

International Student-Athletes

Coming to a foreign country can be a confusing and scary experience. When you couple that transition with the beginning of a college career, it can be even more overwhelming.

International student-athletes often encounter challenging situations such as student visa compliance, language barriers and culture shock. In addition to the collegiate and culture adjustments, there are complex immigration rules that are relevant once admitted to the United States. If these rules are not followed, an international student runs the risk of violating their visa status. Visa compliance rules are incredibly important and often difficult to understand.

For these reasons, the CU Athletics Department, in conjunction with the International Student and Scholar Service (ISSS) Office, provides support and resources to help international students acclimate to life in Boulder and stay in compliance with the visa compliance rules. All international students are required to attend an orientation session specifically designed for them. This orientation includes an immigration check-in session and several sessions designed to welcome international students to campus. During these sessions, students will receive a plethora of information and a checklist of procedures to guide them through their first days at the University of Colorado. The ISSS staff will also review campus policies, explain immigration regulations, provide helpful tips, and tell students about fun activities, clubs, and organizations specifically for international students.

In addition, the Athletics Department encourages all international student-athletes to participate in a peer mentoring program where each incoming international student-athlete is introduced to a returning international student-athlete who will assist in the incoming student's acclimation to the University of Colorado and the U.S. The program has been designed to increase retention amongst international student-athletes and provide each new international student with a reliable resource to assist them during the transition.

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