

# FINANCIAL AID

Lafayette College subscribes to the philosophy that need-based financial aid is for those students whose family resources are insufficient to meet college expenses. Therefore, Lafayette may award athletic related need-based aid up to the amount of demonstrated financial need as determined through the College Scholarship Service need analysis procedures, institutional philosophy, and allocated resources of athletic need based funds. In addition, the College awards athletic merit scholarships in four sports. Students receiving athletic merit only are required to file the FAFSA each year.

## *EARLY-DECISION APPLICANTS*

- Submit the **PROFILE** and mail 2010 tax returns and W-2s to Lafayette College for ED I, or within two weeks of submitting the Early Decision II Agreement, but no later than Jan. 15.
- February 1: FAFSA
- March 1: 2011 federal tax returns submitted through [IDOC](#)

## *REGULAR DECISION APPLICANTS*

- Jan. 15: Submit Profile
- February 1: Submit FAFSA
- March 1: Submit 2011 federal tax returns through IDOC

## *INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS*

- Dec. 15: Regular Decision applicants submit [PROFILE](#) online. Priority consideration will be given to international students applying for financial aid by the admission application priority deadline of Dec. 15; Financial aid applications for international students will be accepted, however, until Jan. 15.

## *TRANSFER APPLICANTS*

- April 1: Submit [PROFILE](#) and [FAFSA](#) for fall admission
- Oct. 1: Submit [PROFILE](#) and [FAFSA](#) for spring admission

Financial aid applicants who submit all requirements by the specified deadlines and are accepted under Lafayette's regular or early decision program may expect to receive their financial aid notification along with their admission decision. Applicants can also check their financial aid status by using Banner Self-Service on the Lafayette web site.

## **Policies**

- Students who receive college-funded aid as first year students are eligible for up to 8 semesters of aid.
- Lafayette guarantees full funding to meet need as long as all required documents are received by the deadlines. On-time renewal applicants are notified by the end of June. Late filers are considered if funds are available.
- Each year's need-based award is based on the college costs in effect for that year and the review of all required documents.
- Aid applicants are required to submit the FAFSA by the required deadlines to receive consideration for federal and state aid. Federal and state aid will replace the institutional grant portion of a student's award.
- Financial aid for study abroad will be based on the approved costs for an academic year at Lafayette. Aid is capped at Lafayette's costs and limited to faculty-led and/or approved affiliated programs.
- Aid consideration is subject to academic progress, demonstrated need, full-time enrollment and our filing deadlines.
- Upper-class students who wish to request financial aid for the first -time must file all required documents by the deadlines. Aid consideration will be based on available funds, demonstrated need, and a GPA comparable to the all-college average and, is limited to US citizens and permanent residents.
- The federal government requires Lafayette to verify information provided on the FAFSA. Applicants selected for verification will be notified if they need to provide additional information before any financial aid can be disbursed.
- The financial aid office reserves the right to utilize internet-based resources to verify all information and/or request Form 4506 for tax/income confirmation from the IRS.
- Appeals due to changes in circumstances will be considered by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Families may request the Financial Aid Appeal form and must include supporting documentation. The financial aid office makes every effort to provide additional support when extenuating circumstances occur, though funds may be limited.
- Should parents reduce or discontinue financial support for reasons other than ability to contribute, Lafayette does not replace the parents' expected contribution.

- Information on our policies, academic progress, appeal process, refund policy, verification and more is available on our web site at [finaid.lafayette.edu](http://finaid.lafayette.edu). Students are expected to check the financial aid web site regularly for any changes, revisions and/or new inform

### **Determining Need**

Having identified the costs of attending a college, the next step is to determine the amount a family can contribute from their income and assets. The applications previously listed provide the means by which the Office of Financial Aid can calculate that contribution. By subtracting the family's contribution from the cost of attendance, the remainder is financial aid eligibility based on need. It is within the parameters of that financial aid eligibility that a financial aid award is made.

### **Policy on Financial Aid Awards for Athletes**

Lafayette employs a policy of awarding both athletically related need-based financial aid as well as athletic merit aid to student-athletes. Recruited student-athletes may receive preferential aid packages in which the self-help portion of the award is replaced with grant-to-need as demonstrated by the institutional methodology analysis. In addition, coaches are provided the flexibility to utilize self-help in combination with the preferential package. Two options are listed below for using coach recommended money:

1. Level 1: Full grant-to-need for coach recommended students
2. Level 2: \$2,500 loan plus grant-to-need for coach recommended students

### **Merit-Based Athletic Scholarships**

The College provides athletic scholarships in the sports of men's and women's basketball, field hockey and men's soccer. The scholarship team limit is set at an average of twelve (12) for men's and women's basketball and eight (8) for both field hockey and men's soccer over a four year period. Any additional scholarship funding, up to NCAA team limits must be funded from outside sources.

#### *Title IX:*

It is the responsibility of the athletic department to maintain compliance with Title IX legislation in distributing scholarship money and athletically-related financial aid. These policies and distribution of money may be adjusted if necessary.

#### *Funding:*

The allocation for each program provides coaches' with flexibility to manage the scholarships to match the needs of his or her program. Outlined below are the opportunities for distribution:

- Coaches may award full or partial scholarships to prospective student-athletes.
- Coaches may reserve scholarship money from one class and rollover the money to be used in the next recruiting class.
- Using scholarship funds, coaches may increase the financial aid awards of current student-athletes (on an athletic merit basis) within NCAA guidelines.

At no time during a four-year cycle may any sport average more than the permissive number of scholarships in their respective sport (12 basketball, 8 field hockey and men's soccer) without prior approval. Each program will be required to notify the Director of Athletics and Director of Financial Aid by April 15 of each year if they plan to reserve scholarship money for the following recruiting cycle.

### **Need-Based Financial Aid and Scholarship Student-Athletes:**

The following list of regulations applies to need-based financial aid and scholarship student-athletes:

- Student-athletes that receive athletic scholarship money are required to complete the FAFSA for the financial aid office in the event there is a change in their student-athlete status.
- Student-athletes may not be awarded a scholarship that is less than their demonstrated need.
- Coaches are permitted to award scholarship money to students that are admitted without coach support and have financial need. They may award the scholarship in excess of what the financial aid package is from the financial aid office, with the scholarship first replacing the loan and job that was awarded to the student.

### **Change in Student-Athlete Status:**

If a student-athlete's status on the team changes, per athletic department policy, this student's athletically-related aid is adjusted. In the case of a transfer or cut, the athletic aid is not adjusted until July 1 of the following academic year. If a student-athlete voluntarily withdraws, the aid is immediately adjusted.

Below is an outline of the procedures for allocation of funds if there is a change in student-athlete status:

1. A scholarship student-athlete voluntarily withdraws from the team and:
  - a. Withdraws from the College:
    - i. The remaining scholarship for each year on the student's scholarship account will be placed in the sport's rollover account to be utilized by the coach going forward.
  - b. Remains enrolled in the College:

- i. The student will be immediately repackaged like a regular student (including self-help and grant) with the grant portion of the financial aid package allocated from the sport's scholarship pool, provided the student remains enrolled.
        - ii. Any scholarship money originally assigned to the student above the grant portion of the newly constituted financial aid package will be returned to that sport's athletic scholarship pool.
  2. A scholarship student-athlete is removed from the team for violation of College, Department or Team policy and:
    - a. Withdraws from the College:
      - i. The remaining scholarship for each year on the student's scholarship account will be placed in the sport's rollover account to be utilized by the coach going forward.
    - b. Remains enrolled in the College:
      - i. The student will be immediately repackaged like a regular student (including self-help and grant) with the grant portion of the financial aid package allocated from the sport's scholarship pool, provided the student remains enrolled.
      - ii. Any scholarship money originally assigned to the student above the grant portion of the newly constituted financial aid package will be returned to that sport's athletic scholarship pool.
  3. A scholarship student-athlete is removed from the team for athletic reasons and:
    - a. Withdraws from the College:
      - i. The remaining scholarship for each year on the student's scholarship account will be placed in the sport's rollover account to be utilized by the coach going forward.
    - b. Remains enrolled in the College:
      - i. The student will be repackaged, at the conclusion of the academic year, like a regular student (including self-help and grant) with the grant portion of the financial aid package allocated from the sport's scholarship pool, provided the student remains enrolled.
      - ii. Any scholarship money originally assigned to the student above the grant portion of the newly constituted financial aid package will be returned to that sport's athletic scholarship pool.

In all cases, the coach may use the rollover scholarship money on a current student-athlete or for an incoming prospective student-athlete. The returned scholarship money will only be available for the remainder years that it is budgeted for. For instance, a student-athlete quits the program at the end of his sophomore year. The coach has scholarship money for 2 years, rather than 4 years.

**NCAA Regulations:**

Per NCAA policy, an institution may not award any type of financial aid beyond one academic year. Coaches should never guarantee scholarship money or financial aid to student-athletes beyond one academic year.

Student-athletes receiving athletic scholarship will be required to sign a grant-in-aid agreement on an annual basis.

**Athletic Scholarship Award:**

The athletic scholarship grant includes the following:

- Tuition
- Room and Board
- Student Fees
- Required Books (please see the scholarship book policy on the next page)

The athletic scholarship grant does not include the following:

- Summer school
- Cost of meal plans above the 20 meal plan allowance
- Housing above the standard allowance (i.e., an upperclass house off-campus; the student-athlete is responsible for the difference)
- Parking permits, tickets, etc.
- Health insurance and fees at the Bailey Health Center
- Flex (not included in the meal plan)
- Deposit for incoming freshmen

Please be aware that the above list is not an exhaustive list. If you have questions about your athletic scholarship please contact the Financial Aid Office or the Compliance Office.

**Lafayette College Scholarship Book Policy**

Eligibility: Student-athletes that have been awarded a full athletic scholarship to attend Lafayette receive compensation for each semester's course required books.

**Reimbursement Policy:*****Beginning of each semester:***

Prior to the beginning of each semester, scholarship student-athletes will receive a reminder email regarding the policy of obtaining course required books. A bookstore account has been created for all scholarship student-athletes and all books will be charged to one account.

Over the course of the summer and interim, the athletic department will send a listing to the Registrar, the Controller, and the College Bookstore with the name and Lafayette ID# of students receiving full scholarship equivalency and who are eligible to receive books.

The Registrar will send each student's course listing to the College Bookstore so that the books can be reserved for pick up and charged to the book scholarship account. Each student-athlete will be required to see Chuck Corsi in the bookstore and present ID to receive his/her books.

The College Bookstore will send a statement for the entire book scholarship account. This statement will outline each student-athlete's charges and provide a total for each student.

The athletic department will notify the financial aid office of eligible charges for each student-athlete and the athletic scholarship award will be adjusted by the reimbursable book amount.

Any incidental or book purchases, beyond those that are course-required, will be considered the responsibility of the student and will not be reimbursed as part of the scholarship. Accounts must be paid in full prior to registration for the next semester.

*Drop/Add Period:*

During the drop/add period, it is understood that those student-athletes with a full scholarship may drop/add courses and will need new books. Students will have until the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each semester (the end of the drop/add period) to return and buy new books for classes that were added or dropped. Bills will not be distributed to the athletic department and financial aid office until November 2 and April 1 each semester. The registrar will send an updated class schedule of each scholarship student-athlete to the compliance coordinator. Any book charges that do not match classes that student-athletes are enrolled in will not be paid for through the athletic scholarship. The student-athlete is responsible for those payments.

*Withdraw Period:*

If a student-athlete withdraws from a class, the book cannot be returned until the end of the semester with the rest of his/her books.

*NCAA Policy:*

Please understand that it is NCAA policy that the institution can only provide course required books to student-athletes. "Recommended" course readings are not included in the scholarship allocation.

In addition, it is a violation for student-athletes to charge books to the scholarship account that are not required for the courses in which they are enrolled.

These policies were created in attempt to avoid potential abuse and violation of NCAA rules.

## **Termination of Aid**

Any preferred financial aid package awarded to a student-athlete based upon participation in a sport may be terminated *immediately* due to the following circumstances. The student-athlete will be notified by the financial aid office of any changes.

- 1) Failure to participate/voluntary withdraw (quit) in the sport for which the award is granted, unless the withdrawal is the result of medical incapacitation due to injury or illness as certified by the Lafayette College physician, which is not the result of the student-athlete's negligence.
- 2) Academic and/or disciplinary probation rendering a student-athlete ineligible to participate.
- 3) Disciplinary Dismissal for violation of team rules, College Policy, NCAA Policy or other disciplinary issues within the team or College.

Any preferred financial aid package awarded to a student-athlete may be terminated *at the conclusion of the academic year* under the following circumstances. In these cases, the student-athlete will be notified no later than July 1 of the change in aid:

- 1) Cut from the team by the head coach based upon evaluation of athletic talent at any time during the previous academic year.
- 2) Failure to file the Profile / FAFSA and tax returns, or fraudulent filing of financial data.
- 3) Lack of financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid from the annually updated information on the financial aid applications, as verified from tax return information.
- 4) Reduced or Non-renewed athletic scholarship as determined by the head coach no later than May 15 annually. Coaches should notify student-athletes in writing of this adjustment.

## **Definition of Roster Change Terms/Effects on Financial Aid**

- 1) Quit – to voluntarily withdraw from the team. If financial aid package is based upon team participation, aid will be immediately repackaged as determined by financial aid policies for all students upon notification of the voluntary withdraw.
- 2) Disciplinary Dismissal – removal from the team by the head coach for violation of NCAA, College, or team rules. If financial aid package is based upon team participation, aid will be immediately repackaged as determined by financial aid policies for all students upon notification of the disciplinary dismissal.
- 3) Athletic cut – removal from the team by the head coach based upon evaluation of athletic talent. If financial aid package is based upon

team participation, aid will continue until the completion of the period of the award. Any subsequent financial aid package will be determined by financial aid policies for all students.

- 4) Medical – career ending injury or illness as certified by the College’s physician. Maintain preferential financial aid package provided student remains in good standing with the College and would be otherwise eligible for competition.

### **Policies and Procedures for Athletically Related Financial Aid Appeals**

If Lafayette College reduces or does not renew athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete based upon athletic ability or participation, the Office of Financial Aid shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon written request, shall be provided an appeal opportunity before the Committee on Athletic Appeals.

**Committee on Athletic Appeals:** The Committee on Athletic Appeals shall be comprised of a representative from the Faculty Committee on Enrollment Planning, the Faculty Committee on Athletics, and the Dean of Students, or his/her designee, who shall chair the Committee.

**Request for Hearing:** If a student-athlete chooses to pursue an appeal, that student-athlete must notify the Director of Financial Aid or designee in writing within fourteen days of the Financial Aid Office notification that an appeal is requested. Upon receipt of appeal request, the Director of Financial Aid or designee will notify the Chair of the Committee on Athletic Appeals within 7 days that the appeal has been requested.

**Notification of Hearing:** At least 48 hours prior to the hearing, the student-athlete shall be given written notification of the time and place of the hearing and a written statement outlining the issues by the chair of the Committee or his/her designee.

**Nature of Hearing:** Hearings of the Committee on Athletic Appeals shall be open only to the members of the Committee, the Director of Athletics or designee, the student-athlete, and, for relevant portions of the hearing, witnesses called by the student-athlete, the Department of Athletics, or the Committee. In addition, the student-athlete may be accompanied by an advisor chosen from the student body, faculty, or administrative officers of the College throughout the entire procedure. The purpose of the advisor shall be solely to ensure fairness in presentation and review of pertinent facts and to advise the student-athlete. The advisor is not permitted to address the Committee.

**Procedures of the Hearing:** The following procedures will be in effect in appeals heard by the Committee on Athletic Appeals.

1. Introduction of Committee members and hearing participants.
2. Review of procedures followed by Committee.
3. Presentation of case by Director of Athletics, or his/her representative.

4. Response by student-athlete to Department of Athletics case.
5. Presentation by Department of Athletics representative of support information and/or witnesses.
  - a. Committee will question any witnesses as they appear.
  - b. Student may also question witnesses.
6. Presentation by student-athlete of support information and/or witnesses.
  - a. Committee will question any witnesses as they appear.
  - b. Department of Athletics representative may also question witnesses.
7. Final summary of materials and testimony and concluding statement by Department of Athletics representative.
  - a. Committee and student may question representative.
8. Final summary of materials and testimony and concluding statement by student.
  - a. Committee and Department of Athletics representative may question student.
9. Student and Department of Athletics representative are excused from Hearing.
10. Deliberations of Committee
  - a. This portion of the meeting is limited to members of the Committee.
11. Dean of Students, or his/her designee, is notified of decision made by the Committee.
12. Student-athlete is notified by the Dean of Students, or his/her designee, of Committee decision.
13. All decisions made by the Committee on Athletic Appeals are final.
14. All Committee on Athletic Appeals hearings are recorded.

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### **Outside Scholarships**

Lafayette students are encouraged and rewarded for seeking additional funding to help meet college expenses. All outside scholarships will be used first to replace the loan and/or job component of your aid package. Outside scholarship funding above the amount needed to replace the loan and/or job component of a need-based award may result in revisions to your institutional grant aid award. Aid from all sources cannot exceed our total college costs. (Tuition benefits, Tuition Exchange, RA benefits, and federal and state grants are not considered outside scholarships and will be used to meet a student's financial need.) Student-athletes are subject to NCAA and/or Patriot League guidelines.

### **Student and Family Borrowing**

Many families will find it necessary or desirable to borrow as a supplement to need based financial aid. Opportunities can be explored through the **Federal Direct Loan** or **PLUS Loan programs**. Application information is available at <http://finaid.lafayette.edu/>

# ELIGIBILITY

## ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ELIGIBILITY

### NCAA ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible to compete in **all sports**, you must:

- Have been admitted to Lafayette as a regular student seeking a degree according to the published entrance requirements.
- Be in good academic standing according to the standards of Lafayette.
- Be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program (not less than 3 classes per semester) and maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
- Have your eligibility cleared by the Athletic Administration.

If you have transferred to Lafayette from another institution midyear, or you have completed one academic year in residence at Lafayette or used one season of eligibility in a sport at Lafayette, your eligibility shall be determined by your academic record in existence at the beginning of the Fall term of the regular academic year, and you must satisfy the following requirements for academic progress to **eligible** to compete:

- You must have satisfactorily completed 6 classes prior to the start of your second year of enrollment.
- Each year, you must complete a total of 5 classes in the previous academic year.
- To be eligible in each semester, you must complete at minimum 2 classes in the previous semester.
- You must choose a major that leads toward a specific baccalaureate degree by the beginning of your third year of enrollment.
- If you are entering your third year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program, and you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based upon a maximum of 4.000) that equals 95% of the cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. At Lafayette, this minimum grade-point average equals 1.90.
- If you are entering your fourth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program, and you must present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based upon a maximum of 4.000) that equals 100% of the cumulative minimum grade-point average for graduation. At Lafayette, this minimum grade-point average is 2.0.
- At Lafayette, all students and student-athletes are expected to graduate in four years. If, however, you are entering your fifth year of collegiate enrollment, you must have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in your specific degree program, and you must present a cumulative grade-point average (based upon a maximum of 4.000) that equals 100% of the cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. [Bylaws 14.4.3.2 and 14.4.3.3.1] At Lafayette, this minimum grade-point average is 2.0.

- You must earn at least 75 percent of the semester or quarter hours required for satisfactory progress during the regular academic year (5 classes), and you may not earn more than 25 percent of the semester (1 class) or quarter hours required for satisfactory progress during the summer. [Bylaw 14.4.3.1]

PLEASE NOTE: Academic progress requirement for institutional and federal aid do not mirror the NCAA requirements for participation. Students should refer to [www.lafayette.edu/admissions/finaid/aps.html](http://www.lafayette.edu/admissions/finaid/aps.html) for college and federal academic progress standards

## OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY

### All Sports:

You are not eligible to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition, except for extensions that have been approved in accordance with NCAA legislation [Bylaw 14.2] and Patriot League regulations.

### All Sports Other Than Basketball:

You are not eligible in your sport for the remainder of the year and the next academic year if, during the academic year, you competed as a member of any outside team in any non-collegiate, amateur competition. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition and other specified Council approved competition is permitted [Bylaw 14.7.1].

### Basketball Only:

You are not eligible if you have played in any organized, outside basketball competition after you became a candidate for an intercollegiate basketball team at an institution that is a member of the NCAA, or after you enrolled at a member institution that recruited you to play on its intercollegiate basketball team [Bylaw 14.7.2].

It is permissible to play on a basketball team in a summer basketball league that is certified by the NCAA [Bylaw 14.7.4]. Permission must be granted in writing by the Director of Athletics.

## PATRIOT LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY RULES

Student-athletes eligibility requirements for Patriot League member institutions follow all applicable NCAA continuing eligibility requirements. Additionally, in an effort to ensure each member institution's athletics program is conducted in a manner which places a priority on the academic and personal growth of the student-athlete, the Patriot League has established the following policies and procedures related to student-athlete eligibility.

### Policies:

1. First year students are eligible for varsity competition.

2. All students participating in intercollegiate athletics must be enrolled full-time making normal academic progress in an academic program leading to a first baccalaureate degree and meet other published institution requirements for participation, as established by each member institution.
3. A student-athlete's normal years of eligibility are the first eight (8) semesters (or equivalent terms) after initial enrollment.
4. "Athletic redshirting" (i.e., holding a student out of competition as an underclassmen for the express purpose of saving a year of NCAA eligibility for a fifth year of enrollment) is prohibited.
5. An extension of eligibility may be granted by a member institution at the President's discretion to a student-athlete who misses a season of competition as a result of serious injury, illness, or other cause beyond the student's control. Such exceptions require the review of the executive director prior to the season in question to assure that all NCAA requirements are met.
6. Transfer students, whose academic programs require a ninth semester or fifth year from the date of their college matriculation, are normally eligible for athletic competition in the ninth semester or fifth year, assuming the student has met all other NCAA Division I criteria including the one year residency requirement.

# ELIGIBILITY

## Lafayette College ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Lafayette uses a system of course credits in computing progress toward the degree. Each course is equal to one course credit with exceptions as noted in the course description. Lafayette will consider a student's progress toward a degree acceptable if he or she has earned at least the following number of credits by the semester indicated:

Year in School	Minimum Course Requirements		Normal Course Requirements	
	End 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	End 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	A.B./B.S. Science	B.S. Engineering
Freshmen	3	6	8	8
Sophomore	10	14	16	18
Junior	18	22	24	28
Senior	27	32	32	38

Three courses are considered the minimum load for full-time standing. An average GPA of at least 2.0 both overall and in the major is required for graduation. At Lafayette, it is recommended that you register for at least 4 course credits.

For financial aid purposes, academic progress is reviewed and certified at the end of each academic year by the Academic Progress Committee of the College. Students are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress based on qualitative standards (defined by GPA) and quantitative standards (defined by number of courses completed.) See chart below:

By the end of: GPA Courses completed

First year	1.80	6
Second year	2.00	14
Third year	2.00	22
Fourth year	2.00	32

## ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students not making satisfactory progress may be placed on academic probation by the Academic Progress Committee. Factors such as term averages, cumulative averages, and graduation progress are among the criteria used in evaluating students, but each case is considered individually. When a student is placed on probation, the probationary period is in effect normally from the date of the action until the end of the following semester.

Students on academic probation may not take more than two unexcused cuts in any course. A student on academic probation may be required to withdraw unless during the next semester that student shows improvement sufficient to demonstrate clear promise of eventual graduation, although a period of probation need not precede action requiring a student to withdraw. Freshmen on academic probation may not hold office in student or

social organizations, represent Lafayette College in any official capacity, including intercollegiate athletic practice or competition, or participate in fraternity or sorority pledging. A student who has not completed 6 course credits will be regarded as a freshman for purposes of probation. Failure to make satisfactory academic progress may affect eligibility to receive federal or institutional financial aid.

## **NCAA REGULATIONS**

### **TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES**

In all sports in Division I, the NCAA regulates the amount of time a student-athlete can spend on athletically related activities, both in season and out of season, as a protection of their welfare. During a sports playing season, a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

Outside of the playing season (for sports other than football), a student-athlete's participation shall not exceed the 8-hour limit of off-season countable athletically related activities with a maximum of two hours dedicated to skill instruction. Between September 15 and April 15, more than four student-athletes may participate in 2 hours of skill instruction during a week. Before September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes may be involved with skill instruction. In football, no skill instruction is permitted. Football out-of-season activity is limited to weight-lifting, conditioning and film review. No more than two hours each week may be dedicated to film review. Out-of-season countable activity is prohibited one week prior to the start of final exams in each semester through the conclusion of exams.

Countable athletically related activities fall into five categories including:

- 1) Competition,
- 2) Practice,
- 3) Weight training / conditioning,
- 4) Athletically related meetings,
- 5) Required camps / clinics / and physical education classes.

All activities related to the above five categories must be counted toward daily and weekly time limitations.

A complete listing of definitions and applications may be found in Bylaw 17.02 of the NCAA Manual. Questions may be directed to your coach or to the Assistant Director of Athletics.

### **PRACTICE TIME GUIDELINES**

The normal academic day at Lafayette begins at 8:00 a.m. and goes to 4:30 p.m. The scheduling of courses and laboratories during this time has priority over athletic considerations. The athletic day, in terms of team practices, may begin early in the

morning (not to extend into the academic day which starts at 8:00 a.m.) or may begin after the student-athlete's classes have ended in the afternoon.

Absences necessitated by participation in recognized College and intercollegiate activities are excused by the Office of the Dean of Studies. These Dean's Excuses are for scheduled athletic contests and related travel time. Class and laboratory time have priority over practice time and travel to the practice fields. While students may individually practice a sport, (i.e., running, swimming, or individualized sports instruction, etc.), coaches may not formally schedule team practice during the academic day, nor should coaches encourage students to arrive at the practice sites before the student-athlete's classes have ended in the afternoon.

## NCAA EXTRA BENEFIT GUIDELINES

Per NCAA regulations, an "extra benefit" is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

Examples of extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Transportation
- Use of an automobile
- Discounted services or products
- Providing more than the 4 permitted complimentary tickets to games
- Low interest or interest-free loans, credit card rates, etc.
- Special payment arrangements on personal products

Be extremely careful of anyone that offers you free or reduced-cost product or services. If you have received any benefit, by any person other than a family member, please contact the compliance office immediately. If you have questions concerning extra benefits, please ask your coach or contact the compliance office.

## GAMBLING

NCAA regulations define sports wagering as placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to:

- the use of a bookmaker or parlay card
- Internet sports wagering
- Auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests

- Pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

## HAZING

Lafayette College requires that no living group allow any of its new members, current members or others to participate in any pre-initiation ceremony or practice which involves mental or physical exhaustion or abuse. The Athletic Department will not tolerate any form of hazing and severe penalties will be imposed if a team is found in violation of this rule. It is up to the upper-class leaders of each team to uphold this policy. Failure to abide by college regulations may result in a cancellation of the athletic season for that sport. Please refer to the Student Handbook for examples of what would constitute hazing. If you have any questions regarding a team activity, please contact the athletic administration office for advice.