



# New Mexico State University Student-Athlete Handbook

## Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

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## LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Dear Aggie Student-Athlete:

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you to New Mexico State University. As Director of Athletics, I want to personally assure you that our administration, coaches and staff are prepared to assist you with your academic and competitive endeavors in every way possible. We are proud of the many accomplishments attained on an annual basis by Aggie student-athletes and we are committed to making sure that your experience is rewarding, fulfilling and successful.



The student-athlete handbook is now available online, with live links to additional information. For the best experience, please view the handbook virtually. This Student-Athlete Handbook was created to assist you in achieving success. You will find detailed information about our Intercollegiate Athletic program and services, as well as campus resources, available for your use. I encourage you to take full advantage of the broad-base programs that are offered and strive for excellence in both your academic and athletic pursuits.

If I, or any member of the Athletics staff, can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact us. I wish you great success in the classroom and in competition this year.

AGGIE UP!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mario Moccia". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mario Moccia  
Director of Athletics  
NM State University Class of '89



# JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Educating Student-Athletes for the G.A.M.E. of L.I.F.E. ©

## ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Aggie student-athletes continue to excel academically, demonstrating their brilliance in the classroom yet again! Their steadfast dedication to balancing academics and athletics sets a remarkable example of the Aggie spirit. Over the past 19 years and across 38 consecutive semesters, all 16 NM State Men's and Women's sport teams have consistently maintained a combined cumulative GPA average of 3.00 or higher. Their commitment to both education and sport is truly commendable!

- All 16 Men's & Women's teams cumulative GPA combined after the 2023 – 2024 academic year is a 3.25!!!

## SCHOLAR ATHLETES

271 out of 390 student-athletes (75%) maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average or higher after the 2023 – 2024 academic year

## PERFECTION!!!

64 student-athletes posted a PERFECT 4.00 grade point average Spring 2024

23 student-athletes maintain PERFECT 4.00 cumulative GPA after Spring 2024

20 student-athletes maintain 3.900 – 3.99 cumulative GPA or higher after Spring 2024

## CRIMSON SCHOLAR

153 student-athletes maintain a 3.50 cumulative GPA or higher after Spring 2024

## GRADUATION!

82 student-athletes became Proud Aggie Alumni after graduating during the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

## CREDITS EARNED: FALL 2022 & SPRING 2023

Student-Athletes earned 5,851 credits Fall 2023 and 5,464 credits Spring 2024 passing an average of 14 credit hours per team.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLNECE

248 Aggies were honored as a part of the CUSA'S Commissioner's Honor Roll during the 2023-24 academic year. To achieve this honor, student-athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. At NM State, the program that garnered the most award recipients was football with 57 honorees. Baseball received the second-most number of student-athletes on the list with 28. The remaining 13 programs each landed seven honorees as swimming and diving (27), soccer (20), track and field (20), softball (16), women's cross country (14), volleyball (12), women's basketball (9), men's cross country (8), men's tennis (8), women's golf (8), men's basketball (7), men's golf (7) and women's tennis (7) made up the remaining 164 recipients.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

330 student-athletes dedicated their time to 52 community service events during the 2023 – 2024 academic year, collectively contributing 3,911 hours, averaging 11.8 community service hours per student-athlete.

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## **NMSU ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the NMSU Athletics Department is to support New Mexico State University's vision by providing a locally and nationally acclaimed athletic program. This program is dedicated to promoting student-athlete excellence in academics and athletics within an equitable and diverse environment. We aim to engage the University community and stakeholders in achieving and celebrating the success of the Aggies.

### **POLICIES ON CONDUCT**

<https://studentlife.nmsu.edu/conduct/index.html>

NMSU upholds a tradition of ethical conduct across all areas of university life. Violations of NMSU policies regarding academics, residence life, and general conduct are addressed in the same manner as for the general student body, as outlined in the NMSU Student Handbook (<https://studenthandbook.nmsu.edu/>) However, the Athletics Department and respective Head Coaches may impose additional sanctions if necessary. All student-athletes are expected to represent the university in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, including on social networking sites such as Snapchat, TikTok, and Instagram.

### **NCAA MISCONDUCT DISCLOSURE AND INFORMATION GATHERING**

NCAA member institutions are required to annually gather information regarding the prior misconduct of any current, prospective, or transfer student, including a graduate student, who seeks to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Accordingly, any current, prospective, or transfer student-athlete, including a graduate student, must annually disclose to New Mexico State University (NMSU) whether they have been disciplined through a campus proceeding or had a criminal conviction for sexual, interpersonal, or other acts of violence.

This misconduct is defined by the NCAA Board of Governors Policy on Campus Sexual Violence as:

- **Interpersonal Violence:** Violence that is predominantly caused due to the relationship between the victim and the perpetrator, including dating violence and domestic violence.
- **Sexual Violence:** A term used to include both forcible and nonforcible sex offenses, ranging from sexual battery to rape.
- **Other Acts of Violence:** Crimes including murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, or any assault that employs the use of a deadly weapon or causes serious bodily injury.

### **UNIVERSITY TICKETS, FINES AND FEES**

Student-athletes are responsible for paying all university fines assigned to them, including those for dorm damages, bookstore charges, and unpaid parking tickets. Failure to pay these fines could jeopardize class registration. Additionally, student-athletes are responsible for all online course fees. Scholarship student-athletes on full or partial athletic grant-in-aid may be eligible to have online fees paid for by athletics if they qualify based on their scholarship distribution.

### **TEAM RULES**

Each Head Coach has the discretion to establish team rules for each new academic year and season.

### **TEAM TRAVEL CONDUCT**

Student-athletes and students serving in an official capacity for the NMSU Athletics Department represent New Mexico State University. As such, they must abide by state laws, local government laws, University policies, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics policies, and team rules during intercollegiate athletic contests. Under no circumstances shall a student-athlete possess a firearm or weapon of any kind during team travel (<https://arp.nmsu.edu/chapter-16/16-06.html>). Student-athletes must adhere to all relevant laws, policies, and rules throughout the entire period of travel and competition.

## **TEAM CURFEW**

The student-athlete must abide by established team curfews for preseason, traditional, and nontraditional seasons and other special times.

## **ETHICAL CONDUCT – SPORTS PARTICIPATION**

- Compete with honesty and sportsmanship at all times to represent the honor and dignity of fair play [NCAA Bylaw 10.01.1].
- You are not eligible to compete if you have shown dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations [NCAA Bylaw 14.01.3].

## **SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

All student-athletes must conduct themselves both on and off the field in a manner that brings respect to their teammates, coaches, and the university. NMSU fully supports the principles of sportsmanship adopted by the NCAA and Conference USA. This commitment reflects the principles of attaining and celebrating excellence, respecting diversity, and upholding the highest standards of integrity.

## **ATTAINING AND CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE**

New Mexico State University is committed to awarding achievements based on adherence to community standards. This principle applies to grades, promotion and tenure, and graduation. In sponsoring intercollegiate athletics, the university provides opportunities for students to achieve excellence in sports and develop life skills that benefit them personally and professionally. The campus community supports these efforts, recognizing the commitment of student-athletes to personal excellence.

## **RESPECT**

In a diverse and expressive environment, respect for others' opinions and rights is essential. Freedom of expression must not deny others' rights or create a discouraging environment for campus participation. In athletics, respect for the game, teams, opponents, institution, officials, coaches, and fans is vital. Sportsmanship requires celebrating performance and respecting the game and campus values.

## **INTEGRITY**

Integrity is fundamental to our campus. Acts of plagiarism, cheating, or fraud by students, faculty, or staff cannot be tolerated. The campus emphasizes the importance of integrity in education and research, as well as in athletics. NMSU aims to be a leader in the NCAA certification process, promoting rule-following and sportsmanship among administrators, coaches, and participants.

## **DIVERSITY/PRAYER POLICY**

Our student-athletes come from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. Building an inclusive and diverse environment within the athletics department, university community, and surrounding Las Cruces community is essential. NMSU Athletics will collaborate with the university, conference office, and NCAA to develop programs, training, and educational initiatives promoting a socially just climate and a sense of belonging for all Aggies and community partners.

## **ACADEMIC CONDUCT**

All student-athletes must adhere to the NMSU Student Handbook Academic Conduct Policy (<https://studenthandbook.nmsu.edu/>). Students are expected to maintain the highest academic, ethical, and professional standards. Academic misconduct, including cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized possession of materials, grade changes, and misrepresentation in university records, will result in disciplinary action as per the NMSU Student Handbook

# STUDENT ATHLETE REPORTING CONCERNS CHART



## Reporting Concerns

### STUDENT ATHLETE

If coach is part of the concern or remaining anonymous is important

PROBLEM, ISSUE OR CONCERN

HEAD COACH

SELECT YOUR PROBLEM, ISSUE OR CONCERN FROM THE LIST TO IDENTIFY WHOSE TO REPORT.

or report your concern to ETHICSPPOINT  
ETHICSPPOINT@NMSSU.EDU



AS APPROPRIATE

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

#### What is a "SWA"?

The SWA is the senior woman administrator. This person is the highest-ranking female involved in the management of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program. The intent of the SWA designation is to promote meaningful representation of women in the leadership and management of college sports. The SWA is a resource for student athletes for any number of concerns.

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## **ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

New Mexico State University and its Department of Athletics are dedicated to providing student-athletes with the best possible opportunities for academic success. By accepting admission to the university, student-athletes commit to pursuing and earning a degree while also fulfilling their athletic responsibilities.

### **ALL STUDENT ATHLETES EXPECTATIONS**

1. Understand that earning an undergraduate degree is the primary goal of being a collegiate student athlete at New Mexico State University
2. Attend all classes except when traveling for intercollegiate competition.
3. Be prepared for and actively participate in class discussions.
4. Complete all academic assignments on time and take all course examinations.
5. Meet with your college advisors and athletic academic advisors for course registration approval and assistance with schedule adjustments and academic progress.
6. Attend all Academic Support Programs and Services Center (ASPSC) consultations, tutoring, study hall sessions, and review sessions as scheduled.
7. Maintain full-time enrollment status at all times.
8. Meet all NCAA academic satisfactory progress towards degree requirements as defined by your Academic College and the NCAA.
9. Maintain academic eligibility for practice and competition as defined by NMSU and the NCAA.
10. Inform instructors by the 10th day of the fall and/or spring semester of expected absences due to travel for intercollegiate competitions.
11. Adhere to NMSU rules and regulations governing student conduct, with particular attention to academic integrity.
12. Be responsible and aware of rules and regulations regarding plagiarism, Canvas and Navigate environment, and online social networking sites.

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CENTER (ASPSC)**

The ASPSC is dedicated to providing quality educational services that foster academic, personal, and career success for all student-athletes. The center offers a range of support and referral services to assist in the holistic growth and development of student-athletes. The Deputy Athletics Director - Sport Administration, Student Development & Athletic DE&I oversees the center, while the Associate Director of ASPSC manages the daily operations with a team that includes 3 full-time Academic Coordinators, a Learning Specialist, and Student Development Specialists.

The ASPSC staff utilizes Canvas and Navigate to provide up-to-date information on resources, deadlines, and relevant changes. Student-athletes are expected to regularly check their ASPSC class on Canvas.

The ASPSC serves approximately 400 student-athletes, with an average of 90 utilizing the center daily. The academic center is open 67 hours a week, offering an environment conducive to educational pursuits. The center aims to ensure that every student-athlete has the necessary tools to progress towards their degree requirements.

## ASPSC

- **Early Warning Academic System:** Designed to improve academic success through communication with professors about student-athletes' progress and attendance.
- **Academic Support Center:** Located in the Fulton Center, the ASPSC includes an Internet Lab, Writing Lab, learning labs, and a classroom for study sessions and team presentations. Most incoming Freshmen, Transfer student-athletes, or have a GPA below 2.50 are required to complete eight hours of study hall each week
- **Tutoring:** Provides specialized assistance in specific subject areas. Tutors help student-athletes develop independent thinking and learning skills. Campus Tutoring Center (<https://campustutoring.nmsu.edu/>) provides tutors that are upperclassmen or graduate students with strong academic backgrounds
- **Learning Specialist:** Works with students to create individualized academic plans, establish learning goals, and identify effective learning strategies.
- **Mentoring:** Offers study skills assistance for test preparation, time management, note-taking, and organizational skills. Service is provided to designated first-semester freshmen, transfers, and continuing students.
- **Pre-Advising Services:** Ensures that factors like degree progress, course selection, practice times, and travel schedules are considered in student-athletes' class schedules. Pre-advising is required for freshmen, new transfer students, undeclared majors, and those with a GPA below 2.5.
- **Progress Monitoring:** Requests academic progress reports from professors/instructors at least once per semester. This information is shared with student-athletes and their respective coaches
- **A+ Aggie Program:** Provides additional support for student-athletes needing academic, personal, and career development assistance. Priority is given to those in developmental courses, with documented learning disabilities, and or with marginal academic profiles.
- **Study Labs:** Offers an environment conducive to study, including an Internet lab, Writing Lab, and Learning labs for study groups and tutoring. Study hall hours are required for certain student-athletes, with progress reported to coaches.
- **Academic Conferences:** Meetings with Head Coaches and academic staff to discuss academic concerns.
- **Guest Speaker Services:** Occasional workshops and seminars on issues relevant to student-athlete welfare such as healthy lifestyles, financial literacy, academic & social responsibility and leadership development to name a few.



## **ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **AGGIE CLASSROOM & ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT EXPECTATIONS**

New Mexico State University's ASPSC is dedicated to providing quality educational services that ensure academic, personal, and career success for all student-athletes. Our goal is to foster an equitable and diverse environment that supports student-athletes' excellence in both academics and athletics, engaging the university community and stakeholders in celebrating Aggies' success.

To increase academic progress and productivity for our student-athletes organized practice activities; length of respective playing seasons; the number of regular-season contest/ dates of competition; and participation in non-collegiate-sponsored athletics activities has been modified. No class time or scheduled academic appointments shall be missed for practice activities. Student-athletes are expected to attend all in-class course meetings, regularly log into their on-line courses accordingly, and complete all assignments and exhibit appropriate behavior in-class and on-line etiquette. Student-athletes are required to be on time for every in-class and on-line course and remain in-class or on-line for the duration of the class period. If unforeseen circumstances cause a student-athlete to be late or miss class, he/she should meet with the professor/instructor after class or make an appointment during office hours or schedule a zoom meeting to explain the circumstances.

Student-athletes who have been identified with having a marginal academic profile based on their academic portfolio will be provided additional individualized resources such as study hall, mentoring, tutoring, Learning Specialist sessions, and meetings with athletic advisors to ensure they're getting the essential assistance needed in their educational pursuit.

Student-Athletes and support staff students (athletic trainers, equipment managers and team managers) will be excused from classes when representing NMSU at university-sponsored events per University Attendance and Student Performance policy (<https://arp.nmsu.edu/chapter-4/4-46.html>) For serious injuries or illnesses causing missed classes, student-athletes must submit official medical documentation to the Academic Support Programs and Services Center and their professors within 24 hours of returning to class.

Student-athletes must inform and make arrangements with their professors to complete all missed assignments due to absences for competition, serious illness, or medical reasons. Any issues with completing missed assignments must be reported to the ASPSC staff immediately. Missing class for practice is strictly prohibited.

### **AGGIE SUMMER SCHOOL & FIFTH-YEAR GRANT-IN-AID POLICY**

New Mexico State Athletics Department is committed to helping every student-athlete graduate in a timely manner. To assist student-athletes who are on athletic scholarship and need additional semesters or summer school to meet degree requirements, the Athletics Department has established a special fund to defray costs. Fifth-Year (granted only when athletic eligibility has been exhausted) and Summer School Awards are based on the value of the student-athlete's previous year's athletic scholarship.

### **ACADEMIC CRITERIA**

Priority for Summer School and Fifth-Year aid funding, contingent on availability of funds, is given to:

1. Seniors graduating in Spring who need Summer course(s) to complete graduation requirements.
2. Seniors needing Summer course(s) to graduate in Fall.
3. Student-athletes needing prerequisite course(s) in Summer for Fall coursework.
4. Student-athletes needing to meet NCAA eligibility requirements before Fall.

## **ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**

1. ONLY student-athletes who received an athletic scholarship at New Mexico State the previous year are considered.
2. ONLY student-athletes who have exhausted their athletic eligibility and have NOT yet earned their Bachelor's Degree may apply for Fifth-Year aid.
  - Student-athletes who are NOT on athletic scholarship are encouraged to apply for University-controlled financial aid to possibly assist them. If the student-athlete has been out of school for at least one-semester they may be eligible for the Aggie Capstone Graduation Challenge (<https://gradchallenge.nmsu.edu/>) which helps with financial aid in completing degree

## **APPLICATION**

1. Student-Athletes must submit the Summer Aid and Fifth-Year aid application form with a degree completion plan to the ASPSC prior to their last Fall semester beginning. Obtaining the required information is the student-athlete's responsibility.
2. Late applications are approved on a case-by-case basis.

## **AWARDING OF GRANTS**

1. Awards are contingent on fund availability.
2. Awards depend on satisfactory progress toward the degree and maintaining academic eligibility.
3. Award recipients must maintain full-time academic status and meet NCAA progress regulations. Student-athletes in their last semester before graduation may request permission to take fewer than full-time credits if they need less than full-time status to graduate (e.g. 9 credits)
4. All awards are granted upon the final approval of the Director of Athletics.

## **RENTAL BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS**

Under NCAA Bylaw 15.2.3 (Books), NMSU may provide financial aid covering the actual cost of REQUIRED course-related books. Student-athletes receiving a Book Scholarship are notified by their coach before the start of the academic year or semester. Eligible participants must adhere to the procedures for receiving books issued through the scholarship program (<https://www.bkstr.com/nmsustore>)

## **RECEIVING BOOKS**

1. Book forms are available in the ASPSC at the start of each semester. Each form must be signed by an ASPSC staff member before going to the bookstore. Students must provide a course syllabus showing the required texts, a booklist from Barnes & Noble, and a class schedule.
2. If a student-athlete drops a course and adds another after receiving the original book form, unused books must be returned to the ASPSC before a new form is issued.
3. Books and course packets not available through the University bookstore must be purchased by the student-athlete. The student-athlete should then bring the receipt, syllabus, and class schedule to the ASPSC for reimbursement.

# HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE) & Residency Requirement: First-time, full-time undergraduate freshman admitted to the New Mexico States main campus are required to live in a university-operated residence hall for the first academic year, or two semesters. Students living in on-campus housing are responsible for charges related to their room's condition at check-in and check-out. A \$250 deposit is required at the beginning of the academic year. If the room is kept according to policy, the deposit is refunded at the year's end. Rooms must be left "broom clean" at check-out, free of possessions, trash, and debris. Rooms are inspected before occupancy, and residents receive a Room Condition Report (RCR) documenting move-in condition. Discrepancies should be reported to Housing staff immediately.

At check-out, residents are advised to do a walk-through with Housing staff to assess the room's condition. Damages not noted on the move-in RCR become the resident's responsibility, along with charges for trash removal. Charges are posted to student accounts, and athletic scholarship funds cannot be used to pay these charges. Unpaid charges (e.g. improper check out, cleaning fee, replace furniture or devices, Key Recore fee) can result in registration holds and withholding of diplomas and transcripts

## PRE-SEASON/POST-SEASON HOUSING

Coaches arrange preseason/postseason housing and meals for student-athletes required to participate in preseason practice or postseason competition.

## CAMPUS BREAK HOUSING

For student-athletes required to stay on campus during a break for practice or competition, coaches, with the assistance of the athletic housing & meal liaison, make housing arrangements. Other student-athletes electing to stay on campus during a break must make arrangements through the Housing Office (<https://housing.nmsu.edu/>) fees are the student's responsibility).

## MISSED CLASS POLICY

To minimize interference with academic programs, coaches limit organized practice activities, playing season length, regular-season contests, and participation in non-collegiate-sponsored athletic activities. No class time should be missed for practice activities, except when traveling for away contests in conjunction with the competition.

Student-athletes must attend every class unless competition, serious injury, or serious illness prevents attendance. Per University policy, students representing NMSU at a university-sponsored event will be excused. Authorized absences do not relieve the student of class responsibilities. Written notice of the authorized absence will be provided to the instructor by the sponsoring department. ( <https://arp.nmsu.edu/chapter-4/4-46.html>)

The ASPSC generates a "Travel Excuse Letter" notifying professors of student-athletes' competition and travel dates. This letter, emailed to professors at the semester's start, includes the student-athlete's name, sport, ID number, sport schedule, and dates of missed classes. If there are concerns based on the professor's syllabus, student-athletes should speak with their Athletic Academic Advisor. Last day to add a class with professor/instructor permission is a week and a half after classes start (<https://records.nmsu.edu/academic-calendar/2024.html>) , so it is essential to handle class alternatives the first few days of classes. Student-athletes must be on time for every class for in-class courses and sign in accordingly in on-line courses and remain in the course or on-line the entire period. If unforeseen circumstances cause tardiness or absence, the student-athlete must meet the professor after class or schedule an appointment to explain the situation.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE WELFARE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

With the partnership our multimedia right partners Van Wagner, and NM State Career Services. ASPSC provides life skills support in academics, athletics, personal development, career and leadership development services through accessible resources, strategic collaborations, and customized programming. These programs promote student-athlete well-being and development while providing ongoing educational and training for professional career enhancement. The NCAA aims to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the campus education program, with student-athletes as integral parts of the student body. The Student-Athlete Affairs program supports member institutions' initiatives to enhance student-athletes' quality of experience within higher education.

**The Continuing Education Series for Student-Athletes Welfare & Professional Development Program aims to:**

- Promote student-athletes' ownership of their academic, athletic, career, personal, and community responsibilities.
- Meet the changing needs of student-athletes.
- Promote respect for diversity and inclusion.
- Assist student-athletes in identifying and applying transferable skills.
- Enhance partnerships between the NCAA, member institutions, and their communities.
- Foster an environment encouraging student-athletes to access campus resources.
- Encourage the development of character, integrity, and leadership skills.

### **STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)**

#### **MISSION**

The mission of the New Mexico State Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to enhance the student-athlete experience by promoting opportunities, protecting student-athlete welfare, and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

#### **PURPOSE**

1. To generate a student-athlete voice within the university structure.
2. To provide equal and representative input from NMSU student-athletes.
3. To solicit student-athlete responses to proposed conference and NCAA legislation.
4. To build a sense of community within the athletic program involving all teams.
5. To organize community service efforts.
6. To promote a positive student-athlete image on campus.

#### **COMPOSITION**

The Aggie SAAC comprises one or two student-athletes from each varsity team at NMSU. Ex-officio members include the Director of Athletics, the NCAA Faculty Representative, the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Eligibility, the Senior Woman Administrator, and the Staff Advisor.

## **OFFICERS**

(The officers form the Executive Committee)

1. **Executive Leadership** – Preferably from different teams
  - Preside over meetings.
  - Serve as liaison to the Athletics Department.
  - Act as spokesperson from NMSU to the community.
  - Represent NMSU at Conference SAAC meetings.
  - Meet regularly with the SAAC Advisor.
2. **Committee Chairs**
  - Preside over their assigned committee.
  - Meet regularly with the SAAC Executive Leadership to discuss committee work.

## **REPRESENTATIVES**

Student-athletes' terms are parallel to their eligibility; they may remain on the SAAC as long as they are eligible to compete. When a member completes their eligibility, they should select and mentor their successor, promoting personal responsibility for the NMSU SAAC's success.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES**

1. Attend monthly meetings.
2. Communicate with their team and administration.
3. Serve on subcommittees as needed.
4. Commit to SAAC projects.

## **MEETINGS**

The committee meets in person or zoom twice monthly, unless otherwise indicated. The committee may also meet and communicate via zoom, email and phone if necessary, between meetings.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

New Mexico State University's Athletic Department requires all student-athletes to complete 15 hours of community service per year and is also one of the conditions for them to receive their letter jacket. The community service requirement aims to strengthen community engagement and build strong support networks. Aggie student-athletes actively participate in various community service activities, such as visiting local schools to encourage children and youth to make good choices, achieve good grades, and strive for excellence. They also collaborate with organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Salvation Army, and the Lions Club, and participate in events such as the Special Olympics, soup kitchens, triathlons, and Relay for Life.

### **How do student-athletes get informed so they can sign up to participate in community service activities?**

- Emails will be sent to coaches, SAAC members, and student-athletes for upcoming community service events needing volunteers.
- SAAC representatives will inform their teams about any upcoming events.

### **How do student-athletes sign up for a community service project?**

- Inform your coach of your interest in participating, and they will notify the Marketing office of your availability.

### **How is a student-athlete's participation recorded for community service points?**

- A sign-up sheet will be provided at each event, either by the event coordinator, coach, SAAC rep, or a designated student-athlete. Signing the sheet is necessary to verify attendance.
- Coaches will email the attendance list to the Community Service Coordinator, or a team representative can submit the sign-in sheet to their team Academic Coordinator in the Fulton Academic Center.
- For community service performed independently in the Las Cruces community, a signature from the event coordinator is required to verify participation, and the form must be turned into the team Academic Advisor.

### **Are there any rules or regulations to follow?**

- The community service event must benefit the Las Cruces community. Activities outside Las Cruces require prior approval.
- All promotional activities must comply with the NMSU Athletics Compliance and Eligibility release form, adhering to NCAA bylaws.

### **Can student-athletes do community service on their own?**

- Yes, but it must be approved beforehand. The event organizer can complete the online Community Service Request Form on the NMSU Athletics website. Verification of participation must be obtained and submitted to the team Academic Advisor.
- The team Academic Coordinator has a list of approved community service options in the Las Cruces area.

### **Can community service for a class or sports camps count toward the 15-hour requirement?**

- Yes, but only up to a combined total of 5 hours.

## **Varsity Letter Awards**

Student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics at NMSU are eligible for a varsity letter. Each respective sport has requirements for earning a varsity letter. In most cases, the student-athlete must:

- 1) Completed 15 hrs. of community service each year
- 2) Been a member of the team for at least 3 years, unless they are a transfer student-athlete then it would be 2 years
- 3) Participated in a game(s) / contest(s)
- 4) Character & Sportsmanship in good standing (Social Responsibility & Misconduct)
- 5) Good Academic standing (2.00 or higher)

Again, be aware each respective sport may have other criteria for student athletes to meet in order to receive their letter jacket.

## **Scholar Athlete Honor Roll**

Incoming freshman and transfer student-athletes achieving a Fall semester GPA of 3.000 or higher are placed on the Scholar Athlete Honor Roll, along with continuing student-athletes who maintain a cumulative 3.00 GPA after the Fall semester. In the following spring semester, student athletes are honored at a special pre-game Nusenda Credit Union 3.00 Night as well as being recognized at halftime of a home men's basketball game.

## **MEDIA RELATIONS**

Athletic Media Relations acts as the liaison between coaches/student athletes and the media. This office prepares news releases, programs, and team/individual statistics, and maintains permanent/historical records. Information is disseminated through traditional means and the Aggie athletic website at [www.nmstatesports.com](http://www.nmstatesports.com).

### **PRINT**

Print media requires detailed and engaging responses. Provide in-depth answers and share personal stories, hobbies, and interests. Since your spoken words will be translated, ask if there are any questions you can clarify at the end of the interview.

### **TELEVISION**

Television interviews require concise answers of 10-20 seconds. Present a friendly demeanor, speak clearly, maintain eye contact with the interviewer, and minimize body movement. Technical difficulties may occur, so patience is essential.

### **RADIO**

Radio interviews are conversational, with answers ranging from short sound bites to extended dialogue. Maintain clear and concise responses, avoid long pauses, and ensure good sound quality.

## **THE FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE**

The Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) is appointed by the university president to chair the Athletic Council and advise on intercollegiate athletics. The FAR also represents the university in Conference USA and NCAA. Student-athletes can contact the FAR, Dr. Kevin Melendrez, at [kdm@nmsu.edu](mailto:kdm@nmsu.edu) or cell number 575-312-6031 for support and policy recommendations.

## **SPORT ADMINISTRATORS**

Athletic department Sport Administrators work closely with head coaches and are available to discuss concerns or issues. Student-athletes should speak with their coach before contacting a sport administrator.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICES**

NMSU offers various support services, including academic, career, and personal advising, counseling, and skills improvement programs. Some key resources include:

- Aggie Health and Wellness Center (Counseling)
- Asian Pacific Islander Program
- American Indian Programs
- Black Programs
- Chicano Programs
- Centralized Advising
- Disability Access Services
- Experiential Learning – Career Development & Events
- International Students and Scholar Services
- Latin American Programs
- LGBTQ + Programs
- Math Success Center
- Student Success Center
- The Writing Center

## UNIVERSITY COMPUTER AND STUDY LABS

Available facilities include:

- Computer Center – ICT, room 141
- Conroy – Corbett Center, room 205
- Corbett Center Lobby
- English – English Building, room 121
- GAS Lab – Breland Hall, room 175
- Gerald Thomas Hall Lab – Aggie Snack Bar and room 338
- Frenger Food Court
- Hardman Hall – room 210
- Health and Social Services – Cantina
- Jacobs Hall Labs – rooms 128, 129, 204, 205 (A, B, C)
- Journalism Computing Cluster – Milton Hall, room 154
- Knox Hall – Knox Hall
- Pete’s Place – Corbett Center
- Vista del Monte
- Zuhl Library – First Floor

## NMSU STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Each student-athlete is ultimately responsible for keeping track of his/her eligibility status, with the support of his/her College Advisor, ASPSC Academic Coordinator, Compliance office, and coaching staff. You should meet regularly with your College Advisor, ASPSC and Compliance staff, to ensure your understanding of all academic rules and regulations that relate to your athletic eligibility. Please use the preceding information as a reference guide. Any specific questions you have should be discussed with the appropriate ASPSC and Compliance staff member and your college advisor.

## NCAA POLICY: MAINTAINING YOUR ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

As a NMSU student-athlete, you are required to abide by a number of standards set by the NCAA, CUSA, and NMSU. The student-athlete Handbook highlights some of these guidelines. However, it is the responsibility of the student-athlete to become familiar with all applicable guidelines.

1. Student-athletes are allowed four years of eligibility within five calendar years from the time they first enroll full-time in a collegiate institution. When they participate in any competition in their sport (including a scrimmage with outside competition), whether it is for one minute or an entire contest, they have used a season of competition and one of their four years of eligibility.
2. Student-athletes must be enrolled fulltime, that is, carry a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester to be eligible to practice or compete with their team. If a student-athlete drops below 12 hours he/she will immediately be ineligible to practice or compete, and his/her athletics grant-in-aid will be revoked unless otherwise approved by the Department of Athletics. Graduating seniors who need less than 12 credit hours to complete degree requirements may receive an exception to enroll in less than 12 credit hours.

## **FULL TIME ENROLLMENT**

All attempts are calculated in the cumulative GPA with the following exceptions:

For students admitted as transfer students: when the repeated course was taken within the student's first semester at NMSU or for students admitted as freshmen: when the repeated course was taken within the student's first 24 credit hours attempted (including transfer credits) or within the semester during which the student exceeded the 24th credit hour attempted. You are permitted to repeat courses according to NMSU guidelines; however, once a course is used for satisfactory progress, it may not be used for that purpose again. [NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.5.6]

## **DROPPING BELOW FULL-TIME STATUS OR WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL**

If, for any reason, you drop below 12 credit hours or withdraw from the university during any semester of enrollment you may immediately forfeit your athletic eligibility for that semester and potentially jeopardize your future eligibility status. Prior to withdrawing from the institution or dropping below full-time status; you should:

1. Schedule an appointment with the Associate Athletics Director/Sports Administration & Academic Services and/or Director of Academic Services to discuss your reason for dropping below 12 credit hours or withdrawal from the university.
2. YOU must contact residence life and dining services offices directly. The Athletic department is not permitted to process your cancellations for housing, registration, room, board, or any other service. In addition to cancellation of all agreements, you must immediately return your textbooks to the Bookstore. You are responsible for any fees incurred due to incomplete withdrawal procedures
3. Should you wish to transfer from NMSU you must follow all guidelines above and request Notification of Transfer. Questions should be directed to the Department of Athletics Compliance.

## **NCAA ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY & SATISFACTORY PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS**

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION – ALL SPORTS**

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
- 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 nine semester or quarter hours) or be enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at your institution. [Bylaws 14.01.2, 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.1.4]
- 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 degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. [Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3]
- You are eligible to compete 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 are no longer enrolled in your previous educational institution and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.2.2.1.1]
- 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 14.2.2.1.2]

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE – ALL SPORTS**

- 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 14.2.1]
- 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 14.2.1.1]
- You also are eligible to practice if you are enrolled in the final semester 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. [Bylaw 14.2.1.3]

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR SUMMER PRACTICE – Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, Football**

- In Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, and Football, if you are enrolled in summer school you may engage in required weight-training, conditioning for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). During this time, you may also engage in skill-related instruction (Men’s Basketball and Women’s Basketball only) or film review (Football only). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review (Football only) or four hours skill-related instruction (Men’s Basketball and Women’s Basketball only). If you are not eligible to use the exception to summer school enrollment (listed below) you may participate only during the period of the summer term or terms (opening day of classes through last day of final exams) in which you are enrolled.
- You may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks without being enrolled in summer school, provided you have achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 and have successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:
  - After two semesters: 30 semester hours
  - After three semesters: 45 semester hours
  - After four semesters: 50% of the course requirements in your specific degree program
  - After five semesters: 62.5% of the course requirements in your specific degree program
  - After six semesters: 75% of the course requirements in your specific degree program
  - After seven semesters: 87.5% of the course requirements in your specific degree program
  - After eight semesters: completion of your baccalaureate degree requirements

### **Application to Transfer Student-Athletes**

The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until the student-athlete has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. [Bylaw 17.1.2.1.6.1.1.1]

## **CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY – ALL SPORTS**

- Having successfully completed 24-semester hours of academic credit prior to the start of the institution’s third semester following the student-athlete’s initial full-time enrollment.
- Having successfully completed 18-semester hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement)
- Six-semester hours toward your degree of academic credit the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled at any collegiate institution

- You must choose a major that leads to a specific baccalaureate degree by the beginning of your third year of enrollment. (This includes transfer students who have not yet completed an academic year in residence or used one season of eligibility in a sport at their current institution.) [Bylaw 14.4.3.2.2]

If you are entering your second year of collegiate enrollment, you must present a cumulative grade-point average that equals at least 90 percent (1.800 CGPA) of the institution's overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation (based on a 4.000 scale). [Bylaw 14.4.3.3]

If you are entering your third year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program and you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average that equals at least 95 percent (1.900 CGPA) of the institution's overall cumulative grade point average required for graduation (based on a 4.000 scale).

If you are entering your fourth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program and you must present a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.000 (based on a 4.000 scale).

If you are entering your fifth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program and you must present a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.000 (based on a 4.000 scale).

### **ADDITIONAL CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - FOOTBALL**

- If you do not successfully complete at least nine (9) semester hours of academic credit during the fall term and earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term you shall not be eligible to compete in the first four (4) contests the following season.
- One time during your five-year period of eligibility you may regain eligibility to compete in the first four (4) contests in the following season, provided you successfully at least 27-semester hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. During your initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment, you may use credit hours earned at NMSU during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year satisfy the 27-semester credit-hour requirement.
- After your one-time exception you may regain eligibility to compete in the third and fourth contests of that season, provided you successfully complete at least 27-semester hours of academic credit before the beginning of the next fall term. During your initial year of fulltime collegiate enrollment, you may use credit hours earned at NMSU during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment and credit hours earned during the summer following the regular academic year to satisfy the 27-semester credit-hour requirement.

### **INITIAL ELIGIBILITY – ALL SPORTS Freshmen:**

You are referred to as a qualifier and are eligible to practice and compete in your sport and to receive financial aid (institutional and athletically related) during your first academic year under Bylaw 14.02.10.1 if you:

- Graduate from high school:
- Attain a minimum high-school grade-point average of 2.300 in 16 core-curriculum courses as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1

#### ***Academic Redshirt:***

You may be eligible for practice and athletic aid, but not competition if you meet NCAA initial eligibility standards in Bylaw 14.3.1.2 and 14.3.1.2 Non-qualifier:

You are eligible to receive non-athletics institutional financial aid based on need only, consistent with institutional and conference regulations.

You will have three seasons of eligibility after your first academic year in residence. You may earn a fourth season of competition provided you complete 80% of your degree before beginning your fifth academic year of enrollment and you are within five years of your initial, full-time collegiate enrollment. [Bylaw 14.3.3]

### *Transfer students only*

#### *You are a transfer student if:*

The registrar or admissions officer from your former institution certified that you officially were registered and enrolled at that institution in any term in a minimum full-time program of studies and you were present on the opening day of classes; or

You reported for the regular squad practice at your former institution announced before the beginning of any term. [Bylaw 14.5.2]

If you are a transfer student from a four-year institution, you are not eligible during your first academic year in residence unless you would have been academically eligible to compete had you remained at the institution you most recently attended class during a regular term as a full-time student, except that you are not required to have fulfilled percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution. [Bylaw 14.5.5]

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 Bylaws 14.5.4.1, 14.5.4.2 or the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.7.

If you transferred from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to your new institution, you are not eligible during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.6.

### **OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY – ALL SPORTS**

You are not eligible to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition. [Bylaw 12.8]

You are not eligible if five calendar years have passed from the date you first registered as a full-time student at a collegiate institution and attended your first day of classes for that term, except for time spent in the armed services, on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government and extensions that have been approved in accordance with NCAA legislation. [Bylaw 12.8.1.2]

You are eligible at an institution other than the institution from which you have received or satisfied the requirements for a baccalaureate degree or an equivalent degree, if you meet the conditions of [Bylaw 14.6] and you have eligibility remaining as set forth in Bylaw 12.8.1.

You are eligible for championships, certified bowl games or the National Invitation Tournament that occur within 60 days of the date you complete the requirements for your degree. [Bylaw 14.6.2.1]

### **ALL SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL**

You are not eligible if, during your playing season, you competed as a member of any outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition. You may compete outside of your declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition and other specified national and international competition is permitted. [Bylaws 17.2, and 17.34]

Exception: In women's volleyball and soccer you may compete on outside amateur teams during the spring outside of the institution's playing and practice seasons, provided such participation occurs no earlier than May 1, and the remaining provisions of Bylaw 17.31.1.3 are met.

### **BASKETBALL ONLY**

You are not eligible if, after you become a student-athlete, you participate in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition and other specified national and international competition is permitted. [Bylaws 17.34]

It is permissible to participate as a member of a basketball team in an NCAA-sanctioned summer basketball league or event. [Bylaw 17.4.8.1.4.1]

# **NCAA POLICY: MAINTAINING YOUR ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

At the initial team meeting prior to each season of competition, the Department of Athletics Compliance presents general departmental policies, NCAA athletic eligibility standards and requires appropriate personal information from each student-athlete. The Sports Medicine Staff presents information relevant to training room operation, medical details, physical examinations, and rehabilitation procedures.

## **EXTRA BENEFITS**

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a University employee or a representative of the University's athletics interests to provide student-athletes, their relatives, or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt or acceptance of such a benefit by a student-athlete, their relatives, or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the University's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletic ability [NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3].

Friendships or acquaintances with individuals established in the recruitment process or after arrival on campus in most instances are a result of being a student-athlete, and thus, receipt of benefits from these individuals by a student-athlete, their relatives or friends is prohibited by NCAA regulations.

During your enrollment at New Mexico State University you may befriend individuals or families in the community who might wish to provide you with a more "home-like" atmosphere. Please be aware that you are becoming "friends" with a representative ("athletics booster") and/or employee of the University does not change their status as far as NCAA rules are concerned. For example, the provision of any type of material item (i.e., birthday gift, use of car, meals, lodging, loan of money, Christmas gift, etc.) by such an individual or family to you, your relatives, or friends could result in a NCAA rules violation and jeopardize your eligibility.

## **EXAMPLES OF NON-PERMISSIBLE EXTRA BENEFITS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**

### **FRIENDS OR RELATIVES**

- May not receive expenses for visiting the student-athlete at any site

### **BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Free or reduced-cost services for you or your friends or family
- Use of telephone or credit card without charge
- Use of tickets to any event, dinner, use of a car, etc. from commercial establishment without charge or at a discounted rate
- Receipt of loan
- Use of an automobile
- Free or reduced-cost lodging
- Free or reduced-cost meals
- Free or reduced-cost transportation
- Receipt of gifts or merchandise

Receipt of extra benefits will render you ineligible. Student-Athletes seeking assistance or clarification regarding the NCAA's extra benefit rules should contact the Compliance Office at (575) 646-1028.

**\*\*ASK AGGIE COMPLIANCE BEFORE YOU ACT! \*\***

## **AMATEURISM**

You are not eligible for participation in a sport if 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
- Competed on any professional athletics team except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.3.2.1. A professional team is defined as an organized team that provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses or declares itself as a professional team
- Used your athletics skill for pay in any form in that sport. You are not eligible in a sport if you have ever accepted money, transportation, or other benefits from an agent or agreed to have an agent market your athletics ability or reputation in that sport [NCAA Bylaw 12.3]
- 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, except while engaged in Name, Image and Likeness activities per NCAA Policy, New Mexico State Law, and NMSU policy. [Bylaws 12.5.2 and 22]
- You are not eligible in any sport if, because of your athletics ability, you were paid for work you did not perform, 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 [NCAA Bylaw 12.4]

## **NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS**

Per current NCAA bylaws and policy student-athletes are able to engage in activities that involve the use of their name, image and likeness (NIL) for commercial or promotional purposes (Effective July 1, 2021). Use of student-athlete NIL for commercial or promotional purposes must be done within NCAA policy, New Mexico State Law, and NMSU policy.

- The Student Athlete Endorsement Act signed March 14, 2021 prohibits institutions from preventing student-athletes from earning compensation for use of their NIL (while not engaged in official team activities) and allows for professional representation by an agent when engaging in NIL activities.
- A student athlete can earn compensation for NIL use when not engaged in team activities
- Third-party compensation CAN NOT be used to induce recruitment

**You are not able to compensate a student-athlete for Name, Image or Likeness:**

- If NM State Athletics/Institution is involved in facilitating activity
- Prior to becoming a student-athlete
- For Pay for play – (Payment for athletic performance)
- If payment does not involve a service/appearance (work actually performed)
- If payment is above the going rate

**NM State student-athletes can not endorse the following:**

- Cannabis Products (manufacturer or retailers)
- Sports Gambling
- Adult Entertainment (retail or establishments)

**Student-Athlete Responsibilities:**

- Must adhere to NCAA & NM State Policies and state law
- Must Report NIL Activity to NM State Athletics Compliance of activities totaling \$600 or more through the INFLCR Application [Bylaws 22.2.1, 22.2.3.3]
- Complete any required NIL education sessions
- Personal responsibilities (taxes)

### **Some Examples of Name, Image and Likeness Activities:**

- Appearance in television, online or radio advertisements for commercial products or services
- Appearance in print, social media (influencer) or online advertisements for commercial products or services
- Providing lessons (camps or clinics)
- Sale of autographs (on items not provided by NM State)
- Personal appearances with the intent to promote a commercial product or service

### **NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS ATTESTATION**

A student-athlete who elects to disclose name, image and likeness activities must attest that [Bylaw 22.2.1.2]:

- (a) All disclosed information is and will be complete and accurate;
- (b) The disclosed activities are and will be consistent with institutional and conference policy, NCAA rules and any applicable state or federal law;
- (c) Pay or promise of pay related to the disclosed activities are not and will not be a substitute for payment for athletics participation or achievement or an inducement to enroll or remain enrolled at a specific institution; and
- (d) Acknowledgement that failure to disclose or fraudulent disclosure may constitute impermissible unethical conduct [Bylaw 10.1].

### **INSTITUTIONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS**

If a student-athlete discloses with NMSU their Name, Image and Likeness activities, NMSU may provide assistance and services to those student-athletes consistent with institutional policies and procedures. A student-athlete who elects not to disclose name, image and likeness activities shall not receive such institutional assistance and services. [Bylaw 22.2.1.1]

### **OUTSIDE COMPETITION IS NOT PERMITTED**

- You may not participate in outside competition during the academic year if you haven't exhausted your eligibility. However, in some cases you may participate in outside competition during the summer with the approval from the Office of Athletic Compliance
- You may not try out with a professional athletics team in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations during any part of the academic year while enrolled in NMSU, unless you've exhausted eligibility

### **AWARDS**

Any awards received by a student-athlete participating in an event during the summer while not representing his or her institution, shall conform to the regulations recognized by the amateur association associated with the event. At no time shall the student-athlete be permitted to receive cash for this type of participation.

### **AGENTS (STUDENT-ATHLETES CAN HAVE AN NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS FINANCIAL ADVISOR)**

The NCAA prohibits any oral or written agreement between a student-athlete and a professional team or agent (for athletic purposes) before the student-athlete's eligibility expires. You are also prohibited from accepting anything from an agent or representative (including, but not limited to, money, goods, and services). The NCAA forbids a coach or staff member from representing and/or promoting an athlete, professional team, sports agent, or any other third party.

NCAA Bylaw 10.1 concerning unethical conduct stipulates that institutional staff members are prohibited from receiving extra benefits for arranging meetings between sports agents, financial advisors, or representatives of a sports agent and university student-athletes. To obtain a copy of written materials on agents, please see or contact the office of Compliance and Eligibility, 575-646-1028.

You may request information about your professional market value without affecting your eligibility status. However, if you retain an agent, you will lose your amateur status.

## **PERMISSION TO CONTACT OTHER NCAA OR NAIA INSTITUTIONS**

Student-Athletes wishing to contact other four-year NCAA or NAIA institutions must make such a request in writing to the Athletic Compliance office prior to contacting another institution per NCAA bylaw 13.1.1.3.1 A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing the Athletics Compliance office with a written notification of transfer during the applicable timeframe per your sport. The student-athlete's information shall be entered into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete. New Mexico State University Athletics reserves the right to deny access to a student-athlete, providing written notification of transfer, to academic support services, athletics facilities, athletic sport performance services, and athletic training services. In addition, upon receiving a written request of notification of transfer, New Mexico State University may cancel or reduce the athletic scholarship of a student-athlete at the end of the term in which they make such a request per NCAA bylaw 15.3.4.1 (other than for an undergraduate four-year transfer who receives or is issued athletically related financial aid in the academic year of initial full time enrollment). The student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.

## **DURING YOUR CAREER AS AN AGGIE ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES AS RECRUITERS**

### **HOSTING PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES**

- Off campus, in person, recruiting contacts between enrolled students or student-athletes and prospects are permissible if such contacts are incidental and do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member
- An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospect except those permitted when the student-athlete serves as a student host
- An enrolled student-athlete may not telephone prospects at the request of coaches or using any intercollegiate athletic funds (e.g., telephones)

### **THE STUDENT HOST**

- A student host may be provided a maximum of \$60 to cover the actual costs of entertaining the prospect with no more than \$20 being used for gas.
- A student host may be provided with an additional \$15 per day for each additional prospect he/she entertains.
- The student host is prohibited from purchasing or offering a prospect alcoholic beverage during an official and/or unofficial visit.
- Several students may host a prospect, but the institution may only provide one student with entertainment money. The other student host shall pay for his or her own entertainment and meals
- The institution, coach, or any booster may not provide a car for use by a prospect or student host
- A meal may be held for a prospect on an official visit at the home of an Athletic Department staff member, as long as it is not excessive in nature
- Entertainment on an official visit is limited to the prospect, the prospect's parents (or legal guardian), the prospect's spouse, and the prospect's children

## **FINANCIAL AID POLICY AND APPEALS**

The Office of Student Financial Aid notifies student-athletes of renewal and non-renewal scholarship actions by July 1 prior to the upcoming academic year. If you feel that the reduction or non-renewal of your financial aid is unfair or unjustified, you have the right to request a hearing as provided by NCAA regulations. The request for an appeal hearing must be submitted in writing within 10 business days of the scholarship reduction or non-renewal notification receipt. All written inquiries should be directed to the Director of Financial Aid.

A full grant-in-aid includes the cost of tuition and mandatory fees, room, board and required course related books adding up to the cost of attendance. A full grant-in-aid does may not cover expenses such as application fees, online fees, late registration fees, general school supplies, reference books, parking tickets, penalty fees, etc.

### **ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID – REDUCTION AND CANCELLATION**

NMSU may reduce or cancel your financial aid during the period of the award for non-athletic reasons, per NCAA Bylaws and Athletic Financial Aid Agreement Policies. Athletic Aid can be reduced or cancelled if a student-athlete fails to comply with institutional (e.g. Student Code of Conduct), team, NMSU Athletic (e.g. Student-Athlete Handbook), or Athletic and Academic Support Program and Services Center Policies. Athletic Aid may be cancelled during the period of the period of the award (other than for an undergraduate four-year transfer who receives or is issued athletically related financial aid in the academic year of initial full time enrollment) if a student-athlete [Bylaw 15.3.4.1]:

- (a) Is rendered ineligible for intercollegiate competition based on the recipient's action or inaction;
- (b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement [Bylaw 15.3.4.1.3];
- (c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty, as determined by the institution's regular student disciplinary authority;
- (d) Voluntarily (on the recipient's own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid is reduced or canceled;
- (e) Violates a non-athletically related condition outlined in the financial aid agreement or violates a documented institutional rule or policy (e.g., academics policies or standards, athletics department or team rules or policies); or
- (f) Provides written notification of transfer [Bylaw 13.1.1.3] to the institution; however, the student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification of transfer is received. If a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer to the institution between regular academic terms (winter break, summer break) the institution may reduce or cancel the financial aid immediately.

### **REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION NOT PERMITTED**

During the Period of the Award. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award:

- (a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;
- (b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.1); or
- (c) For any other athletics reason.

## **UNDERGRADUAT FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS**

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability awarded to an undergraduate four-year transfer student in the academic year of initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may only be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient:

- (a) Transfers to another institution [Bylaw 14.5.2];
- (b) Loses amateur status and is no longer eligible for intercollegiate competition in the applicable sport [Bylaw 12.1.2]; or
- (c) Is disqualified or suspended from receiving institutional financial aid by an institutional (as opposed to athletics department) proceeding (e.g., disciplinary process).
- (d) Does not meet any conditions affecting transfer status at the certifying institution (for non-athletically related reasons) by the first regular term of the student-athlete's aid agreement.
  1. Drop below the required 12 credits per semester requirement (unless enrolled in the final semester of designated degree program and then only with prior authorization from ASPSC).
  2. Become ineligible for intercollegiate competition
  3. Give false information on application, letter of intent, or financial aid agreement
  4. Engage in serious misconduct warranting disciplinary action
  5. Requests written notification of transfer (per bylaw 15.3.5)

## **FEDERAL PELL GRANTS**

Student-athletes are encouraged to apply for this federal entitlement grant program by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This grant is based on financial need and may be used to supplement other funds. A student-athlete may receive a Pell Grant in combination with institutional financial aid provided the overall grant does not exceed the student-athlete's cost of attendance.

## **NCAA SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND**

Student-athletes may also be eligible for additional special assistance through this fund. These monies may be used for expenses not covered by your scholarship such as eyeglasses, dental work, and a clothing allowance. Contact the Office of Compliance at 575-646-1028 to obtain an application form.

## **PRACTICE**

A student-athlete may participate in up to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week of countable athletically related activities. There must also be one scheduled day off per week. Examples of countable activities include, but are not limited to: competition, practice, required weight training or conditioning, watching films, athletically related meetings initiated by coaches, and site visits. Examples of non-countable athletically related activities include training table meals, training room, study halls, tutoring, and travel to and from the practice and competition.

## **OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON**

Outside of the playing season, student-athletes' participation in athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of 8 hours per week of which no more than two hours per week may be spent on skill workouts. In football, student-athletes are permitted to view a maximum of two hours of game film per week as part of the permissible eight hours of required weight-training and conditioning activities, however, this may not be involved in individual skill-related instruction.

## **SUMMER**

Student-athletes are permitted to use the weight room facilities during the summer. All such conditioning activities are voluntary. Your coaches may have expectations or goals for you in the summer, but they may not require you to work out. You may not meet with your coaches to watch films or discuss athletically related topics. In some individual sports, a coach may assist you (at your request) for safety reasons. In team sports, coaches may not observe or take part in voluntary conditioning activities of their players.

## EMPLOYMENT

Student-athletes may receive earnings from legitimate employment during the academic year provided:

- Name, Image and Likeness legislation is met
- You may receive payment for work you do not actually perform
- Wages received must not exceed what is typical or that which a regular employee would receive; Prior to beginning employment, student-athletes and their employers must sign a written statement which will be kept on file. Contact the Compliance Office at 575-646-1028

### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

You must have your summer employer fill out a Summer Employment Form available in the Compliance Office. You must follow the following rules about summer employment:

- You may not receive payment for work you do not actually perform
- Wages received must not exceed what is typical or that which a regular employee would receive
- You may not receive compensation based on athletic ability
- Compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that you may have for the employer because of publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability



# **NMSU ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT: EVENT TICKET POLICY**

## **SECTION 1: ATHLETES**

### **REGULAR CONTESTS**

Complimentary Admissions: New Mexico State may provide four (4) complimentary admissions per home or away contest to a student-athlete in the sport in which the student-athlete participates (either practices or competes) regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest. (NCAA bylaw 16.2.1.1)

Pass List only: Student-athletes will not receive complimentary hard tickets to an event. Students must add their guest's names to the Teamworks database, which is approved by the Compliance Office. There are no additions to the pass list after that time.

Student-athletes may not receive payment in exchange for complimentary admission passes. Student-athletes designated guests may not receive payment in exchange for complimentary admission passes.

New Mexico State University may only sell tickets to student-athletes under arrangements available to the general student body.

Student-athletes may not buy a ticket from the institution then sell it for above face value.

Representatives, Staff, Employees, Faculty of New Mexico State University in either an institutional or athletic role may not provide student-athletes with complimentary admission to a professional sport contest.

Conference or NCAA Championships: New Mexico State University may provide each student athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in an NCAA championship with six complimentary admissions to all contests at the site at which the student or team participates per recent NCAA policy. (16.2.1.1.1)

Tournaments: Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of New Mexico State University teams for all contests in a tournament in which the team is participating. However, the contests must be at the site of competition (16.2.1.1.2)

Distribution policy: Complimentary tickets shall be distributed only to people designated by the Student-Athlete, who have identified themselves with a picture identification and signed a receipt for the tickets. (16.2.1.2.1)

## **TIME DEMANDS/TIME MANAGEMENT**

Conference USA requires that member institutions opt into NCAA regulations regarding Time Demands/Time Management. This entails requirements that student-athlete receive certain number of days off during that academic year and establish a time management plan. Below are some of the requirements under this provision. The scheduling of practice and required athletically related activities is part of these requirements under time management. As we begin to meet these requirements for the upcoming year, we are asking that sports plan a calendar a month in advance. Your sport shall have a calendar set a month in advance with athletically related activities. Additionally, if changes are to be made to the calendar/schedule student-athletes should be given at least 24-hour notice of the changes. We are planning to have a session to go over this information for coaches/staff soon as well. Please let us know if you have any questions on these.

Required Athletically Related Activities. Required athletically related activities include any activities, including those that are countable in the daily and weekly limitations that are required of a student-athlete. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Organized team promotional activities;
- Recruiting activities, including student-host duties;
- Media activities;
- Fundraising events;
- Community service events; and
- Team-building activities.

**Time Demands – Days Off.** The Conference will adhere to the following regarding student athlete time commitments:

- Mandatory seven-day period following the completion of a student-athlete's championship segment with no required athletically related activities allowed. Further, to specify that an institution shall provide an additional 14 days off during the regular academic year. During this period, a student-athlete may only participate in voluntary activities. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries), end of season meeting or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted during this period. The following are additional exceptions to the rule.
- Eight-Hour Period between 9 P.M. and 6 A.M.: Opt into legislation as a conference rule that specifies institutions shall prohibit athletically required activities between 9 P.M. and 6 A.M.
- Student-Athlete Time Management Plan: Opt into legislation as a conference rule that specifies institutions shall develop a student-athlete time management plan
- Preseason Practice and Vacation Periods: Opt into legislation as a conference rule that specifies institutions shall provide one day off per week during a preseason practice period and during a vacation period when classes are not in session.
- Off-Campus Practice during Vacation Periods: Opt into legislation as a conference rule that specifies institutions shall prohibit off-campus practice during an institutional vacation periods.
- Time Limits for Required Athletic Activities – Basketball: Opt into permissive legislation that provides institutional discretion to not require three consecutive days off during a vacation period (i.e., winter break) one time during a four-year period if participating in qualifying multi-team event.
- End of Season Meeting: Opt into permissible legislation that provides institutional discretion to conduct one end-of-season team meeting during the seven-day discretionary period after the championship segment, provided no countable athletically related activities occur.
- Report any violation of conference time demand regulations to the FAR Group for review and consideration. In general, if there is a conference related time balance violation, a 2 for 1 penalty will occur, unless mitigation demonstrates a deviation from the standard application.
- Requirement that each university conduct a time management session for all in-coming student-athletes.
- Commitment to continue work with our Conference SAAC to develop additional initiatives to ensure a balanced experience.

**Time-Demands – Travel Day.** A travel day related to athletics participation may not be considered as a day off. The following are limited exceptions in which it can be utilized.

- Exception -- Limited Travel. On a day when limited return-to-campus travel occurs, an institution may determine, at its discretion, whether to use the day as a required day off. In such a situation, the institution's athletics director, or his or her designee, should approve the use of the required day off. Exceptions will be reported in the institutional annual review process.
- Exception -- Travel to or From Hawaii or Alaska. An institution may use an athletically related travel day to or from Hawaii or Alaska as a day off. Exceptions will be reported in the institutional annual review process.

## NCAA DRUG TESTING

All student-athletes are still subject to all rules and regulations in regard to NCAA drug test and the resulting punishments. It is the student-athlete's job to understand the follow the rules set for them by this governing body.

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### 2024-25 NCAA BANNED DRUGS

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

#### THE NCAA BANS THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF DRUGS:

Stimulants;  
Anabolic Agents;  
Alcohol and Beta Blockers (banned for rifle only);  
Diuretics and Other Masking Agents;  
Street Drugs;  
Narcotics;  
Cannabinoids  
Peptide Hormones and Analogues;  
Anti-estrogens; and Beta-2 Agonists.

*Note: Any substance chemically related to these classes is also banned.*

The institution and the student-athlete shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned drug class regardless of whether they have been specifically identified.

#### DRUGS AND PROCEDURES SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS:

Blood doping;  
Gene doping;  
Local anesthetics (under some conditions);  
Manipulation of urine samples; and  
Beta-2 Agonists permitted only by prescription and inhalation.

#### NCAA NUTRITIONAL/DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS WARNING:

Before consuming any nutritional/dietary supplement product, review the product with the appropriate or designated athletics department staff. There are no NCAA approved supplement products.

1. Dietary supplements, including vitamins and minerals, are not well regulated and may cause a positive drug test result.
2. Student-athletes have tested positive and lost their eligibility from using dietary supplements.
3. Many dietary supplements are contaminated with banned drugs not listed on the label.
4. Any product containing a dietary supplement ingredient is taken at your own risk.

Check with your athletics department staff prior to using a supplement.

## SOME EXAMPLES OF NCAA BANNED SUBSTANCES IN EACH DRUG CLASS

*There is NO complete list of banned substances.*

**Do not rely on this list to rule out any label ingredient.**

1. **Stimulants:** amphetamine (Adderall); caffeine (guarana); cocaine; ephedrine; methamphetamine; methylphenidate (Ritalin); synephrine (bitter orange); methylhexanamine (DMAA); “bath salts” (mephedrone); Octopamine; DMBA; phenethylamines (PEAs); etc. exceptions: phenylephrine and pseudoephedrine are not banned.
2. **Anabolic Agents** (sometimes listed as a chemical formula, such as 3,6,17-androstenetrione); androstenedione; boldenone; clenbuterol; DHEA (7-Keto); epi-trenbolone; testosterone; etiocholanolone; methasterone; methandienone; nandrolone; norandrostenedione; stanozolol; stenbolone; trenbolone; SARMS (ostarine, ligandrol, LGD-4033); etc.
3. **Alcohol and Beta Blockers** (banned for rifle only): alcohol; atenolol; metoprolol; nadolol; pindolol; propranolol; timolol; etc.
4. **Diuretics (water pills) and Other Masking Agents:** bumetanide; chlorothiazide; furosemide; hydrochlorothiazide; probenecid; spironolactone (canrenone); triameterene; trichlormethiazide; etc.
5. **Street Drugs:** heroin; marijuana; tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); synthetic cannabinoids (e.g., spice, K2, JWH-018, JWH-073)
6. **Peptide Hormones and Analogues:** growth hormone(hGH); human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG); erythropoietin (EPO); IGF-1 (colostrum); etc.
7. **Anti-Estrogens:** anastrozole; tamoxifen; formestane; ATD, clomiphene; SERMS (nolvadex); Arimidex; clomid; evista; fulvestrant; aromatase inhibitors (Androst-3,5-dien-7,17-dione), etc.
8. **Beta-2 Agonists:** bambuterol; formoterol; salbutamol; salmeterol; higenamine; norco-claurine; etc.

Additional examples of banned drugs can be found at [www.ncaa.org/drugtesting](http://www.ncaa.org/drugtesting).

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

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

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

## NMSU ATHLETIC TRAINING SUPPORT SERVICES

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Athletic Department requires all incoming student-athletes, freshman and transfers to undergo a physical examination and evaluation by the NMSU team physicians for clearance to participate in NMSU athletics. Returning student-athletes will annually complete a return physical form.

### TREATMENT OF ILLNESS AND INJURY

All injuries and illness must be reported to the Sports Medicine staff as soon as possible. Compliance with treatment is expected. Referral to team physicians and other medical providers will be made by the Sports Medicine staff as needed.

### REHABILITATION CARE

Treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injury is coordinated and supervised by the Sports Medicine staff as directed and in consultation with team physicians. Compliance with treatment and rehabilitation programs is expected.

## INSURANCE COVERAGE

### NMSU ATHLETICS INSURANCE INFORMATION

NMSU carries an accident insurance policy which provides coverage of athletically related medical conditions. This policy is considered a “secondary coverage” and is applied after a student-athlete’s personal medical insurance has been used. All non-scholarship athletes must carry current health insurance coverage. Any NMSU student-athlete that has incurred an athletic injury must report the injury immediately to the Athletic Training Staff for documentation. Most insurance policies require that injury evaluation and treatment must begin immediately (but not later than 90 days) after the injury in order to be covered by the policy. NMSU’s policy sets a limit for payment for medical care after an athletic injury for two years. The student-athlete and/or parent should be aware that either their own insurance or NMSU’s insurance may contact them for information regarding the injury or other information in order to process the claim. In most cases, bills will also be sent to the student-athlete and/or the parents. If an insurance company sends a student-athlete or parent a bill or request for information, it will only be sent to the student-athlete or parent and not to NMSU. Failure to respond to information requests may result in delay or denial of the bill payment, which could affect personal credit ratings, or result in the student-athlete being responsible for payment. **All medical bills that are received by the student-athlete and/or parents should be forwarded immediately to the Athletics Department Insurance Clerk** located in the Athletic Training Facility in the Fulton Athletics Center. If a student-athlete is not covered by parental or personal health insurance, the Athletics Department reserves the right to choose the medical providers for any medical conditions that NMSU or their insurance will pay for. Medical coverage for student-athletes stops when athletic eligibility is exhausted, or when an athlete is no longer associated with the team.

### MEDICAL EXPENSES

You must report any athletically related injury or illness to your team athletic trainer before the Athletic Department can help with expenses.

The Department will not pay costs associated with second opinions unless directed by the team physician. The Department will assist with payment for rehabilitation when referred by the team physician.

### EYE WEAR

One set of contact lenses, prescription goggles or glasses may be provided by the Athletic Department ONLY if they are deemed necessary for athletic competition. An additional eye examination and / or prescription change is normal as is occasional replacement of a lost or damaged lens. Eyeglasses for reading and class work will not be covered.

### DENTAL INJURY

The Department will pay for dental injury to sound natural teeth incurred as a result of your athletic activity. No payment is provided for charges if the injury occurs and the required mouth guard protection per sport rules is not worn. NMSU will not pay for routine cleaning, filling cavities, extraction of wisdom teeth or other specific dental procedures not related to or as a result of athletic participation.



## **ALCOHOL POLICIES**

All students attending the New Mexico State University are responsible to abide by the State of New Mexico criminal laws regarding alcohol possession and use. The laws of the State of New Mexico set the minimum age of 21 years of age for the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Those who are of the minimum age and older are prohibited from selling or providing alcoholic beverages to those who are under 21 years of age.

The Athletics Department does not condone the illegal or irresponsible use of alcohol under any circumstances. If legally of age, student-athletes who consume alcoholic beverages are expected to do so responsibly understanding the risks associated with alcohol use and abuse.

All student-athletes are prohibited from the consumption of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages in connection with any team function. A team function for purposes of this policy includes the following:

1. When traveling to or from a site or at that site with the team, as a representative of the team or coaching staff, and/or serving in an official capacity for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics,
2. At any intercollegiate athletic event, including parties organized by team members, on or off campus, and
3. At any time in public while representing the team or the University (ex. Summer camps, clinics, recruiting activities, community service, etc.)

In addition, student-athletes are expected to adhere to the University's Student Code of Conduct & Alcohol Policy's and the University's Department of Residence Life resident hall rules.

Any student-athlete violating any of these policies may be subject to disciplinary action by his/her team, Coach, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, and/or the University. Students serving in an official capacity for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics may be subject to disciplinary action by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, and/or the University.

## **BINGE DRINKING & HIGH-RISK ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

The New Mexico State University, adheres to the principle that there is no place in intercollegiate athletics for substance abuse of any kind. The Athletics Department recognizes that for student athletes there are additional pressures associated with participation in intercollegiate sports. As a consequence of such pressure's student-athletes may be at risk to engage in unhealthy behavior patterns to cope with stress. Therefore, the Athletics Department considers the misuse and abuse of alcohol as an unhealthy and inappropriate response to stress. Experimental and/or recreational intoxication can have harmful effects on the overall health of student-athletes. Hence, the Athletics Department does not condone drunkenness and/or public intoxication at any time for any student-athlete. Student-athletes who become drunk will be held accountable for their actions.

"High-risk alcohol consumption" is any form of abusive alcohol consumption. High-risk alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited for student-athletes. Behavioral examples of high-risk alcohol consumption include, but are not limited to, drinking games, drinking to the point of physical illness, the possession or use of any instrument of alcohol abuse (ex. beer bong), and binge drinking. Binge drinking, as defined by New Mexico State University health professionals, is 5 or more drinks in a sitting/row for males and 4 or more drinks in a sitting/row for females.

## **NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS**

The NMSU Athletics Department does not recommend the use of any dietary supplement by any of its student-athletes. Dietary supplements that are sold over the counter and through the internet are under-regulated by the U.S. FDA. Therefore, no one can guarantee the product's purity, safety or effectiveness. Impure supplements can cause a positive drug test under the NCAA or NMSU's drug testing program. Athletes are advised that the use of dietary supplements is at the user's own risk. The list of ingredients and claims made by a manufacturer are not necessarily backed up by reliable, scientific research. Please ask a member of the Athletic Training staff about any dietary supplement before use. Questions can also be directed to the Resource Exchange Center of Drug Free Sport, the testing agency for the NCAA.

## USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited at any team function (See definition of team function under Alcohol Consumption). A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition (adopted by NCAA 1/11/94, effective 8/1/94).

## HAZING, BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER HOSTILE MISCONDUCT

(<https://arp.nmsu.edu/chapter-3/3-80.html>)

New Mexico State University is committed to promoting an educational and work environment that is safe, positive and without intimidation or injury to students, faculty, staff, and guests. It is New Mexico State University's policy that hazing, bullying, harassment and other forms of hostile misconduct are strictly prohibited. These types of behavior or actions have no place within a community of scholars and prevention of such behavior is the responsibility of every member of the university community. Prohibited behavior includes any act or omission that is severe, pervasive, or persistent and of a nature that creates an unreasonable risk of emotional harm, physical harm, mental duress, or degradation. This includes behavior which limits a person's ability to participate in academic opportunities or activities, unreasonably interferes with a person's academic endeavors or progress, or inhibits productivity in the workplace. The University will not tolerate hazing, bullying, harassment, and other forms of hostile misconduct directed at or by its faculty, staff or students, affiliates, volunteers, or other persons conducting business with or visiting the University.

1. **Hazing:** Hazing activities generally occur when an act or omission is committed in connection with initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group, or organization. The University strictly prohibits participation in hazing activities by a University Organization or any party, regardless of location, on or off-campus, online or remote.
2. **Bullying:** The University strictly prohibits bullying conduct in any form directed at another, which may include a verbal or physical act or omission committed with the intention to cause intimidation, emotional distress, or other harm, typically directed toward an individual perceived to be vulnerable or less powerful. This includes incivility that progresses and increases in severity over time.
3. **Harassment:** Non-discrimination harassment includes any action, language, or visual representation, which is so severe, pervasive, persistent, or deliberately offensive that it creates a hostile working, educational or living environment.
4. **Other Hostile Misconduct:** Students, employees, and guests, participating in unjustified acts or omissions or aggressive acts of behavior with the intent to cause pain or intentional harm including, but not limited to, acts of physical violence, shouting, swearing, harsh language, defaming, or spreading false rumors about a person.
  - A. **Consent:** Individual acceptance of, consent to, or acquiescence by the person or persons against whom the hazing, bullying, harassment, or other hostile activity was committed, **is not a defense** to prosecution or sanction and **does not** affect a determination of whether the activity constitutes any form of hazing, bullying, harassment, or other hostile activity.
  - B. **Violations:** The following non-exhaustive list describes conduct that is prohibited and a violation of this policy regardless of location, on or off-campus, online or remote including via media or electronic means.
    1. Abusive or demeaning verbal acts, yelling, screaming, name calling, or graphic statements.
    2. Threats of harm or actual harm.
    3. Physical abuse, such as whipping, beating, branding, pushing, shoving, tackling, or use of physical restraints or objects.
    4. Forced physical activity, such as consumption of food, liquor or drugs, or sleep deprivation.

5. Theft, vandalism, removal, or destruction of public or private property.
6. Restricting or substantially altering an individual's regular routines, including social interaction.
7. Conduct that a reasonable, similarly situated individual would consider humiliating or degrading.
8. Forcing, requiring, or endorsing another individual, including but not limited to prospective or new members of an organization, to violate university policies; organizational bylaws; team rules; or any local, state, or federal law.
9. Any engagement or participation by an individual, an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of an organization, to solicit, encourage, condone, require, direct, aid, or attempt to aid another in engaging in hazing, bullying, harassment, or other hostile misconduct.

C. **Discriminatory or Sexual Misconduct:** Hostile misconduct outside the purview of this policy includes misconduct based on any characteristic protected by law including age, ancestry, color, mental or physical disability, gender, genetics, serious medical condition, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, spousal affiliation, or veteran status and any misconduct included in Title IX such as dating or domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment, or other sexual misconduct covered in **ARP 3.25**.

### **GAMBLING & BRIBERY**

Gambling on the outcome of athletic contests can have a devastating effect on student-athletes if they engage in such activity. Student-athletes and Athletic Staff members shall not knowingly:

1. Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition
  2. Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team
  3. Accept a bet on any team representing the institution
  4. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g. cash, shirt, dinner) that has a tangible value
  5. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, including gambling activity conducted in a state sanctioned casino [NCAA Bylaw 10.3];
  6. Solicit or accept a bet on a professional athletic team for a sport that has a NCAA sanctioned championship
  7. Provide information to any individuals (including students and non-students) involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletic competition. Such information might include the mental attitude of a team or certain members of a team, the physical condition of certain individuals on a team, etc. Examples of Non-Permissible Gambling Activities:
    - Soliciting or accepting a bet on a Bowl Game, or Final Four Game
    - Participating in a football or basketball pool, regardless of the size of the entrance fee or prize, including Fantasy Leagues
    - Soliciting or accepting a bet on a NFL, NBA, or MLB game
    - Soliciting or accepting a bet on any aspect of an intercollegiate competition even on statistical categories (# of homeruns, # of penalties, yardage earned, etc.)
- Any knowledge of student-athletes or Athletics administration or coaching staff members' involvement in any of the above activities should be reported immediately to the Athletics Compliance Office.

### **GAMBLING & BRIBERY – PROHIBET**

To help safeguard sports integrity Conference USA has required all current student-athletes and staff be entered on to a monitoring system (Prohibet) that detects individual attempts to place bets on NCAA restricted events. If such detections are recognized by Prohibet the Athletics Compliance office will be notified. At that time it will be determined if such detection warrants further action.

**FALL SEMESTER 2024****(August 1 - December 17, 2024)**

Disenrollment	Thursday	August 1
Resident Halls Open	Saturday-Sunday	August 17-18
Faculty Report	Monday	August 19
Fall Convocation	Tuesday	August 20
Instruction Begins	Wednesday	August 21
Last Day to Add a Course without Instructor's Permission	Wednesday	August 21
Deadline For Filing Degree Application (Students meeting requirements at end of fall)	Friday	August 30
Last Day to add a Course (Instructor's Permission Required)	Friday	August 30
Labor Day Holiday	Monday	September 2
Last Day to Drop a Course without a "W" (100% refund)	Friday	September 6
CENSUS – Last Day to Cancel Registration WITHOUT W (Drop online or with advisor/ College) (100% Refund)	Friday	September 6
Grading Opens - Early Performance (8:00 am)	Friday	September 27
Grading Closes - Early Performance (5:00 pm)	Tuesday	October 1
Deadline to File a Degree Application for Current Term with Late Fee Assessed (\$50 Late Fee Assessed)	Tuesday	October 1
Indigenous Peoples Day (Special Programming)	Monday	October 14
Last Day to Drop Course with "W" (Except courses carrying designated dates)	Monday	October 21
Spring Registration Begins	Thursday	November 14
Thanksgiving Holiday for Students	Monday-Friday	November 25-29
Last Day to Withdraw from the University (by 4:59 p.m.)	Friday	December 6
EXAM WEEK	Monday-Friday	December 9-13
Last Day of Classes	Friday	December 13
Commencement	Friday-Saturday	December 13-14
Campus Housing Closes	Saturday	December 14
Final Grades Due	Tuesday	December 17

## SPRING SEMESTER 2025

(January 9 – May 13, 2025)

Faculty Report	Thursday	January 9
Curriculum Study & Improvement of Instruction	Thursday-Friday	January 9 -10
Campus Housing Opens	Sunday	January 12
Spring Convocation	Tuesday	January 14
Instruction Begins	Wednesday	January 15
Last Day to Add a Course without Instructor's Permission	Thursday	January 16
Martin Luther King Holiday	Monday	January 20
Deadline for Filing Degree Application (Students meeting requirements at end of spring)	Monday	January 27
Last Day to Add a Course (Instructor's Permission Required)	Monday	January 27
CENSUS – Last Day to Cancel Registration WITHOUT W (Drop online or with advisor/ College) (100% Refund)	Friday	January 31
Grading Opens - Early Performance (8:00 am)	Friday	February 21
Grading Closes - Early Performance (5:00 pm)	Tuesday	February 25
Deadline to File a Degree Application for Current Term with Late Fee Assessed (\$50 Late Fee Assessed)	Monday	March 3
Spring Break	Monday – Friday	March 10 – 14
Last Day to Withdraw from a Single Course with “W” (No Refund)	Thursday	March 20
Summer and Fall Registration Begins	Thursday	April 17
Spring Holiday	Friday	April 18
Last Day to Withdraw from the University (by 4:59 pm) (No Refund)	Friday	May 2
Grading Opens (5:00 pm)	Friday	May 2
Final Exams	Monday – Friday	May 5 – 9
Last Day of Classes	Friday	May 9
Commencement	Friday-Saturday	May 9 – 10
Campus Housing Closes	Saturday	May 10
Faculty Deadline to Submit Final Grades (5:00 pm)	Tuesday	May 13



## SUMMER SESSION 2025

(May 12 – August 7, 2025)

Faculty Report	Monday	May 12
Campus Housing Opens	Monday	May 19
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday	May 26
First 5-Week Term Instruction Begins	Wednesday	May 28
Last Day to Add a Course without Instructor's Permission	Thursday	May 29
Last Day to Add a Course (Instructor's Permission Required)	Friday	May 30
CENSUS – Last Day to Cancel Registration WITHOUT W (Drop online or with advisor/ College) (100% Refund)	Tuesday	June 3
Last Day to Withdraw from a Single Course With a "W" (no Refund)	Monday	June 16
Last Day to Withdraw from the University (by 4:59 pm) (No Refund)	Tuesday	June 24
Grading Opens (5:00 pm)	Tuesday	June 24
Final Exams	Wednesday	June 25
Last Day of Classes	Tuesday	July 1
Second 5-Week Term Instruction Begins	Wednesday	July 2
Independence Day Holiday	Friday	July 4
Residence Hall Close	Thursday	August 7

## 2024-2025 UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS CAMPUS OFFICES CLOSED

Labor Day	Monday	September 2
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday-Friday	November 28-29
Winter Holiday	Friday-Monday	December 24 -January 1
Martin Luther King Holiday	Monday	January 20
Spring Break (Students ONLY)	Monday-Friday	March 10 – 14
Spring Holiday	Friday	April 18
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday	May 26
Independence Day Observance	Friday	July 4

