“Yellow Card” Infraction Policy

UD’s Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) has instituted a "Yellow Card" infraction policy in order to deal with any abuses to policies and procedures governing the ATEP, including the NATA’s Code of Ethics. This policy governs both Athletic Training (ATS) and Athletic Training Interest (ATI) Students.

If decided by an ATEP faculty/staff member or Preceptor that an ATS or ATI has committed an offense serious enough to be written up on a “Disciplinary Incident Report for Clinical Education”, the ATEP Infractions Hearing Committee (see below) will review the case and decide whether, or not to issue a “Yellow Card”. If issued, the “Yellow Card” is the first warning (strike) and will be documented in the students’ UD ATEP file. Athletic Training Students receiving a “Yellow Card” will incur a 10% deduction in their final grade for the Practicum course during the semester in which the violation occurred. In addition, students are subject to suspension from their clinical sites based on the discretion and authority of the ATEP Program Director. Students receiving a second “Yellow Card” during the same semester will be issued a “Red Card” and receive a failing grade (“F”) for the Practicum course in which they are enrolled. Translation: If you commit TWO acts of inappropriate behavior during one semester, you will fail the practicum course in which you are enrolled, and will thus have to repeat the course at a later date. Athletic Training Interest Students receiving a “Yellow Card” will lose Athletic Training Room observational hour privileges for the remainder of the semester.

Any ATS receiving three (3) “Yellow Cards” during their tenure in the UD ATEP will be given a “Red Card” and receive a failing grade (“F”) for the Practicum course in which they are enrolled in that semester. Translation: If you commit THREE acts of inappropriate behavior during your academic tenure, you will fail the Practicum course in which you are enrolled, and will thus have to repeat the course at a later date.
Procedural Guidelines for the “Yellow Card” Infraction Policy for ATEP Faculty and Clinical Staff

The following steps should be taken when it is deemed necessary for a UD ATEP Faculty/Staff member or Preceptor to cite a University of Delaware Athletic Training Student (ATS) or Athletic Training Interest Student (ATI) for violating any of the policies/procedures governing UD’s ATEP.

The following procedural steps should be initiated whenever you give an ATS or ATI a “Yellow Card” for violating policies/procedures of UD’s ATEP:

1. Write up a “Disciplinary Incident Report for Clinical Education” in entirety, and fully discuss the situation with the ATS/ATI in question. Be sure to sign the form, and to have the ATS or ATI sign and date it, acknowledging the reported infraction and the issuing of a “Yellow Card”. At this point, the student may elect to challenge the report and go before the ATEP Infractions Hearing Committee to have the matter adjudicated. To do this, the student must indicate this desire on the “Disciplinary Incident Report for Clinical Education”.

2. Give one copy of the completed report to the student for his/her records, and one copy to the ATEP Program Director. Keep a copy for your records also.

3. The ATEP Program Director will convene a meeting of the ATEP Infractions Hearing Committee consisting of the ATEP Program Director, Clinical Coordinator, and one additional member from the ATEP Steering Committee who’s not directly involved with the matter at hand to review the report. Discussion of any pertinent details with the submitting faculty member or preceptor along with conferring with the offending ATS or ATI may also ensue. A formal hearing involving all parties may also be convened in front of the ATEP Infractions Hearing Committee. A final decision on the issuance of a “Yellow Card” will be made after the committee deliberates on all facts in the case.

4. The ATEP Program Director will notify the instructor of record for the appropriate Practicum course (in which the student is enrolled in during the current semester) so that the 10% can be deducted from the final grade.

5. The final “Disciplinary Incident Report for Clinical Education” will become part of the student’s ATEP file.