I. POLICY STATEMENT

Academics are an integral part of the Department of Athletics (Department) at Idaho State University (ISU). To this end, the Student-Athlete Support Center has been established, which provides student-athletes with an academic support system that gives them every opportunity to be successful in the classroom and make progress toward a meaningful degree. The services provided by this office respond to the needs of the individual athlete and create a setting for the student-athlete to develop the qualities of discipline, leadership, character, and teamwork while enjoying the benefits of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) intercollegiate athletic participation. All academic and eligibility requirements will be followed as outlined in the NCAA Division I Manual, Big Sky Conference Code, the current ISU Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate Catalog, and the ISU Department of Athletics Academic Manual, the Student Athlete Handbook and any team rules identified by coaches.

II. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The associate athletic director/senior woman administrator provides Executive Director for Central Academic Advising and Assessment, and the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance provide oversight of student-athlete academics. The assistant athletic director for academics/Director of Student-Athlete Academic Services coordinates, implements, and oversees the programs for student-athlete academics. The Student-Athlete Support Center is a liaison between the student-athlete and ISU departments such as Admissions, Registrar’s Office, Academic Services, and the Student Success Center.

III. PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT

A. Programs

1. Academic Advising

a. An athletic academic advisor begins the advising process by discussing opportunities and general university requirements, and specific major requirements, and aids student-athletes in planning to ensure programs of study that meet all requirements are accomplished.

b. The athletic academic advisor shall be a liaison to major advisors, supplemental advising, Academic Skills Center, Career Center, and other campus resources.
2. **Pre-Registration/Registration** The Student-Athlete Support Center is **shall be** available during pre-registration dates and throughout the semester to aid student-athletes in registering for their classes.

3. **Services Available**
   a. **Guided Study Center** A computer lab in the basement of Turner Hall *may be* set up for student-athlete study sessions. There must be **a non-computer study room across the hall** for tutor sessions and group projects.
   
   b. **Tutorial Services**
      a. The Student-Athlete Support Center provides all student-athletes with subject tutors, through the Content Area Tutoring (CAT) program, upon request from the student-athlete.
      b. In addition, the Student-Athlete Support Center has posted times and days when all drop-in labs are open for student use.
      c. Specific rules and regulations regarding tutoring of student athletes can be found in the Peer-Tutor Training Manual (see the section on student-athletes).
   
   c. **New Student Orientation** All new student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) may be given an orientation. They are given Orientation may include a campus tour and are provided with information that will help them successful during their time at ISU.

4. **Academic Monitoring** The Student-Athlete Support Center regularly monitors the academic progress on a regular basis of all student-athletes to be sure that student-athletes are making satisfactory progress toward their degrees and maintaining NCAA (see NCAA Bylaw 14) and ISU academic/athletic eligibility.

4.5. **Fifth Year Program** The Department may provide a fifth year of financial assistance if candidates meet the minimum qualifications established by the Department. Any/A student-athlete must apply and be approved for the financial assistance.

5. **Student-Athlete Handbook** Each student-athlete receives a copy of the Student-Athlete Handbook, which includes the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, is available on the Athletics Department website.

B. **Academics**

1. The academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree for each student-athlete shall be a priority of the Department.
2. ISU admission standards shall apply to all student-athletes.
3. Minimum academic requirements for eligibility shall be based on NCAA, Big Sky Conference, and ISU standards.
4. Coaches, in coordination with Student Athlete Support, are responsible for notifying student-athletes of academic eligibility requirements and to see that their student-athletes maintain the appropriate number of credit hours throughout the semester to maintain their eligibility (see NCAA Bylaw 14).
5. **Compliance Assistant Eligibility Checklists** are **shall be** produced by the faculty athletic representative (FAR) or the assistant athletic director for compliance. The head coach, the Registrar, the FAR, the Athletic Director, and the assistant athletic director are responsible for compliance. They must verify the accuracy of the checklists.

6. Academic records are kept in the Student-Athlete Support Center.
7. Coaches **shall** receive a copy of the Academic Summary report.
8. Each student-athlete must declare a major by the beginning of the third year or of enrollment (fifth semester). The student-athlete shall be required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet the progress-toward-degree...
requirements must be degree credit toward the student's designated degree program, subject to any exceptions identified by NCAA Bylaw 14.

8. Each graduate student-athlete must enroll in a graduate degree seeking program and must then enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester that apply toward graduation in that major program (see NCAA Bylaw 14).

9. To ensure satisfactory progress toward a degree is met, after a major is declared, each student-athlete must pick up an advising information form each semester from the Student-Athlete Support Center, meet with their major advisor, and return the completed form to the Student-Athlete Support Center for evaluation.

10. If a student-athlete is ineligible for athletic competition at the beginning of any semester due to incomplete grades, he/she may become eligible during the semester upon the removal of the Office of the Registrar enters a completed grade or grades for the course on the official records in the Registrar's Office.

11. A student-athlete who participates in a sport that extends over two semesters must meet all academic requirements for both semesters.

12. Student-athletes who are eligible during a term are academically eligible between terms until the first day of classes of the succeeding term. Student-athletes who have been academically ineligible during a term remain so until the day after the date of the last scheduled final exam and the grades, which make them eligible, are received and posted on the official records in the Registrar's Office on the official grade sheet.

13. A student-athlete who attends the summer term must meet the conditions established in NCAA Bylaw 14.4 and 17 and ISU policies.

2. Refer to the current ISU Undergraduate Catalog for Policies regarding scholastic probation and dismissal are contained in the current ISU Undergraduate Catalog.

14. Student-athletes who are not eligible for competition during the semester of their off-season are not eligible to practice with the team during the semester they are ineligible, contained in the current ISU Undergraduate Catalog.

3. Student-athletes who have a D or an F at midterm will be pulled from practice until an academic recovery plan is approved.

15. All student-athletes shall abide by the Academic Dishonesty Policy as outlined in the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct found in the Student-Athlete Handbook.

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION

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