

Dear Lafayette Student-Athlete:

Welcome to Lafayette College for what may be some of the most exciting and important years of your life. I am looking forward to meeting and watching you compete as a Lafayette Leopard.

Your dual role as a student and an athlete requires that you be informed about academic as well as athletic policies and procedures. This Student-Athlete Handbook is an on-going effort to communicate with each other as we all work toward the common goal of excellence in the classroom and on the playing field. This handbook is available to all student-athletes online. It can be found at www.GoLeopards.com by pressing the “Inside Athletics” button.

We are committed to the true student-athlete concept. The entire Department of Athletics and Coaching and Administrative Staff is interested in your academic and athletic success. Even though this handbook is full of valuable information, it is meant to be a resource guide and is not meant to eliminate personalized assistance. Please feel free to contact any member of our department if you have a special need during the year.

Please read this guide, be responsible, be informed, and your experiences will be great. Best wishes for a successful academic and athletic year at Lafayette, and good luck to all of our teams.

Sincerely,
Bruce E. McCutcheon, Ph.D.
Director of Athletics

BEING A STUDENT-ATHLETE AT LAFAYETTE COLLEGE IS A PRIVILEGE

Being a student-athlete at Lafayette College is a privilege, not a right. The rules and regulations of the department and college must be respected at all times to earn the privilege to represent Lafayette College on our athletic teams. **The number one priority for student-athletes at Lafayette College is academic success.** All College and NCAA regulations will be upheld to the highest level.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Lafayette College. You have enrolled in one of the top twenty-five small colleges in the country. Along with being a top academic institution, it is equally impressive as a leading athletic institution in the prestigious Patriot League.

The purpose of this Student-Athlete Handbook is to depict the policies and regulations, which manage Lafayette's intercollegiate program and to be helpful in answering any questions you might have concerning your intercollegiate experience here at Lafayette.

EQUITY IN ATHLETICS DISCLOSURE ACT (EADA) STATEMENT

In response to a new federal law, the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA), Lafayette has prepared an annual report covering the prior year which contains financial information, rates of participation and other data related to women's and men's athletic programs. A copy of this report will be available for review after October 15, at Skillman Library, the Office of Admissions, the Office of Financial Aid, and the Department of Athletics. In accordance with the new law, Lafayette is informing all students and potential students of the availability of the information contained in the report, and will provide a copy of the EADA Report to students, potential students, and the public upon request.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Department of Athletics, as a partner in the mission of Lafayette College, provides an effective learning experience for student-athletes through competitive NCAA Division I athletics. We are committed to cultivating an environment of excellence that fosters personal growth, leadership development, responsible citizenship and team work. The department promotes pride, loyalty and unity within the Lafayette community and creates opportunities for building life-long relationships."

The Department of Athletics is committed to ensuring gender equity compliance, student-athlete welfare, and promotes the values of ethical and responsible behavior. The department is committed to providing a diverse learning environment with equitable opportunity for student-athletes and staff without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or place of origin. The department operates in compliance with Lafayette College, Patriot League and NCAA policies as well as federal regulations.

The Department of Athletics fulfills its purpose by:

1. Creating an environment where student-athletes and teams are challenged to excel.
2. Ensuring a high student-athlete graduation rate through monitoring and support.
3. Acting with ethical and moral standards.
4. Graduating proactive and productive members of society.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

(All numbers are preceded by (610)-330-unless otherwise noted).

Kirby Sports Center.....	5470
Athletic Fax.....	5702
Bruce E. McCutcheon, Director of Athletics.....	5470
George L. Bright, Associate Director of Athletics.....	5472
Kaitlyn McKittrick, Asst. Director of Athletics.....	5474
Scott Morse, Director of Communications.....	5122
Matt Bayly, Head Athletic Trainer.....	5766
Strength Center.....	5526
Ruef Natatorium.....	5483
Academic Tutoring and Training Center.....	5098
Kamine Field House.....	258-4336

Coaching Staff

Baseball.....	Joe Kinney.....	330-5476
Basketball (Men).....	Fran O'Hanlon.....	330-5475
Basketball (Women).....	Dianne Nolan.....	330-5475
Cheerleading.....	Dana Filchner.....	330-5971
Fencing (Co-Ed).....	Tom Gauntner.....	330-5487
Field Hockey.....	Andrew Griffiths.....	330-5479
Football.....	Frank Tavani.....	330-5485
Golf (Men).....	Jim Hutnik.....	330-5487
Lacrosse (Men).....	Terry Mangan.....	330-5482
Lacrosse (Women).....	Alison Fisher.....	330-5716
Soccer (Men).....	Dennis Bohn.....	330-5495
Soccer (Women).....	Mick Statham.....	330-5458
Softball.....	Meaghan Asselta.....	330-5764
Swimming and Diving (M & W)....	Jim Dailey.....	330-5483
Tennis (Men and Women)....	Eric Ratchford.....	330-5480
Track, Field and Cross Country (M & W)...	Julio Piazza.....	330-5481
Volleyball (Women).....	Terri Dadio Campbell.....	330-5473
Athletic Training Room.....		330-5491
Public Safety.....		330-5330
Bailey Health Center.....		330-5001
Ticket Business Office.....		330-5471
Athletic Equipment Room.....		330-5492

CODE OF ETHICS

PRINCIPLE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Student-athletes, coaches and administrators of the Department of Athletics at Lafayette College shall deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their behavior shall at all times reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in competitive sports in the collegiate setting.

STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

Student-athletes, coaches, staff and administrators are expected to represent Lafayette College in an honorable manner at all times. Standards of ethical conduct are established and enforced by the NCAA, the Patriot League and Lafayette College. All student-athletes, coaches, staff and administrators are expected to comply with all the general conduct and ethics guidelines specified below.

1. Lafayette's responsibility is to exercise control of its athletics program and to keep it within the bounds of the educational process. Lafayette's responsibility is also to promote the general public's understanding of this point of view and its appreciation of the educational values which are derived from a properly balanced program of intercollegiate sports.
2. Lafayette's responsibility is to ensure that all individuals employed by or directly associated with its athletics program conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Documented unsportsmanlike conduct (including but not limited to fighting, verbal abuse or other negative behavior) by department staff members, coaches, administrators or student-athletes will not be tolerated and is subject to disciplinary action.
3. Staff members at Lafayette will refrain from negative recruiting (e.g., sending newspaper articles which demean another institution, verbal degradation, or any other action which results in lowering the regard of another institution). Negative recruiting is also subject to disciplinary action.
4. Public remarks regarding Lafayette policy or other athletic matters, including officiating, which denigrate Lafayette, individuals or other institutions will not be tolerated and are subject to disciplinary action.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Specific conduct rules exist for certain groups of individuals associated with the Lafayette College athletic program.

1. Coaches

- a. Coaches should support the officials of any game rather than criticize them publicly. Such action may lead to crowd disturbances and bad feelings between institutions.
- b. Coaches should remain in their designated areas and refrain from any action that would incite the crowds. Further, they are required to avoid any subsequent sounding-off to the press concerning game officials. Any public criticisms of a game official are subject to disciplinary action.
- c. All coaches should realize that a determination regarding the continuation of any scheduled game is the responsibility of the game officials, and that taking a team from any playing area is not his or her prerogative. Any variation from this procedure is subject to disciplinary action.

2. Student-athletes

- a. The policies and codes of Lafayette College follow a student-athlete to the campuses of other collegiate institutions and to any locality as long as the student-athlete is enrolled at Lafayette. The same social standards with regard to proper conduct, respect for property, etc., are expected both on and off campus.

3. Athletic Communications

- a. Public Address announcements of events are to be non-partisan and all stories will be accurate, objective and fair. The Assistant Director for Athletic Communications has the opportunity to contribute to the understanding and sportsmanship between institutions and their supporting public.

Sources: 2007-08 NCAA Manual
Patriot League Policy Manual

DEPARTMENTAL AFFILIATIONS

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Lafayette College is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and competes in Division I for all sports and Football Championship Subdivision in football. The NCAA is an association of member colleges that makes certain rules governing eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. The rules are intended to provide a better environment for the recruiting of a student-athlete and appropriate standards to govern the manner in which institutions compete with one another both on and off the playing field. To have an opportunity to compete in any NCAA Championship is a prestigious accomplishment that all student-athletes would like to obtain. The NCAA headquarters is currently located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Lafayette also is affiliated with the Eastern College Athletic Conference as a member in Division I and has competed and won numerous ECAC Championship titles both on the team level, as well as the individual level. The ECAC is the nation's largest collegiate athletic conference with 290 member colleges and universities ranging from Maine to North Carolina in Divisions I, II, and III. ECAC member institutions sponsor over 2500 varsity teams involving 125,000 male and female student-athletes. The ECAC headquarters is located in Centerville, Massachusetts.

PATRIOT LEAGUE

Lafayette is one of the charter members of the **PATRIOT LEAGUE** which was established in 1984 as a football conference, then in 1990 expanded to an all-sport conference of 22 sports that includes Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lehigh and Navy. In 2001, American joined the Patriot League as a full member of the Patriot League. Associate members include Fordham University (football only) and Georgetown University (football only).

The League was founded on the principles of maintaining teams of student-athletes, whose academic ability and progress are representative of the entire student body, the awarding of athletic related need-based scholarships and holding institutional presidents directly responsible for governance and policies of the League. The competition within the League is highly competitive and entertaining. The President's Cup is awarded annually to the school which has accumulated the most points for athletic excellence throughout the year. The Patriot League has its headquarters in Center Valley, Pennsylvania.