

SECTION: STUDENT POLICIES

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Background: The Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE) policy Section III Subsection T. Student Athletes has been adopted, with modifications specific to Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), as college policy.

Rules: Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies and Procedures
Section III Subsection T. Student Athletes

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

Lewis-Clark State College Student Handbook

Point of Contact: President

Other LCSC Offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy: Vice President for Student Affairs, Athletic Department, Dean for Professional-Technical Programs

Date of approval by LCSC Authority:

Date of State Board Approval: NA

Date of Most Recent Review: 2/2014

Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy: 2/2014 no changes
1/10/13: Changes reflect revisions to the Idaho State Board of Education policy governing Student Athletes.

This policy outlines expectations for student athletes in addition to compliance with the Lewis-Clark State College Student Handbook.

Student Athlete Conduct

1. Lewis-Clark State College Student Athlete Handbook includes policies governing the conduct of student athletes. The Student Athlete Handbook is published on the Athletic Department web site. The policies include:
 - a. A disclosure statement completed and signed by the student athlete prior to participation in any intercollegiate athletic endeavor, which shall include a description of (1) all prior criminal convictions, (2) all prior juvenile dispositions wherein the student was found to have committed an act that would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult, and (3) all pending

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criminal charges, including juvenile proceedings alleging any act which would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult.

- b. This statement will be kept in the office of the Athletic Director. Failure to accurately disclose all incidents may result in immediate suspension from the team.
2. Institutions shall not knowingly recruit any person as a player for an intercollegiate athletic team who has been convicted of a felony or, in the case of a juvenile, who has been found to have committed an act which would constitute a felony if committed by an adult. Exemptions to this restriction shall be granted only by the President of the college upon recommendation of the Athletic Director and Faculty Athletics Representative. Such decisions shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education at the time the exception is granted.
 3. A student athlete convicted of a felony after enrollment, including a plea of nolo contendere on a felony charge, shall be removed from the team and shall not be allowed to participate again in intercollegiate athletics at any Idaho public college or university. Further, an institution may cancel any athletic financial aid received by a student who is convicted of a felony while the student is receiving athletic financial aid subject to NAIA regulations and the institution's applicable student judicial procedure. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit an institution from exercising disciplinary actions or from implementing student athletic policies or rules that go beyond the minimum requirements stated herein.
 4. Subject to applicable law, all institutions shall implement a drug education and testing program and shall require all intercollegiate student athletes to give written consent to drug testing as a condition of the privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics.
 5. Institutions shall require their athletic coaches to hold an annual team meeting with their respective teams at the beginning of each season. The coaches shall be required to verbally review the team rules with team members at the meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory. Each team member shall receive a written copy of the team rules and sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the rules and attendance at the meeting where the rules were verbally reviewed.
 6. Reporting Requirements
 - a. Student athletes shall immediately report potential, pending and official criminal charges to their head coach and to the Athletic Director. Coaches shall be obligated to inform the Athletic Director of any knowledge of criminal charges against their athletes. The Athletic Director shall report the same to the Vice President for Student Affairs and to the President, who shall report the same in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education as soon as possible, but not later than 10 working days after learning of the charges. The report to the Executive Director shall include a description of the alleged violation of law and the institution's proposed action, if any.
 - b. Coaches shall immediately report the conviction of any student athlete to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director shall report the same to the Vice President for Student Affairs and the

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President, who shall report the conviction in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education as soon as possible, but not later than 10 working days after the conviction. This report shall include a description of the violation of law and the institution's proposed action, if any.

7. Student Athletes enrolled in Professional-Technical Programs

a. Student athletes who are majoring in a Professional-Technical program must also formally declare their intent to pursue a baccalaureate major. Consequently, student athletes in this category should complete a Program Information form indicating both their Professional-Technical major and their baccalaureate major.

b. Student athletes in this category must further verify their declared intent by simultaneously enrolling each semester in a minimum of one general education core course or, if the core has been completed, one academic course required in their major field of study.

c. Transfer students who have completed or who have previously been enrolled in a Professional-Technical program and wish to enter a Professional-Technical program at LCSC must declare their intent to pursue a baccalaureate major and simultaneously enroll each semester in a minimum of two general education core courses, or, if the core has been completed, two academic courses required in their major field of study.

d. The Athletic Director will provide the registrar with a list of athletes in this particular category before the beginning of each semester. The registrar is responsible for verifying that the appropriate Program Information form has been completed and is on file.

e. The Dean for Professional-Technical Programs is responsible for informing advisors about this policy and for verifying that students in this category have been fully informed about the policy.

f. Student athletes with unique circumstances should petition for course substitutions or other specific considerations. Petitions should be submitted to the Dean for Professional-Technical Programs. The Dean for Professional-Technical Programs will respond to specific requests after consulting with the Faculty Athletic Representative and the Provost/Academic Vice President.