



UNIVERSITY POLICY

WCU Department of Athletics
Student-Athlete Handbook

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Purpose and Scope

The Student-Athlete Handbook encompasses departmental and NCAA policies that are applicable to all WCU Varsity student-athletes. Contained in the document are both policies and references to resources that exist for all student-athletes.

WCU Varsity student-athletes are a unique population in that they are held to academic and other standards in order to continue to represent the university in athletic competition. These standards and requirements are outlined in the Student-Athlete Handbook and some fall under the governing bodies of collegiate sports of which WCU is a member: the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and the National Intercollegiate Rugby Association (NIRA). These policies are summarized for student-athletes to easily refer to, however, all student-athletes, coaches and staff must adhere to NCAA rules and regulations and will be provided those rules annually prior to participation.

Policy Statement

[The WCU Student-Athlete Handbook](#) provides necessary information for all student-athletes at West Chester University. It encompasses processes, procedures, and policies relevant for participation and compliance with existing rules and standards applicable to the aforementioned organizations and the WCU Department of Athletics. Topics covered include the following:

- WCU Code of Conduct
- Anti-Hazing Policy
- Formal Grievance Procedures
- Athletic Holds
- Annual Medical Requirements
- NCAA Eligibility Rules (Progress Toward Degree)
- Additional NCAA Rules
- Extra Benefits
- Notification to Transfer
- Academic Support Services
- Class Absence Policy
- Athletic Scholarships Policies
- Playing and Practice Seasons
- Athletic Training Room Policy
- Weight Room Policy
- Equipment Policy
- Team Travel Policy
- Student-Athlete Success Program
- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Definitions

Student-Athlete: A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics participation. (NCAA DII Manual 12.02.7)

References

NCAA Division II Manual

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) www.ncaa.org

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) www.psacsports.org

Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) www.ecacsports.com

National Intercollegiate Rugby Association (NIRA) www.nirawrugby.org

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