To: All Student Athletes
From: David Findlay
Professor of Economics and Chair of the Athletics Advisory Committee
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Re: Academics and Athletics

I write to you as chair of the Athletics Advisory Committee to remind you of college policies as they relate to the balance between your academic life and your life as an athlete. It is the responsibility of the Athletics Department and the coaching staff to help each student athlete understand that academic life has priority over all other aspects of life at Colby, including athletics. It is the student’s responsibility to understand this priority and to follow through with actions consistent with this priority.

1. You may not miss class for a practice. This is an NCAA and Colby rule.

2. Faculty members are directed to state their attendance policies on their course syllabi and/or on their course web sites. It is the student’s responsibility to know these policies and abide by them. Any deviation from the policy is at the discretion of the professor. If you have overlapping commitments between your academic and athletic schedules, you should discuss the issues with your professor(s) immediately. Most professors try to accommodate these commitments, but the final decision rests with the faculty member.

3. Prior to each season, the Athletics Advisory Committee reviews and approves all games, contests and, when necessary, post-season schedules. Practice schedules are reviewed and approved by the Director of Athletics.

4. A team or individual must have one complete day off from their sport once in every seven-day period with changes approved by the Athletics Advisory Committee.

5. Practice cannot exceed two hours a day.

6. If a student is placed on academic probation, the student must consult with his or her academic advisor and his or her coach to discuss continued participation in intercollegiate athletics.

7. To be eligible to practice or compete, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Be careful during the Drop/Add period of the semester not to fall below 12 credits. This is an NCAA rule.

8. Maine State Law and Colby policy prohibit hazing in any form. Please read carefully the information provided by the Athletic department in this regard.

9. Do not hesitate to discuss the above issues and any related issues with your academic advisor, your coach, and/or the faculty liaison for your team.

Athletics are an important extracurricular activity at Colby. On behalf of the Athletics Advisory Committee, I would like to express to you our appreciation for the hard work and effort you put into your respective pursuits. Good luck this year both in the classroom and in the athletic arena.