

**Idaho State Board of Education**  
**GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**SECTION: III. POSTSECONDARY AFFAIRS**

**SUBSECTION: T. Student Athletes**

**December 2018**

1. Each public college and university shall have a written policy governing the conduct of student athletes. At a minimum, those policies shall include:
  - a. A disclosure statement completed and signed by the student athlete prior to participation in any intercollegiate athletic endeavor, which shall include a description of (1) all prior criminal convictions, (2) all prior juvenile dispositions wherein the student was found to have committed an act that would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult, and (3) all pending criminal charges, including juvenile proceedings alleging any act which would constitute a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult.
  - b. This statement will be kept in the office of the athletic director. Failure to accurately disclose all incidents may result in immediate suspension from the team.
2. Institutions shall not knowingly recruit any person as a player for an intercollegiate athletic team who has been convicted of a felony or, in the case of a juvenile, who has been found to have committed an act which would constitute a felony if committed by an adult. Exemptions to this restriction shall be granted only by the President of the college or university upon recommendation of the athletic director and faculty athletics representative. Such decisions shall be reported in writing to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education at the time the exception is granted.
3. A student athlete convicted of a felony after enrollment, including a plea of nolo contendere on a felony charge, shall be removed from the team and shall not be allowed to participate again in intercollegiate athletics at any Idaho public college or university. Further, an institution may cancel any athletic financial aid received by a student who is convicted of a felony while the student is receiving athletic financial aid subject to the applicable athletic conference regulations and the institution's applicable student judicial procedure. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit an institution from exercising disciplinary actions or from implementing student athletic policies or rules that go beyond the minimum requirements stated herein.
4. Subject to applicable law, all institutions shall implement a drug education and testing program and shall require all intercollegiate student athletes to give written consent to drug testing as a condition of the privilege of participating in intercollegiate athletics.
5. Institutions shall require their athletic coaches to hold an annual team meeting with their respective teams at the beginning of each season. The coaches shall be required to verbally review the team rules with team members at the meeting. Attendance at this meeting shall be mandatory. Each team member shall receive a written copy of the team rules and sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the rules and attendance at the meeting where the rules were verbally reviewed.

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Reporting Requirements

- a. Student athletes shall immediately report any incident which may result in a student code of conduct or criminal investigation of them or charges against them to their head coach and to the athletic director. Coaches shall be obligated to inform the athletic director of any knowledge of an investigation of one or more of their athletes. The athletic director shall report the same to the chief student affairs officer and to the institutional president, who shall report the same to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education as soon as possible—after learning of the charges. The report to the Executive Director shall include a description of the alleged violation of law and the institution's proposed action, if any. Verbal reports to the Executive Director shall be followed up with written notification (e.g. email, text, memo, etc.)
  
- b. Coaches shall immediately report the conviction of any student athlete to the athletic director and the institutional president, who shall report the conviction to the Executive Director of the State Board of Education as soon as possible. This report shall include a description of the violation of law and the institution's proposed action, if any. Verbal reports to the Executive Director shall be followed up with written notification (e.g. email, memo, etc.).