

<b>Title</b> :	<b>Guidelines for Intercollegiate Athletics</b>	
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Purpose

The Intercollegiate Athletics Program conducted by Eastern Arizona College is an integral part of the total student curricular and extra-curricular offerings. As such, it offers opportunities for student athletes to excel in competitive sports in an atmosphere of quality leadership, training, facilities, equipment, and safety. For most students, sports are considered supplementary activities. Seldom can a student justify placing competitive sports in a priority position in his/her college life. All policies, procedures, rules, and regulations are to be based on these assumptions.

Athletic Contests

The number of contests (scrimmages, conference games, non-conference games, dates, and tournaments) per sport will not exceed NJCAA and Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) maximums of:

- Volleyball        32 dates with a maximum of 28 dates in the fall
- Basketball        30 games and four scrimmage dates.
- Softball            60 games during the spring championship season with a maximum of 14 playing dates in the fall
- Baseball            56 games and scrimmages in the spring with a maximum of 14 scrimmages in the fall
- Golf                 30 dates Fall and Spring combined
- Soccer              22 games and scrimmages in the fall with a maximum of six scrimmages in the spring.

The maximum number of contests shall be expanded to facilitate conference post-season play-off and conference tournament contests.

Athletic Travel Guidelines

Travel for out-of-state contests will be approved to meet conference/league schedule requirements. Three out-of-state and six in-state non-conference contests may be requested. Additional non-conference contests funded through auxiliary accounts may be requested.

All authorized athletic travel shall be itemized and included in the College’s budget. Budget capacity for regular contests shall be itemized for each sport. Budget capacity for post-season contests shall be included in the Athletic Director’s budget. Athletic travel not itemized in the College’s budget must be approved by the College President prior to any commitments being made for College staff or team participation.

Absence from Classes

Athletes shall not absent themselves from classes when such will harm their academic standing. The Athletic Director shall schedule regular contests so that no participant in any one sport will miss more than ten (10) days of instruction. A day of instruction shall be defined as any class prior to 4:00 p.m.

Conference, regional or national tournaments or play-offs may be individually allowed if appropriate, in addition to those days missed for regular contests.

Athletic Eligibility

Student athletes participating in College approved contests will meet all NJCAA eligibility rules.

