IIT ACADEMIC POLICIES

Academic Honesty  The Illinois Institute of Technology Athletics Department expects students to adhere to the code of academic honesty in the IIT Student Handbook:  
https://web.iit.edu/student-affairs/handbook/fine-print/code-academic-honesty

Policy Statement—Varsity Student-Athletes and Classes  In general, faculty members work very well with the Illinois Tech Athletics Department to facilitate the ability of our student-athletes to pursue their academic interests and satisfy all academic requirements while still competing on a varsity team. Varsity athletics is important to the fabric of university life—important not just to the participating athletes but also to the entire student body. At Illinois Tech, participation in athletics is often a key element in preparing individuals for later life.

On occasion, a situation arises where an instructor requires a student-athlete to choose between coursework and participation on a varsity team. Though rare, such situations can undermine student morale and blunt the development of a healthy classroom-extracurricular balance for students.

To avoid such situations and provide uniform guidelines across the university, this memo outlines the responsibilities of varsity student-athletes and faculty members with respect to such matters:

- The student-athlete is responsible for providing the instructor with a schedule of all sanctioned contests during the first week of the semester or as soon thereafter as the dates are set.
- Except in extraordinary cases, a varsity student-athlete is to be excused without penalty from a class when it directly conflicts with a formal sanctioned contest with another university/college.
- If an exam, quiz, or other academic test/presentation is scheduled for the class period for which the student-athlete is excused, the instructor is generally expected to work with the student to make reasonable arrangements to take the exam or quiz, or make the required presentation, either before or after the missed class. In cases where reasonable arrangements cannot be made, such as joint student presentations (e.g., IPRO presentations), then the student-athlete will be expected to attend the class.
- The instructor is responsible for informing the student-athlete in a timely manner of any assignment that will be made during the missed class.
- The student-athlete is responsible for obtaining class notes from the other students who attend the class and for completing all assignments due at the missed class or assigned at the missed class.
- The athletics director is responsible for communicating this policy to the varsity coaches and student-athletes, collecting firsthand information for claims of violation, and transmitting those claims to the relevant deans with backup information.
- The deans of IIT colleges are accountable for communicating this policy to their faculties, and for ensuring that their faculty members adhere to the policy.

Alan W. Cramb, President 7.10.19
Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference - Scholar Athletes

The Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC) recognizes student-athletes for league-sponsored sports who maintain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher for the entire academic year.

Academic Information/Resources

Supported by Illinois Tech, the Dr. Scholl Foundation, and other private foundation funding, the IIT Academic Resource Center (ARC) provides free peer tutoring in architecture; AutoCAD; biology; biomedical engineering; chemical engineering; chemistry; civil and architectural engineering; computer science; electrical and computer engineering; Maple; mathematics; MatLab; Microsoft Office; mechanical, materials, and aerospace engineering; physics; reviews; business; and economics.

The ARC website is www.iit.edu/arc/index.shtml.

Tutoring  The ARC has tutors available and weekly study sessions.

Study Halls  Individual coaches may set up study halls for student-athletes.

TutorTrac  All coaches have access to TutorTrac, which provides information from instructors on attendance, participation, and academic progress in courses.

Athletics Academic Advisor  The Illinois Tech Athletics Department has an athletics academic advisor, Mark Johnston, who is available to set up tutoring and to provide academic support in conjunction with the Academic Resource Center (ARC). Contact: mjohnst4@iit.edu

General Eligibility Information

Transfer Students  Most students enrolled in a Division III institution are immediately eligible to participate in athletics. The NCAA Legislation requires transfer student-athletes to be academically eligible to participate in athletics at the institution where he/she was formerly enrolled as a full-time student, in order to be eligible to participate in athletics at the institution to which he/she transfers. If the transfer student-athlete was not considered eligible at the time of transfer, he/she must attend Illinois Tech as a full-time student for one full academic year and satisfy the appropriate academic requirements before competing in Division III athletics at Illinois Tech.

Any student-athlete is ineligible to compete if he/she has participated in athletics for four years prior to his/her transfer to Illinois Tech or is enrolled in his/her 11th full-time semester (unless a waiver is requested from, and granted by, the NCAA).

Self-release  If a Division III student-athlete wants to transfer to another Division III institution, the student-athlete may issue his/her own “permission-to-contact self-release” to allow another Division III institution to contact him/her regarding a potential transfer.

Years of Participation  In NCAA Division III, a student-athlete may compete for four academic years or the equivalent of eight full-time semesters. Each semester of full-time enrollment is counted toward years of eligibility.
**Exception: Final Semester/Quarter**  A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. The student-athlete must apply for this exception with the vice president for student development and director of athletics.

**Season of participation**  Generally, NCAA Division III rules provide that any participation (practice or competition) during a season, regardless of the amount of time, counts as having participated in a season in that sport. Therefore, in most cases, a student-athlete has used a season of participation when he/she spends one second in competition on the field, court, gym, swimming pool, and track, etc.

A student-athlete will be charged with a season of participation if he or she practices or competes during or after the first regular season contest at a Division III institution.

**Redshirt**  Redshirting does not exist in Division III because if a student-athlete plays or practices after his/her first opportunity to compete, he/she is charged with a season of participation.

**Hardship Waiver Request**  A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition for reasons of “hardship,” which is defined as incapacity resulting from injury or illness.

If a student-athlete is injured in a practice session, game, or other situation, and this injury prohibits the student-athlete from further participation, he/she may request a hardship waiver for an extra year of athletic eligibility. The incapacity must occur in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition. All requests for hardship waiver consideration must be directed to the head coach, who in consultation with the team athletics trainer will make a recommendation to the director of athletics.

**5th-Year Eligibility**  A student-athlete—like all other students at the university—may petition for an additional semester or two toward their undergraduate studies to earn a second bachelor’s degree, or complete a bachelor’s degree after a change in major. Students should see the relevant policy for additional details in the NCAA Division III Manual.

**Graduate Students**  A graduate student is eligible to participate in varsity athletics if he/she has athletic eligibility remaining and the student completed his/her undergraduate degree at IIT. Graduate students who graduate from another DIII and have eligibility and playing seasons remaining are eligible to participate.

**Faculty Athletics Representative**  A member of the IIT faculty shall be appointed to serve as a liaison between the Illinois Tech Athletics Department and the faculty. The responsibility of the liaison is to monitor the academic eligibility of all student-athletes. The faculty athletics representative and the registrar will report eligibility status of prospective and current student-athletes to the director of athletics.
Refer to the NCAA Division III Homepage for complete guidelines at https://www.ncaa.org/d3

Refer to the NCAA Division III Website for all compliance forms at http://www.ncaa.org/2019-20-division-iii-compliance-forms