

# Lee suspends athletics season over COVID-19

Lee College announced June 22, 2020, it is suspending its athletic season for the 2020-21 academic year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

All practices, scrimmages, games, tournaments and community activities conducted by the school's athletics programs are suspended.

"We are faced with extraordinary circumstances as the nature of this pandemic is rapidly changing," said Lee College President Dr. Lynda Villanueva. "We are all very sad to have to miss a year of excitement and competition, but the safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance, and we see very little possibility for our athletes to safely practice, play, and travel together in the upcoming year. Every decision that we have made including this one has been the result of much consideration and careful alignment with the guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and local health officials.

"Given these circumstances, Lee College will continue to work with our student athletes to ensure that each student will be able to meet their educational goals as planned. Lee College faculty and staff stand ready to help students adjust to these new measures for as long as necessary."

Lee College also announced all student-athletes enrolled on a team roster "in good standing" during the 2019-20 academic year and all athletes who signed a National Junior College Athletic Association letter of intent to attend Lee College and participate on a team during the 2020-21 academic year will receive:

1. Guaranteed Free Tuition and Regular Fees: With Federal Financial Aid grants and Lee College scholarships (as needed), each eligible student athlete who studies at Lee College will be guaranteed paid tuition and fees for up to 36 credit hours for enrolling between now and the end of Spring Term 2021 classes.
2. Direct Support from Lee College to support their academic progress: Lee College Athletic Department staff and other Lee College employees will continue to support and provide guidance to student-athletes, while carefully tracking their academic progress.