Below, you will find information that gives a comprehensive review of California law as it relates to Student-Athletes as well information related to Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) athletic scholarships, athletic injuries/medical insurance and the transfer release process.

A. California Law for Student-Athletes California Assembly Bill 2079
On September 30, 2010, AB 2079 was signed into California law by the Governor. This law requires educational institutions that offer athletic scholarships, or that provide, by any delivery method, written material regarding their athletic program to a student-athlete, to provide a direct link to the institution’s Internet web page where the student-athlete shall be able to access all information regarding the institution’s athletic scholarship program.

California Senate Bill 1525
On September 27, 2012, SB 1525 was signed into California law by the Governor. This law establishes an Athlete Bill of Rights for student-athletes in institutions of higher education. Below, you will find information that gives a comprehensive review of how the PLNU Athletic Department upholds the Student-athlete Bill of Rights. California Education Code, Title 3, Division 5, Part 40.3.

STUDENT-ATHLETE BILL OF RIGHTS

CHAPTER 1. PREAMBLE SECTION 67450.*

The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Meeting the educational needs of student-athletes should be a priority for intercollegiate athletic programs.

(b) California’s institutions of higher education that participate in Division I and Division II intercollegiate athletics collectively generate millions of dollars annually in media contracts, and this revenue would not exist without the efforts of student-athletes.

(c) Student-athletes generate large revenues for many athletic programs, spend approximately 40 hours per week participating in their respective sports, and suffer current and historically low graduation rates.

(d) Providing adequate health and safety protection for student-athletes can help prevent serious injury and death.

(e) Current and former student-athletes can be left to pay for medical expenses incurred from injuries suffered while participating in intercollegiate athletics.

(f) Institutions of higher education should provide their student-athletes with the same due process protection afforded to students who do not participate in athletics.

(g) Athletic programs in this state are subject to federal gender equity requirements under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.).
(h) An institution of higher education should not punish any student-athlete for transferring to another institution of higher education.

(i) An institution of higher education should not use funds for purposes of this part that are dedicated for the benefit of the general student body.

*Section 67452 and Section 67453 do not apply to Point Loma Nazarene University. “An institution of higher education that receives, as an average, less than ten million dollars ($10,000,000) in annual income derived from media rights for intercollegiate athletics shall not be subject to the requirements of these section[s].” California Education Code, Title 3, Division 5, Part 40.3, Chapter 1, Section 67452(e) and Section 67543(c).

**B. STUDENT-ATHLETE INFORMATION**

1) PLNU Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

Estimated Full-Time Cost of Attendance 2019-2020 (Academic Year)

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* Less than 12 units = $1,515/unit

^ Nursing Block Tuition is $3,000 above the regular tuition rate per semester

** Based on a shared room and a mid-priced meal plan

For more details see PLNU website https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/student-financial-services/undergraduate-student-financial-services/costs

2) Expenses not included in a full grant-in-aid athletic scholarship pursuant to the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) rules

Application Fee: $55
Deposit: $425

3) Athletic Aid and Scholarship Information

In accordance with NCAA rules, an athletics grant-in-aid may not be awarded in excess of one academic year. Full athletics grants-in-aid cannot exceed the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, required
course-related books and required course-related supplies. PLNU must distribute all financial aid to the student-athlete for them to remain eligible.

Institutional financial aid includes scholarships, grants, loans, tuition waivers awarded based in any degree on athletics ability and on-campus employment (including work-study). [NCAA Bylaw 15.2.1].

Financial Aid from Outside Sources
However, financial aid from outside sources (NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2) is permissible if it is:

- Received from one on whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent (per NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.1);

- Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability (per NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.2); or

- Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students, even if such aid is related to athletics ability, provided that the conditions are met under NCAA Bylaw 15.2.2.3.

Additional Financial Assistance
Student Financial Services is available to help students research other methods to help fund their education outside of athletic scholarships. SFS Office: 619-849-2538 or sfs@pointloma.edu.

Additional financial assistance may be available in the form of grants, scholarships, federal loans, parent loans and personal loans.

Outside Aid Reporting Requirements
Student-athletes must report to PLNU any financial aid that received from a source other than PLNU. However, student-athletes do not need to report financial aid received from anyone upon whom they are naturally or legally dependent.

4) Student-Athlete Summer Semester Financial Aid

All student-athletes who intend to register for PLNU summer courses must notify the Athletics Department. Student-athletes may be awarded financial aid up to the cost of attendance and in accordance with PLNU summer semester financial aid policies. Student-athletes may be eligible for athletic, departmental, and endowed scholarship awards for summer courses taken at PLNU based on the availability of funding but the total of awards may not exceed on-campus charges. If a student-athlete drops any course for which they were awarded institutional funds, the award amount will be adjusted accordingly for the number of units dropped. All federal and state financial aid awarded will be adjusted according to regulation and institutional policy.

5) NCAA Scholarship Information

Pursuant to NCAA rules, a verbal commitment is not binding on either the student-athlete or the institution. The National Letter of Intent is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an institution. In this agreement, the institution agrees to provide a prospective student-athlete (who is admitted to the institution and is eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules) athletic aid for one academic year in exchange for the prospective student-athlete’s agreement to attend the institution for one academic year. The National Letter of Intent must be accompanied by the institutional athletic scholarship agreement. If the prospective student-athlete signs the National Letter of Intent but does not
enroll at that institution for a full academic year, he or she may be subject to specific penalties, including
loss of a season of eligibility and a mandatory residence requirement.

6) NCAA Rules Regarding Scholarship Duration
If a student’s athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall neither
be awarded for a period less than one academic year nor for a period that would exceed the student’s ten-
semester period of eligibility (see NCAA Bylaws 15.1.1). One-year grants-in-aid shall be awarded in equal
amounts for each term of the academic year; the Athletic Director must approve exceptions.

15.02.7 Period of Award
The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as part of the student-
athlete’s grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice,
whichever is earlier, until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. An
athletics grant-in-aid shall neither be awarded in excess of one academic year nor for a period less than
one academic year. (See Bylaw 15.5.3.1 for exceptions.)

15.5.3.1: One-Year Period
Athletics aid shall neither be awarded in excess of one academic year nor for a period less than one
academic year. The initial award of athletics aid in a given academic year shall be awarded in equal
amounts for each term. (Revised: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/18, 7/18/17 effective 8/1/18)

15.5.3.1.1 Exceptions
An institution may award athletics aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year
only under the following circumstances. (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/18)

(a) Midyear Enrollment. A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution
during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the second semester or
second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of
that academic year. (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/18)

(b) Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may receive athletics aid for less than one academic
year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of his or her degree program
and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete
the degree requirements. (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/18)

(c) Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall
Term. A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and
will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically
related financial aid for less than one academic year. (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/18)

(d) One-Time Exception. One time during a student-athlete’s enrollment at the certifying institution
he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete
has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term.
(Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/18)

(e) Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter. A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is
exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.4.1.3) in the institution’s financial aid limit, or a student athlete
who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.4.1.1) due to an injury or illness may receive athletics aid
for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, he or she must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.5.2.4.

7) PLNU Athletics Aid Duration and Renewal Information

Renewal Athletic Scholarship Deadline by Sport

- Fall (Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer) and Winter (Basketball) sports Athletic Scholarship Agreements are due from Head Coaches May 1st.

- Spring (Baseball, Tennis, Track and Field, and Golf) sports Athletic Scholarship Agreements are due from Head Coaches May 15th or within one week of final contest.

- Grad Student-Athletes Athletic Scholarship Agreements are due June 1st.

All athletic grant-in-aid funds will be posted to the Student-Athlete’s billing account by the Director of Student Accounts or designee two weeks after the start of the semester at a point in time consistent with all financial aid awards and following notification (Athletic Clearance) from the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA of their eligibility to compete.

Prior to the start of each semester, the Director of Student Accounts or designee will be notified of all Student-Athletes receiving aid over their institutional charges as to their eligibility to receive the aid prior to the issuance of any credit balance to the Student-Athlete. This is applicable to initial and renewal awards.

Athletic Aid Reduction, Removal, Non-Removal & Appeals Procedure

It is NCAA policy (per NCAA Bylaw 15.5.4) that institutional aid, based in any degree on athletic ability, may only be reduced or removed during the period of the award, if the recipient:

- Renders him or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition; or
- Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial agreement; or
- Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty; or
- Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient’s financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the financial aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term.

Any such reduction or removal of aid during the period of the award will be approved only if such action is taken for proper cause and written documentation is submitted to the Athletic Director and Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA. In addition, at the end of the period of the award athletic aid will be reviewed by the Head Coach and may increase, reduce, or not renew for the following year based on
the athlete’s level of performance or any violation of institution, department, or team policies. Any circumstances that involve a head coaching change or when a Student-Athlete in good academic standing suffers a temporary or permanent sports-related injury will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Athletic Director.

These are procedures for reducing, removing, or non-renewal of athletic aid:

1. The Head Coach recommends to the Athletic Director that a Student-Athlete’s athletic aid be reduced, removed, or not renewed. The Athletic Director will review the Head Coach’s recommendation with the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA. The Athletic Director will decide whether to approve or deny the coach’s recommendation based on the facts and rationale and based upon whether the request complies with NCAA regulations. If the recommendation is denied, the Student-Athlete’s athletic aid will not be removed, or reduced. If a non-renewal request is denied, the athletic aid will be renewed at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

2. If the recommendation is approved, the Athletic Director recommends in writing to the Senior Director of Undergraduate Student Financial Services & Director of Financial Aid via the Athletic Aid Adjustment form that a Student-Athlete’s athletic aid award be reduced, removed, or not renewed.

3. The Senior Director of Undergraduate Student Financial Services & Director of Financial Aid or designee shall send written notification to the Student-Athlete regarding the opportunity for an appeal hearing. The Student-Athlete shall have fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days upon the date of issuance of this letter to respond, in writing, to the Senior Director of Undergraduate Student Financial Services & Director of Financial Aid or designee and formally request a hearing.

4. Failure by the Student-Athlete to submit a written request for a hearing within fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days shall be interpreted as a refusal of the opportunity for a hearing. As a result, the initial determination for non-renewal, removal, or reduction of athletic aid shall be made final and binding.

5. If the Student-Athlete requests in writing of their intent to appeal within the fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days, the Athletic Scholarship Appeals Committee chair will be immediately notified.

6. The committee chair will select two other committee members outside the Athletic Department. Members of the Compliance Committee may be considered.
   • Committee Chair - Senior Director of Undergraduate Student Financial Services & Director of Financial Aid or designee
   • Committee Member #2 - a representative of the Student Development
   • Committee Member #3 – a representative of the Student Development or another campus department

7. The committee chair will email a "Request to Appeal the Non-Renewal, Removal, or Reduction of Athletic Scholarship" instructions and form to the Student-Athlete, Head Coach and Athletic Director within two (2) business days of receipt of written notification. The Student-Athlete and Head Coach must return the completed form to the committee chair within three (3) business days from the date the form is emailed.
8. The Athletic Scholarship Appeals Committee shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving written notification of a Student-Athlete’s intent to appeal, in accordance with NCAA rules. The committee chair will notify the Student-Athlete, Head Coach and the Athletic Director of the time, date, and location of their respective hearings via email.

9. The Student-Athlete and Head Coach must come to their respective hearing with three (3) copies of any documents that will be presented, one for each member of the Appeals Committee. The Committee will have been provided copies of any email communications received regarding the request for appeal and a copy of the signed Athletic Scholarship Agreement for the Academic Year in question.

10. At this hearing, the Student-Athlete and Head Coach have an opportunity to present their case separately regarding the non-renewal, removal, or reduction of athletic aid. Both parties are permitted to present witnesses and/or documents to the committee that may support their position. Both the Student-Athlete and Head Coach will each be given a maximum of 45 minutes to present their documentation and/or testimony from witnesses.

11. An adviser may accompany a Student-Athlete during an appeal. The adviser is generally a fellow student, faculty member, mentor, friend, or parent. Legal counsel may not accompany the Student-Athlete. On occasion, a Student-Athlete has been accompanied by a mentor, who is trained as a lawyer. In this event, the mentor serves strictly as an adviser and does not serve as legal counsel. The university will provide an Ombudsperson to assist the Student-Athlete, if requested.

12. The decision as to whether the Student-Athlete may be given an opportunity to compete for a roster spot on a PLNU athletic team is beyond the authority of the Athletic Scholarship Appeals Committee and rests with the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director. The Athletic Scholarship Appeals Committee may only render a decision about the non-renewal, removal, or reduction of the athletic aid.

13. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Athletic Scholarship Appeals Committee shall have up to 5 business days to render a final decision as to the status of athletics aid. With written agreement from both the Student-Athlete and the Athletic Department, an extension to the 5 business days may be granted, if requested by the Appeals Committee.

14. The committee chair will notify the Student-Athlete, Head Coach and Athletic Director the committee’s decision in writing. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

15. The appeal process, related emails, documentation presented, and decision of the Appeals Committee should be considered confidential. The Student-Athlete, their family members or friends, PLNU coaching and Athletic Department staff, and Appeals Committee may not disclose the outcome or opinions of the appeal through personal or institutional social media (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc.) or media outlets (including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, television, media websites, etc.) A violation of the confidentiality of information as noted above by the Student-Athlete or their family members or friends may result in the reversal of the Appeals Committee decision and/or loss of athletic scholarship. A violation of the confidentiality of information as noted above by any member of the staff representing PLNU may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

8) NCAA Policy Regarding Medical Expenses

NCAA Bylaw 16.4 Medical Expenses
An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete.

9) PLNU Athletics Policy Regarding Intercollegiate Athletic Insurance

**Primary Health Insurance**
All Student-Athletes are required to maintain valid primary health insurance coverage. Should a Student-Athletes’ insurance change or be cancelled, it is the responsibility of the Student-Athlete to notify the PLNU insurance coordinator to discuss options for coverage.

All International Student-Athletes are required to purchase PLNU’s International Health Insurance plan.

**Mandatory Student Accident Plan (MSA)**
All PLNU undergraduate students are automatically enrolled in the Mandatory Student Accident Plan (MSA). The 2019-2020 cost is $27/per student annually and is valid from August 1, 2019 - August 1, 2020. This plan is an excess plan that covers accidents/injuries while participating in school sponsored and/or supervised activities, including after school activities. General medical issues are not covered under this policy. The MSA plan has a $0 deductible and the maximum benefit is $25,000 per accident/injury. See link for policy details.

**Intercollegiate Student Athlete Insurance (ICS)**
PLNU Athletics provides all Intercollegiate Student-Athletes with secondary athletic insurance free of charge. The policy is valid from August 1, 2019 - August 1, 2020. ONLY INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING PLNU SANCTIONED ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION will be covered under this plan. General medical issues are not covered by PLNU. This insurance is NOT the primary insurance used to cover the bills incurred for injuries. ONLY after the primary insurance is exhausted will the secondary insurance be billed. Student-Athletes must sign and submit an insurance contract and provide a copy of their current, valid primary insurance card before engaging in any school sponsored athletic event on an annual basis. The ICS plan has a $250 deductible (which is the Student-Athlete’s responsibility) and the maximum benefit is $90,000 per injury. See link for policy details.

**NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program**
All active NCAA member institutions are enrolled in the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program. The insurance covers the Student-Athlete who is catastrophically injured while participating in a covered intercollegiate athletic activity. The policy has a $90,000 deductible and provides benefits in excess of any other valid and collectible insurance.

[http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/insurance/ncaa-catastrophic-injury-insurance-program](http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/insurance/ncaa-catastrophic-injury-insurance-program)

10) Medical Expenses After Student-Athlete Has Exhausted Eligibility

Any additional medical expenses must be approved by the Athletic Director and/or Director of Sports Medicine.

11) Second Medical Opinion for an Athletic Related Injury

Pre-Participation Physical Exams are performed annually by PLNU medical staff and are designed to evaluate a Student-Athlete’s overall health and fitness. If a Student-Athlete seeks a second opinion to obtain clearance it will be at the Student-Athlete’s personal expense and must be obtained from a doctor specializing in the field specified by the team doctor representing PLNU. The PLNU team physician will
review the second opinion and make a final determination of the efficacy of the Student-Athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics.

**Previous Injuries**
The PLNU Athletic Department is not responsible for any pre-existing injury or any costs not covered by our secondary insurance (ICS). If a Student-Athlete enters PLNU with a pre-existing injury where they have not been cleared by their treating medical doctor, the Student-Athlete will sign a pre-existing injury waiver stating that they will be responsible for any cost incurred for that injury. The Student-Athlete must still be cleared by PLNU’s team physician in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

**12) The NCAA Policy on Transfer Releases**

**13.1.1.2: Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes**

An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution’s athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution’s athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete’s written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete.

**13.1.1.2.1: Hearing Opportunity**

If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete’s request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete’s written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and non-athletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution’s policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete’s request for the hearing. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete’s written request or fails to conduct the hearing or provide written results within 30 days, permission to contact or the transfer release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide the written permission or release to the student-athlete. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)*

**Appeals Process for Denial of Release**

If the request is not granted, the Athletic Director or designee will send email notification to the Student-Athlete regarding the opportunity for an appeals hearing.
The procedures for requesting an appeal hearing are the following:

1. The Student-Athlete will have 14 consecutive calendar days upon the date of issuance of the email to respond, in writing via email, to Athletic Director or designee and formally request a hearing conducted by the Student-Athlete Appeals Committee.

2. Failure by the Student-Athlete to submit a written request via email for a hearing within 14 consecutive calendar days shall be interpreted as a refusal of the opportunity for a hearing.

3. If the Student-Athlete notifies the Athletic Director or designee, in writing via email, of their intent to appeal within the required time limit, the Athletic Director or designee will notify the Faculty Athletics Representative.

4. If the institution fails to respond to the Student-Athlete’s written request or fails to conduct the hearing or provide written results within 30 days, permission to contact or the transfer release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide the written permission or release to the Student-Athlete.

5. The Faculty Athletics Representative or designee will chair the Student-Athlete Appeals Committee.

6. The committee chair will select two other committee members outside the Athletic Department. Members of the Compliance Committee may be considered.
   - Committee Chair – Faculty Athletic Representative or designee
   - Committee Member #2 - a representative of the Student Development
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7. The Student-Athlete Appeals Committee shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving written notification of a Student-Athlete’s intent to appeal, in accordance with NCAA rules. The committee chair will notify the Student-Athlete, Head Coach and the Athletic Director of the time, date, and location of their respective hearings via email.

8. The Student-Athlete and Head Coach must come to their respective hearing with three (3) copies of any documents that will be presented, one for each member of the Appeals Committee.

9. At this hearing, the Student-Athlete and Head Coach have an opportunity to present their case separately regarding the non-renewal, removal, or reduction of athletic aid. Both parties are permitted to present witnesses and/or documents to the committee that may support their position. Both the Student-Athlete and Head Coach will each be given a maximum of 45 minutes to present their documentation and/or testimony from witnesses.

10. An adviser may accompany a Student-Athlete during an appeal. The adviser is generally a fellow student, faculty member, mentor, friend, or parent. Legal counsel may not accompany the Student-Athlete. On occasion, a Student-Athlete has been accompanied by a mentor, who is trained as a lawyer. In this event, the mentor serves strictly as an adviser and does not serve as legal counsel. The university will provide an Ombudsperson to assist the Student-Athlete, if requested.

11. At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall have up to 5 business days to render a final decision as to the status of athletics aid. With written agreement from both the Student-Athlete and the
Athletic Department, an extension to the 5 business days may be granted, if requested by the Appeals Committee.

14. The committee chair will notify the Student-Athlete, Head Coach and Athletic Director the committee’s decision in writing. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

15. The appeal process, related emails, documentation presented, and decision of the Appeals Committee should be considered confidential. The Student-Athlete, their family members or friends, PLNU coaching and Athletic Department staff, and Appeals Committee may not disclose the outcome or opinions of the appeal through personal or institutional social media (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc.) or media outlets (including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, television, media websites, etc.) A violation of the confidentiality of information as noted above by the Student-Athlete or their family members or friends may result in the reversal of the Appeals Committee decision and/or loss of athletic scholarship. A violation of the confidentiality of information as noted above by any member of the staff representing PLNU may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

13.1.1.2.2 Student-Athlete Withdrawn

13.1.1.2.2: Student-Athlete Withdrawn from Four-Year College
A member institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining permission from the first institution only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal.

13) Athletics Policy on Requesting Transfer Release from PLNU

The procedures for requesting a transfer release are the following:
1. A Student-Athlete must fill out the Student-Athlete Request for Release form with the Compliance Office.
2. The Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA will contact the Head Coach and Athletic Director for approval.
3. If granted, the Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA will send a Release Letter to the institution(s) or add the Student-Athlete to the NCAA Transfer Portal if requested by the Student-Athlete.