

## Barclay College Athletic Handbook

### Barclay Athletics

Barclay College is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II. Barclay has three varsity intercollegiate sports for men (soccer and cross country in the fall and basketball in the winter); we also have three intercollegiate sports for women (volleyball and cross country in the fall and basketball in the winter). Barclay College men and women student-athletes compete in the Midwest Christian College Conference (MCCC). In addition, the athletics department has club track and field with the hopes of adding it as an official sport in the near future.

### Philosophy of Intercollegiate Athletics

The Barclay College mission statement is to prepare students in a Christian environment for effective Christian life, service and leadership. Athletics at Barclay serves as an additional opportunity to aid in the fulfillment of this mission.

Varsity athletic programs aim to pursue excellence on three levels: in the classroom as students, in competition on the playing field or on the court, and in the school and local community, and to use sports as a means to further the Kingdom of God. Winning is only a goal rather than an end.

### Eligibility & Academics

A student athlete becomes identified with an institution if he/she enrolls in 12 or more hours and attended one or more regularly scheduled classes.

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

- A student-athlete must be making normal progress toward a recognizable degree and must maintain the grade points required to remain in good standing, as set forth by the official catalog of the institution he/she is attending.
- 12 hour rule: A student-athlete must be *enrolled* in a minimum of 12 credit hours at the time of participation or, if participation takes place between terms, he/she must have been enrolled in the term immediately preceding the date of participation.
- 24 hour rule: A student-athlete must *accumulate* a total of 24 credit hours for semesters in the two terms of attendance immediately preceding the term of participation, except that the second term student, i.e., freshman, must have passed 9 credit hours in their first term of attendance.
- A student-athlete who reaches their third year of athletic participation, or has attempted 60 semester hours (on all transcripts), must obtain and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.00 as certified by the institutional Registrar.
- To participate a second season in a sport, student-athletes must have accumulated at least 24 semester institutional credit hours. To participate the third season in a sport, student-athletes must have accumulated at least 48 semester credit hours. To participate the fourth season in a sport, student-athletes must have accumulated at least 72 semester institutional credit hours.
- For all eligibility information (transfer rules and guidelines, definitions, etc.):  
[http://www.thenccaa.org/sports/2012/6/7/GEN\\_0607125132.aspx?id=187](http://www.thenccaa.org/sports/2012/6/7/GEN_0607125132.aspx?id=187)

#### *Academic Specifics*

- Academic Grade Trackers: Student-athletes work with their coaches to monitor academic progress through the course of each semester. Grade trackers are intended to encourage class attendance, foster relationships with faculty and keep student-athletes and coaches well-informed of their academic progress.
- Study Hall: Study halls are intended to promote and encourage academic performance. Student-athletes who receive conditional or special acceptance into Barclay College are subject to study halls by the athletic dept. and/or coaching staff. Student-athletes with a GPA under 2.3 for that term or with a cumulative GPA at or below a 2.3 are subject to study halls by the athletic dept. or coaching staff. In addition, student-athletes with grades at or below a C during the semester are subject to study halls by the athletic dept. or coaching staff.

### Classes Attendance Policy

Student-athletes are expected to be *present* at all class sessions. However, in cases where this is not an option, notifying instructors and arranging for missed work is your responsibility. It remains at the discretion of each instructor as to if/how work is to be made up. The instructor determines the attendance policy for each class and students should be aware of his or her specific policy. Students are expected to be *punctual* in their attendance at all classes.

#### *Class Absence Procedure*

1. Students must notify instructors beforehand so that they are clear on any assignments that might be missed and possible assignment or exam deadlines.

2. Students are expected to complete all work prior to missing class (when possible) and making up missed work according to the instructor's policies.
3. Students need to be aware of each instructor's specific absence policy.
4. If concerns, problems, or questions arise about absence policies, contact the individual instructor, the Faculty Athletic Representative, and/or the Director of Athletics.

### **Sportsmanship**

Barclay College does not accept or condone unsportsmanlike behavior at any athletic contest by student-athletes, coaches or fans. Conduct in and out of the athletic arena is a direct reflection on Barclay College, the local community, and most importantly on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Athletics is an arena where we represent our school in a very public light, so both participants and spectators are reminded to behave in an acceptable manner. This includes, but is not limited to, treating opponents, officials and spectators with respect, abstaining from improper or foul language, cheering for our team and not against our opponents, and abiding by all rules and regulations. By using the role of education through sports we aim to teach our student-athletes and surrounding community's acts of good sportsmanship and respect for others. Through sportsmanship we show and teach values of love, humility, responsibility, sincerity, equality, pride, and the goal of excellence. People not adhering to this policy will be removed from that event and may be banned from future contests. Remember that participating in intercollegiate athletics at Barclay College is a privilege, not a right.

### **Behavior Guidelines**

Each student-athlete represents Barclay College and is expected to conduct himself/herself responsibly and in an appropriate manner. Behavior on and off the playing surface reflects Barclay College and each team. Make this reflection a positive one. Disciplinary action leading to athletic suspension may result from such violations. Following are a list of specific areas of conduct to be aware of but not limited to this list:

- *Language:* Keep all language clean no matter where you are.
- *Social Media:* Student-athletes must remember that they are representatives of Barclay College and are in the public eye more so than other students. Please keep the following in mind as you participate on social networking websites: no offensive or inappropriate pictures or comments, no content that could embarrass or disrespect you, your family, your team, the athletics department, or Barclay College (including information that may be posted by others onto your site), and never post your home address, phone number, birth date or personal info for safety reasons.
- *Travel:* Remain with the team at all times on road trips except when extenuating circumstances arise and are approved by the head coach, adhere to all on-campus collegiate policies while representing the college abroad. It is the department's request that all student athletes travel to and from away contest with Barclay College's transportation and supervision. Any special transportation arrangements must be arranged prior to the event.
- Unexcused practices or game absences will be handled per case by the coaching staff.
- Student-athletes academically ineligible will NOT be allowed to accompany their respective team on road trips.
- Student-athletes under disciplinary action from the school, athletic dept. or coaching staff will NOT be allowed to accompany their respective team on road trips.
- Depending on the overall size of the team and current budget numbers, teams will have a limit on the number of student-athletes they will take on road trips: volleyball- 12, men's and women's basketball- 12, soccer- 18. The head coach and athletic director will be the final word.
- Student-athletes could face discipline and even dismissal for violations of team, athletic department, college and/or NCCAA/MCCC policies.

### **Insurance Policy**

Barclay College provides student athletic insurance for the athletes. It can only be used in the event of an authorized school event and has to be signed off on by the attending athletic coach. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure all claims and medical bills are turned in to the insurance company to be paid in a timely manner. Contact information and claim forms for injury for the insurance company can be received from the athletic director or the business office. If the student is covered under another policy at the time it will be considered the primary insurance and Barclay's athletic insurance will be considered secondary to your own.