

# NCAA COMPLIANCE

## **ACADEMIC STANDING**

Academic standing is defined and published in the university catalogue. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the requirements within the catalogue. It is your responsibility to know what you are required to do in order to maintain good standing. If you are placed on probation you are not considered in good standing and will be ineligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics. **You must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA at all times.**

## **FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT**

You must be a matriculated student enrolled in a **minimum of 12 credits** at all times when participating as a varsity athlete. If you fall below 12 credits at any time during the season, you will become immediately ineligible.

## **SATISFACTORY PROGRESS**

As a student-athlete, you must make satisfactory progress toward a degree in order to be eligible to further participate. To do so, you must pass 24 credit hours within the previous twelve months. Incomplete grades **do not** count toward your satisfactory progress

The satisfactory progress requirement will be based upon the total credits earned during the following terms.

Fall term to end of Spring term

Spring term to end of Fall term

The satisfactory progress requirement is not applicable to student-athletes entering their first year of participation.

(There is an appeal

process for those student-athletes who do not meet the above requirement where extraordinary circumstances exist. Appeals will be judged on an individual basis and will only be granted in rare circumstances where the failure to meet the requirement was completely beyond the Students' control and can be documented)

## **NCAA SIGNING**

Any student athlete wishing to compete in Varsity athletics at UMass Boston must attend A student athlete briefing session conducted By the Director of Athletics or a representative Of the athletic department prior to the season. Your head coach will inform you of the date and time of the session for your team.

In addition to meeting the NCAA requirements for academic eligibility, the following is a summary of some NCAA rules of which you should be aware during your period of eligibility.

### **AMATEURISM**

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 compete in professional athletics in that sport; played on any professional athletics team; or used your athletic skill in any form in that sport.

### **PARTICIPATION**

You are not eligible to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport. You shall complete your seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters in which you are enrolled in a collegiate institution.

### **ETHICAL CONDUCT**

A student athlete who is found to have engaged in unethical conduct shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. Unethical conduct consists of, but is not limited to:

- Fraudulence in connection with entrance or placement examinations;
- Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent otherwise to deceive;
- Dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations;
- Knowingly furnishing the NCAA or your institution false or misleading information concerning the student's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of NCAA regulations.

### **GAMBLING ACTIVITIES**

Gambling has become a primary issue of emphasis within the NCAA membership. It is critical that you understand, and abide by, the regulations in this area to avoid jeopardizing your athletic eligibility. Student athletes, as well as staff members of the department of athletics, 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 (i.e., 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.
- Student athletes found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition.

### **TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all sports during practice and competition.

### **EXTRA BENEFITS**

NCAA regulations prohibit UMass Boston staff members and representatives of athletics interests from providing a student athlete with any extra benefit.

Extra benefits include, but are not limited to gifts of clothing or equipment, cash or like items, any tangible items including merchandise, free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases of any type, or free or reduced-cost housing or employment for a prospect or a prospect's relatives.

### **ENDORSEMENT OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS**

NCAA rules prohibit the use of any enrolled student athlete's name or picture to endorse a commercial product or service. There are extremely strict guidelines involving the use of student athletes for promotional purposes. All requests for any advertisement involving an event or commercial product must have prior approval of the compliance officer. What may seem to be a harmless act can be interpreted as a violation.

### **OUTSIDE COMPETITION**

You are not eligible in your sport if you compete as a member of any outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport