



2011-12 Academic Year

TO: Athletes and Parents/Guardians
FROM: Steve Gast, Director of Athletics
RE: Welcome to a New Year

Welcome to a new year of Briar Cliff University Athletics! Over the past few months we have transitioned to a new era of men's basketball, hired our first competitive dance coach and welcomed several new assistant and/or graduate assistant coaches to our staff.

As we make preparations for the 2011-12 academic year, there are a few items requiring the attention of all student-athletes. You will again be able to access all this important information through our athletic website, www.bcuchargers.com. If you have any questions, please contact your respective coach or the athletic department office (Kathy Myres - 712-279-1646).

As a reminder, NO ATHLETE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONDITION, PRACTICE, OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY SPORTING EVENT UNTIL THE ATHLETE COMPLETES THESE REQUIREMENTS.

MEDICAL HISTORY FORM: All athletes are required to have a yearly physical completed by a primary health care provider. The front and back of this form needs to be completed by the athlete and their medical provider. It needs to be marked for unlimited participation before you can participate. You need to include all pre-existing conditions. If it isn't completely filled out, it will be returned. If you have already provided your immunizations, you only need to update as needed. **Return the signed form to the athletic department.** NOTE: In the spring each year, we conduct physicals on-campus for athletes returning in the fall. There is a minimal charge for the on-campus physical option and it can be charged on their student account. We do not pay for or file any insurance claims for physical exam expenses.

NAIA ELIGIBILITY: follow these links and read the brief descriptions of NAIA eligibility rules.
http://naia.cstv.com/member-services/legislative/RulesEd/NAIA_BasicsofEligibilityPoster.pdf
http://naia.cstv.com/member-services/legislative/RulesEd/NAIA_RulesEd_CaseStudies_Handout.pdf
Freshman eligibility is determined by your **FINAL OFFICIAL** high school transcripts. You may have been accepted to Briar Cliff before graduating from high school, but for eligibility purposes, the athletic department and the NAIA Eligibility Center requires a final official transcript showing you have

graduated, your cumulative high school gpa and class rank. All transcripts should be sent to the Admissions Department. The ACT test must have been taken on a national testing date. It cannot be a residual test given by a registrar's or admission's office. Your composite score must be 18 or higher to use as a qualifier.

At one of your team meetings, the rules will be reviewed and you will be asked to sign off that you have read and understand the eligibility rules. These rules are only a part of the rule handbook, so if you have questions, please ask or search:

http://naia.cstv.com/member-services/legislative/RulesEd/NAIA_BasicsofEligibilityPoster.pdf

or

http://naia.cstv.com/member-services/legislative/RulesEd/NAIA_RulesEd_CaseStudies_Handout.pdf

or

http://naia.cstv.com/member-services/legislative/RulesEd/RulesEd_Basics.htm

Please read the Insurance Coverage Information so you are aware of the \$500 deductible secondary/excess insurance policy the BCU athletic department carries on all our student athletes. It is a free policy to help cover expenses as a result of athletic injuries. Personal or family insurance is the primary coverage and we are secondary.

This year, all students will be required to visit our insurance provider's web page, gallagherkoster.com. You will need to find Briar Cliff University, create an account and either waive or enroll in this **primary** intercollegiate athletic insurance coverage. This policy was designed to fill in the gap created by family/personal, high deductible policies or no insurance at all. The premium is \$501 for one year coverage, August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012 and includes some sickness and non-athletic injury coverage. There is a question and answer link and phone numbers for you to call on the website. **PRINT AND RETAIN THE CONFIRMATION PAGE FOR PROOF OF ENROLLING OR WAIVING.**

Send your medical history form and physical to:

Kathy Myres

Briar Cliff Athletic Department

PO Box 2100

Sioux City, IA 51104

All physicals will be kept in the BCU Health Office (712-279-5436).

As a reminder, to access this information go to the athletics web page (www.bcuchargers.com), click on Charger Information, then Athletic Forms.

A few additional notes...

- You can now get the latest Briar Cliff Athletic information on Facebook, so be sure to “LIKE” Briar Cliff Athletics! Some sports also use Twitter.
- Two regular season passes are available to each athlete for their sport if admission is charge for events in their sport. The pass must be presented to ticket sales. Passes will be available at the north door of the Newman Flanagan Center or the ticket booth at Memorial Field.
- Check out these websites: bcuchargers.com, gpacsports.com and naia.org.