

LONG BEACH STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT-ATHLETE OFF-CAMPUS CONDUCT POLICY

Long Beach State (LBS), an institution of higher learning, is very proud of its athletic program. It is important that our student-athletes realize that they are representatives of the Department of Athletics and their team, both in competition and off-campus. They should conduct themselves in a positive and honorable manner with pride, integrity and responsibility.

1. If any student-athlete is arrested and/or charged with a criminal violation by a district attorney, city prosecutor, a court of law, or like authority, the student-athlete (or his/her representative) must report this information to the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics (or designee) within 48 hours of such knowledge. Failure to report criminal charges by the student-athlete (or his/her representative) within 48 hours to the Head Coach or the Director of Athletics (or designee) may subject the student-athlete to action up to and including dismissal from the athletics program.
2. Any student-athlete arrested and/or charged with a criminal violation by a district attorney, city prosecutor, a court of law, or like authority, may be immediately and temporarily suspended from the athletic program pending a Department of Athletics review of the charges. This immediate and temporary suspension may include, but is not necessarily limited to, practice and competition with the team. The review will be conducted by the Senior Associate Director of Athletics, the Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance, the Faculty Athletics Representative chair, a representative from the Office of Student Services and the student-athlete. Specific procedures for the review may be obtained from the office of Director of Athletics located in the Pyramid Annex, 562-985-7976.
3. A student-athlete convicted of a felony, including a plea of nolo contendere on a felony charge, may be removed from the team and may be precluded from further participation in intercollegiate athletics at LBS pending a prompt review by the Department of Athletics committee convened for such purpose. Further, LBS may cancel any athletically related financial aid awarded to the student-athlete who is convicted of a felony, including a plea on nolo contendere on a felony charge, subject to NCAA and Department of Athletics regulations and the written terms of any such athletically related financial aid award.

INVESTIGATION

The Director of Athletics will notify the Chair of the review committee of the criminal allegations, charged by an off-campus authority, against the student-athlete. The chair will gather the information and convene the Committee for review.

REVIEW PROCEDURES

Within seven working days of having received notice of the charge or conviction of a criminal matter, a review will be conducted under the following procedures:

1. The review may go forward regardless of any civil, criminal or administrative matters pending.
2. The review shall be treated in a confidential manner.
3. The review shall be closed to all persons other than the Committee, the student-athlete charged, an advisor for the Committee, an advisor for the student-athlete, witnesses while they are presenting evidence and a recorder. If more than one student-athlete is charged, there may be separate reviews.
4. An advisor of the student-athlete's choice may accompany the student-athlete and act on their behalf. The advisor may not be an attorney.
5. The student-athlete will be given at least two working days written notice of the allegations against him/her. The Chair at the beginning of the review should review the allegations orally.
6. The student-athlete will have the opportunity to testify and present witnesses. The student-athlete may submit questions to the Committee for consideration; however, only the Committee will have the right to ask questions during the review.
7. No evidence other than that presented at the review shall be considered.
8. The Chair will make all rulings relating to the conduct of the review.
9. The review will be tape recorded along with written minutes. The tape recording will be deemed the official record of the review and the student-athlete may request a copy of the record.
10. Any time prior to the decision from the review, the student-athlete and the committee may mutually agree to an informal closure. The student-athlete and the Committee Chair will sign a written copy.
11. If after proper notification, the student-athlete or authorized advisor does not appear, the review may proceed and a decision may be rendered on the evidence presented.
12. The Committee will review all information and a recommendation will be submitted to the Director of Athletics, who will make a final decision regarding actions, if any, to be taken. The student-athlete will be notified of the decision in person or by mail within five working days of the completion of the review.

PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

After review and receipt of findings and recommendations from the Review Committee, or upon a written settlement agreement, the Director of Athletics will have the authority to impose penalties and/or sanctions upon the student-athlete. These may include, but are not limited to:

1. No action
2. Written apology from the student-athlete
3. A warning, either oral or written
4. Athletic probation, with or without conditions
5. Suspension from practices, suspension from competition, suspension from participation in team activities or any combination of these
6. Dismissal from the team
7. Removal of athletic financial aid (if applicable)