Morehouse College Student-Athlete Handbook

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Morehouse College Maroon Tigers
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Morehouse Athletics
Home of Champions

Department of Athletics
Fall 2014

Dear Morehouse College Student-Athlete,

Morehouse College takes great pride in its ability to provide an atmosphere of unparalleled academic and athletic excellence, and seeks to improve upon this tradition each year. We appreciate the commitment it takes to be a successful student-athlete at Morehouse, and want to provide you with the best possible support to help you achieve your academic and athletic goals.

As a Morehouse student-athlete, you will be held to very high expectations. We are providing you with this Student-Athlete Handbook to help detail the programs, policies, rules and resources that you will need to be familiar with in order to have a successful collegiate experience. If you have any additional questions, please contact your coach or any member of the Athletics Department Staff.

Best of luck to you in all of your athletic and academic endeavors this year!

Sincerely,

Andre’ Pattillo
Director of Athletics
The primary educational mission of Morehouse College is to develop men with disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership, service and self-realization. The College achieves this mission through a student development model that emphasizes both curricular and extra-curricular programs as vehicles for teaching, learning and participation.

The Athletics Program at Morehouse College is an extra-curricular activity that supplements the academic program and supports the institution’s educational mission by providing opportunities for students to participate in intercollegiate sports activities that help them grow personally and socially. In particular, the Athletics Program enhances general life knowledge, skills and abilities, including physical fitness, self-confidence, leadership and teamwork.

The focus of the Athletics Program is the development of students—both those who participate directly in intercollegiate sports and those who, as spectators and fans, benefit from the camaraderie and community spirit that is created by a vibrant and competitive sports program on an all-male campus. As an integral part of the overall educational mission, the Athletics Program reflects the values of excellence and achievement to which all of the College’s endeavors’ aspire.

To this end, the Athletics Program measures its success by the extent to which its student-athletes develop as well-rounded men of intellect and character.

**Athletics Program Goal:**

To support the educational mission of Morehouse College through a competitive athletics program that develops students personally and socially.

**Athletics Program Objectives:**

- To foster student’s understanding and development of physical fitness through active involvement in an intercollegiate sport;
- To develop students’ interpersonal skills, including teamwork and collaboration;
- To develop students’ appreciation for individual and team success;
- To develop students’ skills as leaders;
- To develop students’ competitive spirit.

**Performance Measures:**

- Number of students involved in athletic program.
- Academic success of student-athletes.
- Graduation rates of student-athletes.
- Analysis of feedback from exit interviews with student-athletes, coaches, and staff
- Monitor student-athletes participation in chartered student organizations.
- Monitor attendance at athletic events.
Morehouse College Department of Athletics

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Assistant Coach: John Hollins

**Basketball**  
Head Coach - Grady L. Brewer  
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Assistant Coaches: Douglas Whittler

**Cross Country/Track**  
Head Coach - Willie H. Hill  
404-215-2751  
Assistant Coaches: Troy Berry, Chris Doomes

**Football**  
Head Coach – Richard Freeman  
404-215-2686  
Assistant Coaches: Adrian Billingslea, George Copeland, David Hart, Brandon Morgan, Leon Murray, Fred Sippial, Shepherd Skanes, Phillip L. Thomas

**Golf**  
Head Coach – William Lewis  
404-681-2000 ext. 2341

**Tennis**  
Head Coach - Terry Alexander  
404-681-2800 ext.2083

**Athletic Trainers**

**Adam Duis** – Head Trainer  
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Department Policies

Athletic Department Team Rules
While individual teams may establish additional “team rules” the Athletic Department has established the following guiding principles for all student-athletes:

● Student-athletes will conduct themselves in such a manner as to represent their team and the College with integrity and pride both while on campus and while away.
● Student-athletes are expected to participate fully in all practices and competitions that are required by their head coach.
● Student-athletes are expected to adhere to all Morehouse College, state and Federal laws relating to use of alcohol and illegal drugs.
● Student-athletes are expected to participate in their sport free and clear for all NCAA banned substances.
● Student-athletes are expected to treat their teammates, coaches, staff, opponents and hosts with dignity and respect and without prejudice.
● Student-athletes are expected to report violations of any NCAA or Morehouse College rules to their head coach or a member of the athletic department administration.

Hazing and Team Initiation
Physical verbal and mental abuse of any kind is prohibited at Morehouse College and is considered hazing. The College forbids all athletic teams from arranging and participating in any hazing activities. The College also uses the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 16-5-61 as its guide. For more detailed information on hazing, refer to you Morehouse College Student Handbook.

Sportsmanship
In competition you are an ambassador for Morehouse College. Coaches and student-athletes should realize that it is not appropriate for any person to:

● Strike or physically abuse on official, opposing coach, player or spectator;
● Intentionally incite participants or the crowd;
● Use profanity, vulgarity, taunts, ridicule, or make obscene gestures;
● Publicly criticize any game official, conference personnel another institution’s or Morehouse personnel;
● Make statements which are unduly derogatory of another institution or its personnel to a prospective student-athlete, parents or others involved in recruiting;
● Enter into the competing area for an unsportsmanlike purpose; or
● Engage in any other act of unsportsmanlike conduct not specifically described

Drugs and Alcohol
The College’s policies on alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are detailed within your Morehouse College Student Handbook. In short, there is a no tolerance policy concerning controlled substances. First time offenders are automatically suspended from the College and a second violation results in permanent expulsion from the College. For alcoholic beverages, the College does not condone misuse or abuse of alcoholic beverages. First time violators receive an automatic disciplinary probation, second time offenders are automatically suspended from the College and a third violation results in permanent expulsion from the College.
Academic Life
The academic experience of student-athletes is of primary importance. While recognizing your dedication to athletic achievement, Morehouse College encourages all student-athletes to engage themselves in the pursuit of academic excellence as well. Given the many demands on your time, it is important that you seek out the academic support services of the institution whenever you experience academic problems. It is important to recognize potential problems early — after midterm examinations may be too late!

If you are experiencing academic difficulty, seek out your academic advisor. Also, let your coach and/or FAR know that you need some academic assistance.

Choosing a course of study:
It is important to utilize the academic advising system provided to all students in order to effectively plan your course of study. Relying on friends and teammates for advice can be helpful, but ultimately you have to take responsibility for shaping your academic program. The academic advising system is the best possible means of shaping an academic experience that is appropriate for you.

Class Attendance:
Class attendance is an expectation of all Morehouse students. Athletes will not receive preferential treatment in regard to class attendance. Absence from class because of athletic competition does not excuse an athlete from any kind of course requirement. The student must clear any absence related to athletics with his or her professor before the absence.

Since team schedules are available early in the semester, it is recommended that conflicts be brought to the professor’s attention at the beginning of the term, with a subsequent reminder as the conflict approaches. Labs should be scheduled so as to avoid known conflicts with competitive and/or travel schedules. Students are not permitted to miss classes, seminars or labs to attend practice. Discuss your academic schedule with your coach so that he/she is aware of the days where there are class conflicts with practice.

Midterm and final exam conflicts:
Any exam conflicts will be adjudicated by the dean of the college office. It is important that you notify your coach at the earliest possible opportunity about a midterm or final examination conflict resulting from a scheduled athletic commitment. Again, students are responsible for all work regardless of an intercollegiate athletic conflict.

Submission of written work:
Experience indicates that a number of students each year get into academic difficulty due to the submission of written work that is not their own. Often times this is an innocent mistake that could have been avoided had the individual followed some of the following basic tips:

1. Be cautious about using notes belonging to other students, especially those that reflect another student’s synthesis of an article, outline for a paper or rough draft of a problem set, homework or other assignments. Plagiarism involves the appropriation of un-attributed ideas as well as verbatim copying.

2. Be familiar with the proper rules of citation. Make sure to note the extent of your indebtedness to other sources.

3. Be certain that you understand your instructor’s expectation for independent work. If you are permitted to work with other students or share ideas and questions in the preparation of an assignment, make sure you have a clear understanding of the boundary between permissible collaboration and independent work.
4. Never submit the same paper in fulfillment of two different course requirements without the written permission of both instructors.

5. Show all of your work when possible in assignments requiring calculations.

6. Avoid tempting circumstances. Don’t do take-home exercises in the same room or at the same table as a classmate who is doing the same assignment; refrain from giving your paper to others to read or asking to see another student’s work. Innocent initial motives can sometimes run afoul when the hour is late and the assignment is due.

7. WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK FOR HELP! If you don’t understand an assignment or need extra time, ask your instructor or preceptor. Often accommodations can be made. Even if they can’t, a poor grade earned honestly is far preferable to risking your integrity and your standing at Morehouse.

8. For more detailed information about the Academic Integrity Policy, please refer to your Morehouse College Student Handbook.

9. We are fortunate to have an academic professional dedicated to meeting the academic needs of our student-athletes. Students may contact the athletic advisor by calling (404) 572-3642 or visiting the Academic Success Center in room 303 Archer Hall. Students can make an appointment or seek advising during walk-in hours from 9:00am-12:00pm in room 303A Archer Hall or during Student-Athlete Study Hall sessions in Douglass Hall.

10. Student-Athlete Study Hall will be provided by the Athletic & Academic Advising Specialist. During Study Hall the Academic Advisor for Athletics will help provide academic resources such as tutors, time management assistance, and access to a computer lab.

11. Freshmen and 1st year transfer student-athlete are mandated to attend study hall. Student-athletes under a 2.4 GPA are also mandated to attend study hall. Student-Athletes mandated to attend study hall must accumulate 8 hours of study hall per week.
Morehouse College Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The Morehouse College has an expectation of excellence of excellence in the classroom, the athletic arena and off of the campus. The goal of the department is to foster intellectual, social, emotional, and athletic growth as a result of their experiences within the department of athletics. We hope that every student-athlete’s experience culminates with a degree in his chosen field of study. The department of athletics at Morehouse College promotes excellence in its support of student-athlete activities with the ultimate goal of assisting student-athletes in obtaining and academic degree.

The Department of Athletics at Morehouse College encourages student-athletes to recognize that participation in intercollegiate athletics is a privilege that carries considerable responsibility. The Department of Athletics at Morehouse College expects each student-athlete to comply with all guidelines and policies of the National College Athletic Association (NCAA), the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAC) and Morehouse College. In addition to NCAA and SIAC policies, Morehouse College requires each student-athlete to maintain the following ethical standards of conduct:

1. Perform to the best of your ability academically and athletically
2. Contribute your best effort to the success of your team(s)
3. Conduct yourself on and off of the field in a manner that reflects credit to yourself, your family, your team and Morehouse College
4. Willfully abide by the spirit and letter of Morehouse College, NCAA and SIAC rules and regulations
5. Be respectful and courteous at all times to all members of Morehouse College, the SIAC community, members of other conferences and the community in which you live
6. Exhibit dignity in manner and dress when representing Morehouse College
7. The physical abuse of another person or property, both public and private, is absolutely forbidden
8. Use, possession, or distribution of narcotics or dangerous drugs, except as prescribed by a licensed physician, is prohibited.

Student-Athletes agree to follow all standards established by the NCAA and Morehouse College Code of Conduct by virtue of their participation in NCAA and institutional athletic activities. Behavior that is not in accordance with the Morehouse College may result in a letter of reprimand, probation, suspension, or dismissal.
Athletic Academic Support

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Academic Eligibility

To represent Morehouse College as a student-athlete, a student must:

1. Register and maintain 12 units of academic work per semester
2. Maintain good academic standing by maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA at Morehouse College and overall
3. Make satisfactory progress toward an academic degree by passing 24 semester units per academic year. These units must apply directly to satisfying the core and/or supporting requirements of a major course of study. At least 9 credit hours must be passed during each Fall and Spring semester in order to stay in compliance with NCAA policy. No more than 6 credit hours of the required 24 credit hours may be earned during the summer semester.

Study Hall Rules

1. All Freshmen, New Transfer Student-athletes and all student-athletes with a GPA under 2.4 must attend study hall
2. Student-athletes mandated to attend study hall must accumulate 8 hours of study hall per week
3. No student-athlete will be allowed to use social media during study hall
4. Student-Athletes must have academic materials present at study hall and must be working on academic assignments

Class Registration

Once students are admitted to Morehouse College, they must attend New Student Orientation to register for classes. Priority registration is not available at Morehouse College for student-athletes. Class registration is made online via TigerNet on the Morehouse College website. Students may enroll in a maximum of 19 credit hours per semester. Student-athletes who wish to register for more than 19 credit hours must receive written approval from their major department chair and the registrar’s office.

Registration is normally completed in the last month of the current semester for the subsequent semester. Many academic departments require students to meet with a faculty academic advisor within the individual department prior to completing the registration process. In addition, student-athletes must consult with the Athletic Advisor prior to initiating the registration process to ensure they complete the appropriate coursework for maintaining student-athlete eligibility and are making progress toward a degree as outlined in NCAA rules.

All student-athletes are responsible for understanding all institutional rules and regulations that are included in the general catalog regarding degree completion for their chosen field of study. Student-athletes must become familiar with and adhere to all Morehouse College degree policies as well as those of the NCAA.

All student-athletes are responsible for all requirements for their major. If a student drops below the minimum GPA, he will be placed on probation for the subsequent semester(s). Probation prevents participation in intercollegiate athletics, some extracurricular activities, and restricts the number of courses that can be school be scheduled.
Adding or Dropping Classes

All student-athletes are responsible for enrolling in at least 12 credit hours per semester and maintaining an overall GPA of 2.0. Failure to be appropriately enrolled while participating in athletics competition, will lead to loss of eligibility and forfeiture of games that the student-athlete participated in while ineligible. In addition to maintaining a 2.0 GPA and being enrolled in 12 Credit hours per semester, student-athletes must make sure they are making progress towards their degree as defined by their program of study.

Prior to the beginning of any semester, student-athletes may add or drop classes via the web registration with the consent of their athletic academic advisor via the web registration system. Once the semester begins, classes may only be added after consulting with the athletic academic advisor as well as the consent and signature on an add form by the faculty member teaching the class. Drop can be initiated and completed in the same manner. Student-Athletes are reminded that they are not considered enrolled in the class until the student is formally added to the class roster.

By utilizing the web registration system, the student-athlete may:

1. Receive immediate confirmation of enrollment in a given class
2. Obtain a list of classes in which they are enrolled
3. Identify any holds on their records (advising, health center & etc)

Student Record Holds

In the event a student-athlete does not comply with campus policy a hold may be placed on their records, certain services will be suspended until the hold is addressed. There are several ways in which a student-athlete can find out if a “hold” has been placed on their records including:

1. Financial –The hold will indicate the type of financial hold (housing, non-payment of fees, library fee non-payment)
2. Vaccinations – all students must provide proof of vaccinations or immunity to measles (rubeola) and rubella. In addition, if you are 18 years of age or younger, you must also provide proof of vaccination or immunity to Hepatitis B. Proof of these requirements must be submitted to the student health center prior to your next registration period to avoid placement of a “hold”.
3. Advising – many departments require the student-athlete to visit with their academic advisor each semester. If this is true, the student-athlete must make an appointment with their advisor to be cleared by their academic department prior to registering.
4. Student Discipline – should a student-athlete find himself not following through regarding a disciplinary agreement or sanction, a hold may be placed on their records.
5. Equipment – a hold may be placed on a student-athlete’s record for not returning equipment. These holds may result in charges by student accounts for failure to comply with athletic department policy. Equipment (i.e., uniform, practice gear, playbook, etc.) that was checked out at the beginning of the season must be returned at the end of the season to the appropriate coach or equipment manager. Equipment issued by the athletic-trainer (i.e., crutches, braces and etc.) must also be returned at the end of the season unless permission is given from the athletic trainer.

When a hold is placed on a student’s records he will be restricted from receiving certain services until the hold is addressed. There are several ways in which a student can find out if a “hold” has been placed on their records including:

1. Utilizing the web registration system
2. Viewing their academic record at http://tigernet.morehouse.edu/cp/home/loginf
Faculty Athletics Representative

The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) serves as the President’s liaison with the athletics department and is responsible for assisting all student-athletes in conflicts with campus faculty members. The FAR is critical in interpreting the rules of Morehouse College, the NCAA and the SIAC. The FAR assists the athletics department in assuring that all student-athletes make satisfactory progress toward their degree, comply with Morehouse College, NCAA and SIAC rules, and serves as an advocate for an advocate for the student-athlete in matters relating to the above.

The FAR is a regular, tenure-track faculty member of an academic department on campus and has regular office hours. Student-Athletes are encouraged to make an appointment and visit the FAR whenever they have questions or concerns regarding eligibility, compliance, or other issues concerning their academic and athletic careers.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
(S.A.A.C.)

The goals of the Morehouse College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee are:

1. To streamline and promote efficient communication between the athletic department and the student-athlete.

2. Give the student-athletes a voice in the governance structure of the NCAA.

3. To provide the student-athlete with an opportunity to more effectively communicate with the athletic department administration and provide suggestions on programs designed to serve its needs.

4. To actively encourage more involvement of the student-athletes in campus and community outreach projects.

5. To design and implement programs that will encourage academic achievement, health promotion, social responsibility, and general life skills awareness.

An NCAA-wide SAAC was adopted at the 1989 NCAA Convention and was formed primarily to review and offer student-athlete input on NCAA activities and proposed legislation that affected student-athlete welfare, as well as give the athletes a voice in the NCAA governance structure.

The initial national committee was comprised of student-athletes from all membership divisions for the purpose of ensuring that the student-athlete voice was one that accounted for the myriad of educational and athletics experiences of both female and male student-athletes at all NCAA member institutions. In August of 1997, the NCAA federated along divisional lines.

The Morehouse College SAAC is comprised of representatives from each of the institution’s intercollegiate sport teams and is chaired by the Faculty Athletics Representative (Dr. Claude P. Hutto). Monthly meetings of the SAAC are held during the academic year.

Criteria for SAAC Representatives

1. Representatives must be in good academic standing and possess a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

2. Representatives must attend every meeting unless out of town for team travel, class attendance or other arrangements made prior to the meeting.
3. Student-Athlete representatives that miss a SAAC meeting without permission may be removed from SAAC by a vote from the other members of the SAAC.

4. Newly assigned representatives should be a sophomore of junior

5. All representatives will sign a commitment letter stating their willingness and interest in participating and their understanding of the SAAC’s responsibilities.

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**Awards and Scholarships**

Every Morehouse student-athlete should be aware that there are many national awards, honors and postgraduate scholarships or internships that are available. This is a partial list of the awards and scholarships that are available to you as a varsity athlete, along with the criteria and deadline for each award. In some cases the Athletic Department staff is responsible for nominating the appropriate candidates, but if you are interested in an award please contact a staff member about the nomination or application process.

**Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships**
The Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships are internationally recognized, prestigious scholarships which provide generous stipends for two years of study in Britain.

**Criteria:** Students who have strong undergraduate academic and extracurricular records are eligible to apply

**Deadlines:** application process begins during the spring of your junior year, and applications are due by the first week in October of your senior year.

**Contact:**

**NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship**
The NCAA awards 174 scholarships to student-athletes who have excelled both academically and athletically. This award is a one-time grant of $7,500 to be used toward graduate study within three years.

**Criteria:** 3.2 minimum gpa, competing in final year of eligibility; performed with distinction on varsity team; be seriously graduate study; athletic and academic achievement weighted equally.

**Deadlines:** Fall sports – December
Winter sports – February
Spring sports – May

**Contact:** Dr. Claude Hutto/Andre’ Pattillo

**NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship**
Given each year in honor of the former Executive Director of the NCAA, two student-athletes are awarded a basic stipend of $21,500 to be used toward graduate study.

**Criteria:** 3.5 minimum gpa, competing in final year of eligibility; academic achievement, exceptional leadership, character and citizenship; must have applied to graduate school.

**Deadline:** January

**Contact:** Dr. Claude Hutto/Andre’ Pattillo

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**NCAA Sports Administration Postgraduate Scholarship for Women and Ethnic Minorities**
The NCAA awards a one-time grant of $6,000 each year to 16 ethnic minorities and 16 women that plan to enroll in a graduate program in sports administration or a related field.

**Criteria:** Must be accepted into an NCAA member institution’s sports administration or related field graduate program; display a distinguished record as a student.

**Contact:** Dr. Claude Hutto/Andre’ Pattillo

**The Freedom Forum-NCAA Sports-Journalism Scholarship Program**
The Freedom Forum, through a grant to the NCAA, supports eight $3,000 scholarships to college juniors who have career goals in sports journalism and major in journalism or have experience in campus sports journalism. This program is designed to foster freedoms of speech and press while promoting quality sports journalism education at the collegiate level.

**Criteria:** Deserving full-time students in their final year of study who have career goals in sports journalism and major in journalism or have experience in campus sports journalism.

**Deadline:** Applications for these scholarships are available in late October from the institution's NCAA faculty athletics representative, journalism department or school newspaper office.

**Contact:** Dr. Claude Hutto
Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Program
The NCAA offers one-year internships at its national office in Indianapolis, Indiana, providing on-the-job learning experiences for ethnic minority and female college graduates who express an interest in pursuing a career in the administration of intercollegiate athletics. These are paid, twelve-month positions. The areas of the NCAA that offer intern positions are administrative services, branding and communications, championships, education services, enforcement services, governance, membership services, and men's and women's basketball. Applicants are able to request their top three areas of interest in which they prefer to perform their duties.
Deadline: Applications for the internships are available from athletics departments of NCAA member institutions, the NCAA national office and online in the fall.
Contact: Dr. Claude Hutto/Andre’ Pattillo

Awards and Scholarships
(Continued)

Division II Degree-Completion Award Program
The 2004-05 NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee reviewed approximately 139 applications and awarded 98 applicants from 48 institutions. NCAA staff is in the process of notifying awardees.
The NCAA established the Division II Degree-Completion Award Program in 2001. Thirty-two recipients were awarded for 2001-02 and 33 were awarded for 2002-03. The graduation rate was 95 percent for the 2001 award period.
Criteria:
* Applicant must be a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility at an active NCAA Division II member institution.
* Awards are limited to student-athletes during their first 10 semesters or 15 quarters of full-time collegiate attendance.
* Applicant shall not be participating in another intercollegiate sport during the period of the award.
* Applicant must have received athletics-related financial aid from the NCAA Division II member institution.
* Applicant must be within 30 semester or 45 quarters hours of completion of his or her first undergraduate degree at the completion of the spring term.
* Applicant must have a 2.500 cumulative grade-point average.
* Applicant shall not receive any athletics aid if awarded a Division II Degree-Completion Award.
* Applicant shall use the grant to complete undergraduate degree requirements from the Division II institution where the applicant last competed
Contact: Dr. Claude Hutto/Andre’ Pattillo

CoSIDA Academic All-America Teams
The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) selects teams in twelve programs, on first-, second- and third-team levels, in both the university Division I and I-AA and college Division II, III and NAIA. In addition to the national team, there are also district teams. Selections are made in the following sports: football, volleyball, basketball (M/W), baseball, softball and an at-large [M/W].
Criteria: The student-athlete must be a starter or an important reserve with a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average and must have completed one academic year at the institution.
Deadline: Nominations are handled through the Sports Information Director and are submitted for football in September or October, basketball in December or January, baseball in March or April, and at-large sport in April or May.
Contact: Yusef Davis
Annual Participation & Team Awards

Reference Sheet

This reference sheet is provided as a general guide to annual participation (letter & class) and team awards. This sheet should only be used as a guide. There are several awards which student-athletes are able to receive, however there are dollar values and guidelines associated with each award. There is not an “umbrella” rule regarding team, individual and annual participation awards and therefore individual questions regarding the regulation of these awards should be directed to the Compliance Officer or FAR.


Definitions:

Award: An award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance. Awards are subject to limitations set forth by the NCAA in Bylaw 16.1. (16.02.1)

Annual Participation Award: Awards for recognition of intercollegiate athletics participation (e.g. letter awards) may be presented each year by a member institution. (16.1.3.1)

Underclassman Participation Awards: The total value of a single participation award to a non-senior cannot exceed $150 in each sport in which the student-athlete participates. Multiple awards may be presented only if the total value of all participation awards received in a single sport during a particular academic year does not exceed $150. For example, an award can be given to all freshmen if, when combined with the cost of the earned letter award, the total value does not exceed $150. (16.1.3.1.1)

Senior Participation Awards: Multiple awards may be presented only if the total value of all participation awards received during a particular academic year by a senior student-athlete does not exceed $300 in each sport in which he/she participates. For example, an award can be given to all seniors if, when combined with the cost of the earned letter award, the total value does not exceed $300. (16.1.3.1.2)

Additional Awards (Team Awards): Additional awards in recognition of special contributions to a team's season (e.g. scholar-athlete, most improved, most inspirational, most minutes played), with the value of each such award limited to $150. (16.1.3.1.3)

Nonpermissible Awards: The following awards are prohibited unless received per 16.1.1.1 (Prior to Enrollment) or 16.1.1.3 (Student-Athlete Not Regularly Enrolled), except that receipt of a cash award is not permitted under any circumstance. (16.02.4)

* Cash or Equivalent (an item that is negotiable for cash or trade or other services, benefits or merchandise)
* Gift Certificates
* Country Club or Sports Club Membership

What Does This Mean?: At Morehouse College, student-athletes are entitled to receive a “Letter Jacket” after being a team member of any varsity sport for three years. Student-athletes that transfer into Morehouse College are entitled to receive a “Letter Jacket” upon exhausting their eligibility. These “Letter Jacket” awards must fit within a category identified on the Awards Summary Chart (Figure 16-1, on following page). These “Letter Jackets” cannot exceed $150 for underclassmen or $300 for seniors. In addition to the letter/annual participation awards, teams may recognize individuals for their special contributions to season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most inspirational, etc.). The value of each of these awards is limited to $150 per award. A student-athlete may receive both the scholar-athlete award and the most improved player award with each award valued at no more than $150. At no time may cash be given to a student-athlete as an award. Additionally, gift certificates, cash equivalent items, country club or sports club memberships are prohibited.
Athletic Scholarships

Information
Athletic Scholarships are classified as Talent Grants at Morehouse College and, per NCAA regulations, are awarded on an annual basis. Talent Awards cover various costs of students’ educational expenses at Morehouse; including tuition, room & board, and student annual fees.

Talent Grants are awarded for a period of one-year and are renewable subject to institutional criteria. Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with eligibility remaining (no more than four season of competition in any one sport) or within six years after initial enrollment in a collegiate institution (provided the student does not receive such aid for more than five years during that period), or as a graduate who is eligible under NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.

Recipients are required to meet certain obligations while receiving the Talent Grant. These requirements include: maintaining a satisfactory grade point average for each semester during the award period; observing recognized Morehouse College standards of behavior, adhering to NCAA rules; and meeting established athletic performance levels. If these requirements are met Talent awards will be renewed.

NCAA regulations require that each student-athlete receiving athletic scholarship aid be notified by July 1 each year whether their aid will be renewed for the following academic year, Decisions regarding the annual renewal or non-renewal of aid are at the discretion of each sport’s head coach in consultation with the Athletics Director.

NOTE: NCAA rules require that student-athletes are given the opportunity for a hearing if their aid is reduced or cancelled.
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Registration: You are expected to register for a normal program and pay full tuition, fees, laboratory expenses and all similar charges. Expenses that are not covered: Morehouse College will not waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of the following expenses for you: (1) advance tuition or room deposit; (2) damage deposits for dormitory rooms; (3) post office box fees, (4) in-room connection fees or (5) health insurance.

Payment: Approximately one half of your total grant will be applied to your university bill each semester.

Additional Aid/Outside Awards: Should you receive any financial aid in addition to that listed on the front of this document, you must notify the Office of Financial Aid and the Athletic Department. An adjustment may be made in your Morehouse grant to reflect the improvement in your financial status and to keep within NCAA permissible aid limits.

Pell Grants: The federal Pell Grant program is designed to help students from low income families. If you feel that you may be eligible for the additional funds provided through the Pell program, you should apply for these funds by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). See the Office of Financial Aid for the forms.

Tax Information: The Internal Revenue Code states that scholarships are taxable except for the amount used to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course study. Therefore, you should save documentation of all your financial awards and bills for tax purposes. If you are a foreign student, you will be subject to withholding tax which will be deducted from your grant amount; you should plan accordingly. Under certain circumstances you may file for a refund of the taxes withheld, if you submit the necessary forms to the Internal Revenue Service.

NCAA Financial Aid Rule Excerpts
The following are excerpts from Bylaw 15 (Financial Aid) of the NCAA Manual:

15.01.2 Improper Financial Aid. Any student-athlete who receives financial aid other than that permitted by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics.

15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid. Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with the eligibility remaining under 14.2, or within six years after initial enrollment in a collegiate institution (provided the student does not receive such aid for more than five years during that period), or as a graduate eligible under 14.1.8).

15.3.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award

15.3.3.1 One Year Limit. Where a student-athlete's athletic ability is taken into consideration in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall not be awarded in excess of one academic year.

15.3.4. Reduction and Cancellation during Period of Award

15.3.4.1 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid, based on athletics ability, may be gradated or cancelled during the period of the award if the recipient:
(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition; or
(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see 15.3.4.1.1); or
(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see 15.3.4.1.2); or
(d) Voluntarily withdraws from a sport for personal reasons, however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the term in which the aid was gradated or cancelled.

15.3.4.1.3 Hearing Opportunity Required. Any gradation or cancellation of aid per 15.3.4.1 is permissible only if such action is taken for proper cause by the regular disciplinary or financial aid authorities of the institution and the student-athlete has had an opportunity for a hearing.

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid may not be gradated (increased or decreased) or cancelled during the period of its award:
(a) On the basis of a student's athletic ability, performance or contribution to a team's success; or
(b) Because of an injury that prevents the recipient from participating in athletics; or
(c) For any other athletics reason.

These policies are to be sent to each student-athlete that receives a Talent Grant from Morehouse College.
Outside Scholarships

**Information**
Outside scholarships and awards are funds provided to a student-athlete from various sources outside of Morehouse College Talent Grants, Government grants or loans or funds that are given to you from someone that you are naturally or legally dependant. Whether you are a walk-on student-athlete or a scholarship recipient, NCAA rules will affect the amount of financial aid you receive. The NCAA has structured the financial aid rules a student-athlete may receive and the amount that may be used by a team. So that you can help us comply with those rules, Morehouse must be notified of any financial assistance from sources other than your parents or legal guardians and Morehouse.

**Process**
Each year you will be required to fill out a Morehouse College Eligibility and Clearance Statement. On that form you are requested to declare any outside scholarships or awards you expect to be or are receiving for the current academic year. Additionally, you must notify the Compliance Officer of during the year you will receive any additional awards. This list should include both scholarships sent directly to Morehouse and those that were given directly to you.
Work Opportunities

Information
NCAA rules permit Division II student-athletes to earn legitimate on and off campus employment income during the semester. Generally speaking, student-athlete earnings must be included in determining whether his full grant-in-aid has been reached.

Off Campus employment exception
Any employment earnings made off-campus that would put a student-athletes financial aid status over a full grant-in-aid are exempt and are not to be counted. This exemption is only applicable when the student-athlete’s legitimate employment earnings would put them over a full grant-in-aid. If the Athletics Department (staff or boosters) were involved in arranging the employment, then this exception does not apply and the aid must be counted.

Receiving no institutional Aid
Student-athletes who are not receiving institutional aid may earn legitimate income from off-campus employment in excess of a full grant-in-aid provided that the Athletics Department (staff or boosters) were involved in arranging for the employment.

Legitimate Employment Earnings
Legitimate earnings are those in which the student-athlete:

- is compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for similar services;
- is compensated only for work actually performed; and
- does not receive any remuneration for the value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following he has obtained because of athletics ability and participation.

Process
Student-athletes who wish to work must check with their head coach and the Compliance Officer before committing themselves to any type of employment.

Prior to obtaining any type of employment, Student-athletes are required to notify the Compliance Officer, who will explain the appropriate NCAA rules, check their academic progress, notify interested parties and explain employment agreement forms to be completed by the student-athletes and employers.

Student-athletes are to immediately report to the Compliance Officer any offer or receipt of any benefit that is not made regularly available to other employees performing similar work in the same locale. This includes but is not limited to transportation, loans and cash advances.
STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT FORM: COMPLIANCE
Morehouse College Department of Athletics

This form is to be completed in full by both the student-athlete and employer and returned to the Compliance Officer BEFORE the student-athlete may begin his employment

Name of Student-Athlete: ___________________________ SS# ___________________________

Sport: ___________________ Class: ___________________ Phone: _________________________

Email ________________________________________

Company: ___________________ Contact Name: ___________________ Email: ______________________

Address __________________________________________ Phone: _______________________

Athlete’s job title: ___________________________ Brief job description: _________________________________________

___________________________________________________________

Date employment starts: _______________ Date employment ends: _______________ Method of payment: _______________________

Pay rate: $____________________________________ Approximate hours of work per week: ___________________________________

Will payment be made on a commission basis? ___________ Did the athletics interests of the institution intercede? ___________

If yes, fully describe: ____________________________________________________________

STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (to be completed by student-athlete)

As a student-athlete of Morehouse College desiring employment, I agree to comply with the following procedures as well as all NCAA rules and regulations which are provided to all student-athletes each year:

1. I am obligated to represent myself and my college by diligent work habits, honest communication and respectful conduct toward my employer at all times.

2. I understand that I will be paid only for actual hours worked and that my pay is based on a rate which is the same rate paid to other employees doing similar work in the area.

3. I will not accept any benefits or privileges that are not available to other employees doing similar work, including transportation provided or arranged by my employer to or from my place of employment.

4. I will immediately report to the Compliance Officer any improper privileges or benefits offered to me or received by me and any NCAA rules violations of which I am aware.

5. I understand that my work will be supervised and that if my work is not satisfactory or if I fail to appear on time and regularly, my job may be terminated.

6. By signing this employment agreement, I give my permission for my employer to release any and all employment records or documents to the College, the Conference and the NCAA.

7. If either I or my employer wish to end my employment, I will immediately communicate with Coach, Compliance Officer or Athletics Director that such action is being taken.

8. I have been provided with the information detailing the NCAA rules related to student-athlete employment and agree to strictly adhere to them.

9. I understand that failure to abide by the Employment Program procedures and NCAA rules and regulations could be contrary to NCAA ethical conduct legislation. Further, I understand any violation of NCAA rules could affect my athletic eligibility and financial aid.

___________________________________________________________

Student-athlete Signature                                    Date

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STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
(to be completed by employer)

By signing this statement, the employer agrees that:

1. The student-athlete may not receive any remuneration for the value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following he or she has obtained because of athletics ability;
2. The student-athlete is to be compensated only for work actually performed;
3. The student-athlete is to be compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services;
4. The student-athlete will not earn in excess of his or her limit during the academic year;
5. The employer and student-athlete will make available for review and inspection by any authorized representative at the NCAA or SIAC or Morehouse College, copies of all documents, earnings statements and other records related to the employment.

Employer: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

NCAA COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION
(to be completed by Compliance Officer)

1. Is the student-athlete receiving any type of financial aid from the institution? (e.g. athletic or academic scholarship) YES NO
2. Was the student-athlete recruited by a member of the athletic department staff? YES NO
3. Is the student-athlete academically eligible to compete? YES NO
4. Has the student-athlete received employment assistance from athletics interests in the past? YES NO
5. Has the employer been provided notice of the rules? YES NO

Director of Compliance ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Faculty Athletic Representative and Compliance Officer:
The president of all NCAA member institutions is responsible for appointing a faculty athletic representative (FAR) and a University Compliance Officer. Claude Hutto, chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education is the institution’s FAR and Hank Ford, is the institution’s compliance coordinator. Together they are responsible for certifying the eligibility of all athletes (along with the Dean for Records and Registration) and ensuring that Morehouse College personnel and student-athletes are in compliance with all NCAA and SIAC guidelines.

Adherence to NCAA, SIAC and Morehouse College rules and regulations is of the utmost importance. Often violations of these rules are inadvertent in nature, yet it is each student-athlete’s responsibility to be knowledgeable of these regulations and report all violations, no matter how small in nature, to the College’s Compliance Officer or FAR. Known violations by a coach or athlete can lead to a team or athlete’s ineligibility or disqualification from participation in regular season competition and/or NCAA championships. The majority of the time these violations are classified as secondary violations and the athlete’s eligibility is reinstated. Athletes should not try to interpret NCAA and SIAC rules; questions should be directed to the Compliance Officer or the FAR.

To be eligible to compete in intercollegiate athletics, a student must meet the eligibility standards set by the College, SIAC and the NCAA. The College, the SIAC and the NCAA require that an athlete be a full-time, matriculated student in a four-year baccalaureate program. The athlete must be enrolled in courses yielding 12 credits per semester while competing in his or her sport and be making normal progress toward their degree.

At the beginning of each academic year or sport season, each student must meet with an institutional representative to review the rules and regulations governing athletic participation. Each athlete must have on file in the Athletic Department a signed NCAA student-athlete statement and Morehouse College Eligibility and Clearance Statement these forms certify that you understand and have abided by all applicable NCAA and Institutional rules and regulations. Additionally, you are required to sign the NCAA Drug Testing Consent Form in order to be eligible for intercollegiate athletics. If you have any questions, please contact the Compliance Officer.

Detailed below are summaries of Various NCAA rules that are important for you as a student-athlete to know and be familiar with. Please review them and contact you coach, Compliance Officer or other athletic administrator should you have any questions.

Ethical Conduct
You must compete with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that you represent the honor and dignity of fair play. [Bylaw 10.01.1]
You are not eligible to compete if you have shown dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations. [Bylaw 14.01.3.3]

Amateurism
You are not eligible for participation in a sport if, you have ever:
• taken pay, or the promise of pay, for competing in any sport
• agreed to compete in professional athletics in any sport
• played on any professional athletics team as defined by the NCAA in any sport
• used your athletic skills for pay in any form in any sport.
You are not eligible in a sport if you have ever accepted money, transportation or other benefits from an agent or agreed to have an agent market your athletics ability or reputation in any sport. [Bylaw 12.3]
You are not eligible in a sport if, since you became a student-athlete, you have accepted any pay for promoting a commercial product or service or allowed your name or picture to be used for promoting a commercial product or service. [Bylaw 12.5.2]
You are not eligible in any sport if, because of your athletics ability, you were paid for work you did not perform, paid at a rate higher than the going rate or were paid for the value an employer placed on your reputation as an athlete. [Bylaw 12.4]

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
• outside financial aid that has been awarded to you and which has been reported to the financial aid office.
Eligibility
To be eligible to compete, you must:
• have been admitted as a regular student seeking a degree according to the published entrance requirements of your institution
• be in good academic standing according to the standards of your institution
• be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program and maintain satisfactory progress towards a bachelor’s degree at your institution.
If you are enrolled in a less than full-time program, you are eligible to compete only if you are enrolled in the last term of your degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. [Bylaws 14.1.7.1.7.3]
You are not eligible to participate in any organized practice sessions in a sport unless you are enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies.
First year students: All first year students must have their academic eligibility determined by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, which operates independently of the institution.
Student-Athletes must complete 24 credit hours in an academic year to be eligible to compete in the upcoming season. 18 of the 24 credit hours must be earned during the Fall and Spring semesters. Only 6 credit hours are allowed to be earned during summer class sessions. Also, starting the 2013-14 academic year student athletes must earn at least 9 credit hours per regular Fall or Spring semester in order to be eligible to compete the upcoming semester.

Other Regulations Concerning Eligibility
You are not eligible to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition [Bylaw 14.2]. These four years must be completed within five calendar years.

You are not eligible in your sport for the remainder of the year and the next academic year if, during the academic year, you competed as a member of any outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition. Competing in the Olympic Games (tryouts and competition), World Championships, U.S. National teams, Pan American Games (tryouts and competition) and High School Alumni Games are all exceptions to this rule. [Bylaw 14.7.5.1].
Basketball only:
You are not eligible if you have played in any organized, outside basketball competition after you became a candidate for an intercollegiate basketball team at an institution that is a member of the NCAA, or after you enrolled at a member institution that recruited you to play on its intercollegiate basketball team. Competing in the Olympic Games (tryouts and competition), World Championships, U.S. National teams, Pan American Games (tryouts and competition) and High School Alumni Games are all exceptions to this rule. [Bylaw 14.7.5.1].
It is permissible to play on a basketball team in a summer basketball league that the NCAA has approved.

NCAA Drug Testing
The NCAA conducts drug testing on a year-round basis. All student-athletes are required to sign a drug testing consent form in order to be eligible to participate in a varsity intercollegiate sport.
Questions concerning the drug testing program should be directed to the FAR, Athletics Director, Compliance Officer or Trainer.
If the NCAA tests you for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.1 and you test positive (consistent with NCAA drug-testing protocol) at a minimum, you will be ineligible to participate in regular-season and postseason competition during the time period one calendar year after your positive drug test, and you will be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun or a minimum of the equivalent of one full season of competition in all sports if you test positive during the season of competition (i.e., the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the subsequent season up to the period of time in which you were declared ineligible during the previous year). You will remain eligible until you retest negative and your eligibility has been restored by the NCAA Eligibility Committee. [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1]
If you test positive, and then test positive again for the use of any drug, other than a “street drug” as defined in 31.2.3.1, after your eligibility has been restored, you will loose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If you test positive for the use of a “street drug” after being restored to eligibility, you shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular-season and postseason competition for at least through the next calendar year. [Bylaw 18.4.5.1]
Compliance and Eligibility

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NCAA Regulations of Special Importance to Student-Athletes

There are several areas in which student-athletes routinely have questions. Please consult your coach or the Compliance Officer prior to engaging in any activity where a question exists as to its impact on your eligibility.

Extra Benefits: Student-athletes are not allowed to receive “extra benefits” that are not generally available to the institution’s students or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete’s relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Examples of non-permissible extra benefits are discounts and credits, telephone calls, copy machine use, entertainment services, loans, use of automobiles, athletic equipment, etc.

Gambling: 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 participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate 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 knowingly participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics, through a

Outside Competition: Student-athletes are not permitted to engage in any outside competition or any non-collegiate, amateur competition during the academic year, while a member of an intercollegiate team in that sport, except during published vacation periods in sports other than basketball.

Modeling and Commercial Endorsements: It is not permissible under NCAA rules to endorse a commercial product or service once enrolled at a college. However, if you worked as a model prior to coming to Morehouse, you may continue to model if it does not relate in any way to your status as an athlete.

Employment: While you are a student-athlete, any job you perform must compensate you at a rate commensurate with your skills and experience.

Amateurism: NCAA rules state that you are not eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if you have ever taken pay or promise of pay for competing in that sport, agreed to participate in professional athletics in that sport, played on any professional athletics team or used your athletics skill in any form for that sport.

Player Agents: On occasion, Morehouse athletes of high caliber may have the opportunity to continue their athletic career on the professional level. Both Ivy and NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes from agreeing to be represented by an agent. Students should consult their coach and/or Compliance Officer if they are ever contacted by an agent.

Tobacco Products: The use of tobacco products by student-athletes, coaches, officials and game personnel during practice and competition is prohibited.

Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities: A student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, competition, required weight training, film or videotape reviews, required participation in camps, clinics or workshops, team meetings) during the declared playing season shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

Note: The day of competition counts as three hours regardless of the length of the competition.

Note: also that a round of golf may exceed the daily limit of four hours but all must be included in the maximum of 20 hours per week.

During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week. No class time shall be missed for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away contest.

Outside of the playing season, only a student-athlete’s participation in the countable athletically related activities specified in Bylaw 17.02.1(c) and (d) (required weight training and conditioning) shall be permitted. A student-athlete’s activities shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) hours per week. On a voluntary basis and within these permissible six (6) hours of activity, your coach is permitted to work with you on “individual skill-related instruction” for up to two (2) hours per week.

Note: In the sport track, for field events, a coach may be present during voluntary workouts, and the coach may spot, or provide safety instruction, but cannot conduct the individual’s workout.
Recruiting: Responsibility of Student Hosts

Acting as a student host is an important service to Morehouse College and your team. As such, appropriate conduct is required of you and the following guidelines must be followed when hosting or interacting with prospects, parents, legal guardians or coaches on official or unofficial visits:

A. You may not use any vehicle provided or arranged for by any institutional staff member or booster.

B. You may not transport the prospect or anyone accompanying the prospect more than 30 miles from the campus.

C. You should not allow recruiting conversations to occur, on or off campus, between the prospect and a booster. (If an unplanned meeting does occur, only an exchange of greetings is permissible.)

D. You may receive complimentary admission (but not a hard ticket) when accompanying a prospect to a campus athletic event.

E. You may not make statements which are unduly derogatory of another institution or its personnel to a prospective student-athlete, parents/legal guardians, coaches or others involved in recruiting; and

E. The College prohibits minors from consuming alcoholic beverages and prohibits minors from being served.
Strength and Conditioning

Proper strength and conditioning is an important component to being a competitive student-athlete. Each coach is empowered to design strength and conditioning programs for his team. Your participation in the strength and conditioning program is a responsibility of being a student-athlete at Morehouse. As such the following rules and responsibilities apply:

Weight Room Rules and Responsibilities

1. Proper athletic attire must be worn at all times.
   a. Blue jeans, cleats, sandals or bare feet are not permitted in the weight room.
   b. Shirts must be worn at all times.
2. All new student-athletes must go through an orientation session with the head strength and conditioning coach to learn the proper strength training techniques.
3. No one is permitted to use the facility unless a strength and conditioning staff member or athletic department coach is present.
4. Appropriate training behavior is expected at all times.
5. If injured, see a trainer before working out.
6. All personal belongings must be left outside the weight room.
7. Morehouse College is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
9. Lifters are required to use collars for all barbell exercises.
10. Move weights from the racks to the bars and back onto the racks only.
11. Do not lean weights on walls, racks, benches or machines.
12. All weights must be returned to their appropriate place.
13. When on a platform, do not drop weights from above the waist.
14. No food, canned beverages or ice bags are permitted in the weight room.
15. No gum chewing or tobacco products are permitted.
16. The use of profanity will not be tolerated.
17. Always leave the weight room in its proper state (weights racked, no garbage, etc.)

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR TOWARD STAFF MEMBERS, STUDENT-ATHLETES AND EQUIPMENT IS MANDATORY FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICIES WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE LOSS OF WEIGHT ROOM PRIVILEGES.
DRUG EDUCATION/SCREENING PROGRAM

Introduction
The Athletics Department at Morehouse College recognizes that the abuse of drugs is a problem that mirrors contemporary society. It is not possible to perform at the high level of athletic or academic standards set at Morehouse College if even minimal exposure to abusive (or street) drugs is allowed. There are many problems that drug use combined with intercollegiate sports participation may cause which the non-athlete user does not face. First, many drugs when used in conjunction with athletics participation, poses serious risks to the health of the athlete. Symptoms of illness, temporary injury, and even death can be caused by such drug use. Second, the use of certain drugs temporarily may improve some types of athletics performance and thereby create an unfair competitive advantage for the person using them. Such uses of drugs may imperil the long-term health of the user. Therefore, the Athletic Department has established a drug abuse prevention program in order to allow its athletes to progress toward their athletics and academic goals in a drug-free environment. The philosophy of this program is four-fold.

1. To educate athletes on the effects of abusive drugs upon their physical, psychological, and social selves.
2. To identify potential drug abusers and provide for them a mechanism for counseling and rehabilitation.
3. To remove the stigma of drug abuse from the vast majority of athletes, who are not abusers.
4. To reassure athletes, parents, alumni/alumnae, and community that the health and academic progress of each of its athletes is the Department’s primary goal.

Drug Education
Prior to participation in intercollegiate athletics at Morehouse, all athletes will be required to attend a meeting concerning drug education. During the meeting, student-athletes will be advised of the Morehouse College alcoholic beverage and controlled substances policies. Additionally, all student-athletes will be advised of the NCAA drug testing consent form, policies and NCAA banned substances. All student-athletes will be required to sign the NCAA drug testing consent form prior to athletics participation.

NCAA Banned Drug Classes
The following is the list of banned-drug classes (adopted from the NCAA banned-drug classes):

A. Psychomotor and central nervous system Stimulants

amphenaole, cropropamide, meclofenoxate, phendimetrazine, crothetamide
ampetamine, diethylpropion, methamphetamine, phentermine, ephedrine & related compounds
benemide, dimethylamphetamin, mefenoxate, picotoxine, pipradol
benphetamine, diphenoxylate, methylphenidate, piprolintane, nicethamide
caffeine, ethamivan, norketamine, phentarmetrazine, strychine
clophentermine, ethylamphetamine, pemoline, pentoconazole, bromantan

B. Anabolic steroids:

Anabolic steroids: dehydrochlormethyl-testosterone, methandienone, norandrostenedione, testosterone2 & related compounds
Androstenedione dehydroepiandrosterone methenolone norethandrolone
Boldenone fluoxymesterone methyltestosterone oxymetholone
Clostebol mesterolone, norandrostenediol oxandrolone tanozolol

C. Diuretics:

acetazolamide chlorthalidone, hydroflumethiazide, spironolactone
bendroflumethiazide, ethacrynac acid, methyclothiazide, triamterene
benztiazide, flumethiazide, metolazone, trichlormethiazide & related compounds
bumetanide, furosemide, polythiazide
chlorothiazide, hydrochlorothiazide, quinethazone

D. Street drugs:

heroin, THC(tetrahydro-cannabinol) (3), maikuana (3)
E. Peptide Hormones and Analogues

Chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG – human chorionic gonadotrophin)
Corticotrophin (ACTH)
Growth hormone (HGH, somatotrophin)
All the respective releasing factors of the above-mentioned substances also banned
Erythropoietin (EPO)
Sermorelin

F. Definition of positive NCAA drug test depends on the following:

1. for caffeine - if the concentration in the urine exceeds 15 micrograms/ml
2. for testosterone - if the administration of testosterone or the use of any other manipulation has the result of increasing the ratio of the total concentration of testosterone to that of epitestosterone in the urine to greater than 6:1, unless there is evidence that this ratio is due to a physiological or pathological condition.
3. for marijuana and THC - if the concentration in the urine of THC metabolite exceeds 15 nanograms/ml

Student Reinstatement
Students who have tested positively for an NCAA drug test and wish to be reinstated by the NCAA are required to provide all funds for the reinstatement drug testing procedures.

NCAA and Morehouse College Sanctions

1. Student-athlete will be suspended from all athletics for one full calendar year from the date of the positive test.
2. A call to parents/guardian will be made by the student athlete in the presence of the Athletic Counselor. The Athletic counselor will follow up with the parents.
3. A confidential meeting will be held with the Athletic Counselor, Dean of Students, Team Physician, Head Coach, Athletic Trainer, Drug Testing Coordinator, and student athlete to set parameters.
4. Athletic trainer will provide counseling and arrange for drug abuse counseling for the student.
5. A copy of the positive drug results will be placed on file in the Dean of Students office.
6. The Dean of Students may bring charges against the student in accordance with the “Controlled Substances” policy found in The Morehouse College Student Handbook.

NOTE: All coaches have the right to implement team policies in regards to drugs/alcohol. This may include permanent suspension for 1st time offenses and/or loss of scholarships.