## **ABSENCES FOR ATHLETIC TEAM TRAVEL**

**EFFECTIVE DATE** September 11, 1997

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION** Dean, Health and Wellness

## POLICY STATEMENT

The Grande Prairie Regional College encourages participation in athletic activities along with the pursuit of academic excellence.

## PROCEDURES/RULES STATEMENT

The Department of Physical Education, Athletics and Kinesiology will annually send notices to all faculty indicating team members and the dates on which teams will be away for athletic travel. Responsibilities and options for course completion of the student athlete will be written in the Athletics Handbook and reviewed with each team by its coach.

Students will be notified of their responsibility to ensure their instructors are aware of any absences for athletic travel. Whenever there is a conflict between athletic travel and course responsibilities; i.e., mid term examinations, quizzes, unit tests or term assignments, the student will meet with the instructor (normally before September 30 in the Fall Semester and before January 15 in the Winter Semester) to arrange an alternate schedule from one of the following options.

- Normally, reschedule the project or exam for the student athlete to be taken within a reasonable time before the trip.
- Arrange for the student to complete the project or exam under the supervision of the Coach.

If satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with the instructor, the student is encouraged to seek the advice of the department chairperson. Should the conflict remain unresolved, the student may make an appeal to the Dean of Health and Wellness and the Dean's decision shall be final.