



2018-2019

STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

- Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or institution's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores);
- Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations;
- Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or
- Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.

Violence, Rape and Sexual Assault Policies

Violence/Weapon Statement

North Carolina General Statute 14-269.2 makes it unlawful for anyone other than police officers to carry or possess firearms or weapons on campus. The only exception to this provision relevant for purposes of this handbook is that a person who has a lawfully issued concealed handgun permit (or a person exempt under North Carolina law from obtaining such a permit) may store their handgun in a closed compartment or container within their locked vehicle on campus. The handgun must remain in the closed compartment at all times. The University's definition of weapons includes: BB gun, air rifle, air pistol, paintball guns, Bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, blackjack, metallic knuckles, razors and razor blades (except for personal shaving), sharp pointed or edged instruments except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for preparing food, instruction, and maintenance. This law is strictly enforced.

Rape and Sexual Assault Policy

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual misconduct violate criminal law and Appalachian State's Code of Student Conduct. The precise definitions of those terms vary somewhat between state and federal law and the Code of Student Conduct. In general, sexual assault is sexual contact engaged in by force and without consent from the victim. Rape, being a form of sexual assault, occurs when an individual or group forces another person to engage in sexual intercourse without consent or by means of threats or violence. Student-athletes are responsible for understanding what it means to consent to sexual activity (requires clear, knowing, voluntary, and sober permission). They also are responsible for understanding all applicable definitions of rape, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment. The Department of Athletics considers such acts to be among the most serious acts of misconduct and will review them as such under the Student-Athlete Discipline Policy (see below).

For more information about the definition of the terms discussed above, please refer to:

- Appalachian State University Code of Student Conduct, Section 4.15 and Appendix D.
- North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 14, Article 7A (Sections 14-27.1 et seq.)

Social Media Conduct Policy

The Appalachian State Department of Athletics recognizes and supports its student-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression and association, including the use of online social networks. In this context, however, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for Appalachian State is a privilege. As a student-athlete, you represent the University and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, and the University in a positive manner at all times. Therefore, online postings must be consistent with federal and state laws and the rules, regulations and policies of the team, department, University and NCAA.