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CLASS ABSENCE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Rationale:

Seattle University sponsors intercollegiate athletic programs at the Division I level. We wish to recognize the role students have outside the classroom in making distinctive contributions to the university. The purpose of this policy is to set forth principles and procedures that support students' academic success, facilitate their participation in Division 1 sports, reduce scheduling conflicts, provide a framework for negotiating those that remain unavoidable, and ensuring both the integrity of the academic process as well as the equitable treatment of our students

Principles:

- 1. At Seattle University, our student-athletes are held to the same standard of academic excellence expected of all students.
- 2. In accord with NCAA Bylaws, the athletics program will take every measure to minimize the number of classes student-athletes must miss due to athletic competition by taking the academic calendar and schedule into account

time, and return time. The Faculty Athletics Representative has the authority to ask that the travel schedule be modified to reduce the number of class absences.

- 3. Faculty should have previous course syllabi available to students. Students-athletes should consult syllabi in considering their course selections and contact faculty should they have any questions.
- 4. Student-athletes will make an effort to schedule classes that limit the amount of class missed due to scheduled competitions and associated travel. They should always consult with their academic advisors for help in developing their schedules.
- 5. Faculty should indicate on the course syllabus, available to students on the first day of class, the dates of all major exams, due dates for paper or project submissions, and dates