of students, advance the reputation of UT Tyler, and cultivate pride, spirit, loyalty and support of students, alumni, and the community-at-large.

Each student-athlete is expected to participate in department/team community service activities.

The specific goals of intercollegiate athletics regarding community service include:

- To assist the campus in student recruitment directly and indirectly;

- To help promote the image and identity of the campus within the university and out in the community;
- To facilitate the integration of the intercollegiate athletics department and student-athlete into the university community;
- To maintain programs that serve as models for leadership, on which the University community and the public may look with pride;
- To provide learning experiences for student-athletes, including leadership and team building;
- To provide role models and mentors for other students and young people in the community who might not otherwise aspire to attend a college or university.

Social Media Web Sites

Websites such as Facebook and Twitter are great ways to communicate with friends and share pictures. However, anything that is offensive or in poor taste can reflect badly on you, your team, the Athletics Department, and The University of Texas at Tyler. In addition, potential employers now regularly check social websites before hiring new employees. Coaches have the right to discipline student athletes based on unacceptable electronic postings and/or unacceptable personal conduct.

Hazing

Hazing, defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Policy Against Hazing

UT Tyler has established a standard of behavior for student-athletes participating on athletic teams. Student-athletes shall conduct themselves both on and off the field in a way which brings credit to the team, the athletics program, and the University. In accordance with Texas law and University policy, hazing or initiations are strictly prohibited, whether or not the student has consented to participate in any hazing for any reason.

Student-athletes, managers and coaches cannot participate in any form of hazing or initiation. Any activity of this nature is strictly prohibited and allegations will be thoroughly investigated. If it is determined that the policy has been violated, involved student-athletes will be suspended or dismissed from the team. In addition, the Vice President for Students Affairs will be notified and the involved student-athlete(s) will be subject to additional disciplinary action.

Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to being:

- Yelled, cursed or sworn at
- Forced or expected to participate in tattooing, piercing, head shaving or branding
- Forced or expected to wear embarrassing clothing

- Forced or expected to drink alcohol
- Instructed to participate in calisthenics not related to sport
- Required to act as a personal servant to players
- Transported and abandoned
- Forced or expected to consume inappropriate concoctions

The UT Tyler Athletics Department is firmly committed to enforcing this policy. The Athletics Department Executive Committee also has the authority to initiate disciplinary proceedings against individual students as well as against groups of students or student organizations in any case involving allegations of misconduct.

Suspected incidences of hazing or initiations should be reported as soon as possible to one of the following individuals:

Howard Patterson	Director of Athletics
Mike Reed	Compliance Officer
Dr. Ross Sherman	Faculty Athletics Representative
Peyton Low	Sports Information/Athletic Operations Director

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

Statement of Policy

The University of Texas at Tyler is committed to the principle that the University's working and learning environment be free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual misconduct and sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated and individuals who engage in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.

Scope of Policy

This policy applies to all University administrators, faculty; staff, students, visitors and applicants for employment or admission. It applies not only to unwelcome conduct that violates state and federal laws concerning sexual harassment but also to inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature. It is also applicable regardless of the gender of the complainant or the alleged harasser.

Statutory Reference

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1972, and the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act, Article 5221k, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, and it is illegal, and actionable under civil and criminal law.

Definitions

- A. **Sexual Misconduct**. Sexual misconduct includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature

directed towards another individual that does not rise to the level of sexual harassment but is unprofessional and inappropriate for the workplace or classroom.

B. Sexual Harassment. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or student status;
2. submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for evaluation in making personnel or academic decisions affecting that individual; or
3. such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's performance as an administrator, faculty member, staff or student, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

C. Examples. Examples of behavior that could be considered sexual misconduct or sexual harassment include but are not limited:

1. physical contact of a sexual nature including touching, patting, hugging, or brushing against a person's body;
2. explicit or implicit propositions or offers to engage in sexual activity;
3. comments of a sexual nature including sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes or anecdotes; remarks of a sexual nature about a person's clothing or body;

- remarks about sexual activity; speculation about sexual experience;
4. exposure to sexually oriented graffiti, pictures, posters, or materials; and/or
 5. physical interference with or restriction of an individual's movements.

Benefits & Boosters

Receipt by a student-athlete of an award, benefit or expense allowance not authorized by NCAA legislation renders the student-athlete ineligible to compete while representing the institution in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received. If the student-athlete receives an extra benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation or an improper award or expense allowance in conjunction with competition that involves the use of overall athletics skill (e.g., “superstars” competition), the individual is ineligible in all sports.

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or athletics representative to provide a student-athlete (or his/her relatives, guardian or friends) a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Never accept any of the following from a booster or representative of UT Tyler’s athletic interests:

1. Cash or loans in any amount
2. Co-signing or arranging a loan
3. Gifts or free services (e.g., airline tickets, cash, restaurant meals)
4. Use of an automobile
5. Rent free or reduced cost housing
6. Money for, or a guarantee of, bail or bond
7. Employment of a student-athlete at a higher rate than the wages paid for similar work
8. Payment to a student-athlete for work not performed
9. Transportation (aside from transportation related to an occasional home meal)
10. Tickets to an athletics, institutional or community event

11. Financial aid for a post-graduate education
12. Promise of employment after college graduation
13. Invitations to your home or summer home for purposes other than an occasional meal

Academic Information

In addition to this information, please refer to the current UT Tyler Undergraduate Catalog for the complete version of the University's academic policies and procedures.

Eligibility

To be eligible to represent UT Tyler in intercollegiate athletic competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. At the time of competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours, regardless of the institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies.

A student-athlete shall not engage in more than 4 seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the regulations of that institution. A student-athlete is considered to have utilized a semester or quarter under this rule when the student is officially registered in a collegiate institution in a regular term of an academic year, for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the first day of classes for that term. Any competition, except preseason scrimmages, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport.

A student who has not previously participated in intercollegiate athletics and who transfers from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution to a Division III

institution shall be immediately eligible, under the Association's transfer regulations, to compete for the Division III. If the student has ever participated in intercollegiate athletics, the student must have been academically and athletically eligible had he or she remained at that institution. For additional transfer regulations, please contact the Compliance Coordinator.

Registration

UT Tyler encourages students to participate in the telephone and web registration periods for which scheduled dates and times are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Students may add and drop during the regularly scheduled registration periods as well as the late registration periods. Students desiring to add and drop during this period of time may do so through the registration process; however, after the twelfth class day, which is published in each schedule (or the fourth class day in a summer session or the first day in a mini semester), the student must use the procedures listed under the withdrawal policy guidelines.

Student-athletes should always be prepared to register for classes at the earliest possible time allowed to ensure you get the classes you need. This means you need to meet with your academic advisor well in advance of the beginning of registration. You also need to make sure your financial arrangements are in place. This is an area where you will have to take responsibility.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is the responsibility of the student. UT Tyler student-athletes will attend ALL classes unless excused for official University business (road games). In such cases, you will need to follow the procedures given by the instructor with respect to notification and making up assignments. It is best to present the instructor with a

list of class days you will miss at the beginning of the semester. In many cases, class participation is a significant measure of performance, and continued non-attendance may adversely affect a student's grade. Both coaches and student-athletes have responsibilities to ensure participants remain focused on academics while participating in athletics.

It is the responsibility of the coach to:

1. Remind the students of the priority of their academic responsibilities.
2. Develop an awareness of the critical dates of the college calendar and avoid scheduling activities during midterms, examination periods and other special events insofar as possible.
3. Communicate and provide appropriate materials (schedules, etc.) to the student-athletes within the first week of classes or within the first week of the sport, their responsibility to notify in writing each of their instructors in the sport and of the dates of all scheduled events.

It is the responsibility of the student to:

1. Notify each of his/her instructors in writing within the first week of class, of his/her involvement in a sport.
2. Give each instructor the official list of dates of scheduled events.
3. Visit with the instructor three class meetings in advance about getting assignments for missed classes.
4. If an event conflicts with a class activity, make an appointment with the instructor to discuss the possibility of making up the missed class work.

Financial Aid

UT Tyler offers an extensive list of federal, state, and private financial aid opportunities to all students. Financial aid is determined once a student completes and submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can obtain a FAFSA form from the Financial Aid office.

Scholarships

Scholarships offered at UT Tyler are designed to attract and retain outstanding degree seeking students. To be considered, students must be accepted for admission to UT Tyler and submit an application on-line for the fall and spring semesters of the appropriate year.

It is recommended that all scholarship applicants complete the FAFSA, as many of the scholarship opportunities consider financial needs. Awards of academic scholarships are based primarily on predictors of academic success, such as high school class rank, standardized test scores and prior college grades. Additional consideration will be given to leadership qualities, financial need, socioeconomic background and status as a first generation college student. Students may not receive more than one academic scholarship award from the University, per semester.

Students receiving the National Merit Finalist, National Merit Semi-Finalist, Patriot, Leadership, Presidential, Alumni, New Graduate or International Scholarship are not eligible for additional scholarship funding for the summer semesters.

Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis to receive scholarship awards, excluding college and talent scholarships.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

The University of Texas at Tyler defines satisfactory academic progress for undergraduate students as achieving a semester and cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above. Graduate students must achieve a semester and cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Tips For Academic Success

The responsibility for academic success lies with you, the student-athlete. You have the responsibility to ask for help when you are not doing well in a class. You have the responsibility to complete assignments on time.

Ultimately, you have the responsibility to take control of your own learning process and to become an academic success.

- Go to class-every class-with class! Try missing practice and see what your coach thinks and says.
- Sit in the “T” of the classroom.
- Stay alert in class. Don't yawn or stare out the door or window.
- Be familiar with course requirements. Read the SYLLABUS.
- Get a notebook and keep all notes, handouts, and syllabi together.
- Record in a calendar all test and assignment due dates, scheduled competitions, and meetings and appointments.
- Keep up with reading assignments. Don't wait until the night before a test to begin your reading.
- Get to know at least one other person in each of your classes. They can help you if you have to miss a class for a competition.

Managing Your Time

With the heavy athletic demands you have, it is very important that you manage your time wisely. Here are just a few tips to help you make efficient use of your time.

- Set aside a definite time for studying each day. This discourages procrastination and prevents work pileup.

- Make use of breaks between classes. Read over your notes at least three times as soon after class as possible. The information will "stick" better if you review while it is still fresh in your mind.
- If you are required to attend study hall then make the most of that time.
- Don't cram for hours the night before a test; instead, distribute your studying in hour segments over several days.
- Keep up-to-date with course work. College terms start slowly. They gradually get busier and busier, reaching a peak at final exam time. Paper due dates usually fall at the end of the semester. If you don't plan well, you may find yourself trying to complete several term papers when you should be preparing for finals.
- It is very important to keep up with courses where material learned early in the course is needed to understand later information. Accounting, mathematics, and foreign language are among such courses.

The Student/Professor Relationship

Most instructors are willing to help you any way they can as long as you show a willingness to do your part. Here are a few things to remember:

- Don't be afraid to talk to your professors.
- Ask for help and assistance on specific areas of study. Remember, teachers enjoy helping you learn. A student doing poorly who seeks a professor's help will rate higher in the professor's eyes than an indifferent student of any kind.
- Never say you need a grade, always state what you want to achieve from the course.

Studying the Professor

Students should not only know their professors, but they should know as much about each professor's teaching techniques as possible.

- Classroom participation and attendance are usually viewed as genuine interest while absences indicate indifference. While some professors may not grade directly on the two, they may for example push a high "D" over the edge to a "C."
- Find someone who has had your instructor already and discuss the professor's testing style.
- What parts of the course does the professor like most and least? Any time a professor writes something on the board and/or repeats a point several times, take note. The information will appear on an exam.

Note Taking Tips

- Do not try to write every word of lecture! Professors speak approximately 150 words per minute. Use your own particular style of shorthand, but be sure to write clearly.
- Look over the notes of the previous lecture to connect with the upcoming one.
- Always date your notes.
- Always record anything the instructor writes on the board.
- Listen carefully at the end of lectures for summaries, conclusions, or clues to test questions. Don't pack your books until the professor is finished talking.
- Fill in gaps right after class by getting with another student or asking the professor.
- Rewrite class notes to give you a second look at the material and provide the opportunity to recall information.

Summary of DIII NCAA Regulations for Current Students

Ethical Conduct

You must act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that you represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports. [NCAA Bylaw 10.01.1]

You are not eligible to compete if you knowingly provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition, solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team, accept a bet on any team representing the institution or solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value. [Bylaw 10.3]

You are not eligible to compete if you knowingly participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling. [Bylaw 10.3]

You are not eligible to compete if you have shown dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations. [Bylaw 14.01.3.3]

Amateurism

You are not eligible for participation in a sport if after full-time collegiate enrollment you have ever:

- Taken pay, or the promise of pay, for competing in that sport;
- Agreed (orally or in writing) to compete in professional athletics in that sport;
- Played on any professional athletics team as defined by the NCAA in that sport; or
- Used your athletics skill for pay in any form in that sport. (Prior to collegiate enrollment an individual may accept prize money based only on his or her place finish or performance from the sponsor of an open athletics event, the United States Olympic Committee or the appropriate national governing body and actual and necessary expenses associated with the individual's practice and competition on a professional team). [Bylaw 12.1.1]

You are not eligible in a sport if you ever have accepted money, transportation or other benefits from an agent or agreed to have an agent market your athletics ability or reputation in that sport. [Bylaw 12.3.1]

You are not eligible in any sport if, after you become a student-athlete, you accept any pay for promoting a commercial product or service or allow your name or picture to be used for promoting a commercial product or service, unless:

- The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;
- No reference is made in these activities to the individual's involvement in intercollegiate athletics, and;
- The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skill and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the

individual's athletics ability or reputation.
[Bylaws 12.5.1.3]

You are not eligible in any sport if, because of your athletics ability, you were paid for work you did not perform, were paid at a rate higher than the going rate or were paid for the value an employer placed on your reputation, fame or personal following. [Bylaw 12.4.1]

Seasons of Participation

A season of intercollegiate participation shall be counted in the student-athlete's sport when a student-athlete participates (practices or competes) during or after the first contest in the traditional segment following the S-A's initial participation of the academic year. [Bylaw 14.2.4]

A season of participation shall not be counted when (1) a student-athlete participates in a pre-season scrimmage or pre-season exhibition, or (2) in baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and women's volleyball, when a student-athlete participates in the one date of competition during the non-traditional segment. [Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1]

The following rules are applicable to all Division III student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2002:

If you did not enroll in college as a full-time student at your first opportunity following the graduation of your high school class or if you discontinued full-time high school enrollment and you participated in any of the activities listed below, you have used a season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year or sport season in which you participated in such activities.
[Bylaw 14.2.4.3]

Activities Constituting Use of a Season:

- A. Any team competition or training in which pay in any form is provided to any of the participants above actual and necessary expenses;
- B. Any individual competition or training in which the individual accepts pay in any form based on his or her place finish or any competition or training in which the individual accepts pay in any form above actual and necessary expenses;
- C. Any competition pursuant to the signing of a contract for athletics participation or entering a professional draft; or
- D. Any competition funded by a representative of an institution's athletics interest that is not open to all participants. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2]

Competition Exceptions:

If you participated in organized competition while enrolled in a post-graduate college preparatory school during the initial year of enrollment, you did not use a season of competition. In addition, a maximum one-time one-year exception is applicable for participation in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition, and other specified national and international competition. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2.1]

If you have used a season(s) of competition according to the regulations above, you must fulfill an academic year in residence prior to being eligible to represent your institution in intercollegiate competition. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3.1]

Financial Aid

You are not eligible if you receive financial aid other than the financial aid that your institution distributes.

However, it is permissible to receive:

- Money from anyone upon whom you are naturally or legally dependent;
- Financial aid that has been awarded to you on a basis other than athletics ability; or
- Financial aid from an entity outside your institution that meets the requirements specified in the Division III Manual.

You must report to your institution any financial aid that you receive from a source other than your institution. However, you do not need to report financial aid received from anyone upon whom you are naturally or legally dependent. [Bylaw 15.2.3]

Academic Standards/Eligibility

Eligibility for Competition - To be eligible to compete, you must:

- Have been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student according to the published entrance requirements of your institution;
- Be in good academic standing according to the standards of your institution; and
- Be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time baccalaureate degree program (not less than 12 semester or quarter hours) and maintain satisfactory progress toward that degree, be enrolled in a full-time graduate or professional degree program (not less than eight semester or quarter hours) or be enrolled and seeking a second

baccalaureate degree at your institution. [Bylaws 14.01.2, 14.1.8.2 and 14.1.8.2.1.4]

If you are enrolled in less than a full-time program, you are eligible to compete only if you are enrolled in the last term of your baccalaureate or graduate degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1.3]

You are eligible to compete during the official vacation period immediately before initial enrollment, provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you are no longer enrolled in your previous educational institution and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.1]

You are eligible to compete between terms if you are continuing enrollment, provided you have been registered for the required minimum full-time load at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, or if you are either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment, provided you have been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following the date of competition. [Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.2]

Eligibility for Practice

You are eligible to practice if you are enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1]

UT Tyler requires a 1.8 GPA to practice. You are eligible to practice during the official vacation period immediately

preceding initial enrollment, provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you no longer are enrolled in your previous educational institution, and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1.1]

You also are eligible to practice if you are enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate program while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, and your institution certifies that you are carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1.3]

Other Regulations Concerning Eligibility

You are not eligible to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition. [Bylaw 14.2]

You are not eligible after the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which you were enrolled at a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies as determined by the college, except for extensions that have been approved in accordance with NCAA legislation. [Bylaws 14.2.2 and 30.6.1]

You are eligible if you are seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree or you are enrolled in a graduate or professional school provided you received your undergraduate degree from the same institution, you have seasons of participation remaining and your participation occurs within the applicable 10 semesters or 15 quarters. Graduate students must be enrolled in 9 hours to be considered a full-time student. You are also eligible for championships that occur within 60 days of the date you

complete the requirements for your degree. [Bylaws 14.1.9 and 14.1.9.2]

You are not eligible in your sport for the rest of your season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which you were a member of an intercollegiate team, you competed as a member of any outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition in the sport during the playing season. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition and other specified national and international competition is permitted. [Bylaws 14.7.1 and 14.7.3.1]

Transfer Students Only

You are a transfer student if:

- You were officially registered and enrolled at that institution in a minimum full-time program of studies in any quarter or semester of an academic year, as certified by the registrar or admissions office and attended class;
- The student attended a class or classes in any quarter or semester in which the student was enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, even if the enrollment was on a provisional basis and the student was later determined by the institution not to be admissible;
- The student is or was enrolled in an institution in a minimum full-time program of studies in a night school that is considered to have regular terms the same as the institution's day school, and the student is or was considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student;
- The student attended a branch school that does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, but he institution other than the parent institution;

- The student reported for a regular squad practice (including practice or conditioning activities that occurred prior to the certification), announced by the institution through any member of its athletics department staff, before the beginning of any quarter or semester, as certified by the athletics director. Participation only in picture-day activities would not constitute “regular practice e”, or
- The student participated in practice or competed in a given sport even though he student was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies.

If you are a transfer student from a four-year institution, you are not eligible during your first academic year in residence unless you meet the provisions of one of the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3 or one of the waivers specified in By-law 14.8.1.2.

If you are a transfer student from a two-year institution, you are not eligible during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the academic and residence requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.1 or the exception specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.1.2.

If you wish to correspond with another NCAA institution about your opportunity to transfer, the institution must have permission to contact you before any correspondence may occur. To contact a Division III institution, you may seek permission from your athletics director, or you are permitted to grant other Division III institutions permission to contact you. To grant an institution permission to contact you about a potential transfer (or for you to be able to contact the institution), complete the Permission to Contact-Self Release form

that is provided by the NCAA national office. The form and instructions are available on the student-athlete home page of the NCAA website at ncaa.org.

To contact Division I or Division II institutions, you must seek permission from your athletics director.

Drugs

If the NCAA tests you for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.4 and you test positive (consistent with NCAA drug-testing protocol), you will be ineligible to participate in regular-season and postseason competition for one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after your positive drug test and you will be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports.

If you test positive a second time for the use of any drug, other than a “street drug” as defined in Bylaw 31.2.3.4, it will result in the loss of lifetime eligibility; you shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. [18.4.1.5.1.2]

If you test positive for the use of a “street drug” after being restored to eligibility, you shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of participation in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular-season and postseason competition at least through the next calendar year. [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1.2]

A policy adopted by the NCAA Executive Committee establishes that the penalty for missing a scheduled drug test is the same as the penalty for testing positive for the use of a banned drug. You will remain ineligible until you retest negative and your eligibility has been restored by the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1]

If you test positive for banned substances by a non-NCAA athletics organization, you must notify your director of athletics regarding the positive drug test. You also must permit the NCAA to test you for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.4.2.

If the result of the NCAA drug test is positive, you will lose all remaining eligibility during the season in which you tested positive and an additional season of competition.

The director of athletics must notify the Vice-President of NCAA Education Services in writing regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive drug test administered by any other athletics organization.

If the student-athlete immediately transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in collegiate competition within the 365-day period at a non-NCAA institution, the student-athlete will be ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in collegiate competition for a 365-day period. Additionally, the student-athlete must retest negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Executive Committee) and request that eligibility be restored by the NCAA Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The list is subject to change and the institution and student-athlete shall be held accountable for all banned drug classes on the current list. The list is located on the NCAA web site (www.ncaa.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA health and safety staff in Education Outreach.