

## **Purdue University Athletic Affairs Committee**

### **Policy on Student-Athlete's Absence From Class for Athletic Events**

The Athletic Affairs Committee (AAC) collaborates with the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics in order to preserve and enhance the academic welfare of student-athletes. The following policy is used by the AAC to guide in the planning and implementation of athletic teams' schedules, travel plans and travel study plans.

#### **POLICY:**

1. No Purdue student-athlete will be absent from class for athletic related activity, while the university is in session, for more than ten (10) days in any one continuous sport season or for more than fourteen (14) days if the sport has a split season. No student-athlete may miss more than 10 days in a single semester.
2. No Purdue student-athlete will be permitted to travel to or from, participate in, or attend an athletic related event from **24-hours prior to the beginning** of the final examination period to **9:00 PM of the last day** of this final examination period.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

A *whole day absence* will be counted if more than half of the class day is missed. A *one-half day absence* will be counted for each morning session (7:30 AM to 12:30 PM) and/or for each afternoon session (12:30 PM to 5:20 PM) missed. Absences will be counted for times during which student-athletes are traveling, competing (home or on-the-road), attending competition or otherwise expected to be absent from class.

A *split season* is defined as one that has two **distinct** seasons: fall and spring.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Absences (or fractions of absences) during officially scheduled time blocks (for that sport) will not be counted.
2. Waivers need not be filled for Big Ten and NCAA Championship events that violate the above policies. However, a plan of academic support must be approved by the AAC.

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. To facilitate the implementation of these policies, Proposed Home and Travel Schedules are to be submitted to the Chairperson of the Athletic Affairs Committee for approval.
2. If the above policy regarding missed class days and/or the final exam period must be violated, the Athletics Affairs Committee will consider a temporary waiver of the policy. In order for a waiver to be considered the Head Coach will submit details of exception and an academic support plan. The waiver and the academic support plan will be submitted with the schedule for approval by the Athletic Affairs Committee.
3. When completion in the Big Ten Championships and/or NCAA Championships require that (1) the missed class days policy or (2) the final examination policy<sup>1</sup> be violated, the Head Coach will submit the tournament schedule and a plan for academic support to the Coordinator of Academic Services and the appropriate Athletic Administrator in advance of the scheduled tournament. The Athletic Administrator and the Coordinator of Academic Services will share this plan with the Athletic Affairs Committee for approval.

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<sup>1</sup> The final exam will be considered only for those student-athletes who have completed their final examinations. Student-athletes unable to complete final exams prior to departure and/or competition must remain on campus until his/her final exams are completed.