The University of New England is a member of The Commonwealth Conference within NCAA Division III. As Division III members we support the fundamental values and philosophy of the division:

DIII PHILOSOPHY

Colleges and universities in Division III place the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students’ academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete’s activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete’s educational experience, and in which coaches play a significant role as educators. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among the student-athletes and athletics staff.

Student-athletes can receive need based and merit based financial aid, just like other students, there are no athletic scholarships in Division III.

Participation in athletics provides valuable “life lessons” for student-athletes (teamwork, discipline, perseverance, leadership, etc.), which often translate into becoming a better student and more responsible citizen.

TITLE IX COMPLIANCE:

The University’s Title IX Compliance Officer is Sharen Beaulieu, Associate Director of Human Resources. She may be contacted at 207-602-2339.

Current UNE Student Athletes:

Eligibility:
To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must meet all University of New England academic policies/regulations, which can be found on the Web at: http://www.une.edu/studentlife/handbook/index.cfm

In addition, the following criteria must be met:
Full-Time Status:
At the time of competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in no less than 12 semester hours. Should a student-athlete fall below 12 semester hours, he/she will become immediately ineligible for practice and competition. A waiver of the minimum fulltime enrollment requirement may be granted for a student enrolled in the final term of the baccalaureate program. A student-athlete that drops or withdraws from a class must notify his/her coach and the compliance officer immediately. Graduate student-athletes need to be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credits to be eligible.

Satisfactory Academic Progress: Undergraduate students must meet all of the following standards:

1. Students must progress at a rate that ensures completion of their degree within a reasonable time frame. Beginning with the first semester of a study in a University of New England degree program, a student is required to accumulate earned hours totaling at least 75% of the number of hours attempted. Students must complete their program of study within six years for a four-year degree program or three years for a two-year degree program. This rule applies regardless of whether the student switches majors. Students are required to maintain a cumulative grade point average consistent with the University of New England’s graduation requirements:

   Following Freshman year: 1.70
   Following Fall Semester of Sophomore year: 1.70
   Following Spring Semester of Sophomore year: 1.80
   Following Fall Semester of Junior year: 1.80
   Following Spring Semester of Junior year: 1.90
   Following Fall Semester of Senior year: 1.90

A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 is required for graduation.

In addition to the cumulative GPA requirements student-athletes must maintain a semester GPA of 1.70 or higher or they will be academically ineligible to practice or compete the following semester.

According to NCAA rules, a student athlete has used a season of eligibility if he/she is on the team roster at their first opportunity to compete, regardless if the student-athlete competes in that contest.

Hardship Waiver:
A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of participation by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of “hardship”. Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from a season-ending injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

1. The season-ending injury or illness occurs before the completion of the first half of the traditional playing season in that sport for the season being waived and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of the traditional playing season. The first half of the traditional playing season is measured by the maximum contest or date of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) limitation in each sport as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one contest or date of competition. For cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, see Bylaw
14.2.5.2.5.1

2. The season-ending injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not competed in more than one-third of the maximum contest or date of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) limitation in each sport (as set forth in Bylaw 17) plus one contest or date of competition. Only competition (excluding preseason scrimmages and exhibition contests but including scrimmages and exhibitions after the first regularly scheduled contest) against outside participants during the traditional playing season, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has competed.

Gambling:
According to the NCAA Bylaw 10.3 Gambling Activities, staff members of a member conference, staff members of the athletics department of a member institution and studentathletes shall not 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
- Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value
- Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling

Male Practice Player Eligibility:
According to NCAA Bylaw 14.1.11, a male student who practices with a women's team is considered to be a student-athlete in that women's sport. The male student-athlete must be certified as eligible under all applicable NCAA eligibility requirements to participate (e.g., the individual must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, sign a student-athlete statement and drug-testing consent form and have eligibility remaining under the 10-semester rule). The male student-athlete is subject to all other restrictions and/or benefits as authorized by NCAA legislation.

Athletically Related Activities:
According to NCAA Bylaw 17.02.1, the following are considered athletically related activities:

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

- Field, floor or on-court activity
- Setting up offensive or defensive alignment
- Chalk talk
- Lecture on or discussion of strategy related to the sport
- Activities using equipment related to the sport
• Discussions or review of game films, motion pictures or videotapes related to the sport
• Any other athletically related activity

b. Competition

c. Required weight-training and conditioning activities held at the direction of or supervised by an institutional staff member

d. Participation in a physical-fitness class (including a summer class) conducted by a member of the athletics staff not listed in the institution's catalog and not open to all students. Such a class may not include practice activities conducted under the guise of physical education class work

e. Required participation in camps, clinics or workshops

f. Individual workouts required or supervised by a member of the coaching staff. A coach may design a voluntary general individual-workout program for a student-athlete (as opposed to a specific workout program for specific days) but cannot conduct the individual's workout

g. On-court or on-field activities called by any member(s) of a team and confined primarily to members of that team that are considered requisite for participation in that sport (e.g., captain's practices)

h. Visiting the competition site in cross country, golf and skiing

i. Reservation or use of an institution's athletics facilities when such activities are supervised by or held at the direction of any member of an institution's coaching staff

j. Involvement of an institution's strength and conditioning staff with enrolled student-athletes in required conditioning programs

k. Observation by an institution's coaching staff member of enrolled student-athletes in non-organized sport-specific activities (e.g., "pick-up games")

**Voluntary Athletically Related Activities**

According to NCAA Bylaw 17.02.13, in order for any athletically related activity to be considered "voluntary," all of the following conditions must be met:
• The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) may report back to the student-athlete's coach any information related to the activity
• The activity must be initiated solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time
• The student-athlete's attendance and participation in the activity (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purposes of reporting such information to coaching staff
members or other student-athletes
• The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to
participate in the activity. In addition, neither the institution nor any athletics
department staff member may provide recognition or incentives (e.g., awards) to a
student-athlete based on his or her attendance or performance in the activity

Prospective Student-Athletes

Who Are They?
A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In
addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective
student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or
friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to
prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one
of the following occurs (whichever occurs earlier):
• (a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of
studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular
academic year (excluding summer)
• (b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a fouryear
collegiate institution

Eligibility

In-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete
or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or guardian(s) until the prospective
student-athlete has completed the junior year in high school. U.S. service academy
exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1.

Recruitment

Permissible Forms of Contact:
According to NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.1 (amended in January 2012), it is permissible for prospective
student-athletes to be contacted via telephone, electronic mail or text message. Contact via social
networking modes of communication is prohibited.

Official Visits:
According to NCAA Bylaw 13.6 an official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-
athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution, or by a representative of the
institution's athletics interests.

Unofficial Visits:
According to NCAA Bylaw 13.7, an unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective
student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense.

Transfers

Recruitment:
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According to NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.2, an athletics staff member or other representative of the

institution's athletics interests shall not make contact in any manner (e.g., in-person contact, telephone calls, electronic communication, written correspondence) with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining written permission to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. An institution must grant or deny a student-athlete's request for permission to contact within 14 days of the initial request. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer. If permission is granted all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply.

Written permission may be granted by:
- (a) The first institution's athletics director (or an athletic administrator designated by the athletics director)
- (b) The student-athlete, if the student-athlete attends a Division III institution

Self-Release:
According to NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.2.2, using a form made available by the NCAA national office, a student-athlete who attends a Division III institution may issue, on his or her own behalf, permission for another Division III institution to contact the student-athlete about a potential transfer. The student-athlete shall forward this form to the director of athletics at the institution of interest. Contact between the student-athlete and institution may occur during the 30-day period beginning with the date the permission to contact form is signed by the student-athlete. An additional form must be issued for contact to occur or continue beyond the initial 30-day period.

Representatives of Athletics Interest

Who are they?
According to NCAA Bylaw 13.02.8 A "representative of the institution's athletics interests" is an individual who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to:
- Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program
- Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution
- Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes
- Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families
- Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program