

Why is this being done?

COVID-19 pandemic has forced the university to make difficult personnel and programmatic decisions. Eliminating the expense of the hockey and tennis programs is a necessary step to ensure that UAH can continue meeting its core educational mission.

How did UAH choose to eliminate these sports?

A number of factors, based primarily on financial concerns, were carefully considered before the final decision was made.

How did UAH alert the affected student-athletes to these changes?

As COVID-19 social distancing guidelines don't allow for a team meeting, an email message was sent from the athletic director followed by coaches' meetings with players over teleconference.

How many student-athletes are affected?

Approximately 45 student-athletes are affected.

Will student-athlete scholarships be honored?

All scholarship-eligible student-athletes affected by this reduction will have their athletic scholarships honored for up to four years. If they choose transfer, NCAA rules allow them to transfer and play right away and not have to sit out a year.

Is UAH considering other reductions in sports programs?

Not at this time.

How many coaches and staff members are affected?

5 full time staff members are affected.

Will UAH assist current and incoming student-athletes who wish to pursue opportunities at other schools?

Yes, UAH will work individually with students.

Is the economic fallout from the pandemic causing other universities to modify or eliminate athletic programs?

Yes. An indication of the depth and severity of the economic impact caused by the coronavirus, universities around the country have announced plans to eliminate positions, freeze or reduce athletics personnel salaries, and cut entire athletic programs, all to better ensure the long-term health of their institutions as a whole. Among the schools announcing program reductions:

- Florida International University will cut its men's indoor track and field program
- Old Dominion has cut its wrestling program to reduce costs amid the pandemic
- University of Cincinnati will drop its iconic men's soccer program, which has been in place since 1973
- Bowling Green State University cut its baseball program
- Florida Tech cut its football program
- St. Edwards cut 6 sports
- University of Akron cut 3 sports
- Sonoma State cut 3 sports
- Urbana University is closing down entirely
- Furman University is cutting baseball and men's lacrosse
- Central Michigan cut men's track and field