

Elements of the protocol for Student Athletes

1. Definitions:

- Academic Year** The academic year at The Mico University College is the twelve - month period beginning August/September and ending July/August of the following calendar year. The academic year consists of two semesters and a summer session. However, for the purposes of this protocol the Academic year will be regarded as two semester from September to May.
- Student Athlete:** A registered full-time undergraduate student who is demonstrable participating at the National or Institutional level in a particular sport. Where the student is participating at the Institutional level he/she must demonstrate engagement in training / practice in the sport.
- In-season** The time between the individual's/team's first officially recognized practice session and the last practice session or competition, whichever comes later.
- Out-of-Season** The remaining days in the academic year, not included in the in-season period.

2. Organization of the programme for the Student Athlete:

- The Student Athlete, in any one academic year, must be given –
 - One semester of regular academic engagement
 - One semester of modified academic engagement depending on the “Sporting season”. During the modified semester, the Student Athlete will not be allowed to carry less than the number of courses for a part-time student i.e. 12 credits
 - The summer session shall be flexible.
- The Student Athlete will be allowed to complete the programme within the specified time

The degree programme, in the absence of any extenuating circumstance, should be completed in not less than three (3) and not more than six (6) years for the full-time student; and not less than four (4) and not more than eight (8) years (inclusive of the summer session) for the part-time student, depending on the entry level.

3. Being away from classes:
 - If the Student Athlete has to be away from classes for any period of time, the Student Athlete must seek permission from the Registrar in writing. The Registrar shall respond and a copy sent to the Dean of the Faculty, as well as, the Head of the respective Department.
 - If the Student Athlete has to be away from classes for a prolonged period of time, the Dean through the Head of Department shall make the necessary arrangements for the Student Athlete to keep pace with the work being done by the class.

4. Responsibilities of the Student Athlete:
 - The Student Athlete must attend and participate in the required academic classes, submitting the necessary pieces of work and sitting requisite examinations.
 - The Student Athlete, must be engaged in the requisite sporting activities, including
 - Training/practice
 - Attend coaching meetings, as required
 - Attend clinics/camps, as required
 - Participating in the sport as required.
 - The Student Athlete, must ensure that he/she takes the necessary safety precaution while participating in any sporting activity

5. Competition days shall be counted as regular attendance at school

6. Assessment:
 - Sporting activities are prohibited one week before and for the duration of the examination period.
 - Where the Student Athlete has to miss an examination because of a competition (locally or abroad), the Student Athlete will be allowed to re-sit the examination at the next sitting at no additional cost.
 - Where the Student Athlete misses the deadline for the submission of a course work piece because of a competition (locally or abroad), the Student Athlete must make arrangements with the Lecturer for the submission of the piece within three (3) weeks of the deadline for the submission of the coursework piece. The Student Athlete shall not be penalized.