



Onondaga Community College

2020 – 2021 Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA)

Philosophy of Intercollegiate Athletics at Onondaga

The Onondaga Community College Department of Athletics is committed to supporting the College's mission, by making a difference in the lives of student-athletes. Athletics is an educational opportunity and experience that complements a student's formal classroom education, only it occurs in a "different classroom". It is like having a double major and as such requires a special commitment and willingness to accept greater expectations and responsibilities. Being a student-athlete is a privilege and opportunity, not a right. Onondaga expects its student-athletes to be successful in the classroom first. Secondly, we expect our student-athletes to compete at the highest level while learning valuable life lessons by participating as part of a team and in a diverse campus community.

Mission

To operate an athletics and recreational sports program that provides quality educational and developmental opportunities designed to complement a student's formal classroom education, facilitate development as a young adult, and make a difference in the overall wellness, general quality of life experiences, and opportunities of those who participate in sports.

Vision

Onondaga Community College will be recognized as a nationally competitive athletics program dedicated to positively influencing the academic, personal, social and athletic development of its student-athletes. We will compete to win while teaching life lessons, reinforcing healthy behaviors and providing opportunities to learn new skills and develop positive habits that collectively assist our student-athletes in reaching their full potential.

Onondaga Athletic Department Affiliations

Onondaga Athletics is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) as a Division III member for all sports with the exception of men's and women's lacrosse, and participates within Region III of the association. Division III programs are prohibited from offering athletic scholarships, therefore 15 of Onondaga's 17 sports do not offer athletically related student aid. Men's and women's lacrosse are non-divisional sports in the NJCAA which, by rule, allows us to offer limited athletic scholarships to student-athletes of those 2 sports. Region III is composed of community colleges across Upstate New York State. All 17 of Onondaga's intercollegiate sports are affiliated with the NJCAA and Region III. Onondaga Athletics is also a member of the Mid-State Athletic Conference (MSAC) for select sponsored sports. Sponsored men's sports for the 2020-2021 reporting year include: baseball, basketball, cross country, lacrosse, golf, soccer, tennis and track & field. Sponsored women's sports for the 2020-2021 reporting cycle include: basketball, cross country, lacrosse, golf, soccer, tennis, softball, volleyball and track & field.

Covid-19 Pandemic Disruptions

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Onondaga Community College did not participate or compete in any of the 17 NJCAA sponsored sports during the 2020-2021 EADA reporting period of September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. Student-athletes did not practice, workout or compete throughout the entire 2020-2021 academic year. Teams did occasionally meet, and did still receive the academic and overall support, of their Head Coach and staff throughout the reporting period.

There were no recruiting or athletic related student aid expenses incurred during the 2020-2021 EADA reporting period.

Head Coaches for each of the 17 NJCAA intercollegiate programs were retained, but Assistant Coaches were not appointed for this reporting cycle. Several Athletic Department support staff members were also furloughed and laid off during the reporting period.

The Athletic Department did incur total expenses, including salaries, limited expenses (dues, insurance, etc.) and funds that remained in Athletic Department specific fundraising accounts for a total of \$187,846 during the 2020-2021 EADA reporting cycle.