# IU SOUTHEAST STUDENT-ATHLETE ATTENDANCE POLICY

#### **Philosophy**

The Athletic Department's goal is for each student-athlete to graduate from IU Southeast. The Athletic Department is committed to providing every opportunity for academic success. In that spirit of fostering academic success, the Athletic Department developed the following Student-Athlete Attendance Policy.

## **Student-Athlete Attendance Policy**

Student-athletes are expected to attend all scheduled classes unless excused by the instructor for regularly scheduled athletic competition. Class **may not** be missed for practice, conditioning, meetings or other non-competitive reasons.

## Applicable Term

This policy applies to the regular academic year for all student-athletes. The policy also applies to summer sessions for those student-athletes involved in post-season tournaments.

## **Student-Athlete Responsibilities**

- 1. Student-athletes must consult with their academic advisor before priority registration. Registration must occur during the student-athlete priority registration period. The student-athlete should consult with their advisor relative to scheduling classes in a manner that eliminates as many conflicts between classes and athletic activities as possible.
- 2. Student-athletes are expected to give as much notice as possible when athletic contests conflict with class meetings. A season schedule must be presented to the instructor during the first week of class, but it is understood that weather and tournament play might result in late changes to the schedule. Should a comparison of the class schedule and season schedule indicate a significant number of potential absences, the instructor can decide to not excuse the student for some athletic contests and can encourage the student to speak with an advisor about registering for another course.

After-the-fact notification is not acceptable. If a late schedule change is made that does not allow for in-person notification, the student-athlete is expected to communicate with the professor by some other means.

- 3. In all cases, when a student-athlete is excused for athletic competition, the student is responsible for obtaining the information missed and for making up work within the time designated by the instructor.
- 4. Student-athletes are expected to adhere to the conditions listed above. Failure to adhere to the conditions will result in disciplinary action by the coaches involved and/or the Athletic Department.

## **Coaching Staff Responsibilities**

Coaches are expected to be supportive of the attendance policy in all situations, especially when interacting with student-athletes. Head coaches will consult with the Athletics staff and professors when necessary to determine times that are optimal for allowing student-athletes to meet both academic and athletic expectations. **However, academic needs supersede athletics when the situation arises.** Coaches are encouraged to interact with faculty in order to familiarize them with the intercollegiate athletics program and foster good will.

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