

Principles of Student-Athlete Welfare

At the 1995 NCAA Convention “The Principles of Student-Athlete Welfare” were adopted to protect and enhance the physical and educational welfare of student-athletes. It is important that you know that Lehigh athletics is committed to these principles. (Excerpted from the [NCAA Manual](#))

1. **OVERALL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete’s activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete’s educational experience. (Adopted: 1/10/95)
2. **CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND GENDER EQUITY.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among its student-athletes and intercollegiate athletics department staff. (Adopted: 1/10/95)
3. **HEALTH AND SAFETY.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to protect the health of and provide a safe environment for each of its participating student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/10/95)
4. **STUDENT-ATHLETE/COACH RELATIONSHIP.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that fosters a positive relationship between the student-athlete and coach. (Adopted: 1/10/95)
5. **FAIRNESS, OPENNESS AND HONESTY.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to ensure that coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationships with student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/10/95)
6. **STUDENT-ATHLETE INVOLVEMENT.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to involve student-athletes in matters that affect their lives. (Adopted: 1/10/95)
7. **SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT.** The Patriot League was founded upon the principles of fairness, equality, and excellence in academics as well as in athletic participation. It strongly supports the NCAA’s core principle: promoting character development of participants and fundamental values such as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility. The Patriot League member institutions will ensure that their athletic programs promote and require the highest standards of sporting behavior and ethical conduct by all participants (student-athletes, coaches, staff, and faculty). Additionally, the member institutions will require and demand the highest standards from all supporters (bands, cheerleaders, spirit groups, student bodies, and spectators).