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BARD COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
MISSION STATEMENT

Bard College intercollegiate athletics programs cultivate scholar athletes who embody the ideals of the college by being engaged members of the Bard community as well as being global citizens. By pursuing excellence on and off the field of competition, and through life lessons that competitive collegiate sports present, scholar athletes are empowered to develop their leadership, critical thinking, life skills and athletic ability in pursuit of team goals and program advancement. In alignment with institutional goals and objectives, the Department of Athletics shall provide a positive and enriching scholar athlete experience in an inclusive and gender equitable environment.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bard College Department of Athletics and Recreation has established, and supports, a broad based athletics program. The athletics program maximizes participation by offering a variety of athletics opportunities; there are nineteen varsity sports. The quality and availability of participation and competition for females and males is similar.

The Department of Athletics and Recreation supports student-athletes in their efforts to attain high levels of competitive performance and excellence by providing them with competent coaching, quality facilities, proper and safe protective equipment and appropriate competitive opportunities with student-athletes from similar institutions. While the Department places a primary emphasis on in-season or traditional competition, it does encourage exceptional teams and individuals to compete in post-season championships.

The operational objectives for the athletics program are as follows:

1. To embody and implement the objectives of Bard College as well as the administrative and operational by-laws of the NCAA.

2. To provide quality and safe facilities for athletics competition.

3. To provide each sport with the necessary equipment which includes consideration of proper safety and protection.

4. To have funds available for professional memberships which in turn benefit the College through the assignment of certified officials, scheduling of competitive events with member institutions, and team, individual and coach recognition on the conference, regional and national level.

5. To provide the funds necessary for the restoration and repair of protective and safety equipment so that they meet appropriate standards for use.
6. To have available the necessary supplies for office management, office services and the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.

7. To provide funds for contest management of each sport which includes entry fees, transportation, meals, lodging (when necessary), certified officials for home events, and operation costs for pre-season.

8. To have funds available for conference, regional and national championships, which provide competitive opportunities with student-athletes from similar institutions.

9. To make available counseling opportunities associated with the athlete’s physical, social and mental well-being.

10. To maintain a coaching staff that provides quality athletics instruction and promotes a healthy interest in athletics.

The Department of Athletics and Recreation also supports spectator opportunities for the student body. Spectator participation enables the student body to identify with the College and develop pride, a feeling of importance, better morale and loyalty. The spectators in attendance at College athletics events are expected to provide an environment of respect, dignity and civility for the College’s guests. In essence, the College believes in providing a positive, meaningful, educational atmosphere for the conduct of its athletics events and behavior contrary to this intent will not be tolerated. The College does not accept the use of profane and vulgar language or any form of disrespectful treatment of our guests (visiting teams, officials, etc.). When a public address system is not available, control of the above is the responsibility of the event administrator. When a public address system is available, and any evidence of inappropriate behavior has been demonstrated, the following philosophy needs to be realized:

Bard College promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. Bard College believes in providing a positive, meaningful, educational environment at its athletic events. Profanity, taunting, “trash talking” or any other form of disrespectful action directed toward the officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner.

Artificial noisemakers, air horns and electronic amplifies shall not be permitted, and such instruments shall be removed from the playing and spectator areas. Only signage properly located and pre-approved by the Department of Athletics and Recreation will be permitted at the site of any event.

Alcoholic beverages will not be sold or otherwise made available for public consumption at any athletics event sponsored by or administered by the College, nor shall any such beverages be brought to the site during such an event (i.e., during the period from the
time access to the site is available to spectators until all patrons have left the facility area or area used for competition).

The sale or distribution of newspapers, handbills, candy, food, raffles, flyers, memorabilia or promotional materials at the site of a Bard College athletics event without the advance written approval of the Department of Athletics and Recreation is prohibited.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE

Student-athletes attend Bard College for the primary purpose of education. Nothing should interfere with this purpose. Athletics is part of education, requiring from the student-athletes self-discipline in organizing a study schedule and work habits which will contribute to educational success.

A student’s grades should not suffer because of athletics; this can occur, however, because of the student’s inability to organize properly to cope with both disciplines. At times, this organization requires a great deal of personal commitment. Consequently, the Department of Athletics and Recreation expects student-athletes to organize and discipline themselves with personal commitment so that their educational endeavors and athletics pursuits do not suffer. If difficulty in this area develops, the department staff will seek assistance for the student athlete from other campus departments such as the Center for Student Life and Advising, Counseling Center, Academic Support Services and the Dean of the College. Requisite to being an athlete is accepting the full responsibility of being a student. In order to have a smoothly functioning athletics program, strict adherence to the following is of vital concern:

1. Attendance at all academic classes is mandatory. Failure to attend classes invariably has always reflected back on the team and its purposes. Away and home games can, at times, result in loss of classroom time. Consequently, unnecessary skipping of class should not be the decision of choice.

2. At times, because of other commitments, one’s academic progress can be impacted. Whenever this occurs, coaches expect to be notified and the student-athlete is expected to accept the responsibility for seeking extra individual attention from your professors.

3. The Department of Athletics and Recreation expects from each student-athlete, the acceptance of the responsibility of notifying your professors of away trips related to athletic contests. This should be conducted well in advance so that it does not interfere with the professor’s organized schedule of instruction. This responsibility also includes the making up of any scheduled exams. As soon as you are notified in reference to a scheduled exam, you should report immediately to your professor the conflict that may exist, so that proper procedure can be taken to rectify the matter. For away games, the student-athlete is to be excused from class one half hour prior to departure time. It is strongly recommended that the student-athlete attend class up to the excused one half hour before departure.
4. ACADEMIC DISMISSAL: In the event that a student athlete may request dismissal from a class due to scheduling conflict with an athletic event, the Director of Athletics will send a memorandum to the professor informing him/her of the student’s absence. The Director of Athletics must receive 48 hours notification prior to the event to send the memorandum of request to the faculty. In this situation, the student-athlete is fully responsible for all coursework missed as a result of the absence.

5. When establishing an academic schedule, the student-athlete should consider his/her involvement in athletics, but should never avoid scheduling a course of importance or interest simply to avoid conflicts with athletics participation.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY AND EXPECTATIONS

To be eligible to represent Bard College in intercollegiate competition, a student-athlete must be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies and maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. Should a student-athlete fall below the minimum number of credits required for full-time status, he/she will become immediately ineligible for practice and competition. A waiver of the minimum full-time enrollment requirement may be granted for a student enrolled in the final term of the baccalaureate program. Also, a student may represent the institution while enrolled as a graduate or professional student or while enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at the same institution.

The Department of Athletics and Recreation encourages student-athletes to graduate within a traditional four-year period. Student-athletes may use the NCAA DIII ten semester rule to complete their four seasons of eligibility. However, the Department of Athletics and Recreation must be notified in advance, prior to the start of the next succeeding academic year. If a student-athlete is planning to miss a season of participation and consequently return to school for a fifth year, he/she shall notify, in writing, the Director of Athletics of this plan. There must be sound academic reasons for the student-athlete to make the decision not to participate in a season of competition.

A student-athlete may apply for an NCAA Medical Hardship Waiver, and thereby be granted an additional year of eligibility, if the student-athlete had an injury or illness in the first half of the traditional season and competed in less than 20% of the team’s schedule. If the student-athlete returns to competition after the first half of the traditional season, and is re-injured in the second half of the traditional season, the student-athlete is not eligible for a hardship waiver. To apply for a hardship waiver, the student must meet with the Director of Athletics.

Bard College does permit the use of male practice players to augment team training sessions. Male practice players may not be used to displace opportunities for female student-athletes and all athletics staff members will assure that this will not occur. Male practice players will be provided the same support services provided to all student-athletes. They must have a pre-participation physical and be academically eligible to
participate. The male practice player will also use a season of participation in that sport as indicated in NCAA rules and by-laws.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

Affirmative action at Bard College refers to objective, measurable steps taken to ensure equal opportunity. Any positive, aggressive measures taken to assure equal access to opportunity and aimed at eliminating discrimination or which is intended to remedy past effects of discrimination is affirmative action.

Any students who are unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, work requirements, or athletics contest on a particular day shall be excused from any such commitments. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result.

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY**

The Bard College Department of Athletics and Recreation does not permit the use of alcohol or other drugs by any student-athletes while representing Bard Athletics. Consumption of alcohol or drugs by student-athletes is prohibited in connection with any team function. An official team function, for purposes of this policy, is defined as any activity which is held at the direction of, or under the supervision of the team’s coaching staff or the College’s Department of Athletics and Recreation staff.

The Department of Athletics and Recreation prohibits the purchase of alcohol or drugs to be used by any prospective student-athletes or their hosts while they are visiting the College. Regardless of whether the student host has reached the legal drinking age, the purchase of alcohol for consumption by a person under the legal drinking age is a violation of state law and College policy.

A student-athlete who consumes alcohol or other drugs will be held accountable for any alcohol or drug related incident in which he/she is involved. In addition, regardless of legal implications, should there be sufficient and credible information that a student-athlete is or has been trafficking in controlled drugs, or has in possession of significant amounts to make this a reasonable supposition, the student will be immediately suspended from athletic team participation, including, but not limited to, intercollegiate competition and team practices. In cases of alcohol or drug use by student-athletes, the student-athlete is subject to College, Department of Athletics and/or team disciplinary actions for violations.

Regardless of legal implications, if a student-athlete is involved in an alcohol or drug related incident where there is a violation of Bard College policy, notification of the Dean of Students and the Director of Athletics will occur. In addition to College disciplinary action which may be imposed by the Dean of Students or Student Judiciary Board, the Director of Athletics and Head Coach of that team will determine if the circumstances warrant suspension of the student-athlete from practice and/or game competition. It is
possible that the student-athlete will be suspended from practice and competition indefinitely, or until he/she has initiated involvement in, and shown satisfactory progress in, an alcohol or drug use/abuse program at the discretion of the Director of Athletics and coach. In order to rejoin or continue with the team, the student-athlete may be required to provide evidence of this counseling to the Director of Athletics. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may be advised of the nature of the incidents in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and policy as mandated by the Center for Student Life and Advising.

In addition to the foregoing, the following is a list of guidelines that will generally be followed by the Department of Athletics and Recreation with respect to the alcohol and drug policy:

1. The first offense will be reviewed by the coach and the Director of Athletics.

2. The second offense will result in immediate suspension from practice and competition until the incident is reviewed, and a decision is rendered, by the coach and the Director of Athletics. The Head Coach and the Director of Athletics will determine if circumstances warrant suspension of the student-athlete from practice and/or game competition.

3. The third offense will require that the student-athlete be suspended from practice and competition until he/she has initiated involvement in, and shown satisfactory progress in, an alcohol or other drug use/abuse program. In order to rejoin or continue with the team, the student-athlete must provide written documentation of this counseling to the Director of Athletics. Contingent on the circumstances, permanent removal from the team may result.

The NCAA list of banned-drug classes, refer to: www.ncaa.org/health-safety.

**ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES**

Research and experience confirm that participation in intercollegiate athletics places participants at risk of injury(ies). Student-athletes competing at Bard College are no different and may be injured while participating. Bard College employs certified Athletic Trainers who works closely with the staff of the Health Service, Team Physician and Orthopedic Group. Responsibilities of the athletic training staff include implementing an athletic health care program with the objectives of:

1. Minimizing athletic injuries through prevention and education.
2. Evaluating and managing athletic injuries
3. Rehabilitating injured athletes and establishing readiness to return to participation.

Further, quality athletic health care requires the cooperation and communication between the student-athletes, coaches, physicians and athletic training staff.
ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF and MEDICAL SERVICES

Bard College provides athletic healthcare services primarily through Certified Athletic Trainers which are accredited through the Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers (NATA-BOC). The athletic trainers will provide medical services including but not limited to: injury prevention strategies, injury evaluation and management (acute, chronic and emergency), post-injury rehabilitation and treatment, return to participation protocols, assist with the planning and implementation of strength and conditioning programs and coordination of healthcare with team physicians, health services and coaching staff.

The athletic trainers will provide medical coverage to activities based on inherent level of injury risk. The athletic trainers will cover all home competitions. Prior to athletic participation, athletes must be cleared and approved through the protocol as regulated by the athletic trainers.

All care and treatment that is rendered outside of the usual Bard College medical services must first be cleared by the athletic training staff and team physician. The student-athletes must provide her/his own transportation for those visits.

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM RULES

1- Student-athletes must sign in upon entering the Athletic Training Room for treatment.
2- Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times, including footwear of some type-no cleats.
3- Do not treat yourself, speak to the Athletic Trainers first.
4- Allow enough time for treatments to attend the scheduled practice time (electrical stim treatments account for approximately 15 minutes). Student athletes should arrive for treatment 1 hour prior to practices/away contests and 1.5 hours prior to home contests.
5- Supplies and equipment are not to be removed from the Athletic Training room without permission from a member of the Athletic Training Staff.
6- Rehabilitation will be completed during the day, not within the hour before practice/games. Please schedule and keep an appointment to complete your rehabilitation.

CLEARANCE FOR PARTICIPATION

All student-athletes MUST have a pre-participation physical completed by the Bard College Team Physician or Orthopedic Group prior to participation during their first year of membership on an intercollegiate team. This is provided to the student-athlete during the pre-season screening process. Should a student-athlete miss a scheduled personal appointment with the Team Physician for an athletics physical, his/her student account will be billed for that appointment. An athlete who has been restricted by a physician from participation because of injury or illness must be cleared in writing and be approved by the Team Physician before returning to participation. Pre-participation physicals will not be available after a segment of the season has passed. Exceptions to this must be
approved by the Athletic Trainer and Director of Athletics. To emphasize, all first year and first time student-athletes must have a pre-participation physical prior to participation in the athletics program.

**CONDUCT OF STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Enrollment in the College carries with it obligations with regard to conduct not only inside, but outside, the classroom. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to be a credit to themselves, the team, the Department of Athletics and Recreation, and to the College. They are responsible for abiding by laws governing the community as well as the rules and regulations of the College and are expected to observe the policies set forth in the Bard College Student Handbook and the Bard College Student-Athlete Handbook.

Additionally, the department supports the ideals of citizenship through participation in athletics as promoted by the NCAA. The quality of an individual’s response to membership in the society of athletics is evidenced by respect for self and respect for others. Sports provide not only the opportunity to teach and learn respect for others, but also place participants in a unique context - competition - that can further instill and hone values necessary for the development of respect for self and others.

**GAMBLING POLICY**

The Department of Athletics and Recreation disapproves of the participation of any student-athlete in organized gambling. In accordance with NCAA regulations, student-athletes shall not knowingly:
1. Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition.
2. Solicit a bet with respect to any intercollegiate team.
3. Accept a bet with respect to any team representing the institution.
4. Participate in any gambling activity, the subject of which involves intercollegiate or professional athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method.

Any violations of this policy by student-athletes will result in disciplinary action by the College, the Dean of Students, and/or the Director of Athletics.

**HARASSMENT POLICY**

Harassment is defined as verbal or physical conduct interfering with an individual’s performance or creating an intimidation, hostile or offensive work, education or living environment. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, slurs and verbal or physical conduct. The College prohibits harassment of any kind based on, but not limited to, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability.

Sexual harassment does not have a single, widely accepted definition. It includes a wide range of undesirable actions: sexist remarks, derogatory jokes, attempts to solicit or
coerce sexual favors and physical assaults. It is not limited to overt physical aggression. It can occur among acquaintances, friends, faculty and even coaches. It may not be maliciously intended, it may not even be even conscious on the part of its perpetrator. In broad terms it may be said that sexual harassment consists of behavior which is directed by one party toward another in significant part because of the recipient’s gender and which is unwanted by or damaging to the recipient. Its consequences include mental and emotional stress or discomfort as well as bodily harm. Student-athletes should seek support from the Dean of Students Office and/or the Title IX Coordinator if he/she feels a violation of the College’s sexual harassment policy has occurred. Student athletes in violation of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action by the College, the Dean of Students, and/or the Director of Athletics.

HAZING STATEMENT

Hazing of any type is not permitted at Bard College. Hazing could involve voluntary or involuntary participation of student-athletes in demeaning, inappropriate or suggestive activities that are not within the mission of good citizenship. Any incidents involving hazing should be reported to a member of the athletics staff and Director of Athletics. Hazing situations may range from mild to extreme, yet any issues related to the mistreatment of students will be dealt with by the college. Student-athletes should be aware of appropriate use of social media.

INSURANCE

Bard College maintains a limited accident insurance policy for all student-athletes. A current benefit summary is available in the Department of Athletics and Recreation. The benefits provided under the terms of the policy are payable in excess of any other valid and collectible insurance that may be in place as to the insured student. Any charges in excess of the limits of other insurance are covered subject to the limitations contained in the plan. Because of the limited nature of the Accident Insurance, students are encouraged to maintain other insurance. All insurance claims will be reviewed for their validity by the Athletic Trainers and the Director of Athletics. Insurance claims questions should be referred to the Head Athletic Trainer.

Claims Procedure:
1. Claims forms are available from the Athletic Trainers.
2. In the event that the student needs to be treated at Northern Dutchess Hospital, the student-athlete will need to show his/her Bard Student ID to receive services.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Bard College is committed to ensuring equal access to its educational programs and equal employment without regard to an individual’s sex, gender, race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, veteran status, military status, domestic violence victim status, ex-offender status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. Students, employees, applicants, and other members of Bard College community (including, but not limited to, vendors, visitors and guests) shall not be subject to
discrimination or harassment prohibited by law or otherwise treated adversely based on a protected characteristic. Similarly, the College will not tolerate harassing, violent, intimidating, or discriminatory conduct by its students, employees, or any other member of, or visitor to, the College community. This includes, without limitation, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, and domestic violence.

Further, the Department of Athletics and Recreation is committed to diversity and inclusion of its student-athletes, athletics administrators and staff, while maintaining these obligations as core values.

Inquiries or complaints regarding any form of discrimination, harassment or issues with diversity and inclusion may be directed to:

Kahan Sablo  
Diversity and Inclusion Designee  
Kappa House  
845-758-7456  
ksablo@bard.edu

Kimberly Alexander  
Director of Human Resources  
Ludlow Hall  
845-758-7516  
hr@bard.edu

Kimberly Gould  
Title IX Coordinator  
Gahagan House 202  
845-758-7542  
titleix@bard.edu

Inquiries or complaints regarding any form of discrimination or harassment may also be directed to:

Department of Education  
Office of Civil Rights (New York Office)  
646-428-3800  
Ocr.newuork@ed.gov

**RECRUITING GUIDELINES**

The following is the recruiting policy. All student-athletes who assist in recruiting must strictly adhere to the following:

1. To conduct oneself in a responsible manner at all times.
2. To be a representative of the College and the athletics program.
3. To be concerned about the safety and welfare of the recruit. This includes comfort, food, sleeping quarters and staying with the prospect.
4. To discuss and plan activities with the head coach prior to all recruit visitations. The coach should be available for suggestions.
5. If a personal vehicle is used for off campus activities, be advised the owner’s insurance is responsible for all coverage.

**REGULATORY STATEMENT**

In addition to the behavioral standards expected of all Bard College students, student-athletes will be further monitored by the coach for their respective athletic team’s expectations, rules and regulations, and by the Director of Athletics for adherence to departmental policies regarding student-athlete conduct. Misconduct such as fighting, taunting, “trash-talking”, profane and vulgar language and disrespectful attitudes toward
coaches, opponents, teammates, spectators and officials will result in immediate disciplinary action through the coaching staff and/or the Department of Athletics and Recreation.

Misconduct, on or off campus, leading to suspension from athletics by the coach must be immediately reported by the coach to the Director of Athletics.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Department Staff requires student-athletes to become familiar with safe practices, security cautions and personal safety within and outside of the Bard Community.

1. Never walk alone, always use the “buddy system” or walk in groups.
2. If you need a safe ride, phone security or use the campus transportation service.
3. Always keep your residence hall door locked.
4. Be careful about giving our information concerning yourself or where you live, either in person, by mail, or over the phone or through social media.
5. Keep emergency numbers posted in your phone.
6. Be cautious of isolated areas.
7. Choose routes in advance that are safe and well-populated.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Bard College Department of Athletics understands the popularity and usefulness of social media networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, You Tube, Instagram and others and supports their use by student-athletes provided that:

1- No offensive or inappropriate pictures or comments are posted;
2- Any information placed on the website(s) does not violate Bard College, athletic department or student-athlete codes of conduct;
3- Photos and/or comments posted on these sites do not depict team-related or Bard-identifiable activities (including wearing/using team uniforms or gear inappropriately).
4- Student-athletes must remember that they are representatives of Bard 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:
5- Before participating in any online community, understand that anything posted online is available to anyone in the world. Any text or photo placed online becomes the property of the site(s) and is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online - even if you limit access to your site.
6- You should not post any information, photos or other items online that could embarrass you, your family, your team, the athletic department or Bard College. This includes information that may be posted by others on your page.
7- Student-athletes could face discipline and even dismissal for violations of team, department, Bard and/or NCAA policies.
Potential employers, internship supervisors or law enforcement agencies may monitor social media as a way of screening applicants. In addition, many graduate programs and scholarship committees also search these sites to screen candidates. Bard student-athletes should be very careful when using online social networking sites and keep in mind that sanctions may be imposed, including the loss of your eligibility for the season, if these sites are used improperly or depict inappropriate, embarrassing or dangerous behaviors.

**STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)**

The SAAC is a valuable committee made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes’ lives on our campus. The mission of the SAAC is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare and fostering a positive student-athlete image.

The structure of the SAAC is a membership of student-athletes representative of the nineteen varsity teams with a president, vice-president and secretary. The Assistant Director of Athletics serves as the SAAC advisor with the Director of Athletics and others as assigned.

The SAAC shall meet consistently each semester with opportunities for committee work, campus involvement, leadership development and exchange with the upper administration of the College. Further SAAC information may be found on the athletics web site: www.bard.edu/athletics.

**TEAM PHYSICIANS**

The Department of Athletics and Recreation has designated Team Physicians to oversee the health and welfare of student-athletes. The physicians are periodically on campus at the Health Center and the Stevenson Athletic Center. The Athletic Trainers will arrange for appointments with the physician at the Health Center, the Athletic Training Room or at the physician’s office as needed.

**TITLE IX and OFFICE for GENDER EQUITY**

Title IX, a federal law that prohibits discrimination in education on the basis of sex, ensures you have the right and can expect to have incidents of gender -based misconduct taken seriously. This may include sexual harassment, gender based harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse, intimate partner violence, stalking and/or sexual exploitation. When formally reported, incidents will be investigated and properly resolved through administrative procedures. Formal reporting means that only people who need to know will be told and information will be shared only as necessary with investigators, witnesses, and the accused individual. Formal reports can be made through Bard’s Title IX Office.
TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Bard College adheres to a transportation policy whereby student-athletes, coaches and staff, will be transported as a group to and from all scheduled intercollegiate events. If an exception to the policy is requested, the Student-Athlete Transportation Release Form must be secured from the Athletics Office and is signed by the coach.

UNIFORMS AND APPEARANCE

The following is the policy concerning student-athlete appearance:

1. Proper attire must be worn to all athletic events representing the College.
2. The competitive uniform and travel garments issued by the College must be worn without exception. All visible garments worn under the uniform must conform to the same color of the competitive uniform or as designated by those specific sport governing rules.
3. Student-athletes will be charged for not returning department issued uniforms, warm-ups and other equipment.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Any additional matters not included in this handbook should be addressed with the student-athlete’s coaching staff, department staff and/or the Director of Athletics.

Additional information, including department staff phone and emails are located on the Raptors’ website: www.bardathletics.com