



UT Tyler Student Athlete Handbook
2017-2018

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Welcome Letter President

Dear Students,

I am pleased to welcome you to The University of Texas at Tyler. This is going to be a great year!

As an athlete at this university, you are part of a strong tradition. In addition to claiming dozens of national, regional, and conference championship titles, UT Tyler athletes also have an extraordinary academic reputation, and we have several academic all-Americans each year. It gives me great pride to see all our athletes accomplish in the classroom and as a part of our athletic teams.

The teamwork and leadership traits you will learn here are prized by the many organizations who recruit our graduating student athletes. You will find your fellow alumni around the world, serving as accountants, engineers, psychologists, scientists, educators, and in many other fields. I frequently hear stories about how the values our students learn here help them compete in their careers and contribute to their communities.

Each of you has already demonstrated tremendous talent, intellectual ambition, and dedication. As student athletes, you have proven your ability to compete with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I am looking forward to seeing all you accomplish this year!

I wish you the greatest success!

Dr. Tidwell
President
The University of Texas at Tyler

Welcome Letter Vice President for Student Affairs/Athletics

August, 2017

Dear Student-Athlete:

Welcome to Tyler, TX and the Intercollegiate Athletics programs for the 2017-18 academic year. You are an important member of the University, joining an academic community that values excellence in teaching, research, and learning. We are committed to being a premier university and offer you opportunities to study with outstanding teacher-scholars from the moment you begin your academic work. You will find faculty who are accessible to students both in and out of class. Their goal is to help you achieve as a student and as an athlete.

UT Tyler has a tradition of success in intercollegiate athletics that complements our excellence in academics. Our athletics program stands for integrity and full compliance with NCAA and ASC regulations. We enjoy a proud heritage of outstanding achievement in varsity competition and look forward to your participation. An outstanding team of coaches and support staff will help you achieve your full potential. Without question your academic success is our top priority and it must be yours as a student-athlete. The diploma you earn at UT Tyler will enhance your future opportunities while opening doors you thought were not possible.

I urge you to accept challenges that await you and take full advantage of the opportunities that will help you achieve success in the classroom, in your sport, and in your personal development.

Best wishes for an outstanding academic and athletic year at UT Tyler.

Sincerely,

Howard Y. Patterson

Talons Up,

Howard Patterson, Ph.D.
Vice President for Student Affairs/Athletics

CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

Purpose of This Manual

This handbook has been prepared to help ease you into University life, as well as to serve as a resource guide for returning student-athletes. In providing you all the support necessary to succeed at UT Tyler, it is the Athletics Department's intention to adhere, both in principle and in fact, to the rules and regulations of the University, the ASC and the NCAA.

Take advantage of the information in the handbook. Use our [Staff Directory](#) and the University's resources. If you have any additional questions, the staff of the Department of Athletics is always willing to do their best to help with any academic, athletic, or personal problem.

Mission/Vision Statement of Institution

The University of Texas at Tyler is a comprehensive institution of higher education offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs as an institution of the renowned University of Texas System. The University of Texas at Tyler's vision is to be nationally recognized for its high quality education in the professions and in the humanities, arts and sciences, and for its distinctive core curriculum. Guided by an outstanding and supportive faculty, its graduates will understand and appreciate human diversity and the global nature of the new millennium. They will think critically, act with honesty and integrity, and demonstrate proficiency in leadership, communication skills, and the use of technology.

The university is committed to providing a setting for free inquiry and expects excellence in the teaching, research, artistic performances and professional public service provided by its faculty, staff, and students. As a community of scholars, the university develops the individual's critical thinking skills, appreciation of the arts, humanities and sciences, international understanding for participation in the global society, professional knowledge and skills to enhance economic productivity, and commitment to lifelong learning.

Within an environment of academic freedom, students learn from faculty scholars who have nationally recognized expertise in the arts and sciences, and in such professions as engineering, public administration, education, business, health sciences, and technology. The faculty engages in research and creative activity, both to develop and maintain their own scholarly expertise and to extend human knowledge. The results of that research and other creative efforts are made available to students in the classroom and to the general public through publication, technology transfer, and public service activities. The institution also seeks to serve individuals who desire to enhance their professional development, broaden their perspectives, or enrich their lives

Athletics Philosophy Statement

The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Department believes in the fair and equitable treatment of men and women. UT Tyler strives to increase overall learning and add to the national reputation of the University by attracting high-ability student-athletes and other students to UT Tyler who would not otherwise attend the University. The intercollegiate athletic program provides opportunities for student-athletes to build their bodies and their minds, including learning to act and compete with integrity and honor while developing leadership and teamwork abilities. Opportunities are provided to plan, practice, and execute team and individual skills under competitive circumstances, learn the value of dedication and perseverance, and to represent the University well while accepting outcomes with grace.

UT Tyler athletics provides an active student life on campus by providing a myriad of opportunities for students to participate in athletic events as athletes, members of music and spirit groups, and as enthusiastic spectators.

Opportunities are provided for all students, faculty, and staff to join together in celebrating the University as a whole in festive and meaningful ways that build a sense of community and loyalty among us.

Building the Future

Today, UT Tyler's entrepreneurial spirit continues to shine through numerous expansions and additions of degree offerings, technological resources, immersive learning opportunities, community outreach projects, and state-of-the-art facilities.

These investments are preparing bright students to take advantage of current and emerging job opportunities, meet society's most pressing needs, and serve the communities in which they will live and work. To learn more about our vision and mission and our future please visit: <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/facts.php> to learn more.

Getting the Most out of Your College Education

You have worked hard to get to college and to gain a spot in the UT Tyler Patriots Athletics program. You have high hopes for enjoying your years at UT Tyler both in the classroom and in the playing arena. Above all, you want an education that will influence and benefit you throughout your future.

As a freshman, you will be responsible for learning on your own and for getting the most out of your classes, textbooks, study, university services, and activities. You will need to take full advantage of the assistance available through various offices on campus.

You need to keep your coach advised of your academic progress. Many demands will be placed upon you as student-athletes, and you will be forced to make choices and to have more discipline than ever before in order to take full advantage of the wonderful opportunities that are open to you.

You will need to pace yourself to take each new experience and challenge in stride. You will need to budget your time as never before.

But trust yourself. You have made it to college; you have been selected to be a part of the UT Tyler Patriots Athletics Program - you have the capability to succeed. How well you carry out this success is up to you.

Your Attitude Toward Learning is a Key Factor

Most of your professors at UT Tyler will agree that you have the motivation, desire, and capacity to be successful. However, the extent to which you succeed will depend on your interest in acquiring knowledge and your willingness to study.

You are in College to Learn

Set goals for yourself. Learn to study as effectively and efficiently as possible. Appraise your weaknesses and strengths in the classroom just as honestly as you do on the field. Set out to profit from your abilities and to improve your weak points. Learn how to channel your energies productively so that you get the most out of every experience.

Take the time and read through this booklet and keep it with you throughout your four years. It will provide you with a multitude of information and will enhance your ability to become a productive student-athlete during your time at UT Tyler.

Mission Statement of Athletics

Mission

The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Department is committed to the University's mission of striving for excellence in meeting the needs of traditional students seeking the highest quality possible in a four-year educational experience.

Specifically, our mission is to support the University by promoting academic achievement, community service and student life through athletics.

UT Tyler Athletics Goals & Objectives

GOAL Attract and retain the best people who exemplify our values —student-athletes, coaches, and staff. Maintain an environment that supports collaboration and welcomes innovation. Affiliate with institutions that share our values.

OBJECTIVES

- Establish and communicate expectations for success on the field, in the classroom, in the workplace, and in the community.
- Invest in coaching and staff talent, and provide opportunities for personal growth, career development, and innovation.
- Nurture and encourage everyone involved in UT Tyler Athletics to strive to be the best.
- Seek ways to promote innovative thinking and the willingness to bear reasonable risk among our employees.

GOAL *Demand and foster a culture of integrity.*

OBJECTIVES

- Hire and retain people who exemplify our values.
- Recruit student-athletes who exemplify our values.
- Ensure that compliance programs are effective, efficient, and user-friendly.
- Ensure that student-athletes, coaches, and staff uphold the principles of amateur athletics.

GOAL *Provide the best and most efficient support systems, processes, and facilities to serve our student-athletes.*

OBJECTIVES

- Build and maintain the best facilities for competition, training, sports medicine, and academic support.
- Ensure that student-athletes understand their enhanced public visibility and their responsibility as representatives of the University.
- Ensure that our student-athletes understand all the resources available—inside and outside Athletics—to help them succeed.
- Continuously assess whether our physical environment supports the collaboration, communication, and decision-making that we need to succeed.
- Annually evaluate our programs that connect student-athletes to faculty, mentors, and nonathletic activities on the campus to review their effectiveness.

GOAL *Respect our traditions — Honor those traditions that support our values.*

OBJECTIVES

- Create and embrace new traditions that strengthen and expand the UT Tyler family.

- Continuously communicate the vision, purpose, and values of UT Tyler Athletics to all student-athletes, coaches, and staff.
- Preserve traditions that promote winning, ethics, graduation, community service, leadership, pride, loyalty, and a sense of ownership — while upholding our values.
- Live up to the responsibility that comes with representing The University of Texas at Tyler and the Patriots tradition.
- Cultivate bonds for student-athletes and staff that last a lifetime — with UT Tyler Athletics and the University.

Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy

The University of Texas at Tyler provides equal opportunity to all students and applicants for admission in its education programs, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex (except where sex is a bona fide qualification), sexual orientation, veteran status, physical or mental disability, national origin, ancestry, or age.

The University of Texas at Tyler provides equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment in its recruitment, hiring, retention, promotion, tenure, transfer layoff, return from layoff, training, and other employment decisions and in its compensation and benefits programs without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex (except where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification), sexual orientation, veteran status, physical or mental disability, national origin, ancestry, age, or citizenship (for U.S. citizens and protected lawfully-admitted aliens).

The University also takes affirmative action to employ and advance minorities, women, qualified disabled persons, and qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era. Information concerning the University's affirmative action programs can be obtained from the Office of University Compliance, University of Texas at Tyler and (Tyler, TX, 75799).

Each line administrator is responsible for ensuring that educational and employment decisions are made and implemented in accordance with the University's equal opportunity and affirmative action policy. All persons involved in the decision-making process, including members of faculty and other employee committees, shall act in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Office of University Compliance is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing policies and procedures for institutional compliance with all applicable federal and state equal opportunity laws and regulations and for preparing and monitoring compliance with required affirmative action programs.

Complaints regarding unlawful discrimination should be filed within 45 calendar days following the alleged act or incident giving rise to the complaint in the Office of University Compliance in accordance with the "University of Texas at Tyler Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Complaint Investigation Procedure and Appeal Process." A copy of this document may be obtained by contacting the Office of University Compliance.

The President will review the University's equal opportunity and affirmative action policy and programs at least once each year and measures progress against the objectives stated in the affirmative action programs.

The American Southwest Conference (ASC)

The following universities are the members of the ASC:

[Belhaven University](#)

[East Texas Baptist University](#)

[Howard Payne University](#)

[Louisiana College](#)

[McMurry University](#)

[Sul Ross State University](#)

[University of Texas at Tyler](#)

[Concordia University Texas](#)

[Hardin-Simmons University](#)

[LeTourneau University](#)

[University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#)

[University of the Ozarks](#)

[University of Texas at Dallas](#)

This competitive conference regulates 13 intercollegiate men's and women's sports programs.

Varsity Teams at UT Tyler

WOMEN'S SPORTS:

Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Indoor & Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball

MEN'S SPORTS:

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Indoor & Outdoor Track and Field

CHAPTER 2 – CONDUCT

UT Tyler Student Standards of Conduct

Sec. 8-801. Conduct Expected of Students

a. This subchapter describes offenses for which a disciplinary proceeding may be initiated, but the university expects from its students a higher standard of conduct than the minimum required to avoid discipline. The university expects all students to obey the law, to show respect for other members of the university community, to perform contractual obligations, to maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work, and to observe standards of conduct appropriate for a community of scholars.

Sec. 8-802. Scholastic Dishonesty

a. The judicial officer or a faculty member may initiate disciplinary proceedings under section 8300 against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty.

b. "Scholastic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student (such as, but not limited to, submission of essentially the same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor, providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment), or the attempt to commit such an act.

1. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Copying from another student's test paper; using during a test materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- B. Failing to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- C. Possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes." The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation only if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- D. Using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- E. Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- F. Discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;

- G. Divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned to or kept by the student;
 - H. Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
 - I. Paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or information about an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
 - J. Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - K. Taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of the university, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - L. Misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or résumés, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or injuring another student academically or financially.
2. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
 3. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
 4. "Falsifying academic records" includes, but is not limited to, altering or assisting in the altering of any official record of the university or the University of Texas System, the submission of false information or the omission of requested information that is required for or related to any academic record of the university or the University of Texas System. Academic records include, but are not limited to, applications for admission, the awarding of a degree, grade reports, test papers, registration materials, grade change forms, and reporting forms used by the Office of the Registrar. A former student who engages in such conduct is subject to a bar against readmission, revocation of a degree, and withdrawal of a diploma.

Sec. 8-803. Financial Transactions with the University

a. Students who owe debts to the university may be denied admission or readmission to the university and have their official transcripts, grades, diplomas, and degrees to which they would otherwise be entitled withheld until the debt is paid. Students who write bad checks to the university for tuition and fees will have their registration canceled. Bad checks written to the university for other purposes will subject the student to legal and/or disciplinary action. Matters relating to student financial transactions will be directed by the appropriate administrative office to the Office of Financial Services.

Sec. 8-804. Certain Other Offenses

- a. Notwithstanding any action taken by civil authorities or agencies charged with the enforcement of criminal laws on account of the violation, the judicial officer may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 8-300 against a student who:
1. Engages in conduct that violates any provision of federal, state, and/or local laws whether or not the violation occurs on university property or in connection with any university oriented activity;
 2. Possesses, uses, or displays firearms, facsimile firearms, ammunition, explosives, or other weapons on property owned or controlled by the university, without written permission from the UT Tyler Chief of Police;
 3. Conducts himself or herself in a manner that impedes, interferes with, or disrupts any university teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service, learning, or other authorized activity;
 4. Conducts himself or herself in a manner that endangers the health or safety of any student or employee of the university (harm or threats of harm to oneself, including suicide attempts or threats of suicide, are considered violations of this policy), or of visitors on the campus
 5. Damages, defaces, destroys, tampers with, or takes without authorization property of the university or property located on the campus and belonging to any student or employee of the university or visitor on the campus;
 6. Is in possession or makes use of university keys for unauthorized purposes;
 7. Engages in hazing. Hazing is defined as activities that subject a probationary member of a group to dangerous, harmful, or degrading acts (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101)
 - A. Hazing is defined by state law as, "...any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution."
 - B. Any person with knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred on or off campus must report the incident to the Chief Student Affairs Officer.
 8. Uses or possesses without proper authorization alcoholic beverages in a university classroom building, laboratory, auditorium, library building, museum, faculty or administrative office, intercollegiate and intramural athletic facility, or any other public campus area or any on-campus residence;
 9. Engages in gambling;
 10. Engages in illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic. Use and or possession of prescription medication is a violation of this policy if the student does not have a prescription for the medication. Distribution of prescription medication to any student other than the student the medication is prescribed for is a violation of this policy. Suspension from the institution and/or suspension of rights and privileges is the minimum penalty that shall be assessed for violation of the rules against illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on campus.

- A. Possession of drug paraphernalia: The use or possession of equipment, products, or material which is used or intended for use in manufacturing, growing, using or distributing any drug or controlled substance is prohibited.
11. Engages in speech, either orally or in writing, which is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action;
 12. Enters, walks, runs, lies, plays, remains, or is in the water of any fountain or other artificial body of water, which is not designed and maintained for recreational or therapeutic purposes, located on the university campus, or who dumps, throws, places, or causes to be placed any material, object, trash, person, animal, waste, or debris in the water of any fountain, or other artificial body of water located on the university campus, or who damages, defaces, or removes any portion of any fountain, monument, building, statue, structure, facility, tree, shrub, or memorial located on the university campus;
 13. Engages in harassment. Harassment is defined as conduct that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent to create an objectively hostile environment that interferes with or diminishes the ability of an individual to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the university; or A. Sexual harassment includes but is not limited to:
 - Any criminal offense under the Texas Penal Code of a sexual nature, including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual coercion, or other acts of sexual violence; and
 - Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when
 - o submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or student status or participation in University activities; or
 - o such conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive that it substantially interferes with an individual's education, employment, or participation in University activities, or creates an objectively hostile environment; or
 - o such conduct is intentionally directed toward a specific individual and has the effect of unreasonably interfering with that individual's education, employment, or participation in University activities, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment
 - For more information on UT Tyler's sexual harassment policy, please follow this link:
[http://uttyler.smartcatalogiq.com/en/UTTyler/2015-2016-HOP/Series-200-General-Policies-and-Procedures/2-4-3-Sexual-Harassment-Complaint Investigation and Grievance](http://uttyler.smartcatalogiq.com/en/UTTyler/2015-2016-HOP/Series-200-General-Policies-and-Procedures/2-4-3-Sexual-Harassment-Complaint%20Investigation%20and%20Grievance)
 14. Engages in the unauthorized use of property, equipment, resources, supplies, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the university or the University of Texas System, including the unauthorized entry into property, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the university or the University of Texas System.
 15. Furnishes false information to or withholds material information from any university staff member acting in the course of his or her duties; or

16. Otherwise engages in conduct that is inappropriate for members of an academic institution (such conduct includes but is not limited to pranks, public nudity, harassing phone calls or email, and berating or otherwise abusive behavior).

b. In the case of disruptive activity on the campus of the university, neither the judicial officer nor the president, or any representative of them, shall negotiate or attempt to negotiate with any person or persons so engaged. When such a situation arises, the judicial officer or the president, or their representative, shall take immediate action to utilize all lawful measures to halt and eliminate any and all such disruptive activities that come to their attention, and may initiate disciplinary proceedings under subchapter 8-300.

c. It is unlawful for any person on any property of the university to refuse to identify himself or herself to an institutional representative in response to a request. A person identifies himself or herself by giving his or her name and complete address substantiated by a current driver's license, voter registration card, or other official documentation, and by stating truthfully whether or not he or she is a student or employee of the university. An institutional representative includes any member of the Board of Regents or the executive secretary to the board; any executive officer or administrative officer of the University of Texas System; any administrative officer of the university, and any attorney, peace officer, or security officer of The University of Texas System or the university acting pursuant to the authority of Texas law.

d. Any person who violates any provision of the Regents' Rules and Regulations of the University of Texas System, the rules and regulations of the University of Texas at Tyler, including but not limited to administrative rules of campus offices, or specific instructions issued by an administrative official acting in the course of his or her authorized duties, is subject to disciplinary sanction.

Sec. 8-805. Policy on Sportsmanship and Appropriate Conduct for Athletics Events

a. Goal The University of Texas at Tyler will conduct all of its athletics events in a safe and sportsmanlike manner. The University seeks to create an atmosphere that promotes the spirit of fair play for student-athletes, allows students and fans to enjoy the spirit of intercollegiate athletics, and maintains a civil and respectful environment for all involved.

b. Scope This policy applies to all areas of athletics events at the University, except that coaches and game officials will have the primary responsibility for actions involving the behavior and sportsmanship of players during the contest. This policy is based on the NCAA Division III Commissioners Association Fan Sportsmanship Program and the policies and procedures of the NCAA and the American Southwest Conference.

c. Directive The University directs and designates the Director of Athletics and his designee (the Game Administrator) to carry out this policy at all athletics events hosted at or by the University, regardless of sponsorship.

d. Procedures The University will take a proactive approach to sportsmanship at athletics events through the following steps:

1. Prior to the start of every event, a statement on appropriate conduct and sportsmanship will be read by the public address announcer.
2. At every event, the public address announcer will read the NCAA Division III SAAC statement on sportsmanship.
3. The Director of Athletics and/or his designee, typically the Game Administrator, will be present throughout every contest to ensure appropriate game management duties are handled efficiently and professionally, especially with respect to visiting teams.
4. University Police will be present at all games where required by conference regulations and, if available, at any other events when requested by the athletics department.
5. The prominent display of sportsmanship messages on electronic boards, banners and other printed materials.
6. A program of fan education. In the event that inappropriate actions by spectators or other individuals are observed by game administration, the following steps will be taken.

e. At the discretion of the game administrator, the following actions will generally warrant a **VERBAL WARNING**:

1. Conduct that is outside the accepted norm for intercollegiate sporting events and that impedes, interferes with, or disrupts the event, or that endangers the health or safety of any spectator or participant.
2. The use of abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language, which by itself tends to incite an immediate disruption or breach of the peace.
3. Any act that causes a game official or coach to request that a warning be given.
4. Any other act that is inappropriate or violates University rules but does not warrant removal. In most circumstances, incidents arising under this section can be addressed by game administration and will not require the assistance of University Police. In giving a verbal warning, reasonable effort should be made to identify both the person being warned and the conduct in question.

f. At the discretion of the game administrator, the following actions will generally warrant **IMMEDIATE REMOVAL**:

1. Failure to heed verbal warnings so as to warrant immediate removal (see above).
2. Engaging in harassment, which for the purposes of this policy is defined as conduct that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent to create an objectively hostile environment that interferes with or diminishes the ability of an individual to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the University.
3. Coming on to the playing surface during a contest, or after a contest without permission or for disruptive reasons.
4. The attempt or act of damaging, defacing, destroying or tampering with University property.
5. Making or threatening physical contact with any person, including but not limited to an official, an opposing player or coach, or another spectator.

6. Inciting other fans to engage in any conduct in violation of the law; or prohibited by this or other relevant University policies or rules.
7. Possession of alcohol or illegal substances or exhibited behavior, which reasonably suggests the individual is under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.
8. Any act that causes a game official to direct the removal of the offending party.
9. Any other act that disrupts the orderly operation of the campus or facility or otherwise violates relevant University rules or the law. Incidents arising under this section will be handled by game administration unless it appears that the offending party will not cooperate, in which case University Police will be asked to assist with the removal of the offending party. Once an action reaches the level where immediate removal is deemed necessary by game management, University Police should effect such removal as appropriate.

g. Penalties

1. For UT TYLER STUDENTS removed from athletics events, a report will be forwarded to the appropriate University official for further action at the discretion of the University pursuant to the UT Tyler Student Affairs Manual of Policy and Procedures. As part of any disciplinary hearing, the student will be told whether he/she may attend athletic events for the remainder of the academic year.
2. For UT TYLER FACULTY OR STAFF removed from athletics events, the Game Administrator will notify the Director of Athletics who shall report such conduct to the President for Academic Affairs for appropriate action pursuant to University rules and policy.
3. For ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS removed from athletics events, they will be given a written notice and order to remove themselves from the event and, if necessary, a Criminal Trespass Warning will be issued and filed with University Police. The individual will not be permitted to return to any athletics events for the remainder of the current academic year. An individual who is so sanctioned may appeal to the Director of Athletics for a reduction or removal of the sanction.

The complete expectations regarding student conduct may be found by visiting the Manual of Policies and Procedures Chapter 8 Student Conduct and Discipline:
<http://www.uttyler.edu/mopp/>

UT Tyler Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Academic

1. Attend all classes and complete all academic assignments;
2. Consult with your academic advisor when you have questions or concerns about your education;
3. Maintain an academic course load of at least 12 hours per semester and make satisfactory progress toward a degree;
4. Accept responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility;
5. The team goal is to maintain at least a 3.0 team GPA.

6. Abide by team academic standards, including study hall and monitoring as directed by the coaching staff.
 - a. Coaches will determine policy for study hall and academic monitoring
 - b. Attendance will be checked and you must arrive on time.
7. Strive to obtain a college degree within the four or five year expectation

Athletic

1. Abide by all University, NCAA, ASC and team rules;
2. Maintain oneself in top physical condition, with accepted health standards;
3. Attend all organized practices, unless officially excused;
4. Take proper care of equipment and return it in good condition;
5. Treat officials and opponents with respect, avoid undue confrontations

General Conduct

1. Abide by all policies outlined in the University's Student Handbook and Student-Athlete Handbook
2. Obey residence halls policies and regulations
3. Obey all federal, state, and local laws
4. Abstain from using tobacco, alcohol, and non-therapeutic drugs

Sportsmanlike Conduct

Sportsmanlike conduct means more than the absence of negative actions in public. Coaches and athletics administrators are able to provide you with techniques for dealing in a positive manner with the following situations which may arise during play: (a) communication with officials and opponents on routine matters during athletic events; (b) maintaining control during emotionally charged situations; (c) reacting in a positive manner to an aggressive action by an individual or group. Coaches are to define actions, which constitute inappropriate conduct and suggest ways to avoid such behavior.

UT Tyler Core Values

A student-athlete is expected, in both attitude and behavior, to make a positive contribution to the University and team and abide by the UT Tyler Athletics core values (Integrity, Excellence, Teamwork, Diversity, Creativity, Accountability, Loyalty) and University core values (Learning, Discovery, Freedom, Leadership, Individual Opportunity, Responsibility).

Sportsmanship & Ethical Conduct

Student-athletes, coaches, and all others associated with the UT Tyler Athletics Department must adhere to such fundamental core values listed in this section. Sportsmanship and ethical conduct mean more than the absence of negative actions in public. Each individual coach is responsible for providing conduct instruction to student-athletes by disseminating information on the following positive approaches when on the playing field:

- Techniques for communicating with officials and opponents on routine matters during athletic events;

- Techniques for maintaining control during emotionally charged situations, including assisting a teammate or colleague who appears to be losing control; and
- Techniques for reacting in a positive manner to an aggressive action by an individual or a group.

Instruction also should define actions that constitute inappropriate conduct and include techniques for avoiding such behavior. Actions viewed as inappropriate include:

- Physical abuse of officials, coaches, opponents, or spectators;
- Throwing of objects;
- Unauthorized seizure of equipment from officials or the news media;
- Inciting players or spectators to negative actions or to any behavior that insults or defiles an opponent's traditions;
- Use of obscene or otherwise inappropriate language or gestures;
- Making public statements that are negative, controversial, or outside the Athletics Department's media policy; and
- Participating in any action that violates the generally recognized ethical standards of intercollegiate athletics or of the University.

Conduct and Consequences for Actions Detrimental to the Team

1. **Disrespect.** At all times, student-athletes are required to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of themselves, their team, the University and its Athletics Department, game officials, opponents, and property. Student-athletes are to refrain from disrespectful conduct such as unsportsmanlike conduct; profane, abusive, demeaning, harassing, threatening or obscene expression; or deliberate damage to equipment or other property. Disrespectful conduct will be reviewed by the Head Coach and Vice President for Student Affairs/Athletics and may result in disciplinary action.
2. **Failure to Meet Team Obligations.** Student-athletes must complete training requirements; arrive promptly for team practices, meetings, and departures for away games and other team events; attend team functions; and otherwise fulfill their responsibilities as team members. Absences must be excused in advance by the Head Coach unless an unforeseeable emergency arises.
3. **Conduct Unbecoming a UT Tyler Student-Athlete.** UT Tyler student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves responsibly within the Athletics Department, campus, and larger community. Behavior that reflects negatively on themselves, their team, the Athletics Department, or the University may be grounds for disciplinary action.
4. **Prohibited Conduct.** Prohibited conduct includes violation of any of the standards established by the governing authorities identified in this handbook. By way of illustration, and without limitation of those prohibitions, student-athletes must not violate any of the policies described in this handbook (which are described in more

detail in UT Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures including the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline and University Handbook of Operation Policy (HOP) Series 500 and/or the NCAA.

5. **Reporting Obligation.** Student-athletes are obligated to report his or her violations of this Code of Conduct to his or her Head Coach or to the VPSA&A, Compliance Coordinator or SWA within 24 hours of such violation. This obligation is in effect year round, including semester and summer breaks.

Team Travel

Specific requirements for dress, individual conduct, curfews, and free time activities are some of the team conduct topics your Head Coach will discuss. When you are traveling as a team, you are representing the University and you are expected to conduct yourself appropriately. Prior to departure, you should reconfirm your absence with your professors. It is then your responsibility to make arrangements to make up missed course work that results from traveling with your team. At your place of lodging, the following services must be paid for by you: room service, laundry, phone calls, pay television, video rental fees, etc. (Please save us the time and paperwork involved by not charging incidentals to your room).

Dress Code:

Your Coaching Staff will let you know if he/she requires a specific dress code. However, you should always exercise good judgment concerning the appropriateness of your attire, taking into consideration the location or function you are attending.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality at practice, weight and strength training sessions, team meetings, medical treatment, classes, and academic and administrative meetings are required.

Curfews

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

Gambling

NCAA rules prohibit sports wagering. Sports wagering includes placing, accepting, or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur, or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or

contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

Prospective or enrolled student-athletes found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition.

Student-athletes may not engage in any sports wagering activities on any sport (regardless of whether that sport is sponsored by UT Tyler Athletics). Gambling activity is not only prohibited in this fashion under NCAA rules.

The NCAA is proud of you for becoming a college student-athlete. It is proud of our country's long tradition of college sports. It wants to protect your bright future and the integrity of sports. That's why NCAA rules prohibit sports gambling of any kind by college student-athletes, coaches, trainers or anyone else involved with college sports.

As a college student-athlete, you must follow the rules of the NCAA. One of the rules, NCAA Bylaw 10.3, specifically prohibits sports gambling.

In clear, simple language, here's what the rule means:

You may not place any bet of any sort on any college, amateur or professional sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition.

You may not give information to anyone who does place bets on college or professional sports.

That means...

- NO wagers for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) on ANY professional or college sports event, even those that don't involve your college.
- NO sports "pools," even those run by your friends in the dorm.
- NO Internet gambling on sports events.
- NO fantasy leagues that award a prize and require a fee to participate.
- NO sports wagering using "800" numbers.
- NO exchange of information about your team with ANYONE who gambles. In other words, no information about injuries, new plays, team morale, discipline problems, or anything else.

The Consequences

NCAA rules are clear. The minute you are discovered to have participated in activities designed to influence the outcome of a game (i.e., “point-shaving”) or taken part in betting involving UT Tyler...

You are declared permanently ineligible to compete in all college sports. You are off the team. You also run the risk of being expelled from UT Tyler.

If you accept or place a bet on any college or professional team other than your own, you will automatically be suspended for a minimum of one year and be charged with a season of competition.

You also run the risk of being arrested and charged with a crime. That’s because sports wagering is illegal in every state except Nevada. Sports bribery is illegal in every state. And even in Nevada, it is against NCAA rules for a student-athlete to make any wager on a sports event.

Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol

UT Tyler policy and NCAA rules prohibit the use of tobacco products in UT Tyler facilities or during practice or competition. UT Tyler is a tobacco free campus. The use of illegal drugs, including marijuana, is prohibited at all times. Alcohol is one of the most widely abused substances on college campuses. Alcohol consumption is prohibited for anyone under age 21. Consumption of alcohol is discouraged during the training year for any student-athlete of legal age and is not permitted on the road or in any situation where the student-athlete is representing The University of Texas at Tyler (e.g. recruiting visits, appearances, etc.). Because the Athletics Department feels so strongly that excessive alcohol consumption works against the philosophy and goals of the athletics program, as well as being detrimental to your health, the Athletics Department strongly encourages UT Tyler student athletes pay attention to alcohol policies.

Student-athletes found in violation of this guideline will be sanctioned according to the UT Tyler Code of Conduct and Discipline.

Consequences for Alcohol Violation: Minimum Sanctions

First Offense:

1. The SA will have a conference with the Head Coach, punishment will be at the Head Coaches discretion in consultation with Director of Athletics. 2. Subject to University Student Policies on Alcohol

Second Offense:

1. The SA will have a conference with the head coach, at which the student-athlete will be suspended from competition for a minimum of 20% of the entire regular season contests. Lost dates may carry over from one year to the next. SA's may continue to practice during the suspension.
2. The SA will meet with the Director of Judicial Affairs for a university disciplinary hearing.
3. The SA will be required to complete an alcohol/drug education program before resuming competition, with any cost assumed by the SA.
4. The SA will be required to perform 20 hours of community service, which must be pre-approved in writing by the VPSA/AD, in consulting with the head coach, prior to resuming competition. Failure to complete community service hours prior to the reinstatement date will result in suspension from practice and competition until the community service hours are completed and verified by the head coach. Should the SA be involved in more than one sport, the suspension would carry over to the SA's other sport.
5. Offenses that occur in the non-traditional season will be treated the same as the traditional or in-season offenses, except the 20% suspension will commence at the start of the next season.

Third Offense:

1. The SA will have a conference with the head coach, at which time the SA will be suspended from practice and competition (all team activities) for one calendar year. This suspension prohibits participation on any UT Tyler intercollegiate team.
2. The SA will meet with the Director of Judicial Affairs for a university disciplinary hearing.
3. The SA will be required to perform 100 hours of community service, which must be pre-approved by the AD, in consulting with the head coach, prior to resuming competition. Failure to complete community service hours prior to the reinstatement date will result in suspension from practice and competition until the community service hours are completed and verified by the head coach. Should the SA be involved in more than one sport, the suspension would carry over to the SA's other sport.

Fourth Offense: If a fourth offense occurs, while the SA is enrolled at UT Tyler, it will result in the permanent suspension from all involvement in athletics at UT Tyler.

Social Media/Internet Misuse

As a visible member of UT Tyler and its Athletics Department, you are expected to display responsibility and maturity in your activities on social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+, etc.). Information, pictures, and other content posted on these sites is available to the general public (e.g., administrators, classmates, media, employers, etc.) and may have implications for your personal safety and image, the image of your teammates and coaches, and the image of UT Tyler, as well as future career and professional opportunities. Any actions which are in violation of UT Tyler's policies for student conduct or that otherwise are deemed inappropriate and/or compromise the image of the student-athlete, UT Tyler athletics or UT Tyler are unacceptable.

Please be aware that the Internet is widely accessible. Remember that you represent UT Tyler Athletics at all times. Thus, it is recommended that student-athletes not post information including photographs, text and/or join "groups" that do not promote positive behavior. Remember that the general public, including news reporters, also have access to social media (Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, etc.). While the Athletics Department has not banned the use of these web-sites, please exercise caution if you are a member.

As a student-athlete you are highly visible and people are generally interested in you. It is highly recommended that you not post any personal information including your address or phone number to any on-line site. Also, use discretion when posting pictures of yourself, your teammates, or friends to your website. Do not allow yourself to be photographed in a compromising position. A photo could be “tagged” to you leaving you little control over the content or usage of the photograph.

Inappropriate language, behavior, or on-line postings may result in suspension or dismissal from the UT Tyler Athletics program.

Hazing

UT Tyler Athletics is committed to establishing a safe environment for team activity that fosters a sense of acceptance and does not tolerate hazing. Hazing is prohibited under state law. The University will initiate disciplinary action in response to hazing incidents that take place during official functions of the University, functions sponsored by registered student organizations or those with substantial connection to the interests of the University regardless of the location in which they occur.

Felonies

If you are arrested for any reason (examples include but are not limited to DUI, Shoplifting, Theft, Burglary, Possession or Distribution of Drugs, Assault, Battery, Domestic Disturbance, Disturbing the Peace, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, or Public Intoxication) you are required to report your arrest immediately (within 24 hours) to your Head Coach and the VPSA&A. Failure to comply with this requirement may be grounds for dismissal from the athletics program.

Should your misconduct be severe enough to warrant felony charges being brought against you, you will be immediately suspended from participation in intercollegiate athletics. Misdemeanor charges are also serious and may result in suspension. Once the charges have been fully resolved or at such time that there is a material change in circumstances, including but not limited to a reduction of the charged offense(s), decision of the governing public authority to not charge the offense, or plea agreement, based on all then available information, the VPSA&A may lift or modify, leave in place, extend, or make permanent the suspension, or take other disciplinary action he or she deems appropriate. Further action by the Athletics Department and the University, once a legal decision is reached, will be handled on a case-by-case basis. All student-athletes are also subject to the University Student Code of Conduct and Discipline and associated sanctions.

Knowledge of Rules and Guidelines

Each student-athlete is responsible for reading and following the rules and guidelines outlined in the Student-Athlete Handbook, UT Tyler Student Code of Conduct and Discipline, Handbook of Operating Procedures, Regents Rules, UT Tyler Student Honor Code, and other information and educational materials distributed by UT Tyler Athletics or the University, including, but not limited to, individual team rules, policies, and procedures established by the coaching or administrative staff.

Rules Violations

A key responsibility of the Compliance Staff is to investigate potential NCAA rules violations when necessary. The reporting of violations can come in many forms. There are times when an anonymous phone call or letter will arrive. There are also times when a formal request for an investigation occurs either through the ASC or NCAA. A rules violation may also be self-reported through a University staff member, student-athlete or coach. In all instances, it is necessary to conduct some type of investigation to discover the extent to which a problem does or does not exist.

It is extremely important that you, as a student-athlete, report any issue that you think may be a rules violation. It is your duty to assist with maintaining NCAA regulations. NCAA Bylaw 10.1 requires that, as a student-athlete, you must fully cooperate with any investigation. If it is determined that you have not cooperated fully, you will be declared ineligible and lose your privilege for athletic competition.

Reporting Violations

The student-athlete is required to report any factual or potential NCAA, ASC or UT Tyler rules violations. Even if the student-athlete is unsure if a violation occurred, he/she should report anything that makes him/her question whether something is a rule violation. Student-athletes may not be retaliated against for reporting any factual or potential violations.

Student-athletes have the following options for reporting factual or potential violations or concerns:

Reporting issues internal to athletics

There are two options to report an issue internal to athletics:

1. Vice President for Student Affairs/Athletics
Dr. Howard Patterson
Phone: 903-566-7350
Email: hpatterson@uttyler.edu

2. SWA, Title IX Coordinator
Stefani Webb
Phone: 903-565-5980
Email: swebb@uttyler.edu

Reporting issues external to athletics

Although you are encouraged to raise issues first internally, there are other options to report an issue external to athletics.

1. Faculty Athletics Representative
Dr. Roger Lirely
Phone: 903-565-5762
Email: rlirely@uttyler.edu
2. Office of Student Affairs Phone:
903-565-5946
Email: studentaffairs@uttyler.edu

Disciplinary Process and Sanctions

The Athletics Department's disciplinary process is independent of, and supplements, the University judicial process. Sanctions levied by the Athletics Department may occur over and above those levied by the Dean of Students/Judicial Office. Sanctions will vary depending on the type and circumstances of the violation, but may and without limitation, include loss of athletics eligibility.

When the Athletics Department becomes aware of an alleged violation of this Code of Conduct, the VPSA&A or his designee (Associate VPSA&A, Head Coach, in some instances) will take reasonable steps to verify the validity, reliability, and accuracy of the report. These steps may include interviews of students and employees, or of non-University persons having knowledge of relevant facts; examination of documents; and other steps necessary for the VPSA&A (or designee) to determine the merits of the report. A meeting with the student-athlete will ordinarily occur before any discipline is imposed; in extenuating circumstances, the VPSA&A may suspend the student-athlete prior to a meeting. The student-athlete may meet with the VPSA&A within ten (10) days of suspension to explain his/her actions.

Determination of responsibility will be based on a preponderance of evidence and information available. A first-time offense may be serious enough to warrant any of the possible sanctions.

A student-athlete's refusal to participate and cooperate in an Athletics Department or NCAA investigation of a possible violation of this Code of Conduct may itself constitute a basis for disciplinary action.

1. Violations of Team Rules. Head Coaches will establish team rules consistent with this Code of Conduct. Team rules shall be in writing and distributed to team members at the start of each academic year or the beginning of the playing season, whichever comes first. The Head Coach and the VPSA&A each has the authority to impose sanctions for the violation of team rules, provided that the Head Coach shall not impose the sanction of suspension or expulsion from the team without the approval of the VPSA&A, or designee.
2. Violation of Rules or Policies other than Team Rules. For violations of rules and policies other than team rules (*e.g.*, violations of NCAA rules, Student Code of Conduct, etc.), the Head Coach may impose additional sanctions with the approval of the VPSA&A, or designee.
3. Violation of Criminal Law. When a student-athlete has engaged in conduct alleged to be in violation of criminal law, immediately upon receipt of notice of such possible violation, the Head Coach must report the information to the VPSA&A. A copy of the criminal offense will be forwarded to the Dean of Students within ten (10) days of receipt. Student-athletes arrested for, or charged with, violating criminal law will be placed on immediate administrative suspension from involvement in team activity pending further investigation. If a violation would constitute a misdemeanor, the Head Coach may then exercise his/her reasonable discretion to lift the administrative suspension. If a violation of law would constitute a felony, the administrative suspension may be lifted only upon authorization of the VPSA&A. In all cases in which a student-athlete is arrested for or charged with illegal use of drugs, illegal gambling, or sexual misconduct or violence, the student-athlete will be immediately suspended, and the suspension may be lifted only by the VPSA&A. The Head Coach may, for violation of criminal law, impose team sanctions on the student-athlete apart from suspension with the approval of the VPSA&A.

Student Athlete Grievance Procedure

Student-athletes are expected to follow their Head Coach's instructions and team rules regarding practice, discipline, and team matters. The Head Coach may levy sanctions including suspension or dismissal from the team for a student-athlete's failure to comply.

Decisions viewed as unfavorable may be referred to the VPSA&A by the student-athlete. The student-athlete must request an appeal in writing within five (5) days of the coach's action. The VPSA&A will review the within ten (10) days for a decision.

UT Tyler Sexual Harassment Policy

http://uttyler.smartcatalogiq.com/en/UTTyler/2015-2016-HOP/Series-200-General-Policies-andProcedures/2-4-3-Sexual-Harassment-Complaint_Investigation_and-Grievance

Options and Resources for Individuals Who Have Experienced a Sexual Assault

Reporting

The University of Texas at Tyler is committed to the principle that the University's working and learning environment be free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual misconduct and sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated and individuals who engage in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary action. Reports can be made electronically at:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/titleix/>. Student-Athletes can contact:

Stefani Webb 903-565-
5980 swebb@uttyler.edu

Police and Medical

A student who experiences any form of sexual assault is encouraged to seek immediate medical care. Students can undergo a medical exam to preserve physical evidence of the assault with or without police involvement. This should be done immediately, if possible. If not immediately, students who have experienced a sexual assault may have a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) performed by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) within five (5) days of the assault if law enforcement is involved and within four (4) days if they are not. With the student's consent, physical evidence collected during this medical exam can be used as part of a criminal investigation; however, a student may undergo a SAFE regardless of whether they have contacted, or intend to contact, the police. To undergo a SAFE, go directly to the emergency department of East Texas Medical Center (1000 S Beckham Ave., Tyler, TX 75701) or Trinity Mother Frances (800 E Dawson, Tyler, TX, 75701). For more information about the SAFE, see <http://hopelaws.org/>.

The cost of the forensic portion of the exam is covered by the law enforcement agency that is investigating the assault or, in cases where a report will not be made to the police, the Texas Department of Public Safety. This does not include fees related to medical treatment that are not a part of the SAFE. For more information about financial resources for UT Tyler students who are victims of sexual assault, please see the information about Voices Against Violence and Student Emergency Services below.

Reporting an assault to law enforcement does not mean that the case will automatically go to criminal trial or to a University disciplinary hearing.

If the police are called, a uniformed officer will be sent to the scene to take a detailed statement. A ride to the hospital may be provided by a police department counselor. A report may be filed with the police regardless of whether or not the assailant was a UT Tyler student.

If a decision is made to make a report to the police, it is important to note that police jurisdictions depend on where the sexual assault occurred.

If the incident occurred on the UT Tyler campus, a report may be filed with the UT Tyler Police Department (UPD) by calling 903-566-7060 or in person at UPD headquarters at (insert police address).

If the incident occurred in Tyler, TX but off-campus, a report may be filed with the Tyler, TX Police Department, regardless of time elapsed since the assault occurred. If a report is made to the police, a uniformed officer will be dispatched to the location to make a written report.

- Emergency: 911
- East Texas Crisis Center 24 hour Hotline (bilingual operators available): (903) 595-5591

A student who has experienced a sexual assault is strongly encouraged to seek medical and psychological care regardless of whether he/she intends to request a SAFE or report the assault to the police. He/she may be prescribed medications to prevent sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancy regardless of whether the police were contacted or a SAFE was performed. Medical care can be provided at the University Health Clinic, at a local emergency room, or by a private physician. Psychological support can be provided by the UT Tyler Student Counseling Center, or by a care provider of the student's choosing. The contact information for these services can be found in the directory.

A student who experiences any form of sexual assault may pursue any civil or criminal remedies provided by state law.

Crisis Support

The following crisis support services are available to students:

- *Crisis counseling at the Student Counseling Center* is available on a walk-in basis (M - F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). No appointment is necessary for this option. This can be accomplished by coming to the Student Counseling Center on the 3rd floor of the University Center to request a same-day appointment with a Licensed Professional Counselor. For more information about services available, visit the website: www.uttyler.edu/counseling/
- *24-hour Telephone Counseling* at (903) 566-7254 (UT Tyler Students Only). Callers can either choose to identify themselves when calling or remain anonymous.
- The East Texas Crisis Center (ETCC), a local nonprofit organization also offers a twenty-four-hour hotline for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. The phone number is (903) 595-5591 or (800) 333-0358. For more information about services available at ETCC, visit the website: <http://etcc.org>

- Online crisis support through the *National Sexual Assault Online Hotline*. This hotline provides live, secure, anonymous crisis support for victims of sexual violence, their friends, and families. To access help 24/7 visit: <http://www.rainn.org/get-help/national-sexualassault-online-hotline> or call (800) 656 – HOPE (4673).

Advocacy and Counseling

In addition to seeking medical and crisis support, a student who experiences a sexual assault may wish to seek advocacy or counseling services. The following departments offer advocacy and counseling services to students who experience sexual assault.

Student Counseling Center

The Student Counseling Center (903) 566-7254 is the only confidential reporting option on campus. Counselors are available to provide support services for any student who has been affected by sexual assault. The Student Counseling Center offers individual and group counseling as well as informational advocacy appointments. Counseling staff is knowledgeable about options within systems both on and off campus including:

- Medical services
- Reporting procedures
- Legal options, including criminal and civil law (please note that the Student Counseling Center does not offer legal advice)
- UT Tyler administrative options through Judicial Affairs
- Obtaining an Order of Protection
- Safety planning
- Counseling resources both short and long-term, on or off campus

Student Health and Wellness

Student Health and Wellness (903) 566-7067 is also available to offer information and training sessions regarding various forms of interpersonal violence to campus student, faculty, and staff groups. For more information about services available visit the website: www.uttyler.edu/wellness/

Student-Athlete and Coach Relationship

Purpose: The purposes of this policy are: (1) to provide a safe and healthy environment for student athletes so that they may reach their full potential as students and as athletes; and (2) to ensure that all coaches and other athletics department staff adhere to ethical practices and do not develop inappropriate relationships with student-athletes, regardless of their age or consent.

Definitions

Coach: Any person serving as a head coach, assistant coach, graduate assistant coach, coaching intern, or volunteer coach in the athletics department.

Staff: Any employee or student serving in the athletics department in an administrative, management, or support capacity, or in any capacity in which they supervise student-athletes or have responsibility for the provision of services or other benefits to student-athletes. Supervisory control or authority: this includes any responsibility with the potential to affect the student athlete's participation in the athletics program, and includes the provision of direct services and benefits to the student-athlete, such as: training, health services, academic and student life program support, tutoring, counseling, eligibility determinations, program compliance, and control over the student-athlete's team.

Student-Athlete: Any student of the University who is a member of a varsity athletics team as defined by University and NCAA regulations.

Amorous Relationship: Any sexual, romantic, or dating relationship.

Scope of the Policy and Its Requirements

Coaches: This policy strictly prohibits amorous relationships between any coach and any student athlete. Every coach has an ethical obligation to maintain a professional relationship with student athletes and to place the well-being of student-athletes ahead of the coach's personal interests. This responsibility includes the duty to provide a safe and healthy environment for the student athlete to flourish, and to serve as a role model within the confines of a professional relationship. As a result, no amorous relationship between a coach and a student-athlete—regardless of the perception of consent by one or both participants— can exist without jeopardizing the professionalism of the coach-athlete relationship and creating a significant conflict of interest. The respect and trust the student-athlete places in a coach, and the vulnerability of the student-athlete in that relationship, make “consent” unreliable in this setting. Conflicts of interest are endemic to amorous relationships between coaches and student-athletes, and the costs to the athlete, the team, the athletics program, and the University, necessitate a strict prohibition on amorous relationships between coaches and student-athletes.

Even when the coach has no direct professional responsibility for that student-athlete, other student-athletes may perceive that the student-athlete who has a sexual relationship with a coach may receive preferential treatment from the coach or the coach's colleagues. Such relationships are incompatible with the ethical obligations of the coach and the integrity of the athletics program. Accordingly, this prohibition applies to relationships between all coaches and all student-athletes in the intercollegiate athletics program.

With respect to a coach and a student-athlete on that coach's team, the prohibition on amorous relationships shall remain in effect for two full years after the end of the final academic year in which the student-athlete was a participant on the team. With respect to a coach and a student

athlete not on that coach's team, the prohibition on amorous relationships shall remain in effect while that student-athlete is a participant in the intercollegiate athletics program.

Other (Non-Coaching) Staff: Amorous relationships between student-athletes and non-coaching staff are problematic when the staff member has supervisory control or authority over that student athlete. For that reason, any amorous relationship between a student-athlete and a staff member with supervisory control or authority over that student-athlete must be disclosed to the Title IX Coordinator and the VPSA&A. (If the relationship involves either of those persons, it must be disclosed to the Director of the UT Tyler Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Office.) Once the relationship is disclosed, the staff member must be recused and their responsibility reassigned so that he or she no longer has supervisory control or authority over that student-athlete. Care must be taken to ensure that the recusal and reassignment of responsibility does not negatively affect the student-athlete's participation or benefits in the athletics or educational programs of the University.

Enforcement

Reporting a Violation: Any person may allege a violation of this policy by contacting the VPSA&A, Title IX Coordinator or any other senior athletics department staff, or, if the person does not feel comfortable making the report to a person within the athletics department, to the Assistant Vice President & Director of Human Resources of UT Tyler. Any person receiving such a report must immediately notify the VPSA&A. Any coach or staff member with information suggesting a possible violation of the policy must promptly report it to the VPSA&A, and the failure to do so will be considered a violation of athletics department policy. (If the report or information implicates the VPSA&A in a violation of the policy, it should instead be directed to the UT Tyler Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Office.)

Investigation: Upon receiving such a report or information, the VPSA&A shall immediately notify the Assistant Vice President & Director of Human Resources of UT Tyler. Once on notice of a report or information of a possible violation of the policy, the Assistant Vice President & Director of HR shall promptly appoint an investigator outside of the athletics department to conduct a prompt and fair investigation into whether the policy was violated. Such an investigation shall include interviews with any coaches, staff, and student-athletes with relevant information, and shall provide any coach or staff member accused of violating the policy with an opportunity to respond to the allegations. In investigating a possible violation of the policy, the standard of proof to be used is whether it is more likely than not that the policy was violated (a "preponderance of the evidence" standard). Using this standard, the investigation will result in a determination of whether the policy was violated.

Coordination of Information Relating To Violations of Other University Policy and/or Criminal Law: If the investigation leads to information suggesting that sexual harassment may have occurred, it shall be promptly forwarded to the appropriate university officials responsible for enforcing the University sexual harassment policy. If the investigation leads to information suggesting potential criminal conduct, it shall be immediately forwarded to the University general counsel, who will determine, consistent with State and local law, whether to notify appropriate law

enforcement officials. However, the enforcement of this policy shall not be delayed pending the results of a criminal investigation.

Disciplinary Action: If an investigation determines that a coach or staff member has violated the policy, that coach or staff member shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal. The VPSA&A, in consultation with the Assistant Vice President & Director of Human Resources of UT Tyler, shall determine the disciplinary action to be imposed. Any disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with applicable University policy.

Confidentiality: Complaints, reports, and information relating to possible violations of this policy shall be handled as confidentially as possible without jeopardizing the enforcement of the policy, the ability to conduct a fair investigation, or the safety of student-athletes and other persons connected with the athletics program. Information received in connection with a suspected violation of the policy shall be disseminated only on a “need to know” basis; that is, only when necessary to ensure compliance with the policy and/or to ensure the safety of student-athletes or others who come in contact with the athletics program.

Retaliation: Any retaliation for reporting a violation of this policy, or for participating in good faith in any investigation of a violation of this policy, is strictly prohibited. Any persons taking retaliatory action in violation of this policy shall themselves be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal.

CHAPTER 3 - NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

While you are a student-athlete at The University of Texas at Tyler, you are obligated to abide by NCAA, ASC, and University rules. The Assistant VPSA&A for Compliance is ready to assist you in fulfilling this responsibility. The staff will conduct an annual rules education session with each team and provide periodic updates as needed during the course of the academic year.

Academic Eligibility and Compliance

12-Hour Rule

Be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours-all at UT Tyler)

At the time of competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours, regardless of the institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies.

Maintaining Eligibility/Progress Toward Degree

Be in good academic standing, i.e. not on academic probation. – (Assessed prior to start of each fall and spring) Good academic standing for an undergraduate student is defined as maintaining a 2.0 UT Tyler Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). If a student-athlete is placed on academic probation and has a 1.8 or higher GPA then the following semester the student may still practice with the team in their respective sport but may not play in any game or travel or dress for any contest. If the student remains on academic probation in the semester immediately following his/her initial probation, the student-athlete forfeits eligibility for practices and games/contests until probation is removed.

Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 UT Tyler cumulative GPA.

Maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree. (Assessed prior to start of each fall semester) - Students must successfully complete at least 75% of the hours attempted as of the census date for the semester(s) of assessment. Courses repeated to meet degree requirements will be included in the calculation of attempted and earned hours for assessment of Satisfactory Academic Progress. Summer courses not taken at UT Tyler must transfer back and be accepted to be used; a transient form must be approved **prior** to taking those classes.

Courses not considered as meeting completion requirements include:

- Courses taken for audit
- Courses with grades of "F", "I", "W", "IP", or "NC"
- Credit hours earned by examination or articulation

Maximum Time Limit Requirements – A student-athlete’s eligibility is limited to these levels: **UNDERGRADUATE** programs of study must be completed within 180 attempted credit hours, including transfer coursework and second baccalaureate degrees. **GRADUATE** programs consisting of 36 hours of study must be completed within 54 credit hours of graduate work and, **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE** programs must be completed within 22 attempted credit hours. Attempted hours include all prior coursework at UT Tyler and from transfer, regardless of whether or not financial aid was received. If a student changes a course of study or pursues an additional credential, the hours attempted under all courses of study are included in the calculation of attempted and earned hours. Students who exceed the maximum time limit requirements will be placed on financial aid suspension.

Student-Athlete Request for Transfer Procedure

Transferring from The University of Texas at Tyler requires very careful thought. You must adhere to the following requirements during your decision-making process.

1. If you are looking to transfer to another DIII institution you must first complete the [NCAA DIII Self Release form](#).
2. If you are looking to transfer to DI or DII you must speak with your coach or Assistant VPSA&A for Compliance to receive a release form.

Financial Aid

You are not eligible if you receive financial aid other than the financial aid that your institution distributes. However, it is permissible to receive:

- Money from anyone upon whom you are naturally or legally dependent;
- Financial aid that has been awarded to you on a basis other than athletics ability; or
- Financial aid from an entity outside your institution that meets the requirements specified in the Division III Manual.

You must report to your institution any financial aid that you receive from a source other than your institution. However, you do not need to report financial aid received from anyone upon whom you are naturally or legally dependent. [Bylaw 15.2.3]

UT Tyler offers an extensive list of federal, state, and private financial aid opportunities to all students. Financial aid is determined once a student completes and submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can obtain a FAFSA form from the Financial Aid office.

Scholarships

Scholarships offered at UT Tyler are designed to attract and retain outstanding degree seeking students. To be considered, students must be accepted for admission to UT Tyler and submit an application on-line for the fall and spring semesters of the appropriate year.

It is recommended that all scholarship applicants complete the FAFSA, as many of the scholarship opportunities consider financial needs. Awards of academic scholarships are based primarily on predictors of academic success, such as high school class rank, standardized test scores and prior college grades. Additional consideration will be given to leadership qualities, financial need, socioeconomic background and status as a first generation college student. Students may not receive more than one academic scholarship award from the University, per semester.

Students receiving the National Merit Finalist, National Merit Semi-Finalist, Patriot, Leadership, Presidential, Alumni, New Graduate or International Scholarship are not eligible for additional scholarship funding for the summer semesters.

Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis to receive scholarship awards, excluding college and talent scholarships.

Benefits & Boosters

Receipt by a student-athlete of an award, benefit or expense allowance not authorized by NCAA legislation renders the student-athlete ineligible to compete while representing the institution in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received. If the student-athlete receives an extra benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation or an improper award or expense allowance in conjunction with competition that involves the use of overall athletics skill (e.g., “superstars” competition), the individual is ineligible in all sports.

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or athletics representative to provide a student-athlete (or his/her relatives, guardian or friends) a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Never accept any of the following from a booster or representative of UT Tyler’s athletic interests:

1. Cash or loans in any amount
2. Co-signing or arranging a loan
3. Gifts or free services (e.g., airline tickets, cash, restaurant meals)
4. Use of an automobile
5. Rent free or reduced cost housing
6. Money for, or a guarantee of, bail or bond
7. Employment of a student-athlete at a higher rate than the wages paid for similar work
8. Payment to a student-athlete for work not performed
9. Transportation (aside from transportation related to an occasional home meal)
10. Tickets to an athletics, institutional or community event

11. Financial aid for a post-graduate education
12. Promise of employment after college graduation
13. Invitations to your home or summer home for purposes other than an occasional meal

Other NCAA Rules

Recruiting

While you were recruited by The University of Texas at Tyler, you should not have received cash or any other items of value from anyone associated with The University. In addition, you should not have received promises listed in this section. You should not have received correspondence or phone calls about The University from anyone other than the UT Tyler athletics staff or faculty. Your family should not have been promised or given any items of value or received job promotions or new jobs based upon your decision to attend The University of Texas at Tyler. Neither you nor your family should have received “free” tickets to any events other than your three permissible complimentary tickets through a pass list for home athletics events held on The University of Texas Tyler campus. If any of these have occurred, or if you are uneasy about something that happened during your recruitment, you should contact the Compliance department immediately at 903-5667499).

Ethical Conduct

You must act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that you represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports. [NCAA Bylaw 10.01.1]

You are not eligible to compete if you knowingly provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition, solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team, accept a bet on any team representing the institution or solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value. [Bylaw 10.3]

You are not eligible to compete if you knowingly participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling. [Bylaw 10.3]

You are not eligible to compete if you have shown dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations. [Bylaw 14.01.3.3]

Gambling

The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering, which has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student-athletes.

The NCAA has established specific guidelines (NCAA Bylaw 10.3) stating no athletics staff members, non-departmental staff with responsibility within the athletics department, conference staff or student-athletes shall knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur, or professional athletics competition.

The following sanctions for violation of NCAA Bylaw 10.3 apply:

- a) A student-athlete who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of a competition or who participates in any sports wagering activity involving UT Tyler shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and post-season eligibility in all sports.
- b) A student-athlete who engages in any sports wagering activity through the Internet, a bookmaker, or parlay card shall be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum of one year from the date that UT Tyler determines that a violation occurred and shall lose a season of eligibility.

In order to educate the student-athlete regarding illegal organized gambling, the University and the Athletics Department will instruct the student-athlete on the nature and prevalence of intercollegiate gambling and bribery, as well as the risk involved for the individual and for the entire University. The following policies will be followed in accordance with these guidelines:

1. At the start of each season, the Compliance Coordinator is responsible for educating all student-athletes on the nature and prevalence of gambling and bribery in intercollegiate sports. This should include a review of applicable federal, state and local laws. Posters furnished by the NCAA are to be displayed in both dormitories and dressing rooms. Student awareness of the problem should be maintained through the season, particularly prior to major competitive events.
2. Students are required to report any solicitations that they might receive that ask them to be a party to sports bribery. Failure to do so, if determined after due process, results in expulsion as recommended by the NCAA.
3. The Athletics Department is committed to taking an active stance against gambling and bribery. Institutional rules in this area apply equally to student-athletes, staff, and the general student body.
4. No Professional or College Office Pool.

As recommended by the NCAA, students found guilty of handling bets, distributing handicap information, or otherwise serving as an agent of the gambling industry are subject to immediate expulsion.

Amateurism

You are not eligible for participation in a sport if after full-time collegiate enrollment 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;
- Played on any professional athletics team as defined by the NCAA in that sport; or
- Used your athletics skill for pay in any form in that sport. (Prior to collegiate enrollment an individual may accept prize money based only on his or her place finish or performance from the sponsor of an open athletics event, the United States Olympic Committee or the appropriate national governing body and actual and necessary expenses associated with the individual's practice and competition on a professional team). [Bylaw 12.1.1]

You are not eligible in a sport if you ever have accepted money, transportation or other benefits from an agent or agreed to have an agent market your athletics ability or reputation in that sport. [Bylaw 12.3.1]

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, unless:

- The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;
- No reference is made in these activities to the individual's involvement in intercollegiate athletics, and;
- The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skill and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation. [Bylaws 12.5.1.3]

You are not eligible in any sport if, because of your athletics ability, you were paid for work you did not perform, were 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. [Bylaw 12.4.1]

Extra Benefits

Accepting extra benefits, knowingly or not, is a serious violation of NCAA rules. You could lose your eligibility and your right to compete in intercollegiate athletics if you accept extra benefits from any source.

An “extra benefit” is any special arrangement to provide you or your relatives or friends with a benefit not authorized by the NCAA rules. UT Tyler may provide practice or competition-related apparel, equipment, meals, travel, and medical treatment. It is a violation of NCAA rules for you to receive any other benefit unless the same benefit is available to all UT Tyler students or members of the general public. This prohibition on receiving extra benefits also applies to parents/guardians and relatives. An extra benefit to a parent or relative is considered an indirect extra benefit to you and will affect your eligibility.

Examples of extra benefits include but are not limited to:

- Gifts, loans or use of personal properties (e.g. computer; boats, summer home, cars, stereo, audio or video equipment, clothing, food, and beverages);
- Transportation;
- Use of an automobile (including the use of rental cars or coaching staff personal vehicle) or cellular phone;
- Low interest or interest-free loans, telephone cards, credit cards, charge accounts, etc.;
- Exceeding the allotted number of complimentary admissions;
- Cash, tangible items, free/discounted services in exchange for selling complimentary admissions, awards, or equipment that you received from UT Tyler;
- Special discounts, payments, arrangements, or credit on purchases or services (e.g., airline tickets, clothing);
- Material benefits that are not available to the general student body;
- Arrangements for employment of relatives or friends of enrolled student-athlete;
- Free or reduced rates for services from an establishment owned by a representative of athletics interests (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, tickets to professional team events, other entertainment);
- Christmas or birthday presents.

Some exceptions to the extra benefit rule:

- An authorized occasional home meal at a staff member’s or a booster’s home;
- Reasonable local transportation on an occasional basis;

Student-Athlete Employment

It is extremely important that the conditions of any employment you have while you are a student athlete comply with NCAA bylaws. Infractions could jeopardize not only your own athletics eligibility, but that of your team. Whether or not you are on an athletics scholarship, you and your employer must sign a written statement before beginning employment which verifies that:

- You obtained the employment through established hiring protocol available to other applicants;
- You are not receiving payment based on any publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following you have gained from your athletic ability;
- You are compensated only for work you have actually performed;
- Your rate of pay is the normal rate of pay for the duties performed and job qualifications;
- You are only paid for hours you have actually worked;
- If you are provided with transportation to work or any other benefit (e.g., meals, merchandise discounts), such benefits are available to all employees; and
- Your name and image are not used in any way in association with the business.

At all times during your athletics eligibility, your employment must comply with University of Texas at Tyler, UT Tyler Athletics, ASC, and NCAA rules and regulations.

A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, under the following conditions:

- Institutional facilities may not be used;
- Playing lessons are not permitted;
- The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient or the recipient's family and not another individual or entity; and
- Your name and image are not used to promote or advertise the fee-for-lesson instruction.

Hosting a Recruit

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE when a recruit is deciding whether to attend The University of Texas at Tyler. The coaches spend many hours getting to know recruits and their families and educating them on the merits of our great institution. The goals of the recruiting visit are to help the prospect and UT Tyler determine whether or not UT Tyler is the right fit both academically and athletically, and for you and the coaching staff to feel the same way. You can most effectively show prospects all that UT Tyler has to offer and help them determine that UT Tyler is the right place for their intercollegiate career.

There are some rules you must adhere to in your involvement with recruiting visits that will ensure you are representing UT Tyler as expected. As a student-athlete at UT Tyler, you are to obey and conduct yourself in accordance with the penal and civil statutes of the local, state, and federal government, rules and regulations of the Board of Regents, University regulations, ASC rules, and NCAA rules and regulations. Below is an outline of the rules and regulations you, as a student athlete, are expected to follow at all times and especially during the course of recruiting visits to our University.

General:

- First impressions are crucial. Make the prospect and his/her guests feel welcome.
- Read information about the recruit and his/her interests so you are prepared to talk with him/her. Ask questions and find something in common to talk about.
- Carefully review the student-host instructions form prior to hosting each and every official visit prospect and ask your coach in advance if you have any questions to avoid any NCAA violations.
- Carry a cell phone when possible. Call the coaching staff immediately if there are any problems with a prospect.
- Have a plan for entertaining the recruit and review it with your coaches. If there are any changes to the plan please advise the coaches ahead of time.
- Be on time to all scheduled activities.
- Have fun!

Meals:

- Institutions may provide only one student-athlete host per prospect with a meal and only if that student-athlete is accompanying the prospect on the meal. Other student-athletes may attend the meal, but must pay the cost of their own meals.

Other

- The following activities are prohibited during official visits and may not be engaged in: gambling, use of escort services, exotic dance club, consumption of alcoholic beverages (even by those over 21) or drugs, or any activity contrary to University policy or state and/or federal law.
- The prospect may be present in the locker room prior to or after a competition and must be seated in the regular seating areas during the course of the contest.
- A prospect is never to be left alone or with a non-team member or to be arranged a date or other encounter that could lead to inappropriate behavior (e.g., sexual misconduct, use of alcohol, drugs, etc.).
- You must follow any additional rules set by your coach (e.g., curfew, team policies, etc.).

Complimentary Admissions:

- Institutions may provide complimentary admissions to a prospect and the prospect's guests to the institution's home athletic events during the visit which may not include any special seating (e.g. sidelines, bench, suites, etc.) during the course of the contest.
- The prospect must show identification and sign the pass list at the designated pass gate for the athletic contest they are attending.

Outside Sports Competition

As a student-athlete you need to be aware that you are not allowed to participate with any outside sports competition while you are competing in your traditional or non-traditional segments.

In individual sports only, during the summer and outside of your playing season you may accept prize money based on your place finish in an open event. The prize money may not exceed your actual and necessary expenses to participate in the event and may only be provided by the sponsor of the event. Your calculation of expenses cannot include expenses or fees of anyone other than you (e.g., coach's fees or parent's expenses).

Countable Athletically-Related Activities/Play Practice Restrictions

Practice is defined as any meeting, activity or instruction involving sports-related information and having an athletics purpose, held for one or more student-athletes at the direction of, or supervised by, any member or members of an institution's coaching staff. Practice is considered to have occurred if one or more coaches and one or more student-athletes engage in any of the following activities.

1. Field, floor or on-court activity;
2. Setting up offensive or defensive alignments;
3. Chalk talk;
4. Lecture or discussion of strategy related to the sport;
5. Activities using equipment related to the sport;
6. Discussion or review of game films, motion pictures or videotapes related to the sport; or
7. Any other athletically related activity.

No class time shall be missed for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest.

According to NCAA regulations, all athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week

Voluntary Workouts

Throughout the academic year and summer term, coaching staffs may inform their student-athletes of voluntary workout availability. Please keep in mind the following regulations must be followed in order to consider the activity "voluntary" in nature.

1. You cannot be required to report back to a coach or other Athletics Department staff member any information related to the activity.
2. The activity has to be initiated and requested solely at your discretion.

3. Your participation (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purpose of reporting such information to your coaching staff.
4. You cannot be subject to penalty for not participating in voluntary activities. In addition, you may not receive recognition nor incentive (e.g., awards) based on your attendance or performance in such activities.

CHAPTER 4 - ACADEMICS

Academic Responsibilities and Guidelines

Responsibilities of Student-Athletes

When you decided to participate in athletics at The University of Texas at Tyler, you agreed to take on the responsibility of handling the time and effort required to be both a scholar and an NCAA Division III athlete.

At no time shall your participation in athletics be considered an extenuating circumstance upon which to base a request for an incomplete grade, late administration of an examination, or late submission of required work.

Never ask a coach to contact any member of the faculty for the purpose of discussing your academic performance. Keep in mind that the Athletics Department must never request “special consideration” for a student-athlete regarding grades.

As a student-athlete, you are expected at all times to exhibit self-discipline in study habits and to attend all classes except when traveling and competing.

At the beginning of each semester, you must contact the instructor of any class that you will miss due to athletic competition and give them a Missed Class Letter prepared by the VPSA&A. You should ask your instructor for his/her permission to be excused from class for the purpose of athletic program participation, and submit required work or take scheduled examinations early if the scheduled date of such activities conflicts with athletic participation. If, because of examinations, important class meetings, and/or academic difficulty, you are placed at an academic disadvantage by missing such class meetings, please speak with your coach or Faculty Athletics Representative.

Class Attendance

The heart of education at UT Tyler is the teaching/learning interaction between you as a student and your instructors. Student-athletes are expected to attend class on a regular and punctual basis.

UT Tyler’s policy concerning absence from class accords to the student’s professor the discretion to accept the excuse and permit make-up work. Course instructors establish specific attendance

policies that must be adhered to by student-athletes. Thus, the course instructor is responsible for handling any excuses for absences from his or her class. The written procedures for students notifying faculty of excused absences can be found in the HOP policy 5.10.1 and 5.10.2. The three exceptions to the policy are personal illness, death in the immediate family, and duties performed for the University.

Arrangements for taking any examination or completing work assignments affected by team travel are the student-athlete's responsibility. Instructors are aware of the problems involved in scheduling athletic competitions and usually are willing to provide some flexibility if the student athlete requests consideration in advance.

Student-Athlete Responsibilities

1. Must complete all assignments and exams on time;
2. Must exhibit appropriate behavior in class, which allows for learning by student-athlete and by peers
3. Must comply with the attendance policy regardless of grade point average; attendance policy is in effect during all terms (Fall, Spring and Summer sessions); and,
4. Do not use your athletics involvement as an excuse to miss class, meetings etc.
5. Notify each of his/her instructors in writing within the first week of class, of his/her involvement in a sport.
6. Give each instructor the official list of dates of scheduled events.
7. Visit with the instructor three class meetings in advance about getting assignments for missed classes.

If an event conflicts with a class activity, make an appointment with the instructor to discuss the possibility of making up the missed class work.

Competition Schedule or Guidelines for Away Competition

In keeping with the Athletics Department's philosophy that academics are a primary commitment, every effort is made to minimize your absences from class and exams in scheduling athletic competitions.

Competition will be scheduled to minimize your number of class absences. The number of contests scheduled on weekdays and immediately preceding and following official vacation periods will be as minimal as possible.

Every attempt will be made to schedule weekday departure times for away events as late in the day as possible so that the majority of student-athletes will have completed their classes. In addition,

game times for weekday home events will be scheduled as late in the day as possible so that the majority of student-athletes will have completed their classes.

Student-athletes traveling to away competitions will be notified of their travel schedules at the beginning of each semester and must notify their instructors accordingly. At the start of each semester, you will be provided with a Missed Class Letter to present to your instructors. Please use the Missed Class Letter as an opportunity to introduce yourself to your professor and engage them in conversation about the letter and the days you will miss to make sure there is an agreed upon plan to make up missed assignments.

You are expected to make up missed assignments prior to your departures for competitions, unless your professor has other preferences.

Your coaches are asked to make every effort to adjust travel plans for both individual athletes and teams to avoid additional absences caused by participation in postseason competition, such as regional and national championships.

[Academic Integrity/Academic Honesty](#)

The academic community at UT Tyler relies upon a high standard of integrity. One of the most important aspects of academic integrity concerns the just measure of each student's academic accomplishments. Academic honesty is demanded of all students, and the Honor Code is a working part of the student's life in and out of the classroom at UT Tyler. Students must be aware that giving or receiving unauthorized aid on an examination, assignment, paper, or lab report is not the only kind of violation. Any kind of dishonesty related to academics is a violation. Other examples of academic dishonesty—apart from giving or receiving unauthorized aid precisely as defined by the teacher in each course—include, but are not limited to, listing false reasons for taking a make-up examination, resubmitting work as an original piece, and falsifying data. Failure to take responsible action is also a violation. Unintentional plagiarism is as punishable as intentional plagiarism.

For questions concerning what is or is not an academic Honor Code violation, please contact the appropriate professor or academic counselor.

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Orientation Program/Team Orientation

Each year the Athletics Department schedules a Student-Athlete Orientation program before classes begin in the fall. This gives our students a chance to settle into the University environment and to take care of administrative details. Student-athletes are required to attend all scheduled Orientation sessions. During Orientation, student-athletes take physicals and are educated in University, ASC and NCAA rules and regulations. Other areas covered include:

- Compliance
- Media Relations
- Sports Medicine
- Alcohol Education
- Sexual Health & Education

Accessibility Services for Students with Disabilities

The University of Texas at Tyler is committed to full compliance with the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA). As part of the implementation of this law, UT Tyler will continue to provide reasonable accommodation for academically qualified students with disabilities so that they can participate fully in UT Tyler's educational programs and activities. Although UT Tyler is not required by law to change the "fundamental nature or essential curricular components of its programs in order to accommodate the needs of disabled students," UT Tyler will provide reasonable accommodations for academic and university-sponsored co-curricular activities. It is the specific responsibility of the UT Tyler administration, faculty and staff serving in a teaching or coaching capacity to ensure the University's compliance with this policy.

The general definition of a student with a disability is any person who has "a physical, mental or medical impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities," and any person who has "a history of, or is regarded as having, such an impairment." Reasonable academic and physical accommodations include but are not limited to: extended time on examinations; advance notice regarding booklists for visually impaired and some learning disabled students; use of academic aides in the classroom such as note-takers and sign language interpreters; accessibility for students who use wheelchairs and those with mobility impairments; and need for special classroom furniture or special equipment in the classroom.

Procedures for Obtaining Accommodations

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) prior to or during the first week of class attendance or as early in the semester as possible. The office will work with the course instructor and his or her department, and the student to arrange

for reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation verifying disability in a timely way.

Career Services

The University of Texas at Tyler Office of Career Services offers guidance, resources, and support to help current Patriots and alumni navigate the career development process. Patriots may participate in Career Fairs held each fall and spring semester, workshops, and Graduate and Professional School Panels which provide you with an opportunity to learn about other university master's and doctoral programs. Career Services staff are available to assist students with their job search via Patriot Jobs, career assessments which help students identify strengths and skills, identifying potential career options, internships, preparing your resume, developing strong interview skills as well as learning how to conduct research on potential employers. In addition to Career Fairs the office hosts various employers on campus throughout the year who are seeking UT Tyler's high quality graduates. A list of events and opportunities may be found on the Career Services website at <http://www.uttyler.edu/careerservices/>. Career Services also offers numerous resources both in the office and online. You may visit Career Services in the University Center, suite 2140, online at <http://www.uttyler.edu/careerservices/> or make an appointment by calling (903) 565-5862.

Registration Procedures

When registering for courses each semester, you must work directly with your Academic Counselor:

- You must take courses that are applicable to your major.
- Returning student-athletes in declared majors must go through the preregistration advising procedures coordinated through the student's major department.
- New student-athletes (incoming freshmen and transfers) are advised by the Athletics Department academic counselors, who coordinate with departmental advisors.
- Talk to your coaches about the upcoming semester's workout and travel schedule so that your classes and study time may be arranged accordingly.
- Personal debts (i.e. parking fees, emergency loans, and academic computing fees) result in Financial Bars. These are not covered by your athletics scholarship and must be paid during the preregistration period or your registration will be barred.
- You must never drop or add courses without the permission of your Academic Counselor; doing so may have eligibility ramifications.

Your Academic Counselor is always available for consultation and advice regarding registration and preregistration. See your Academic Counselor immediately if you have any questions regarding academic issues or if you are thinking about major or degree program changes.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The University of Texas at Tyler maintains the privacy of student education records and allows students the right to inspect their education records as stated in the University's Student Education Records policy, consistent with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Information regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be found by visiting <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/ferpa/index.php>

The entire text of the University's policy is located in the Hand Book of Operating Procedures Series 500 located on the UT Tyler website <http://www.uttyler.edu/ohr/hop/hopseries500.php> Faculty and staff who request access to student academic records in order to execute their normal duties must first review the information found on the FERPA website. Students wishing to review or seeking to amend their education records should submit a written request to the University office in which the record is maintained.

At the discretion of University officials, UT Tyler may release certain information classified as directory information unless the student requests that such information not be released. A complete listing of directory information is published in the Handbook of Operating Procedures Policy 5.2.3 <http://uttyler.edu/ohr/hop/documents/5.2.3FERPA.pdf> .

Students wishing to restrict the release of directory information may do so by completing the appropriate form provided by the Registrar's Office. The Directory Information Disclosure Form may be found online http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/forms/Directory_Information_NonDisclosure_Form.pdf . Once complete the form must be returned to the Enrollment Services Center in the James H. Stewart Administration Building (ADM) 230. Such requests remain in effect until the student notifies the Enrollment Services Center in writing that directory information may be released.

Recognizing that many students wish to share information from their educational records with their parents and family members, UT Tyler has developed an Authorization for Disclosure of Student Record Information form that grants one or more specific individuals' limited access to a student's non-directory information through in-person requests made at the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230).

For more information regarding FERPA, including forms, parents and students should visit the University's FERPA website at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar/ferpa/index.php>

CHAPTER 5 – HEALTH AND WELFARE

Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Overview

All UT Tyler student-athletes are required to complete ten (10) designated forms before they may compete or practice. The forms will be made available to all student-athletes and are available

on the SportsWare website at www.swoll123.net. Access to the site will be provided once you are registered with the site by the sports medicine staff. The forms are:

- Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form
- Medical Waiver Form
- Medical History Form
- Emergency Contact
- Insurance Information Form
- Acknowledgement of Insurance Requirements - Student Self-Insured Version
- Acknowledgement of Insurance Requirements - Parent Insured Version
- Consent to Treat Form
- Assumption of Risk Form
- Sickle Cell Status Form

Athletic Training Room

The UT Tyler athletic training room will be available and open throughout the day as well as prior to, during, and after games, events, or practices. A calendar with available time will be posted on the front door. If you are not able to make it to the posted time, make an appointment with your athletic trainer to assure that someone is available. The athletic training room is located on the first floor of the Herrington Patriot Center (HPC 1045).

UT Tyler's head athletic trainer is Andrew Cage. You can reach him at (903) 565-5545.

The following therapeutic modalities are available to UT Tyler student-athletes:

- Whirlpool
- Hydrocollator
- Ultrasound
- Muscle stimulation
- Ice packs
- Intermittent compression

Emergencies

Should an emergency occur at UT Tyler, patients will be transported to Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, East Texas Medical Center, or the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler.

Trinity Mother Francis Hospital: (903) 593-8411

800 E. Dawson, Tyler TX 75701

East Texas Medical Center: (903) 597-0351
1000 S. Beckham, Tyler TX 75701

UT Health Center at Tyler: (903) 877-3451
11937 US Hwy. 271 Tyler TX 75708

Student-Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities

We recognize that each of you has unique healthcare needs and we encourage a partnership between you and your caregivers. We encourage you or your designated representatives to participate in discussions and decisions about your treatments, options, alternatives, risks, and benefits.

Student-Athletes' Rights

As a student-athlete under the care of the sports medicine staff of The University of Texas at Tyler, you have the following rights relative to your care and the privacy of your medical information:

Knowledge and Information:

- To know the names of the providers inclusive of physicians, athletic trainers, physical therapists or other allied health care personnel who have primary responsibility for coordinating your care and the names and professional relationships of other providers who will care for you.
- To receive information from your providers about the injury/illness, course of treatment, and prospects for recovery in language that you can understand.
- To receive as much information about any proposed treatment or procedure as you may need in order to give informed consent or to refuse this course of treatment. Except in emergencies, this information shall include a description of the procedure or treatment, the medically significant risks involved in this treatment, description of any alternate course of treatment or non-treatment and the risks involved in each, and the name of the person who will carry out the procedure or treatment.
- To be advised if the providers propose to engage in research, investigation and clinical trials involving human subjects affecting your care or treatment. You have the right to refuse to participate in such research projects and your decision will not affect your care.
- To be informed by the providers of continuing healthcare requirements following initial evaluation and treatment.
- To know which rules and policies apply to your conduct as a patient.

Active Participation in Your Care:

- To participate actively in decisions regarding medical care to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to refuse treatment and to be informed of the medical consequences of refusal.
- To actively participate with your healthcare providers in making medical/ethical decisions regarding your care. Your designated representative also has this right.

Privacy and Confidentiality:

- To confidential treatment of all information, communications, and records pertaining to your care. Written permission from you or your legally designated representative shall be obtained before medical records can be made available to anyone not directly concerned with your care. You and/or your legally designated representative are entitled to access the information contained in your medical record, within the limits of the law.
- To full consideration of privacy concerning your treatment and rehabilitation plan. Case discussion, consultation, examination, and treatment are confidential and will be conducted discreetly.
- To be advised as to the reason for the presence of any individual during the course of your medical care.

Student-Athlete's Responsibilities

As a student-athlete under the care of the sports medicine staff at The University of Texas at Tyler, we expect you to assume the following responsibilities:

- Report, to the best of your knowledge, accurate and complete information regarding any matters pertaining to your health to the physicians and other healthcare professionals caring for you.
- Report whether you clearly understand a proposed course of treatment and what will be expected of you.
- Follow the treatment plan recommended by the primary physician/provider responsible for care. This includes following the instructions of the other healthcare professionals as they carry out the coordinated plan of care.
- Keep appointments. If unable to do so, you should notify the responsible provider or your attending athletic trainer.
- Accept the consequences of your own decisions and actions if you choose to refuse treatment or not comply with the instructions given by your providers.
- Follow sports medicine center rules and regulations affecting your care and conduct.

If you should have any questions regarding these Patient Rights and Responsibilities, contact your attending athletic trainers or team physicians.

Concussion Management Policy

UT Tyler is committed to the prevention, identification, evaluation and proper management of concussions. While we recognize that the medical staff plays an important role in the identification of concussions, the student-athlete is equally responsible for notifying the Athletic Training staff if they believe they may have suffered a concussion. The student-athlete will also be asked to disclose any concussions (no matter how mild) they may have suffered prior to enrollment at UT Tyler when completing pre-participation physical examination paperwork. In addition to discussing their concussion history with a team physician, UT Tyler student-athletes will receive concussion education in the form of a flyer given at the time of physicals.

As part of pre-season screening, student-athletes in sports considered to have a higher risk for head injuries (baseball, basketball, diving, football, gymnastics, pole vaulting, soccer, volleyball, and softball) will be mandated to complete a computerized neuropsychological test called the SCAT3 as incoming freshman and transfers. Freshmen and transfer student athletes in the remaining sports (golf, track and field, swimming, and tennis) will be strongly encouraged to complete testing with the intent to have testing completed for the entire UT Tyler student-athlete population within their first semester on campus. These SCAT3 tests serve as the baseline for each athlete's neuropsychological functioning. Additional screening tools will be completed by the student athlete if and when the diagnosis of a concussion is made by a member of the medical staff.

If a possible concussion has occurred and an assessment by a certified athletic trainer or team physician has been completed, the student-athlete will be removed from practice or competition until a complete and full evaluation by a team physician has occurred. If immediate transportation to the hospital is necessary, the team physician will be contacted and fully informed of the athlete's current status. The certified athletic trainer will work directly with the team physician in the daily monitoring of the student-athlete's improvement or deterioration. The decision to order a CT Scan or MRI will be made by the team physician or the consulting neurologist/neurosurgeon. A self report concussion symptom scale will be completed within the first 24 hours and all attempts to arrange for the nighttime supervision of the concussed athlete will be made. A flyer on how to manage the night time care of the concussed will be given to the individual who is left to care for the athlete. Typically within 48 hours of the initial concussion and if signs and symptoms warrant it, an SCAT3 test will be completed. Based on NCAA recommendation, this post-concussion testing data will be interpreted by a trained professional who is capable of reviewing this type of neuropsychological testing. Any follow-up SCAT3 testing may be done at the request of the team physician to track the student-athletes progress. The team physician and/ or certified athletic trainer can make a referral to the team neurologist if signs and symptoms appear to worsen, if a secondary evaluation is recommended or if the concussion appears to be a complex or complicated case.

Once all signs and symptoms of the concussion are gone, a slow and gradual progression of activity will be added daily. If, at any time, symptoms return, the student-athlete will stop activity for that session and be reevaluated by qualified personnel. Screening tools will be used periodically during the return to play phase to re-assess signs and symptoms. Once all signs and symptoms are resolved and full activity has been assessed separate from the team setting, the student-athlete will

be gradually returned to “full go” status. It is the student-athletes responsibility to make the certified athletic trainer and team physician aware of the return of any concussion signs or symptoms.

Authorized Disclosure of Protected Health Information

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has adopted privacy standards — the HIPAA Privacy Standards – which protect your health information. The HIPAA Privacy Standards establish rules for when healthcare providers may use or disclose your health information. Importantly, the HIPAA Privacy Standards also tell us what we cannot do with your health information (See section titled HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices below).

The Athletic Training/Sports Medicine Program has policies and procedures in place to safeguard the privacy of your medical records and protect you from unnecessary disclosure of your health information. In an athletics setting, there are many parties who can potentially have access to your health information, especially in routine injury situations. These parties include coaches and athletics staff; parents or guardians; media representatives from print, radio, and television; teammates; student-athletic trainers and other student members of the sports medicine staff; and professional teams and their scouts.

In the event that you sustain an injury while participating in athletics, it is important to understand that we may need to talk with your coaches, parents, and/or other people involved in your care in order to determine the best management options and proceed with treatment. When doing so, we may discuss issues relevant to your care and participation status only under the following circumstances:

- You have given us oral consent or implied consent through your actions. For example, you may ask members of your coaching staff or family to be present during a medical evaluation to discuss your injury circumstances, treatment options, and activity status.
- You have signed authorization forms permitting us to disclose pertinent health information to the parties mentioned (coaches and athletics staff; parents or guardians; media representative from print, radio, and television; teammates; student-athletic trainers and other student members of the sports medicine staff; and professional teams and their representatives).
- You have the right to restrict disclosure of your health information to any of the parties by refusing to sign the authorization form designated for that party. If you choose to do so, you must write, “REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE” on the form and include your signature and date for validity purposes. Also, you have the right to revoke any of your signed authorizations. For example, during your career as a student-athlete you may be confronted with a sensitive healthcare issue that you feel requires the utmost confidentiality and privacy. In order for you to revoke your signed authorizations under these circumstances, you must discuss your intentions with your providers (e.g., team physicians and athletic trainers) and a new form will be processed that restricts disclosure of this health information.

The authorization forms (valid for six years from the date of your signature) are made available to you through our sports medicine staff prior to the commencement of fall workouts. Your participation is contingent on signing off on these forms.

Even though you have signed authorizations permitting us to share your health information, it is imperative to note that we are not obligated to do so. In accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Standards, we will respect the privacy of your health information by releasing only the minimum information necessary to protect your health and safety and we will strive to take appropriate measures to ensure the confidentiality of your medical information.

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

HIPAA PRIVACY RULES REQUIRE THAT WE FURNISH YOU WITH THIS NOTICE.

I. Purpose: The Division of Athletic Training/Sports Medicine of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Texas at Tyler and its professional staff, employees, and volunteers follow the privacy practices described in this Notice. The Sports Medicine Staff maintains your medical records in a confidential manner, as required by law. However, the Sports Medicine Staff must use and disclose your medical information to the extent necessary to provide you with quality health care. To do this, the Sports Medicine Staff must share your medical information as necessary for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

II. What Are Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations? Treatment includes sharing information among health care providers involved in your care. For example, your treatment provider may share information about your condition with other treatment providers in the Sports Medicine Staff in order to make a diagnosis. The Sports Medicine Staff may use your medical information as required by your insurer to obtain payment for your treatment. We also may use and disclose your medical information to improve the quality of care, e.g., for review and training purposes.

III. What Are Other Ways the Sport Medicine Staff May Use Your Medical Information? Your medical information may be used, unless you ask for restrictions on a specific use of disclosure, for the following purposes:

- Appointment reminders.
- To inform you of treatment alternatives or benefits or services related to your health. (You will have an opportunity to refuse to receive this information.)
- To carry out health care treatment, payment, and operations functions through business associates, e.g., to install a new computer system.

- Alcohol and drug abuse information has special privacy protections. The Sports Medicine Staff will not disclose any information identifying an individual as being a student-athlete or provide any medical information relating to a student-athlete's substance abuse treatment unless: (i) the student-athlete consents in writing; (ii) a court order requires disclosure of the information; (iii) medical personnel need the information to meet a medical emergency; (iv) qualified personnel use this information for the purpose of conducting scientific research, management audits, financial audits, or program evaluation; or (v) it is necessary to report a crime or a threat to commit a crime, or to report abuse or neglect as required by law.
- Worker's Compensation. (Your medical information regarding benefits for work-related illnesses may be released as appropriate.)
- Health oversight activities, e.g., audits, inspections, investigations, and licensure.
- Certain research projects.
- To prevent a serious threat to health or safety.
- Law enforcement (e.g., in response to a court order or other legal process; to identify or locate an individual being sought by authorities; about the victim of a crime under restricted circumstances; about a death that may be the result of criminal conduct; circumstances relating to reporting information about a crime).
- Disaster relief agency if injured in a disaster.
- National security and intelligence activities.
- Protection of the President or other authorized persons for foreign heads of state, or to conduct special investigations.
- Lawsuits and disputes. (We will attempt to provide you advance notice of a subpoena before disclosing the information.)
- As required by law.

IV. Your Authorization Is Required for Other Disclosures. Except as described in this section, we will not use or disclose your medical information unless you authorize the Sports Medicine Staff in writing to disclose your information. You may revoke your permission, which will be effective only after the date of your written revocation.

V. You Have Rights Regarding Your Medical Information. You have the following rights regarding your medical information, provided that you make a written request to invoke the right.

- Right to request restrictions. You may request limitations on your medical information we use or disclose for health care treatment, payment, or operations (e.g., you may ask us not to disclose that you have had a particular treatment), but we are not required to agree to your request. If we agree, we will comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide you with emergency services.
- Right to confidential communications. You may request communication in a certain way or at a certain location, but you must specify how or where you wish be contacted.

- Right to inspect and request a copy. You have the right to inspect and request a copy of your medical information regarding decisions about your care. We charge a fee for copying, mailing, and supplies. Under limited circumstances, your request may be denied; in that instance you may request review of the denial by another licensed health care professional chosen by the Sports Medicine Staff. The Sports Medicine Staff will comply with the outcome of the review.
- Right to request amendment. If you believe that the medical information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may request an amendment, which requires certain specific information. The Sports Medicine Staff is not required to accept the amendment.
- Right to accounting disclosures. You may request a list of the disclosures of your medical information that have been made to persons or entities other than for health care treatment, payment, or operations in the past six years, but not prior to April 14, 2003. After the first request, there will be a charge.
- Right to a copy of this Notice. You may request a copy of this Notice at any time, even if you have been provided with an electronic copy.

VI. Requirements Regarding This Notice. The Sports Medicine Staff is required by law to provide you with this Notice. We will be governed by this Notice for as long as it is in effect. The Sports Medicine Staff may change this Notice and these changes will be effective for medical information we have about you as well as any information we receive in the future. Each time you register with the Sports Medicine Staff for health care services, you may receive a copy of the Notice in effect at the time.

VII. Complaints. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Sports Medicine Staff, with The University's Privacy Officer through the Office of Institutional Compliance, or with the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. You will not be penalized or retaliated against in any way for making a complaint to the Sports Medicine Staff or the Department of Health and Human Services.

NCAA Banned Medications:

The NCAA list of banned drug classes is composed of substances that are generally reported to be performance enhancing. The NCAA bans performance enhancing drugs to protect student-athlete health and safety and ensure a level playing field, and it also recognizes that some of these substances may be legitimately used as medications to treat student-athletes with learning disabilities and other medical conditions. Accordingly, the NCAA allows exceptions to be made for those student-athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. The benefit of a medical exception procedure is that in most cases the student athlete's eligibility remains intact during the process.

In all cases, a student-athlete, in conjunction with his or her physician, must document that other non-banned alternatives have been considered prior to requesting the medical exception for the use of a medication containing a banned substance. It is the responsibility of the institution to educate student-athletes about this policy, and to follow-up with any student-athlete who identifies the use of a banned medication to determine if standard non-banned medications have been pursued and

documented. In order for a student-athlete to be granted a medical exception for the use of a medication that contains a banned substance, the student-athlete must: 1) have declared the use of the substance to his or her athletics administrator responsible for keeping medical records prior to practice or competition; 2) present documentation of the diagnosis or condition, and 3) provide documentation from the prescribing physician explaining the course of treatment and the current prescription.

In order for a medical exception to be granted for the use of these stimulant medications, the student-athlete must show that he or she has undergone standard assessments to identify ADHD. Frequently a student-athlete may find that the demands of college present difficult learning challenges. They may realize that some of their teammates are benefiting from the use of these medications, and figure they should ask their team physician or family doctor to prescribe the same for them. If they do not undergo standard assessments to diagnose ADHD, they have not met the requirements for an NCAA medical exception. Please see your Athletic Trainer to direct you to the proper personnel to assist.

Although athletes will not be tested for alcohol abuse, any athlete convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs/driving while intoxicated (DUI/DWI) as defined by Texas state law, or drunk and disorderly conduct will be considered to have had tested positively for substance abuse, and will be subject to the consequences outlined in this document.

A. Assumptions

1. The use of illicit drugs will impair an individual's good judgment and diminish one's ability to behave in a prudent manner, especially in pressure situations. Illicit drugs are referred to as "mind altering" substances.
2. The use of illicit drugs is detrimental not only to the physical but also the mental well-being of student-athletes. Students who participate in collegiate athletics must use good judgment, or the probability of injury to themselves or to others is greatly increased.
3. The use of illicit drugs is harmful to one's athletic health and may be life threatening. Numerous highly publicized deaths of prominent athletes have occurred as a result of drug overdose.
4. The use of illicit drugs becomes addicting and increases the propensity to resort to criminal activities to support a very expensive habit.
5. The use of illicit drugs seriously affects the fitness of student-athletes. Students who want to excel in college athletics must have a high degree of physical fitness.
6. There is a need for a concerted effort to deter the use of illicit drugs, especially in public schools and colleges/universities.
7. College student-athletes are a uniquely visible group of students because of the nature of the extracurricular activities in which they are engaged. College student-athletes have a strong influence on young people and have a responsibility to be good role models for them.
8. A comprehensive drug program for highly visible groups that involve education, testing, and rehabilitation for drug users can be a strong deterrent to drug use.

9. It would be desirable but not practical for every college student to participate in a comprehensive drug program.
10. College student-athletes are not discriminated against when they are required to participate in a comprehensive drug program for it is in their best interest and welfare that such a program is established. Participation in collegiate athletic programs is a privilege and is NOT a right.

B. Purpose of the Program

The purpose of The University of Texas at Tyler Drug Education, Testing and Counseling Program will be:

1. To establish and define written policy and procedures for The University of Texas at Tyler to:
A) educate eligible student-athletes as to the dangers of drug abuse, B) periodically drug screen a select number of eligible student-athletes and C) drug screen any eligible student-athlete where a reasonable suspicion exists concerning unlawful use of a controlled substance.
2. To promote the health, academic, and athletic progress of each student-athlete at The University of Texas at Tyler.
3. To encourage eligible individuals to develop healthy, responsible lifestyles.
4. To discourage any drug use and abuse by eligible student-athletes at The University of Texas at Tyler.
5. To identify any eligible student-athlete who may be using illegal drugs or controlled substances and to identify the illegal drug or controlled substance.
6. To identify any chronic dependency and ensure that it is treated and addressed properly to the fullest extent of our available resources.
7. To provide reasonable precautions to ensure that each eligible student-athlete is exposed to safe and effective academic and athletic environments by minimizing the dangers associated with drug abuse.
8. To provide reasonable safeguards in order that every eligible student-athlete is medically competent to participate in university related activities.
9. To re-emphasize to eligible student-athletes their responsibilities as a positive role model, both on and off the campus.
10. To empower eligible student-athletes with a reason to say "NO" to drug use and abuse.
11. To provide guidance, counseling, and treatment to eligible student-athletes who test positive by referring them to the appropriate professional help as indicated.

C. Education, Counseling & Detection Procedures

The following procedures will be used by University personnel to implement the illicit drug prevention policy: Students will review the NCAA Drug-Testing video along with the NCAA Drug-Testing Program booklet. This will be done at the annual Student-Athlete Orientation. In addition:

1. The student-athlete will sign a form acknowledging consent to undergo drug screening. Student-athletes may refuse to consent to drug testing under this program. However, those who

decline participation in The University of Texas at Tyler Athletics Drug Prevention Program, which is designed to protect the health and reputation of the student-athlete, will not be eligible for nor shall be permitted to participate in intercollegiate athletics for The University of Texas at Tyler. A student-athlete who fails or refuses to be tested for drugs as provided in the policy, after initially consenting to drug testing, shall be considered to have made a decision not to participate in The University of Texas at Tyler Athletic Program.

2. All student-athletes in the intercollegiate athletics program may be tested at random during the academic year.
3. The collection and coding of specimen samples are executed in a manner insuring total confidentiality and identification.
 - a. Students will be selected by a random selection process.
 - b. Students will be tested at a location predetermined by the team athletic trainer.
 - c. An independent drug testing lab (THE Lab) will be responsible for the testing with the head technician recording as the Crew Chief.
 - d. The procedures will assure confidentiality and integrity of the tests.

D. Testing Procedures

1. At the beginning of each academic year, the athletic team trainer will send each student athlete's identification number/or name to the testing lab, who then enters the information into their computer data base. This information is confidential and will be used to identify a specific sample.
2. Throughout the academic year one or more student athlete's names will be drawn using a random table to be tested. It is possible that only one name will be drawn, or an entire team.
3. The VPSA&A and the Head Athletic Trainer shall be responsible for selecting the dates for testing and notifying the appropriate coaches concerning the specific test date, time, site, and student-athletes to be tested. It will then be the responsibility of the coach to insure the presence of the student-athletes for testing as scheduled. If after being notified by his/her coach, the student-athlete fails to report for the drug test, it will be considered as a positive test.
4. The student-athlete shall provide picture identification when entering the drug-testing station.
5. The drug-testing station shall not be used for any other reason while the drug-testing is in session.
6. The team athletic trainer will assist designated laboratory Crew Chief in collecting urine specimens at any time and providing accurate identification of the student-athlete.
7. A student-athlete who has a legitimate reason for not being tested at the prescribed time must present that information to the team trainer within the time frame for testing.
8. A student-athlete who does not report at the appointed time without just cause will be considered to have a positive test. The VPSA&A determines whether or not the absence is just cause.
9. The test numbers of all student-athletes will be in the pool each week. Test numbers of student-athletes who were tested on the last test will be returned to the pool. When a student athlete has had two consecutive random tests and his/her number is drawn again, the team athletic trainer, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, may elect to defer that test.

E. Actions

1. The analysis results are returned to the Head Athletic Trainer. Test results are revealed only to the student-athlete, athletic director, head coach of the student-athlete's sport, and director of counseling.
2. All offenses are cumulative for the term of the student-athlete.
3. A student-athlete who has been sanctioned for a positive drug test will be subject to re-test for the remainder of the athletic year.
4. A positive test is that result which generates a reading which is considered a positive result according to a NCAA policy.

F. Falsification of Test Results

Any attempt to falsify test results by providing false information, altering a urine sample, manipulating test results, including findings of hyper dilution, or any other conscientious effort to circumvent the process will result in an automatic suspension from participation in the athletic program for a period of no less than one (1) academic year.

G. Sanctions

The following minimum sanctions are defined for the situations identified:

Positive Test. First Offense

1. The SA will have a conference with the head coach, at which the student-athlete will be suspended from competition for a minimum of 50% of the entire regular season contests. Lost dates may carry over from one year to the next. SA's may continue to practice during the suspension at the Head Coaches discretion.
2. The SA will have to complete substance education courses through the University
3. The SA will have to complete 50 hours of approved Community Service
4. The SA will be subject to future drug tests
5. The SA will have to appeal for reinstatement
6. Head Coach will have full discretion to impose stricter penalties

Second Offense

1. The SA will suspended from the athletics program for a minimum of one calendar year. The SA may not practice or participate on any UT Tyler athletic team during this time.
2. The SA will have to complete substance education courses through the University
3. The SA will have to complete 50 hours of approved Community Service
4. The SA will be subject to future drug tests
5. The SA will have to appeal for reinstatement
6. Head Coach will have full discretion to impose stricter penalties

Third Offense: SA will be dismissed from the Athletic Program

The decision for reinstatement will be made by the VPSA&A, based on the recommendation of the head coach. If the student-athlete fails any drug screening after the initial failed screening that student-athlete may not appeal for reinstatement.

DISCLAIMER – This is the UT Tyler Drug Testing Policy. The NCAA has a separate Drug program. If a Student- Athlete were to test positive during an NCAA Championship, they would be subject to the NCAA guidelines on positive drug testing.

Drug Education and Testing Program

Some Examples of NCAA Banned Substances in Each Class

NOTE: There is no complete list of banned drug examples! Do not rely on this list to rule out any supplement ingredient.

Check with your athletics department staff to review the label of any product, medication or supplement before you consume it!

A. Stimulants

- amphetamine (Adderall)
- caffeine (guarana)
- cocaine
- ephedrine
- fenfluramine (Fen)
- methamphetamine
- methylphenidate (Ritalin) • phentermine (Phen)
- synephrine (bitter orange)
- methylhexanamine • “bath salts” (mephedrone)
- etc. Exceptions: phenylephrine and pseudoephedrine are not banned.

B. Anabolic Agents (sometimes listed as a chemical formula, such as 3,6,17androstenedione)

- boldenone
- clenbuterol
- DHEA (7-Keto)
- nandrolone
- stanozolol
- testosterone
- methasterone
- androstenedione
- norandrostenedione
- methandienone
- etiocholanolone
- trenbolone
- etc.

C. Alcohol and Beta Blockers

(banned for rifle only):

- alcohol
- atenolol
- metoprolol
- nadolol
- pindolol
- propranolol • timolol
- etc.

D. Diuretics (water pills) and Other Masking Agents

- bumetanide
- chlorothiazide
- furosemide
- hydrochlorothiazide
- probenecid
- spironolactone (canrenone)
- triameterene • trichlormethiazide
- etc.

E. Street Drugs

- heroin
- marijuana • tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) • synthetic cannabinoids (e.g. spice, K2, JWH-018, JWH-073)

F. Peptide Hormones and Analogues

- growth hormone (hGH)
- human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) • erythropoietin (EPO)
- etc.

G. Anti-Estrogens

- anastrozole
- tamoxifen
- formestane
- 3,17-dioxo-etiochol- 1,4,6-triene(ATD)
- etc.

H. Beta-2 Agonists

- bambuterol
- formoterol
- salbutamol • salmeterol
- etc.

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

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

Common Products Containing Banned Substances

Prescription Medicines*:

- Adderall
- Anadrol
- Cylert
- Dexedrine
- Epogen
- Lasix
- Oxandrin
- Ritalin
- Testoderm

*Medical exception may be granted for required use with proper prescription.

Non-prescription Medications:

- Bronkaid (ephedrine)
- Primatene tablets (ephedrine)

Banned Substances found in

Nutritional/Dietary Supplements:

- Androstenediol
- Androstenedione
- Caffeine
- Citrus aurantium DHEA
- Ephedrine (ma huang)
- Norandrostenediol
- Norandrostenedione
- Synephrine

It is your responsibility to check with your athletics staff before using any substance.

Tobacco Use

The NCAA prohibits the use of all tobacco products by student-athletes and all game personnel, including coaches, athletic trainers, managers and game officials, during practice and competition. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport has recently instituted increased penalties for student-athletes' tobacco use during practice or competition.

If a student-athlete is discovered using tobacco during practice or competition, both that student athlete and the head coach will be immediately disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition, and possibly for additional practices or competitions.

Any coach found to be using tobacco products during practice or competition will be immediately disqualified from that practice or competition and could be disqualified for additional practices or competitions.

Athletics Insurance

In the event that a student-athlete is injured performing an activity that is determined to be an a component of their sport as defined by the UT Tyler Athletic Injury Insurance Policy through Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, their personal insurance will be billed as the primary insurance. If there is a remaining charge following payment from the primary insurance company, the UT Tyler Athletic Injury Insurance will receive a claim form and information regarding the outstanding charge. Pursuant to the UT Tyler Athletic Injury Insurance Policy, the following circumstances would fall under the scope of the insurance policy:

1. pre-competition activities; and
2. practice sessions; and
3. Institution Sponsored Off Season Physical Condition; and
4. sponsored team travel authorized, organized and supervised by the Policyholder; and
5. competitions

Any remaining charges pertaining to the student-athlete's medical bill will be the responsibility of the student-athlete.

CHAPTER 6 – COMMUNICATIONS

The Sports Information Services areas for men's and women's athletics includes departments that are responsible for media relations, radio-television, Internet, marketing, advertising, corporate sponsorships, photography, publications and graphic design. It is the communications arm of the departments, and its main function is to positively promote UT Tyler Athletics.

Media Relations

“Fans judge you as a player according to how you perform on the playing field. They judge you as a person according to how you perform with the media. If fans develop a good impression of you through the media, especially when things are not going well on the field, the benefits to you can be significant.”--NFL Media Relations Handbook

UT Tyler athletes benefit from tremendous national and local media exposure. And UT__ has had an outstanding reputation of positive media rapport over the years. Therefore, it is important to understand the media, the value of positive media relations and how best to deal with the media.

The primary way for UT Tyler's fans to find out about you and for you to communicate to UT__'s fans is through the media. The stories of UT Tyler's teams, athletes and coaches are told to the fans on a daily basis throughout the year by newspapers, Internet sites, radio stations, and television stations.

As a UT Tyler athlete, one of your responsibilities is to cooperate with the media--just as giving 100% on the playing field and in the classroom are your responsibilities. It's all part of the package of being a UT Tyler student-athlete.

The media's role is not to be a cheerleader for you. However, you'll find that the more cooperative you are with the media, the better chance you will have of the media presenting positive stories about you. You should view your obligation to cooperate with the media as an opportunity to promote yourself as well as your team and sport.

Media attention also means that your conduct both on and off the field will be under intense scrutiny because of your position as a UT Tyler athlete. The last thing you want is to receive publicity for an unfortunate off-the-field incident.

Interviews

The main way you will deal with the media is through interviews. Most interview topics are about your team and you. Interviews should be looked at as part of the educational experience offered at UT Tyler, helping you develop communication skills that can assist you not only in the

classroom but in future professional and business careers. The more interviews you do, the better you will become at handling them and the more fun they will be.

We encourage you to make yourself available to the media, especially because student-athletes have been tremendous representatives of UT Tyler.

We ask the media to direct all interview requests through the sports information office. We will contact you and work around your athletic, academic and social schedules. You'll be asked to come to the sports information office at an agreed-upon time to be interviewed in person or to conduct a phone interview. In addition, following the conclusion of games, coaches and athletes are expected to make themselves available for interviews within a reasonable period of time (generally after a 10-minute "cooling off" period). These post-game interviews occur in various forms: a press conference in front of a group of media, a one-on-one interview with a reporter, or a live interview on radio or TV.

When doing interviews:

- Be smart and think before you speak.
- Respect your opponents, teammates, coaches and university.
- Be positive.
- Be humble.
- Don't make predictions.
- Smile and have fun.
- Look presentable (appearance can say more than words), so take off your hat, spit out your gum, and get rid of gaudy jewelry.
- It's easy to talk to the media after good times, but your true character comes out after tough times and adversity (so be accountable and available).
- You don't have to answer every question or do every interview, but be polite when declining.
- Anticipate tough questions and prepare answers beforehand.
- Have message points you'd like to make.
- Turn a negative question into a positive answer. • Don't go "off the record" or say "No comment."
- Don't use slang.
- Remember, you can't control the questions, but you CAN control the answers.

Social Media

Social media is a fun and useful tool...but it can also spread information in a negative way that exposes your personal life to the world. UT Tyler supports an individual's expression of First

Amendment rights of free speech. We do not place restrictions on the use of social media sites by our student-athletes. HOWEVER, please remember that you represent UT Tyler, the Athletics Department and your team at all times. Because the Internet can be accessed by anyone, it is recommended that student-athletes do not post information--including photographs and text--and/or join “groups” that do not promote positive behavior. Remember that the general public, coaches, Athletics Department administrators, media, opponents, NCAA, law enforcement agencies and future employers have access to these websites. Inappropriate online language, behavior or postings, as well as postings that violate NCAA rules, could lead to repercussions from the UT Tyler Athletics Department.

It is HIGHLY recommended that you do not post any personal information, including your address or phone number, to any on-line site. Put your viewing setting on “Private” so only your friends can see your postings. As a student-athlete, you are highly visible and many people are interested in you...sometimes, it’s the “wrong kind” of people who could put your career or even your life in jeopardy. Also, use discretion when posting pictures of yourself, your teammates and friends to your website. Digital cameras and cell phones with picture and video capability allow the public to catch you in private moments and easily share those pictures with the rest of the world. Do not allow yourself to be photographed in a compromising situation. A photo could be “tagged” to you, leaving you with little control over the content or usage of the photograph.

Bottom line: You are accountable for your social media presence. Understand that inappropriate postings can follow you for life. Do not post anything that would embarrass UT Tyler, your team or your family. If you believe something you posted would upset your parents, then know that it is going to upset the university, too.

CHAPTER 8 – STUDENT RECOGNITION

Athletic Awards

Each sport is responsible for determining and presenting their team awards.

The Athletics Department recognizes a Male and Female Student Athlete of the year that will be presented at the Seniors Athletics Breakfast.

Lettering

To letter in your sport you must finish the season in good standing and have participated in that sport. Awards for each year are:

Freshman Letter- Certificate

Sophomore Letter- Commemorative Coin

Junior Letter- Commemorative Cube

Senior Letter- Official “T” and Photo framed

Academic and Community Service Awards

The ASC recognizes Academic Teams, Awards and the Community Service Awards.

CHAPTER 9 – GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Community Service

The mission of intercollegiate athletics at UT Tyler is to provide athletics programs that contribute in an effective and meaningful manner to the achievement of the broader goals of the University. The athletics programs should aspire to enhance the total education experience of students, promote the matriculation and retention of students, advance the reputation of UT Tyler, and cultivate pride, spirit, loyalty and support of students, alumni, and the community-atlarge.

Each student-athlete is expected to participate in department/team community service activities.

The specific goals of intercollegiate athletics regarding community service include:

- To assist the campus in student recruitment directly and indirectly;

- To help promote the image and identity of the campus within the university and out in the community;
- To facilitate the integration of the intercollegiate athletics department and student-athlete into the university community;
- To maintain programs that serve as models for leadership, on which the University community and the public may look with pride;
- To provide learning experiences for student-athletes, including leadership and team building;
- To provide role models and mentors for other students and young people in the community who might not otherwise aspire to attend a college or university.

Summer Camps

A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements: The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character and any coaching or officiating assignments shall represent not more than one-half of the student-athletes work time.

Compensation provided to the student-athlete must be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the student-athlete's athletics reputation or achievement. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete.

A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp or clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp or clinic. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic. Also, there cannot be any organized practice at a camp or clinic site by members of a team.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) serves as the governing body for the UT Tyler student-athletes. The committee is comprised of representatives from all sport teams and meets once or twice a month during the fall and spring semesters. The role of an Advisory Committee member is to represent his/her team by communicating information and needs to the administrative staff and coaches and to assist with planning events and communicating those events to teammates. The committee also has an opportunity to voice opinions about ASC and NCAA legislation.

The Advisory Committee sponsors many community service events including the Make A Change Program. SAAC members perform much of the work in relation to planning and coordinating

participation in these events. Other projects in which student-athletes are involved include, but are not limited to: speaking in schools, reading to children, visiting hospitals, visiting nursing homes, etc.

SAAC members also serve as liaisons between their teammates and the athletic & academic support staff by playing an essential role in creating regulations and keeping their teammates informed of any changes.

Advisory Committee members are chosen by each sport team and serve on an annual basis. The Advisory Committee members are a very important voice for all UT Tyler Student-Athletes.

Officer positions are chosen by election by the members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Two student-athletes from this committee are also sent to the ASC Meeting each semester in Dallas.

Additional Campus Resources

Student Organizations

The University of Texas at Tyler is home to more than 80 student organizations, representing the diverse interests of students across campus. To find more information about the various organizations, contact the Office of Student Life & Leadership located in the University Center, suite 3400 or visit them online at <http://www.uttyler.edu/sll/>.

Volunteer & Serving Learning

The University of Texas at Tyler Office of Leadership and Service connects UT Tyler students to service opportunities on campus, in the Tyler/East Texas community and beyond.

The Office of Leadership and Service provides a structure and resources to prepare students to become socially responsible citizens in a culturally diverse and complex society. We take pride in the work that we do to promote service and leadership to our students through our campus and local community.

Information about Leadership and Service opportunities may be found on the Student Life and Leadership website <http://www.uttyler.edu/sll/>. Visit this site often to learn about opportunities to gain leadership skills and to be active in the community.

Housing Services

UT Tyler is home to more than 1,400 resident students who live in Ornelas Hall, Patriot Village, University Pines or Eagle's Landing.

Located on campus, all four housing facilities are conveniently a few minutes' walk from your classes, the library, student center and recreational facilities. Each housing facility is designed especially with UT Tyler students in mind and offers first-class living arrangements.

UT Tyler Residence Life takes each student's safety very seriously and provides staff members on call 24 hours a day. In addition, University Police patrol the buildings multiple times day and night.

Students who have completed fewer than 60 credit hours at any junior college or university, including UT Tyler, are required to live on campus.

All students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan.

Dining Services

UT Tyler's on-campus dining establishments include Liberty Station, The Met Café, Study Grounds, and the University Center Food Court.

At UT Tyler, meal plans are convenient, flexible, and loaded with options. Meal Plans give you dining locations all across campus with a range of hours from as early as 7:30 am to as late as 9:00 pm. You may use meal swipes and Declining Balance to access all of these services.

Student Health Center & Clinic

Various departments across the UT Tyler campus collaborate to provide health services to students. These services address a variety of needs including medical care, mental health care, health education, exercise and nutrition.

The University Health Clinic is a partnership between UT Health Northeast and The University of Texas at Tyler. The UHC is dedicated to the highest quality treatment and care of the students, faculty and staff of UT Tyler.

Student Money Management

Our mission is to assist students with improving their financial literacy and to develop good financial habits during their college experience. We assist students with becoming more fiscally responsible, aware of their financial priorities, and finding success during college and after graduation.

For more information, please contact Christina Gibson, Program Coordinator, or visit:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/studentaffairs/smm/>

Campus Community Emergency Information

In the event of an emergency on the UT Tyler campus, University officials will attempt to notify students, faculty, and staff as soon as possible using a multi-layered approach, as appropriate. Persons receiving notifications should follow the University's instructions and guidelines, or those of local, state, and/or federal authorities.

For more information and directions to sign up for campus alerts, please visit:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/emergency/>

International Students

The Office of International Programs is located in the University Center. They have a full-time staff to help UT Tyler International students regarding their educational, financial, immigration, social and personal concerns. The number is 903.565.6155. The OIP is the only UT Tyler office legally authorized to sign US government documents such as I-20s and DS-2019s for international students.

It is important that a copy of all paperwork relative to a student's international status (Visa, Passport, I-20) is given to a staff member at OIP upon arrival.

A temporary ID number is assigned by to any person that does not have a Social Security number (SSN). It is recommended that international students obtain a US tax identification number. A tax ID number is required in order to gain employment.

Before leaving the US, students must have their I-20 papers signed by an OIP administrator to gain re-entry to the US. This process usually takes 3-5 business days, therefore do not wait until the last minute to request approval. It is recommended that you have the back of your I-20 signed every six months.

International students are required to pay taxes on any cash award received as part of an athletics scholarship. In addition, scholarship housing and meal plans are also taxed. The tax rate is 14%. The total tax paid is documented on a 1042-S form which should be filed with the IRS annually.

Students wishing to gain on-campus employment must fill out a work-permit request form that is available at the Office of International Programs.

Campus Clubs and Organizations

UT Tyler_ has more than 80 registered clubs and organizations on campus. For more information on the wide range of activities and clubs available at UT Tyler, visit the office of Student Life and Leadership located in the University Center, suite 3400 or visit them online at <http://www.uttyler.edu/sll/>.

Campus Police

The UT Tyler Police are here to serve you. If you wish to report a crime, car accident or suspicious activity, call 903-566-7060.

On-Campus Bus Service

UT Tyler provides frequent bus service to highly populated student areas. No I.D. is required when boarding the bus on campus.

Vehicle Registration and Parking

You must register your car if you plan to use it on campus. You may register your car when you pay your semester fees, or at the University Police Department. Student-athletes are personally responsible for any fines incurred against their vehicle.

When you register your car, you are given a copy of “Traffic and Parking Regulations.” Read this guide, it tells you where to park to avoid having your car ticketed or towed away.

Student I.D.

This card is used to obtain services, gain admission to events, and for many other privileges available to you as a student at UT Tyler. University Regulations require that the Student I.D. card be carried at all times and be presented to any University official upon request. For information concerning use or problems related to your Student I.D.

CHAPTER 10 - DIRECTORY

Athletic Facilities

[Facilities Information](#)

Athletics Compliance

[Athletics Website](#)

Athletics Department Directory

<http://www.uttylerpatriots.com/athletics/directory/>

Important Campus Telephone Numbers

Academic Enrichment Center	5693
Athletics	7105
Bookstore	7070
Campus Computing Center	7357, 7367
Career Services	5862
Cowan Center	7266
Dining Services	7008
Eagles Landing	566-9200
Enrollment Services Center	7180
Financial Aid	7180
Health Clinic	939-7870
Health Services	7254
Herrington Patriot Center	7466
Human Resources	7234
Leadership & Service Office	7050
Library	7342
Patriot Village Apartments	5725
Registrar's Office	7180
Residence Life	7008
Ornelas Hall	6400
Student Activities/Intramurals	7446
Student Affairs	5946
Student Counseling	7254
Student Life & Leadership	5645
Student Money Management	5978
Title IX Coordinator	7480
University Pines Apartments	566-3565
University Police	7060
University Police - Emergency	7300