

STUDENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of St. Francis states that "The University seeks to develop and enrich the total human personality." The Athletic Department complements the University mission by committing itself to the development of the whole person, i.e. a holistic educational philosophy.

It is the position of the University that involvement in athletics not only promotes a union of the body, mind, values and spirit, but also helps to develop the personal qualities that will enhance one's college years and endure through later life. Athletic participation promotes self-discipline, self-confidence, teamwork, and most importantly, when properly taught and understood, strong values. Furthermore, it encourages the development of leadership, sportsmanship, fellowship and competitiveness.

In recognition of its positive value, the University seeks to develop a quality intercollegiate athletic program for men and women. Our program will have four main points of emphasis: 1) Equality of opportunity for both men's and women's athletic programs. 2) The continuing commitment to the academic integrity of our athletic program. 3) Commitment to the concept that honest, hard work and maximum effort on the part of the coaches and athletes is the true goal of our athletic program - not winning, per se. 4) Recognition that the athletic arena provides an outstanding environment for the teaching of Christian values and that this concept must always be our ultimate goal.

We believe, when students matriculate to St. Francis, they are the beneficiaries of two educations. Their most important education is the one they receive in their academic careers. But the education they receive in the athletic arena will also add greatly to both their personal and their professional lives.

NAIA CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER INITIATIVE

Since its inception in 1937, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has been a trailblazer in issues related to career development through sport as it relates to society. Such is the case again with the creation of the Champions of Character Initiative.

In recent years, our society has gotten away from the true meaning of competition. Thus, the NAIA felt it appropriate to re-establish this meaning at the present time with its member institutions, coaches and players serving as examples, advocates and, most importantly, "Champions of Character."

Student-athletes, coaches and administrators will be expected to model this initiative by:

- a. respecting opponents, officials, teammates, coaches and the game itself.
- b. taking responsibility for their own actions in all areas of their lives.
- c. having the integrity to stand by their word.
- d. providing servant leadership where they serve others, while striving to be both a personal and team leader.
- e. being an example of sportsmanship by holding themselves to the highest standards of fair play.

These are referred to as the five core character values of the NAIA.

THE MODEL PROGRAM

The NAIA Champions of Character Initiative guides us to the type of program that we are looking to build upon at University of St. Francis.

We want to be the model program for all others to look at, not only at the NAIA level with its better than 300 members, but also at all other levels of competition (NCAA I, II, III and NJCAA).

We want to be leaders in the development of good character.

Let's not only make the headlines for the successes that we have on the playing field, but in the classroom and community, as well. We want to be respected throughout the nation.

ACADEMICS AND ELIGIBILITY

It is important to realize that there are three sets of rules which affect a student-athlete's eligibility. They are as follows:

1. NAIA Eligibility
2. USF Academic Requirements
3. USF Financial Aid Requirements

NAIA ELIGIBILITY: For a student-athlete to be eligible for ANY intercollegiate competition, a member institution must ensure that the student-athlete conforms to the following regulations:

- a. The student-athlete must be making normal progress towards a recognized degree and must be maintaining the grade point average required to remain in good standing, as set forth by the official catalog of the institution.
- b. The student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 institutional credit hours at the time of participation, or if the participation takes place between terms, the student-athlete must have been enrolled for the 12 credit hours in the term immediately preceding the date of participation.
- c. The student-athlete must have accumulated a total of 24 institutional credit hours in the two terms of attendance immediately preceding the current term of attendance. (This rule does not stipulate the number of hours required to be earned in either term. It also does not affect incoming first-semester freshmen.)
- d. An incoming first-semester freshman must meet two of the following three requirements:
 1. Have an ACT score of 18 or an SAT score of 860.
 2. Rank in the upper half of his/her class at the end of the 8th semester.
 3. Have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in all subjects (on a 4.0 scale).

- e. In order for student-athletes to maintain eligibility after their first season of competition, they must meet the following criteria:
1. to participate the second season in a sport, the student-athlete must have accumulated at least 24 semester/36 quarter credit hours and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
 2. to participate the third season in a sport, the student-athlete must have accumulated at least 48 semester/72 quarter credit hours and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
 3. to participate the fourth season in a sport, the student-athlete must have accumulated at least 72 semester hours/108 quarter credit hours, have 48 semester hours/72 quarter hours in his major and/or general education courses completed and possess a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- f. A second-term freshman student must have passed 9 institutional credit hours during the first term of attendance and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- g. Repeat courses previously passed cannot count towards satisfying the 24-hour credit rule.
- h. Student-athletes must be eligible according to the institution's standards for intercollegiate competition. If a student-athlete is on probation, he/she can not participate in contests. Also, the head coach, Director of Athletic Retention and Director of Athletics will

determine if the student-athlete can practice.

USF ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS: These are the academic standards as set down by the University. These standards pertain to all students enrolled in the University. They are:

- a. A minimum grade point average of 2.0, based on the courses taken at USF, is required for graduation.
- b. Freshmen with a GPA of less than 2.0 at the end of their first semester will be placed on probation if their average is between 1.50 and 1.99. Students with an average below 1.50 will be withdrawn.
- c. To proceed from freshman to sophomore status, the student must achieve a GPA of 2.00. Students with averages between 1.70 and 1.99 will be on probation for the following semester. Students with averages below 1.70 will be withdrawn for academic deficiency. Sophomores with a GPA of less than 2.00 at the end of their third semester will be placed on probation if their average is between 1.85 and 1.99. Students with averages below 1.85 will be withdrawn for academic deficiency.
- d. To proceed from sophomore to junior status, the student must achieve a GPA of 2.0. Students with averages between 1.85 and 1.99 will be placed on probation the following semester. Students with averages below 1.85 will be withdrawn for academic deficiency.

- e. To maintain academic good-standing during one's junior year and proceed from junior status to senior status, the student must maintain a GPA of 2.0. Students with averages below 2.0 will be withdrawn for academic deficiency.
- f. PROBATION -- If a student fails to meet the requisite GPA for his/her class at the completion of each semester, he/she will be withdrawn from the university or be placed on probation. Probation may not exceed one semester and may not occur more than once in the student's tenure at USF. If, at the end of one semester, the probationary student fails to meet the required cumulative GPA of his or her class, he/she is withdrawn from the university.

It is recommended that while on probation, a student take no more than 12 credit hours. Decisions regarding probation or withdrawal may be appealed to the Admissions Committee.

- g. WITHDRAWAL -- Students are withdrawn for academic deficiency when:
 1. they fail to meet the required cumulative GPA prescribed above for each semester class level;
 2. they do not meet the cumulative GPA required after one semester on probation;
 3. they earn three or more F's in one semester.

After academic dismissal from USF, a student may not be readmitted for at least one year. During that year, the student must have completed one year of academic work at another approved college where he/she maintained a GPA of at least 2.0. The student-athlete may then re-apply to St. Francis.

USF FINANCIAL AID REQUIREMENTS: Financial aid standards have been established to encourage students to complete their courses and progress satisfactorily toward degree completion. The Financial Aid Office monitors these standards each year. Should a student fall below the minimum requirements, he/she will be placed on Financial Aid probation for the next year. If the required hours and GPA are not achieved during the probationary year, ALL financial aid will be **SUSPENDED** until the student has achieved the required GPA and hours and is progressing satisfactorily toward his/her degree.

- a. Duration of Aid Eligibility - Full-time students may receive financial assistance for a maximum of five years (ten semesters).
- b. Hours to be completed - A student who receives financial aid based on full-time enrollment must successfully complete 24 hours per academic year.
- c. Grade Point Average - To receive financial aid, a student must maintain the following minimum GPA:

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| Freshmen | 0-29 hours/1.75 GPA |
| Sophomores | 30-59 hours/2.0 GPA |
| Juniors | 60-89 hours/2.0 GPA |
| Seniors | 90-128 hours/2.0 GPA |

- d. Incompleted Courses - It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office when "incompletes" have been completed satisfactorily.

Students placed on Financial Aid probation or suspension may take courses at another college to satisfy the hours and GPA requirements PROVIDED the credits earned are acceptable (transferable) to USF and prior approval is received from the appropriate academic personnel.

 As you can see, there are differences in the rules which affect one's athletic, academic and financial aid eligibility. There is a very simple way to keep out of any type of difficulty and that is to adhere to the following:

1. Always be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours.
2. Always pass 24 hours in the previous two terms.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA over 2.0.
4. If a student-athlete elects to repeat any course, he/she should verify his/her intentions with the Director of Athletic Retention to determine if his/her eligibility will be affected.

 SUMMER SCHOOL POLICY: Summer school is seen as a non-term of attendance. As a general rule, a maximum of 12 semester hours may be taken during the summer to enhance a student-athlete's number of hours required to meet the 24-hour rule. The

student-athlete's GPA may also be enhanced by taking summer courses at USF.

Prior to registering for summer courses in an attempt to enhance one's GPA or to meet the requirements of the 24-hour rule, student-athletes must consult with their advisor, the Director of Athletic Retention and the Registrar for approval.

ATHLETIC/ACADEMIC RETENTION PROGRAM

The University of St. Francis Athletic Department places a strong emphasis on academic excellence, as well as athletic excellence. The department's main concern for the student-athlete is his/her academic success enabling the student-athlete to earn his/her degree at USF. For these reasons, the Athletic Department has a strong commitment to the USF Retention Program. This program is designed to help those student-athletes in need of academic guidance. All freshmen, transfers and returning student-athletes with a cumulative GPA under 2.5 are automatically monitored by the Athletic Department. This group of student-athletes comprise the Athletic Retention Program. The facts of the program to be addressed in this handbook are as follows:

1. Class Attendance
2. Grade Evaluations/Parent Notification
3. Tutoring
4. Individual Meetings
5. Class Schedules

CLASS ATTENDANCE: The University has no formal policy regarding class attendance. However, the Athletic Department does monitor class attendance as well as check grades.

1. No student-athlete is excused from class due to an athletic event. The individual instructor is the **ONLY ONE** who can excuse a student-athlete. The student-athlete must maintain communication with each instructor concerning games that conflict with scheduled classes. **It is extremely important to let the instructors know about potential conflicts well before they arrive.**

GRADE EVALUATIONS/PARENT NOTIFICATION: The progress of all student-athletes is monitored twice each semester. Those student-athletes who are mandated to be in the Athletic Retention Program will be asked to sign a waiver if they do not want the Athletic Department to send progress reports to their parents/guardians. Otherwise, a progress report will be sent to the parents/guardians if the student-athlete is receiving a letter grade lower than a C or has excessive absences in any particular class.

TUTORING: The University provides tutoring services through the Academic Resource Center. This is an ongoing free service to the general student body of the University. The Director of Athletic Retention will strongly recommend these tutoring services to student-athletes who may be struggling in certain courses. The Director of Athletic Retention will also follow up with the Academic Resource Center Director to see if the advised student-athletes have followed up on these recommendations.

All student-athletes are encouraged to use the Academic Resource Center.

The Director of Athletic Retention will meet on a regular basis with any student-athlete who is referred to him. Coaches may be involved in these meetings.

CLASS SCHEDULES: The Director of Athletic Retention will always be available to review and assist with the class scheduling of any student-athlete. The Athletic Department's concern is student-athletes who are taking too many hours when they are in academic trouble. The department is also concerned about the amount of hours these student-athletes take during their seasons.

The Athletic/Academic Retention Program is made available to all student-athletes. Anyone can make use of any or all facets of this program. Remember, the Athletic Department's main concern is the student-athlete's success at USF. Education is the department's number one priority.

SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

It is impossible, within the scope of this handbook, to expound fully on all of the scholarship policies. Some key points are as follows:

1. To be eligible for an athletic scholarship, a student-athlete must be enrolled on a full-time basis.
2. No athletic scholarships may be awarded for summer sessions.

3. The renewability of athletic scholarships each semester is based on the student-athlete's adherence to reasonable rules established by the department in regard to conduct at practice and games. These rules apply to all USF teams.

Standard policies have been established to guide the Athletic Department in the event of the necessity to terminate an athletic scholarship. Disciplinary problems, financial aid suspension and a student-athlete quitting the team are issues that can cause scholarship termination. These issues are complex and can happen. Any questions in this area should be addressed to the student-athlete's head coach or to the Director of Athletics.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION & DRUG TESTING

The University of St. Francis has filed its statement on substance abuse with the NAIA. The University has made a commitment to an educational approach in this area, one which will instruct all student-athletes as to the hazards of abuse. This will include mandatory seminars and other educational programs.

The University has also made a commitment to a drug testing approach in this area. This will include testing throughout the year for a random sample of student-athletes. A policy manual covering all aspects of the drug testing procedure is provided in a separate handout.

Beyond these components is a commitment to helping those student-athlete's who may have current drug/alcohol problems. Counseling is available through the University's counseling office and referrals can be made to one of the

local agencies. The strictest confidentiality is maintained in these matters.

The expectation of the University of St. Francis athletic department is for all of its student-athletes to abstain from drinking throughout the school year and especially in-season, even if they are old enough to drink.

FUND RAISING

It is mandatory that all student-athletes on teams taking extended trips participate in fundraising activities or pay the coach for these trips.

INSURANCE

The St. Francis Insurance Plan only covers injuries related to athletic practices or games and is strictly an "excess" policy. The athletic department's insurance pays on these athletic-related injuries only after claims have been submitted to the parents' family plan, employer group insurance plan or student-athlete's school plan. The student-athlete must submit three items to Student Assurance Services, USF's secondary accident insurance plan, if a balance remains on the claims:

1. All itemized bills (HCFA 1500/UB 92 form) incurred during the injury;
2. An Explanation of Benefits from the parent's/student's insurance showing exactly what their insurance paid on the bills.
3. A completed Student Assurance Services insurance claim form.

Nothing can be paid by the St. Francis Insurance Plan until these three documents are submitted to Student Assurance Services. **If the parents have no insurance, student-athlete's are required to purchase the University's health insurance plan.**

SPORTS MEDICINE DEPARTMENT

The function of the Sports Medicine Department is to inform student-athletes of techniques for the prevention of injuries, administer emergency first aid and rehabilitate the student-athlete if injured while practicing or competing for the University of St. Francis. The Sports Medicine Department is under the direct supervision of two certified licensed athletic trainers, a team orthopedic surgeon and an emergency care physician.

1. Pre-participation rules: All student-athletes are required to have an updated physical each school year and a medical history questionnaire on file in the Athletic Trainer's office prior to participation. It is suggested that the physical be completed just prior to the onset of pre-season workouts. Physicals and questionnaires may be obtained in the athletic offices.

Physicals are administered at the University at the start of the year for \$40.00 by Sportlink USA, in conjunction with USF's orthopedic surgeon.

2. All student-athletes must also have authorization for treatment forms and proof of insurance on file in the Sports Medicine Department prior to participation.

3. Any injuries occurring while participating as a student-athlete at the University of St. Francis must be reported to the Head Athletic Trainer.
4. Any injury or illness requiring physician referral will be made to either USF's team physician or to the student-athlete's family physician by the Head Athletic Trainer. The only exception to this rule is when the family's insurance carrier is an HMO affiliate. In this circumstance, the HMO physician will be consulted first. After verbal or written permission, the student-athlete will then be referred to the appropriate physician. (Emergency situations are excluded.)
5. An injured student-athlete that is being treated by a physician that is not associated with the University must return with a written diagnosis signed by the physician with specific instructions on the participation status of the student-athlete.

A student-athlete who does not submit this written diagnosis to the Head Athletic Trainer will not be allowed to participate in his/her sport. Return to participation forms and physician referral forms may be obtained from the Head Athletic Trainer.

6. Hours of Operation: The Training Room is open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. These hours will fluctuate from season to season. Morning hours are reserved for evaluation and rehabilitation of injuries. Afternoon hours are used for practice and game coverage.

Please call for an appointment to evaluate new injuries. The training room is located in the northeast corner of the gym.

7. Phone Number:

Art Campos - Certified Athletic
Trainer

Work phone number - 815-740-3845

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid is based largely on need. This need can change and is determined annually. Thus, student-athletes must complete all federal and state financial aid forms each year. This must be done by June 1st each year. Failure to submit these forms promptly may mean a reduction of any state or federal awards. Any state or federal monies lost due to a failure to submit the proper forms will not be made up with athletic scholarship monies.

Forms may be obtained through the Financial Aid Office. Completion of the FAFSA forms as early as possible can help avoid later difficulties.

VANS

Vans are not available for personal use and there are no exceptions. The following procedures must be followed concerning the vans:

1. At the beginning of each year, each coach will determine which student-athletes will be allowed to drive vans.

2. Security will check for valid driver's licenses before issuing keys to designated drivers. For longer trips, coaches will check the driver's licenses of each driver.
3. Keys must be returned immediately after use unless otherwise specified by the transportation coordinator. Do not pass the keys on to anyone else.
4. Those teams using the vans will be held responsible for their cleanliness. If a van is left dirty, the team that used it last will clean it at the convenience of the Athletic Department.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment each student-athlete uses is school property. If a student-athlete should decide to damage, alter, lose or steal school property, he/she will be held responsible. Please note the following procedures concerning equipment:

1. Equipment will be handed out only by the coaching staff or equipment supervisor. (Possible exception - daily practice gear.)
2. Exchanges and returns will be handled only by the coaching staff or equipment supervisor. (Exception - daily practice gear.)
3. No USF athletic equipment may be worn for any reasons other than team practices, weight-training sessions or game competition.

4. If any or all equipment issued to the student-athlete is not returned by the appropriate date, that individual will have an "Athletic Hold" placed on his/her account in the Business Office.

An "Athletic Hold" prohibits a student-athlete from registering for classes the next semester or from completing the graduation application process.

BEHAVIOR

The purpose of intercollegiate athletics is to provide an opportunity for the participant to develop his/her potential as a skilled performer in an educational setting. As education seeks to provide ways in which people may get to know themselves and grow emotionally, socially and intellectually --- so does athletics. In addition, student-athletes have the opportunity to travel, represent the University and learn the art of being a team member.

PLEASE NOTE - The Athletic Department has seven mandates which encompass all teams:

1. Alcohol Violations
2. Drug Violations
3. Sale/Distribution of Drugs
4. Inappropriate Language
5. Fighting
6. Inappropriate Behavior

Violations related to any of these areas could result in various punishments ranging from the loss of a percentage of the student-athlete's playing season to loss of scholarship or dismissal from the team.

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS: If a student-athlete is written up for an alcohol violation in Residence Life or if an alcohol violation in the community comes to the attention of the Athletic Department, that student-athlete will receive sanctions from the University as delineated in the Student Handbook. The student-athlete will also appear before the Athletic Director and possibly the Athletic Disciplinary Board. Violations can result in the loss of a percentage of the student-athlete's playing season. If less than a certain percentage of a full season is remaining at the time of the violation, the remaining suspension from participation shall carry over to the following season. Additional violations can result in the loss of scholarship and dismissal from the team. The severity of the violation can result in stronger sanctions concerning loss of games, scholarship or dismissal from the team.

DRUG VIOLATIONS: If a student-athlete is written up for a drug violation in Residence Life or if a drug violation in the community comes to the attention of the Athletic Department, that student-athlete will receive sanctions from the University as delineated in the Student Handbook. In addition to University sanctions, the student-athlete will lose a certain percentage of his/her playing season. If less than a full season is remaining at the time of the violation, the remaining suspension from participation shall carry over to the following season. A subsequent violation can result in the loss of the student-athlete's scholarship and dismissal from his/her team. Upon committing the violation, both the Director of Athletics and the Athletic Disciplinary Board will meet with the student-athlete. The severity of the violation can result in stronger sanctions concerning loss of games, scholarship or dismissal from the team.

SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS: Any student-athlete caught selling, distributing or manufacturing drugs will lose his/her athletic scholarship immediately and be dismissed from his/her team at that time.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE: The use of inappropriate language, such as racial or ethnic slurs, sexual harassment, etc. will not be tolerated. Violations of this policy that come to the attention of the Athletic Department will be dealt with by both the Director of Athletics and the Athletic Disciplinary Board.

FIGHTING: If a student-athlete is written up for being involved in a fight in Residence Life or if fighting in the community comes to the attention of the Athletic Department, that student-athlete will receive sanctions from the University as delineated in the Student Handbook. In addition to University sanctions, the student-athlete can lose a certain percentage of his/her playing season. If the student-athlete is involved in any subsequent fight, he/she can lose up to the entire playing season for a one-calendar year period. If the student-athlete has a weapon in a fight, he/she could lose his/her scholarship and might be dismissed from his/her team. Upon committing the violation, both the Director of Athletics and the Athletic Disciplinary Board will meet with the student-athlete. The severity of the violation can result in stronger sanctions concerning loss of games, scholarship or dismissal from the team.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR: If a student-athlete is written up for inappropriate behavior in Residence Life or if any act of inappropriate behavior comes to the attention of the Athletic Department from school personnel or the community, that student-athlete will receive sanctions from the University as delineated in the Student Handbook. The student-athlete will also appear before the Athletic Director and possibly the Athletic Disciplinary Board. Violations can result in the loss of a percentage of the student-athlete's playing season. If less than a certain percentage of a full season is remaining at the time of the violation, the remaining suspension from participation shall carry over to the following season. Additional violations can result in the loss of scholarship and dismissal from the team. The severity of the violation can result in stronger sanctions concerning loss of games, scholarship or dismissal from the team.

Each coach can also give his/her team a specific set of rules to follow. The student-athletes on that team must abide by those additional rules.

The Athletic Department does expect all of its student-athletes to represent the University in a first-class manner.

GAMBLING

The expectation of the University of St. Francis athletic department is for all of its student-athletes to abstain from any and all types of gambling both in and out of season.

If a student-athlete is written up for a gambling violation in Residence Life or if a gambling violation in the community comes to the attention of the Athletic Department, that

student-athlete will receive sanctions from the University as delineated in the Student Handbook. The student-athlete will also appear before the Athletic Director and possibly the Athletic Disciplinary Board. Violations can result in the loss of a percentage of the student-athlete's playing season. If less than a certain percentage of a full season is remaining at the time of the violation, the remaining suspension from participation shall carry over to the following season. Additional violations can result in the loss of scholarship and dismissal from the team.

The severity of the violation can result in stronger sanctions concerning loss of games, scholarship or dismissal from the team.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING POLICY

The following guidelines will be followed as they relate to student-athletes and off-campus housing:

1. All freshmen student-athletes not living at a location in which their parents or legal guardians also reside are required to live in university residence halls during their first year of attendance at St. Francis.
2. All student-athletes that intend to live off-campus at a location in which their parents or legal guardians do not reside, must complete the appropriate USF Athletic Department Off-Campus Housing Request Form with the director of athletics or assistant director of athletics present prior to signing a leasing agreement, moving off-campus or

changing their off-campus address. Forms can be obtained in the athletic department offices. **Failure to sign the form in advance will result in a \$100 fine.**

3. The director of athletics will review the off-campus housing request with assistance from officials in the city/town in which the student-athlete is seeking residency, including the city/town's police department, and either approve or deny the student-athlete's request.
4. The addresses for off-campus student-athletes may be shared with both the athletic department's Joliet Police Department liaison and university security if the athletic department deems it necessary. To be in accordance with FERPA rules, student-athletes will grant authorization to the athletic department to forward these addresses to the Joliet Police Department and the university security department.
5. If police, university security or university personnel are notified of an incident at an off-campus residence where one or more USF student-athlete's reside, all USF student-athletes living at that residence must appear before the university's athletic disciplinary board.
6. USF student-athletes that do not reside at the location in which an incident does occur, but have credible evidence of involvement with the incident will also appear before the athletic disciplinary board.

7. Student-athletes approved for off-campus residency will grant authorization to the police department from the city/town in which they reside to provide a written report to the university's director of athletics should a crime occur at the residence.
8. The athletic disciplinary board will consult with the Joliet Police Department liaison and/or the head of university security on the results of any notifications. If requested, either or both parties may attend the athletic disciplinary board meeting.
9. Possible athletic department sanctions that student-athletes can receive for their role in any off-campus incident or failing to adhere to proper procedures related to the USF athletic department off-campus housing policy include, but are not limited to, any of the following:
 - The loss of a certain percentage of one's playing season.
 - The loss of one's athletic scholarship.
 - Dismissal from one's team.

Subsequent incidents can result in more severe sanctions.

10. Any student involved in an off-campus incident may also be required to appear before the university's judicial board depending upon the seriousness of the incident.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

1. If a student-athlete enrolls in a class which conflicts with scheduled games, it is his/her responsibility to meet the requirements of that class. The student-athlete must abide by both the instructor's attendance and testing policies. This is especially important for evening classes.
2. The student-athlete who misses a class due to a road trip is responsible for two things:
 - a. To meet with the professor prior to the trip.
 - b. To be responsible for the material covered in that class.

PLEASE NOTE - There are specific regulations as set up by the Student Affairs Office with which student-athletes are also expected to abide. These are outlined in the Student Handbook under University Community Responsibilities, Rules and Regulations.

Residence Life regulations are also in effect when student-athletes are residing in the residence halls during vacation periods.

The Athletic Department fully supports the rules and regulations as determined by the Student Affairs Office. If a student-athlete is dismissed from the dorm for poor conduct, he/she is also in jeopardy of being dismissed from his/her athletic team.