COLORADO COLLEGE ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

Participation in athletics is integral to a well-balanced liberal arts education. To that end Colorado College is committed to supporting a vibrant athletics program consisting of varsity, club, and intramural sports in which the pursuit of excellence in a safe, supportive, ethical, and sportsmanlike manner is an important component of competition. Athletic success and academic success are not mutually exclusive; rather the two, when balanced properly, augment each other.

In addition, the Department of Athletics supports opportunities in casual recreation and fitness, and partners with the Outdoor Education Department to provide a foundation for faculty, staff, and students to pursue health, wellness, and positive social interaction through physical activity.

Dear Tigers:

Welcome to the beginning of a new season at Colorado College! Student-athletes at CC have established a tradition of excellence in the classroom as well as in athletic competition, and we are very proud of those achievements.

This Student-Athlete Handbook was put together to help serve as a resource for you. It contains summaries of some of the NCAA and Colorado College rules that can influence your academic and athletic career. Please know that this guide is not intended to be exhaustive therefore if you do have any questions about NCAA or institutional policies, please feel free to reach out to athletic department members who can be of assistance.

If you are new to CC, welcome! If you are returning, welcome back! We are looking forward to this school year and the success during the upcoming seasons. If anyone in the department of athletics can help you in any way, please let us know.

Go Tigers!

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COLORADO COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Colorado College has a long and proud tradition of intercollegiate athletics. It is our goal to maintain an athletics program on a level consistent with our standing as one of the top private, liberal arts colleges in the country. Colorado College is a member of the NCAA, and is one of only a handful of colleges in the nation to
offer both Division I and Division III sports. We have 17 intercollegiate teams – 15 Division III programs and two Division I programs:

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Men’s ice hockey competes as a member of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC). Women’s Soccer competes as a member of the Mountain West. All Division III programs are members of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC).

We strongly support the principle of equity of opportunity for our athletes. Men and women shall have equitable opportunity to participate in intercollegiate athletics and equal access to support programs for intercollegiate teams.

This past season we hosted more than 90 home athletics events on or around our campus. As student-athletes you know the importance of fan support during events. Your attendance at various CC athletic events is greatly appreciated and we encourage you to support fellow student-athletes and coaches. Your continued support helps contribute to the overall success of our programs.

Colorado College strives for excellence in its athletics offerings. We are guided by the principles of fair play, safety, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct. It is our objective to provide you with excellent coaching, professional medical services, safe facilities, and competitive opportunities, in order to help you achieve your goals of success in the classroom as well as in athletic competition.

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

As a core value, Colorado College Athletics believes in and is committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity among its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. We seek to establish and maintain an inclusive culture that fosters equitable participation for student-athletes and career opportunities for coaches and administrators from diverse backgrounds. Diversity and inclusion improve the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhance excellence within the Department of Athletics as well as the College as a whole.

Colorado College Athletics endeavors to sustain foundations of a diverse and inclusive culture across multiple dimensions of diversity including but not limited to age, race, gender identity, income and socioeconomic class, national origin, creed, educational background, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender expression, and geographical location.
TRANSGENDER STUDENT-ATHLETE INCLUSION

Our Commitment
Colorado College Athletics is committed to safety, fairness, and respect for all participants. Collegiate athletics provides an opportunity for students to compete with and against others who come from a variety of backgrounds, but all of whom share the common goal of achieving athletic excellence. Valuing this common ground enhances the social and competitive experience for all, and is important to team success and to individual development. Teams that value each member’s contribution to the unit, while respecting individual differences, provide a healthy foundation for the team and each member of the team to focus on achieving their athletic and academic goals.

We have an obligation to provide equal opportunity to our student-athletes and our staff. All those involved in athletics shall be aware of these obligations and treat them as core values. Discrimination toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people negatively affects all who participate in athletic competition. If discrimination is accepted as part of the common practice of an athletics department, it undermines the core principle of equal opportunity.

Policy on Transgender Student Participation in Varsity Intercollegiate Athletics
1. A transgender or transitioning female-to-male (FTM) student-athlete who has received a NCAA medical exception for testosterone treatments may compete on a men’s team, but is no longer eligible to compete on a women’s team.
2. A transgender or transitioning male-to-female (MTF) student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication may continue to compete on a men’s team but may not compete on a women’s team until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment.
3. Any transgender student-athlete who is not undergoing hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in sex-separated sports activities in accordance with his or her assigned birth gender. A transgender or transitioning female-to-male (FTM) student-athlete who is not taking testosterone related to gender transition may participate on a men’s or women’s team. A transgender or transitioning male-to-female (MTF) student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may compete on a men’s team but not on a women’s team.

Policy on Transgender Student Participation in Club and Intramural Sports
1. All students, faculty and staff are permitted to participate in Colorado College’s recreation services, intramural sports, and club sports in a manner consistent with their gender identity. While many sport programs are offered in gender-based divisions, CC seeks to provide opportunities for all individuals to participate in its recreational activities inclusive of gender identity.
2. When there are gender specific rules or player ratio requirements in the co-ed intramural leagues, the participant’s gender identity will be applied. If an individual or team is unsure which division would be most appropriate in which to participate, please contact the Director of Recreation. Questions or concerns that arise regarding gender identity within the intramural or club sport program may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
3. Participation in club sports is subject to the applicable policies and procedures of the governing body of that sport.

NCAA Bylaws related to hormonal treatment and the use of banned substances
NCAA Bylaws identify testosterone as a banned substance, but provide for a medical exception for demonstrated need for use. It is the responsibility of the College to submit the request for a medical exception for testosterone treatment prior to the student-athlete competing while undergoing treatment. In the case of testosterone suppression, the institution must submit written documentation to the NCAA of the year of treatment and ongoing monitoring of testosterone suppression.

Additional Considerations
The student’s responsibilities
A student-athlete who has completed, plans to initiate, or is in the process of undergoing hormone treatment as part of a gender transition shall submit the request to participate on a varsity intercollegiate sports team in writing to the director of athletics either when the decision is made to attend Colorado College and participate on the team (for incoming students) or when the decision is made to undergo hormonal treatment (for returning students.) This request shall include a letter from the student’s physician documenting the student-athlete’s intention to transition, or documenting the student’s transition status if the process has already been initiated. This letter shall also identify the prescribed hormonal treatment for the student’s gender transition and documentation of the student’s testosterone levels, if relevant.

The school’s responsibilities
1. The director of athletics or his/her designee will meet with the student to review eligibility requirements and the procedure for approval of participation.
2. If hormone treatment is involved in the student-athlete’s transition, the head athletic trainer will notify the NCAA of the student’s request to participate with a medical exception request.
3. All discussions among involved parties and required written supporting documentation will be confidential, unless the student-athlete makes a specific request otherwise. All information about an individual student’s transgender identity and medical information, including physician’s information provided, shall be maintained confidentially.
4. All policies governing the participation of transgender students in athletics comply with state and federal laws protecting students from discrimination based on sex, disability, and gender identity and expression.

Facilities Access
Changing Areas, Rest Rooms, Showers — Transgender student-athletes may use the locker room, shower, and rest room facilities in accordance with the student’s gender identity. If requested by a transgender student-athlete (either a CC student-athlete or a visiting student-athlete), Colorado College will provide private changing, showering, and toilet facilities for the student’s use when possible. Transgender students are not required to use separate facilities.

Competition at Another School — If a transgender student-athlete requires a particular accommodation to ensure access to appropriate changing, showering, or toilet facilities, then athletics directors and coaches, in consultation with the student-athlete, will notify their counterparts at other schools prior to competition to ensure that the student has access to comfortable and safe facilities. This notification shall be confidential. Under no circumstances should a student-athlete’s identity as a transgender person be disclosed without the student’s permission.

Hotel Rooms — Transgender student-athletes will be assigned to share hotel rooms based on their gender identity, with a recognition that any student who needs extra privacy will be accommodated when possible.

Language
Preferred Names and Pronouns — Teammates, coaches and all others in the school will refer to transgender student-athletes by a student’s preferred name. Pronoun references to transgender student-athletes will reflect the student’s gender and pronoun preferences.

Team Uniforms
All team members will have access to uniforms that are appropriate for their sport and that they feel comfortable wearing. No student will be required to wear a gendered uniform that conflicts with the student’s gender identity.

Media
1. Training — All school or athletics representatives (sports information personnel, school leaders, athletics administrators, team members, and coaches) who are authorized to speak with the media will receive information about appropriate terminology, use of names and pronouns, and school, conference and NCAA policies regarding the participation of transgender student-athletes on sports teams.
2. **Confidentiality** — Protecting the privacy of transgender student-athletes must be a top priority for all athletics department and affiliated school personnel, particularly in the presence of the media. All medical information shall be kept confidential in accordance with applicable state, local, and federal privacy laws.

**Enforcement and Non-Retaliation**
1. **Enforcement** — Any athletics department staff members or student-athletes who have withheld or threatened to withhold athletic opportunity, or harassed any student on the basis of their gender identity or expression, or by breaching medical confidentiality, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the school (for students) or dismissal (for employees). Any member of the athletics department who becomes aware of conduct that violates this policy shall report the conduct to the director of athletics.

2. **Retaliation** — Retaliation is specifically forbidden against anyone who complains about discrimination based on gender identity or expression, even if the person was in error.

**Future Policy Development**
Policy development governing the inclusion of transgender student-athletes is an emerging endeavor. As new research on the participation of transgender athletes and the physiological effects of gender transition on athletic performance becomes available, our policies may need to be re-evaluated to ensure that they reflect the most current research-based information and are consistent with NCAA bylaws.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Seasons of Participation**

Division I: Beginning when you first register for a minimum full-time program of studies at any institution, participation in athletics must be completed within five calendar years. Extensions based upon an appeal due to extenuating circumstances (usually illness or injury) can be made and decided on an individual basis.

Division III: Your participation must be completed during the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which you are enrolled as a full-time student at any collegiate institution. Extensions based upon an appeal due to extenuating circumstances (usually illness or injury) can be made and are decided upon on an individual basis.

**Medical Hardship Waiver**

Divisions I and III: You can apply for an additional season of eligibility if you suffer a season-ending injury, depending on when the injury occurred and how many contests you played. See your athletic trainer or the senior associate director of athletics for information.

**Degree Program (Major) Designation**

A degree program (major) must be designated by the start of the third year of enrollment (at CC, the beginning of the 5th semester).

**Full-time Status**

Divisions I and III: You must be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum of 3 blocks per semester) in order to be eligible. If you fall below full-time status, you will immediately become ineligible until you become full-time again. **BEFORE DROPPING ANY CLASS, SEE THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**. An exception to the full-time rule can be made in your final semester of
school, depending on how many credits you need to graduate. If you only need 1 or 2 units in your final semester in order to meet your requirements for graduation, see the senior associate director of athletics.

**Academic Eligibility: Academic Good Standing and Progress Toward a Degree**

You must meet institutional and NCAA rules as they relate to progress toward a degree (number of units) and academic good standing (cumulative GPA). Students who are placed on Academic Suspension by the College are ineligible to practice or compete. Students who fall below the thresholds listed in the following chart run the risk of losing eligibility:

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**Academic Warning**

Students who meet the thresholds listed in the previous chart but who have substandard academic performance may be placed on Academic Warning by the Dean’s Office. Student-athletes who are placed on Academic Warning or Academic Probation are responsible for informing the Senior Associate Director of Athletics and their head coach of their status. At that time an academic action plan developed by the head coach and the student-athlete, in cooperation with the director of athletics, the senior associate director of athletics and the faculty athletics representative, must be agreed upon before the student-athlete is permitted to continue participation in intercollegiate athletics. This action plan may include a reduction in practice time and/or game time.

**MISSED CLASSES**

On occasion, student-athletes may need to be excused from class because of competition at home or because of travel related to away competition. For that reason, it is imperative that student-athletes attend all classes for which they have no athletically related excused absences.
Because of Practice

NCAA rules prohibit you from missing class because of practice. If you have a class that runs into the late afternoon and it conflicts with practice, it is your responsibility to attend class, and then get to practice as quickly as possible after class is concluded.

Because of Competition

Coaches are expected to set up a schedule that avoids missed class time as much as possible. Because of conference policies or travel schedules, missing a class may be unavoidable at times. In those situations, it is your responsibility to notify your professor using the Travel Notification Letter (detailed below). If at all possible, communicate with your professor prior to the start of a block to discuss your upcoming athletic travel schedule and develop a plan to complete any missed assignments, exams, etc.

Travel Notification Letter

In order to help facilitate a high level of communication, each student-athlete will be provided a Travel Notification Letter that verifies travel and absence from classes. Student-athletes are to give this letter to their faculty instructor no later than (but preferably prior to) the first day of class for each block to assist in the communication process for class absences. It is your responsibility to communicate this information with your professor and determine an alternate plan for making up missed class assignments and exams. You will receive two copies of the travel notification letter. Your professor keeps one copy. Return the other copy to the Faculty Athletics Representative. Travel notification letters are posted in your locker rooms or can be obtained from your head coach.

If you have concerns about any academic issues that arise because of athletic travel, please see the Faculty Athletics Representative.

It is impermissible for students to fraudulently misrepresent a team travel schedule in order to be excused from class.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The department of athletics is committed to the academic success of our student-athletes. Through enhanced communication with the faculty, this internal support system exists to assist students and their needs related to their academic endeavors. This support system is headed by the Faculty Athletics Representative, and assists in accessing support services throughout the campus, including writing center access, class tutors and educational forums. The Faculty Athletics Representative also serves as an academic liaison between faculty, students and coaches with regard to academic conflicts. This is a resource available to all student-athletes.

The goal is to create an environment that facilitates the academic success of our students in the classroom, and to assist in the accessibility of all academic services available to all students at Colorado College. The department of athletics fosters responsibility and accountability among coaches and athletes while emphasizing the commitment to academics. Furthermore, the department attempts to provide an atmosphere conducive to student learning, academic growth and personal development while embracing innovation and the unique opportunities under the Block Plan.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from each sport Colorado College offers. The committee meets once per block, and serves a variety of functions:

1) It serves as a conduit between the student-athletes and the athletics administration.
2) It serves as a way for student-athletes to voice their opinions over issues like NCAA legislation or departmental policies.
3) It organizes various community service projects throughout the year.
4) It organizes the Ice Cream Social to start the year and the Student-Athlete Recognition Banquet at the end of the year.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is a great leadership experience. Students who are interested in serving as a member of the SAAC should contact their head coach.

NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Mission Statement: The mission of the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image.” Our work as a committee should reflect these goals and objectives outlined by the national representation of our group.

Colorado College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Mission Statement: The Colorado College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will strive to uphold the mission of the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee while representing the student-athlete and continuing to uphold the academic goals of Colorado College.

TEAM TRAVEL

Conduct: As a student-athlete, you are always a representative of Colorado College Athletics. This is especially true when you are traveling with your team to and from competition. Please represent CC in a positive manner and treat people politely and with respect.

Apparel: The appearance of the team members should represent Colorado College in a positive manner at all times. Members of the traveling party are to be neatly dressed on all team road trips, especially while at an airport or at the contest site. Appropriate dress is determined by the head coach. Hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts or other apparel that display inappropriate messages or logos are not permitted. Messages or logos that advertise tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs, or which contain profanity, are considered inappropriate. Coaches may determine additional definitions of inappropriate, or may establish more strict dress codes if they determine it is in the program’s best interest to do so.

Alcohol/Drugs: Use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs is not allowed at any time during a team road trip.

Transportation: As a member of the travel party, you are expected to travel to and from an away contest with the team, and also travel with the team at all times during a road trip. Permission may be granted to take alternative transportation (e.g.: travel to or from campus, different flight, travel to or from a restaurant, etc.) if it is requested in writing by your parent or guardian prior to the scheduled departure of the team. A student may also be authorized to take alternative transportation if a parent/guardian makes a request with a coach face-to-face. However, coaches are authorized to not grant permission for student-athletes to take alternative transportation even if they have parental permission should the coach determine that it is in the program’s best interest to do so.

STUDENT-ATHLETE CONDUCT

Colorado College student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their sports program, the department of athletics, and Colorado College as a whole. The department of athletics works closely with the office of student life to provide a safe and positive environment for all students.
**Academic Integrity:** It is expected that coaches, student-athletes and department of athletics administrators and support staff display the highest level of academic integrity. Student-athletes are expected to uphold the Honor Code specified in the *Pathfinder*. Violations of the College’s policies related to academic integrity, including (but not limited to) falsification of academic records, illicit attempts to influence grades and plagiarism may result in penalties up to and including dismissal.

**Hazing:** Neither Colorado College nor the department of athletics condones hazing to any degree. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created to produce mental, emotional, psychological or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, intimidation or ridicule, regardless of the individual’s willingness to participate. Although hazing has traditionally been an issue among college athletics programs, it is the responsibility of student-athletes to make sure that hazing does not take place in your program. Not only is hazing a violation of Colorado College policy, but it is against State of Colorado law. Every Colorado College student-athlete should be guaranteed freedom from the danger and humility of hazing, and has the right to be treated with respect. Student-athletes and/or coaches who engage in initiation rites or hazing are subject to disciplinary action by the College Committee on Student Conduct and/or by the Director of Athletics. Student-athletes are encouraged to immediately report any action or practice you believe to be hazing to the Director of Athletics. Colorado College definitions and policies related to hazing and other initiation rites can be found in the *Pathfinder*.

**Off-Campus Violations:** If you have been charged with a crime, or any violation of federal, state, or local laws, you could be immediately suspended from the participation in intercollegiate athletics until your guilt or innocence has been determined in court. If you plead guilty or are convicted, you could be suspended or permanently dismissed from future athletic participation. If you are found not guilty, you may be allowed back on any athletic team, but only at the discretion of the head coach, department of athletics, or dean of students.

**On-Campus Violations:** The Colorado College Student Code of Conduct can be found in the *Pathfinder*, published by the office of student life. The department of athletics works in cooperation with the office of student life staff when determining appropriate sanctions for student-athletes who violate the Student Code of Conduct. A Colorado College head coach or athletics administrator, at his or her discretion, can impose a more restrictive penalty than those handed down by the office of student life if that coach or administrator determines that it is in the best interest of the program.

**Sportsmanship:** At Colorado College, we take pride in displaying exemplary sportsmanship during competition. It is important that we keep in mind the values of respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility. When athletes and coaches engage in inappropriate and unsportsmanlike conduct while competing in athletics or as spectators, it encourages fans to do the same thing. At Colorado College, we expect all student-athletes to hold themselves to high standards of sportsmanship and fair, ethical play.

**Social Networking Sites:** Social networking is a popular way to connect. Colorado College does not forbid student-athletes from engaging in social media. However, students should be very careful about what information or photos they put on these sites. Comments or photos featuring teammates, the program or the athletic department are easily accessible by other web sites such as BadJocks.com, which use the material to embarrass and humiliate the featured student-athletes. In addition, these web sites are used by internet predators who stalk student-athletes, particularly females. Finally, future prospective employers have accessed information/material from these social networking web sites during the job screening process, in an effort to find out more information about candidates. Any pictures and/or written documentation of actions found on these web sites that violate any code of conduct (i.e.: hazing, underage drinking, etc.) will be investigated and could lead to disciplinary measures either by the institution and/or the athletic department.
**Athletic Training Room:** Student-athlete welfare and health are of highest importance to coaches, administrators and the athletic training staff. To better treat all student-athletes, the athletic training staff requires that all student-athletes abide by the athletic training room policies, which are outlined in the athletic training policy manual on file in the athletic training room and on the Colorado College Athletics web site.

**Jerry Carle Strength & Conditioning Center:** Colorado College is fortunate to have one of the best strength training facilities in the country devoted to varsity student-athletes. Student-athletes who utilize the Jerry Carle Strength & Conditioning Center for training purposes, during or out of season, must abide by all policies and rules established by the strength and conditioning staff.

**NCAA and Conference Rules Compliance:** Colorado College takes compliance with NCAA and conference rules very seriously. All student-athletes are expected to know and follow the rules as established by the NCAA in your respective division, as well as by your applicable conference. This Student-Athlete Handbook covers many of the basic rules that apply to student-athletes and athletics participation; but it doesn’t cover every rule. Any questions related to NCAA or conference rules should be directed to the director of athletics or the senior associate director of athletics.

### DRUG USE

The department of athletics supports the Colorado College policy regarding illegal use of drugs and alcohol listed in the *Pathfinder*.

Currently, NCAA drug testing takes place during the NCAA Championships at all divisions. In addition, NCAA Division I rules specify that random drug testing can take place on college campuses at any time at the discretion of the NCAA. Finally, if you are tested by any sports governing body that is a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency and test positive for an NCAA-banned substance, you can be found in violation of NCAA regulations and ruled ineligible.

If you test positive for any drug or substance found on the NCAA List of Banned Substances, you could be suspended from competition in all sports for a period of up to one calendar year after the positive drug test. In addition, the NCAA also bans manipulation of urine samples and blood doping. Eligibility can be reinstated only after you record a negative drug test one year after the positive one.

The NCAA List of Banned Substances is available from your athletic trainer, or can be found on the NCAA web site at ncaa.org.

**Supplements:** The stance of the NCAA and of the Colorado College Department of Athletics is that you are responsible for what you put in your body. With that in mind, Colorado College does not condone the use of dietary/nutritional supplements. The supplement industry is not regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. Consequently, manufacturers are not required to put all of their ingredients on product labels, making some of them unsafe. The majority of positive drug tests are from the consumption of a banned substance in a supplement. Before you consume any supplement, contact a member of the athletic training staff so a product inquiry can be made through Drug Free Sport. You will be provided with the most up-to-date information on that product so you can make an educated decision on its use.

### SPORT WAGERING

The department of athletics supports and upholds NCAA rules and regulations on sport wagering. The NCAA and CC oppose all forms of legal and illegal collegiate sports wagering, as well as wagering on professional...
sport for which there is a collegiate counterpart. Sport wagering is defined as putting something at risk (an entry fee) with the opportunity to win something in return. Bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee (NCAA Basketball Tournament brackets, for example) and an opportunity to win something in return are considered sport wagering. College and professional sport fantasy leagues – both full-season leagues as well as single-game leagues (Draft Kings, etc.) are also considered sport wagering. Student-athletes who are involved in any type of sport wagering run the risk of being ruled ineligible by the NCAA.

**AMATEURISM**

The following can result in loss of both amateur status and eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

**Divisions I and III**
- You use your athletic skill for pay in any sport;
- You accept promises for pay even if the pay is not received until after completion of intercollegiate participation;
- You sign a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics;
- You receive, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other financial assistance from a professional sports organization based upon athletic skill;
- You compete on any professional athletics team and know (or have reason to know) that the team is a professional athletics team even if no pay or reimbursement of expenses was received;
- You enter into a professional draft or an agreement with an agent; or
- You accept transportation or other benefits from any person who represents any individual in the marketing of your athletics ability or an agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing you in the marketing of your athletics ability and does not represent individuals in your sport.

*Hockey Note: Ice hockey teams in the USA and Canada, classified by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association as “Major Junior A Teams” are considered professional by the NCAA.*

**ATHLETIC FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Division III**

If you are participating in one of Colorado College’s 15 Division III athletics programs, you cannot receive any financial aid that is awarded based on your athletic ability. Any financial aid you receive must be awarded by the financial aid office in a manner consistent with financial aid awards available to the general student body.

**Division I**

If you participate in one of Colorado College’s Division I athletics programs — men’s ice hockey or women’s soccer — you may be eligible to receive athletically related financial aid. This is money that is directly related to your athletic ability, and is awarded at the discretion of the head coach. The following information on athletic financial aid/scholarships, applies only to Division I student-athletes who are receiving this type of financial aid.

*Term of a Financial Aid Award*

When Colorado College makes an offer of athletically related financial aid, it is good for a period of 1-4 school years. However, aid can be reduced or cancelled if:
1) You become ineligible (academically or otherwise) to participate;
2) You fraudulently misrepresent any information on a letter of intent or a financial aid agreement;
3) You violate a condition of your financial aid agreement or a documented team, departmental or institutional rule or policy.
4) You engage in misconduct warranting a substantial disciplinary penalty; or
5) You voluntarily withdraw from a sport for personal reasons.
6) You provide written notification of your intent to transfer.

Limits on Financial Aid

You cannot receive financial aid that exceeds the Colorado College total cost of attendance, which includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and miscellaneous expenses. (There are some exceptions to this rule, most notably if you are receiving a Pell Grant or some military grants, such as the G.I. Bill.)

Books

If part of your athletically related financial aid package includes expenses for books, you will be provided with an account in the Colorado College bookstore. To charge books or other required items to this account, you must identify yourself as a Division I student-athlete receiving athletic aid to the person in the bookstore at the time of purchase. The bookstore will then check to make sure the purchase can be authorized. There are limits to what you can purchase on your athletic account. Among them:

- You can purchase required course-related books or codes for required e-books.
- Required course supplies (for example, calculators, art supplies, computer disks, or periodical subscriptions) provided they are listed as required in the course syllabus.
- Books selected at the student’s discretion from a listing of optional books only when a specified number of the books are required to complete a particular course.
- Lost textbooks may NOT be replaced by the institution.
- Stolen textbooks may be replaced if you are receiving books as a part of your athletically related financial aid package. If this happens, you must present a police or campus safety report of the theft for the institution to submit an Incidental Expense Waiver request to the NCAA requesting permission to credit your account.

There are a number of things that you cannot purchase with your bookstore account if you are receiving Division I athletic aid. They include (but are not limited to):

- Supplies and equipment, such as notebooks, art supplies, computer supplies, photography supplies, and supplies for personal use that are not required for a class.
- Gifts for friends or family members.
- Duplicate copies of the same book.
- Books or other supplies for friends or classmates

IMPERMISSIBLE BENEFITS
Divisions I and III: An impermissible benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution’s athletics interest (most commonly known as a “booster”) to provide a benefit for a student-athlete or the student-athlete’s relative/friend not authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of the benefit is not a violation if the benefit is demonstrated to be generally available to Colorado College students or their relatives or friends or to a specific segment of the student body determined on a basis unrelated to athletic ability. Extra benefits that are not permitted include (but are not limited to) the following:

- You may not eat at a restaurant as a guest of an athletic booster or institutional employee.
- You may not receive free or reduced-cost storage room for personal belongings for the summer months.
- You may not have letters, papers, reports, etc., written or typed by athletics department staff or athletic boosters, or use of a photocopier only for student-athletes.
- You may not accept a loan of money, a guarantee of bond, use of an automobile, or signing or co-signing of a note to arrange a loan.
- You may not accept clothing, gifts, money, tickets to entertainment, or anything else from athletics staff or boosters.
- You may not accept anything more than reasonable and occasional local transportation from a college employee. The vehicle may not be used to assist the student-athlete’s move from one residence to another.
- You may not receive payment for complimentary admissions.

IMPORTANT! The acceptance of an impermissible benefit is a violation of NCAA regulations and places your eligibility for intercollegiate competition in immediate jeopardy. It is extremely important for both you and Colorado College that you know and abide by all NCAA regulations. If you have any questions contact an athletics administrator before doing something that may jeopardize your eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

NOTE: You may receive an occasional family home meal from an institutional staff member or representative of athletic interests under the following conditions:

1) The meal must be at home (not a restaurant).
2) Meals must be infrequent and/or for special occasions.
3) Transportation to the home may be provided to attend such meals.

_tickets to Colorado College Home Athletic Events_

In Your Sport:

Division I: Four complimentary admissions, via a pass list, per contest may be provided. Actual tickets will not be provided. Different regulations are made for NCAA championship contests. You or your designees may not receive payment or exchange for items of value for the complimentary admissions. Proof of identity is required upon admission for your designees. You may not be provided with a special arrangement – not available to other students – by Colorado College to sell your tickets to an event, and you may not purchase tickets from Colorado College or the World Arena Ticket Office and then sell them for a higher value.

Division III: Four complimentary admissions per contest may be provided. Complimentary tickets shall be distributed only to persons designated by you. Proof of identity is required upon admission for your designees. Different regulations apply for NCAA championship tournaments.
Away Events: Ticket policies related to away-from-home contests vary from school to school. Contact your coach if you have questions regarding the ticket policies for a specific away contest.

In Another Sport:

Divisions I and III: You may receive free admission to all Colorado College regular-season home intercollegiate contests. Admission shall be via your Gold Card. (Tickets for hockey games are available at the Worner Desk in advance.)

Equipment/Apparel Issued by Colorado College

Division I and III: Equipment not returned is considered an extra benefit that is not allowed by the NCAA. You are required to turn in any team equipment issued to you by the equipment room within two weeks after your last date of competition. If items are not turned in by the end of the two-week deadline, you are required to pay the replacement cost of the item as determined at the beginning of the season. If you do not turn in the item by the deadline, or pay the replacement cost, you will be ruled ineligible for further competition in intercollegiate athletics. Your eligibility can be reinstated when the item(s) is turned in, or the item(s) is paid for.

Rules related to items of apparel differ from those related to equipment in that apparel items can remain with you if the equipment manager for your sport determines that the particular item of apparel can no longer be used by the athletics department. This rule usually applies to items such as t-shirt, shorts, hats, etc. Under no circumstances are you permitted to sell equipment or apparel that was provided to you.

Academic and Support Services

General academic counseling and tutoring services are available to all student-athletes. Such services may be provided by the athletic department (Division I only) or through the institution’s general student support services (Division I and III). Services that may NOT be financed by the institution include, but are not limited to the following:

- Typing or word-processing costs;
- Non-required course supplies (e.g., art supplies, calculators); and
- Use of a copy machine only for student-athletes.

Insurance and Medical Expenses

You are required to have adequate primary medical insurance in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics. NCAA rules allow the college to purchase primary health insurance for student-athletes only on a case-by-case basis; however, there is a secondary policy in place for intercollegiate-related injuries. Additionally, the NCAA provides insurance for catastrophic injuries for both Division I and Division III student-athletes. If you have questions or require assistance with athletic insurance requirements, contact the athletic insurance coordinator or speak to your athletic trainer.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Community Service/Nonprofit Promotions

You are encouraged to get involved in community-service projects, either as an individual or a team. However, NCAA rules prohibit you from receiving any payment, gifts, or other benefits for participating in an event for a charitable, educational, or nonprofit group. You are permitted to receive legitimate
expenses such as mileage, food, or hotel costs, parking or tolls. You must also sign a release statement in order to participate in a project such as this. This release statement can be obtained from the senior associate director of athletics.

Division I Note: Division I student-athletes are limited to receiving expenses only if the event is in Colorado.

Use of Your Name, Picture, or Appearance

Be very careful if somebody asks to use your name or photo on a product or advertisement, or asks you to appear at a commercial or non-commercial function. Even modeling can be an issue. NCAA rules prohibit you from endorsing a commercial product, and you could lose eligibility if you do so. Contact the senior associate director of athletics if you have questions.

If an organization that is not affiliated with Colorado College uses your name or image without your permission, contact your coach, the director of athletics, or the senior associate director of athletics immediately.

HOSTING CAMPUS RECRUITING VISITS

On occasion, you may be asked to serve as a host for a prospective student-athlete who is visiting the campus. The campus visit is the primary determining factor when students are making their college decision. For that reason, it is important that the visit you are hosting is a positive one, and that you represent the highest ideals and ethical standards of the NCAA and of Colorado College.

Before you host, per NCAA rules you must sign a document titled Host Policies for Overnight Recruiting Visits. This document lists the parameters and benefits for hosting prospective student-athletes. This document is available from your coach.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

There are numerous rules related to eligibility status for transfer students. In general, if you transfer from one institution to another, you are required to sit out one season of competition, called a ‘year of residence.” However, there are a number of exceptions to this rule that may allow you to participate immediately, depending on whether or not you are a Division I or a Division III student-athlete, whether or not you signed a National Letter of Intent, and what institution you are transferring from or to.

Transfers Into Colorado College

Division I and III: If you transferred to Colorado College from either a two-year or four-year institution, and this is your first year of participation at Colorado College, you must fill out a Transfer Student Eligibility Certification Form so we can determine your eligibility status. That form is available from the senior associate director of athletics. You will not be permitted to compete until that form is filled out and your eligibility status is determined.

Transfers Out of Colorado College

Student-athletes who wish to transfer to another college or university can use the NCAA Transfer Portal to start that process. (The Transfer Portal is required for Division I students. For Division III students it
is optional.) To initiate that process the student-athlete must declare, in writing, his/her intent to transfer by sending an e-mail to the senior associate director of athletics.

In addition to the NCAA Transfer Portal, Division III students can access the NCAA Division III Self-Release, which allows you to engage in a confidential recruiting conversation with the coach of another school for 30 days.

If you request to be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal in writing to the senior associate director of athletics and your request is denied, you have a right to a hearing conducted by a committee outside of the athletics department.

**IMPORTANT**

Violations of any of the policies specified in this Student-Athlete Handbook or the *Colorado College Pathfinder* could result in consequences up to, and including, the reduction or cancellation of athletic scholarships, suspension or dismissal from the team, and/or suspension or expulsion from the College.