From the ADs

At New Mexico Highlands University, we embrace the Division II motto of “Life in the Balance.” We aim to recruit, retain and graduate the best student-athletes we can. Our goal is to provide model programs that develop students academically, athletically and socially.

As the NCAA website states, “Division II is a collection of 300 NCAA colleges and universities that provide thousands of student-athletes the opportunity to compete at a high level of scholarship athletics while excelling in the classroom and fully engaging in the broader campus experience. This balance, in which student-athletes are recognized for their academic success, athletics contributions and campus/community involvement, is at the heart of the Division II philosophy.”

I encourage you to come support our students as they represent all of us at NMHU in athletic competitions. I know how much it means to them when you do.

We appreciate your support and all that you do. And please, reach out to any of us in the Athletic Department if we can help our students or you in any way. We are all on the same TEAM.

GO COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS!

Jim Deisler and Karin Gadberry
Co-directors of Athletics

About Our Program

NMHU sponsors NCAA Division II Athletics and is a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Colorado
Adams State - Alamosa
Colorado Christian – Lakewood
Colorado Mesa - Grand Junction
Colorado Mines - Golden
CSU-Pueblo - Pueblo
Fort Lewis – Durango
MSU Denver – Denver
Regis University – Denver
UCCS - Colorado Springs
Western State - Gunnison

Nebraska
Chadron State - Chadron

New Mexico
New Mexico Highlands - Las Vegas
Western New Mexico - Silver City

South Dakota
Black Hills State - Spearfish
South Dakota Mines - Rapid City

Utah
Westminster - Salt Lake City

About Our Athletes

• More than 330 students participate in the Athletics Program each year.
• In the past five seasons, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Coaches/SID Associations recognized 135 student-athletes with academic awards.
• Student-athletes in most sports have higher graduation rates than non-athletes.
• The average GPA for student-athletes is 2.95.

Student-athletes are limited to 20 hours of Countable Athletically Related Activities (CARA) per week for team activities during in-season and 8 hours per week during off-season.

Countable Athletically Related Activities Include:
• Practice
• Weight Lifting
• Conditioning
• Team Meetings
• Competitions (3 hours per day)

Activities not Countable in CARA:
• Study hall
• Athletic training room
• Open gym
• Travel
• Meals

Fall Sports
Football
Volleyball
Soccer
Men’s Cross Country
Women’s Cross Country

Winter Sports
Men’s Basketball
Women’s Basketball
Wrestling
Women’s Indoor Track & Field

Spring Sports
Baseball
Softball
Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
Eligibility
To maintain eligibility, student-athletes must:
• Pass 24 degree-applicable units during the academic year
• Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA
• Pass a minimum of 6 hours each semester

Eligibility is determined by:
• Registrar – Michael Raine
• Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) – Bill Taylor
• Athletic Director & Compliance Officer – Jim Deisler
• Student-athlete’s head coach

Contact Information
The Athletic Department encourages you to contact team coaches if you have questions or concerns about a student-athlete’s academic performance.

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How Can I Help Student-Athletes Succeed?
Faculty and instructors are important to student-athletes’ academic success. You can help by:
• Identifying student-athletes in your classes at the beginning of the semester
• Working with student-athletes to develop reasonable accommodations for exams and due dates that conflict with travel schedules
• Completing progress reports
• Participating in Early Alert
• Contacting team coaches with questions and concerns
• Attending games and competitions

Contact the Athletic Director if you have questions about eligibility or graduation requirements while advising student-athletes.

Early Alert
Early Alert and midterm progress reports allow coaches and the Athletics Department to receive feedback about student-athletes’ classroom performance. Your participation throughout the semester will help coaches advise student-athletes for academic success.

Travel and Absences
Student-athletes represent the University at officially sanctioned sporting events. Athletics travel schedules are emailed by the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs. These are excused absences.

Student-athletes are required to communicate with professors about the following:
• Travel requirements and expected absences
• Travel conflicts affecting due dates and exams
• Coursework missed due to travel