

Paper Title: Student Athletes  
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Feedback Areas: Topic Development, Focus/Thesis Statement  
Paper Goals: Argue if college athletes should be exempt from class attendance

### Proofing Summary:

Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for submitting your argumentative essay to NetTutor. I'm Jonathan, your reviewer today.

#### Strengths:

The strongest point of your paper is that you make two positions very clear: discussing what those who favor college athlete privileges say, and what those who oppose them say in paragraphs three and four. Also, in the last paragraph I think you clearly state your opposition to college athletes having special academic privileges.

#### Suggestions:

For an argumentative paper, you need to actually take one of the two sides from the very beginning. Does your first paragraph take the side of the argument you want to take? If your basic point is buried inside a sentence, the reader may be confused as to where you stand. I would also recommend that you make sure you clearly answer at least one specific argument of those who favor the special treatment of athletes.

Make sure the supporting topics developed in your body paragraphs can be traced directly back to your thesis statement. A thesis statement is sort of a road map that tells your reader where you are going. For example, if your topic is cheese, tell your reader you will talk about the origins and preparation of 1) Limburger, 2) Stilton, and 3) blue cheese.

I have made some notes as to where your focus can be stronger, and how your thesis statement could be made a little clearer. Remember that Dr. Murphy requires APA formatting for his assignments, so you will also want to check on APA requirements for citing sources, as I notice you did not explain where the quotes at the end of the page came from.

The first few instances of most issues are highlighted, and suggestions for corrections to be made are given where possible. Please use other writing resources, such as APA guides and your school's library, as well as the given suggestions for corrections to help make revisions and improve your writing. As always, feel free to join a Live Tutoring Session with a tutor to receive immediate feedback on the review of this paper or any additional questions you may have.

Keep up the good work, and thanks for using NetTutor!

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English 101

Composition 101-5

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College Athletes should be exempted from Regular Class-Attendance Policies.

There are many arguments about college athletes being exempted from regular class-attendance policies. Actually, athletes have too much work to do when it comes to sports and [If you want to use a coordinating conjunction, you would use a comma. If you don't want to use a coordinating conjunction, you would use a semicolon. Both methods are effective at joining independent clauses.](#) sometimes cannot make it to class; [but](#) it does not mean that they should be exempted from regular class-attendance policies. Some people agree that college athletes should be exempted from regular class-attendance policies; but the truth is that college athletes should be held to the same standards as well as [the](#) other students. [Consider omitting this.](#) Good presentation of your stance on attendance policies for athletes in your thesis statement! Try to develop this thesis further so you provide a more accurate and comprehensive view of your entire essay's focus.

It is very unfair for college athletes to be exempted from regular class-attendance policies because the basic objective of college is to acquire education in a major of one's choice so that one can get a degree for the working world. Even if they get scholarships from their schools which help them to pay for their college education, it is the responsibility of the athlete to manage both college sports and class work at the same time. [The direct object seems to be missing here. Education should be the first "what"? over](#) Education should be the first over athletics because student athletes are in college for education. A proper education will last for a life time, while for some athletes, sports and games can only be played for a few years after college because according to NCAA statistics, [Please remember to cite the source of this quote.](#) "There are more than 460,000 NCAA student-athletes, and fewer than 2% will go pro in their sports...."

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Remember that your nouns should agree in number (singular or plural) with the surrounding context.

Critics of student athlete privileges suggest that college should put education first and that by giving athletes preferences, it violates the sole purpose of the institution. College students support the fact that colleges benefit from the athletic programs due to the financial gains and fame that comes to them. The program brings to them National recognition and prestige, and at the same time attracts many good students to them. College athletes also benefit from the program because they get life-long skill in addition to the education all at the same time. They stand out among many other students, girls prefer dating them, and they get favor from both the faculty members and the coaches. Also, most of the student athletes get financial help, (scholarships) in addition to campus-wide recognition which made them look unique among other students. Some critics are directly acquainted with several athletes and memories of their college years will be enhanced by intercollegiate athletic events. Colleges with regular class-attendance policies have a requirement for regular students to be in class a certain amount of time, but most athletes are exempted from those requirements.

You may want to reconsider using anecdotal evidence to support your argument. Use cited evidence instead (unless you are required to do so by Dr. Murphy).

Opponents of student athlete privileges claim that college athletes have too much to do concerning their sports, the practices, and many other sports related activities and cannot always come to class; therefore it is reasonable to relieve them from regular class-attendance policies.

Review guidelines for when hyphenation is necessary to create a compound adjective.

This phrasing makes it seem as if you have changed your stance on this topic.

Most of the fellow college students are in support of the intercollegiate athletic program even if the athletes are not having regular attendance; this is because they believe that the achievement of the athletes brings fame, prestige, recognition, and money to their school. College athletes should be held to the same attendance policies because it helps develop the time management skills that are vital to life after college. If the athletes are allowed to miss class, they will not learn how to balance their time between sports and classes and it will set a bad example for the school when the athlete is doing great on the field and doing poorly in the class. Furthermore,

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many people have mixed emotions on the issue of whether college athletes should attend class or  
It's a good idea to remember that two independent clauses are separated by a comma.  
not but it is often forgotten that players are student athletes and need to be attentive in the  
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classroom. If athletes get behind in class, it makes it extremely difficult to keep up the grade and  
it may also affect how the class is proceeding.

The main purpose of going to college in the first place is to earn a degree and one can be  
Try to complete the thought of this sentence without using repetitive wording.  
an athlete without going to college because there are so many other ways of being an athlete

without going to college. One does not have to be in college to know how to play football,

soccer, basketball or even to be a boxer. See previous notes on using commas to separate independent clauses. Be sure to check the whole essay for this issue.  
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education. Every athlete knows that it will be difficult to handle education and sports at the same

time when they are making that choice, which is why they should plan to manage their time in  
order to accommodate both choices. Most of the athletes do not continue with athletics after the Keep in mind that it is best to avoid over-generalizing. Instead, use cited evidence to support your claims.

college education but all college graduates find job and make their living based on the education

they acquired from college. Most students are also full time workers and at the same time are

taking care of their families; these are viewed as extra work load besides their regular class work

just as the college athletes have their sports activities as extra work load. This does not exempt

them from regular class attendance policies. For the fact that no college will want to produce

illiterate athletes, they should make sure that all their athletes adhere to their regular class-

attendance policies. For this reason, all the policies governing college education should be

applied to every student with no exemptions.

Please think about having a conclusion that summarizes the key points you are making about athletes and class attendance. This conclusion should also reiterate your thesis statement without including new ideas or concepts.

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Remember to double-check with Dr. Murphy on the required format for this assignment.

Under the APA guidelines, how is a references page labeled?

Work Cited

What are the capitalization guidelines for an APA reference entry?

BARNHART, ROGER K., TERRY J. KNAPP, and CHARLES RASMUSSEN. "WHAT

What about the guidelines for first line of a reference and indented margins?

COLLEGE STUDENTS SAY ABOUT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS: A SURVEY OF

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