

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by and between The University of Idaho (University), and Thomas Ford (Coach).

ARTICLE 1

1.1. Employment. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the University shall employ Coach as the head coach of its intercollegiate men's football team (Team). Coach represents and warrants that Coach is fully qualified to serve, and is available for employment, in this capacity.

1.2. Reporting Relationship. Coach shall report and be responsible directly to the University's Director of Athletics (Athletics Director) or the Athletics Director's designee. Coach shall abide by the reasonable instructions of Athletics Director or the Athletics Director's designee and shall confer with the Athletics Director or the Athletics Director's designee on all administrative and technical matters. Coach shall also be under the general supervision of the University's Chief Executive Officer.

1.3. Duties. Coach shall manage and supervise the Team and shall perform such other duties in the University's athletic program as the Athletics Director may assign and as may be described elsewhere in this Agreement. The University shall have the right, at any time, to reassign Coach to duties at the University other than as head coach of the Team, provided that Coach's compensation and benefits shall not be affected by any such reassignment, except that the opportunity to earn supplemental compensation as provided in Sect on 3.2 shall cease.

ARTICLE 2

2.1. Term. This Agreement is for a fixed-term appointment of approximately (4) Four years, commencing on December 19, 2024 and terminating, without further notice to Coach, on January 31, 2029 unless sooner terminated in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement.

2.2. Extension or Renewal. This Agreement is renewable solely upon an offer from the University and an acceptance by Coach, both of which must be in writing and signed by the parties. Any renewal is subject to the prior approval in accordance with the policies of the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho (Board). This Agreement in no way grants to Coach a claim to tenure in employment, nor shall Coach's service pursuant to this Agreement count in any way toward tenure at the University.

ARTICLE 3

3.1 Regular Compensation.

3.1.1 In consideration of Coach's services and satisfactory performance of this Agreement, the University shall provide to Coach:

- a) An annual salary of \$175,000 per year, payable in biweekly installments in accordance with normal University procedures, and such salary increases as may be determined appropriate by the Athletics Director and Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Board;
- b) The opportunity to receive such employee benefits as the University provides generally to non-faculty exempt employees, provided that Coach qualifies for such benefits by meeting all applicable eligibility requirements, provided, however, in accordance with Board Policy II.H.6.b.ii, University and Coach agree that Coach shall not accrue any annual leave hours, and may take leave (other than sick leave) only with prior written approval of the Athletics Director; and
- c) The opportunity to receive such employee benefits as the University's Department of Athletics (Department) provides generally to its employees of a comparable level. Coach hereby agrees to abide by the terms and conditions, as now existing or hereafter amended, of such employee benefits.

Coach understands and agrees that financial conditions may require the Chief Executive Officer, in the Chief Executive Officer's discretion, to institute furloughs or to take such other actions consistent with Board policy as the Chief Executive Officer may determine to be necessary to meet such challenges. In the event of a furlough or other action, the actual salary paid to Coach may be less than the salary stated in Section 3.1.1(a) above.

3.2 Supplemental Compensation.

3.2.1 The University shall provide Coach with a courtesy car. Coach shall be responsible for acquiring, maintaining, registering and insuring the automobile. If a courtesy car is unavailable, an annual automobile allowance of Six Thousand Five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per year payable in biweekly installments in accordance with normal University procedures.

3.2.2 Coach shall receive the sum of \$175,000 from the University or the University's designated media outlet(s) or a combination thereof each year (January 1 to

December 31) during the term of this Agreement in compensation for participation in media programs and public appearances payable in monthly installments. Coach shall receive a pro rated portion for any partial years. Coach's right to receive any such media payment under this Paragraph is expressly contingent on Coach's compliance with University's financial stewardship policies as set forth in University's Administrative Procedures Manual Chapter 25, as well as compliance with the requirements of paragraph 4.8 (Media Obligations) below.

3.2.3 Each year Coach shall be eligible to receive supplemental compensation based on the academic achievement and behavior of Team Members. The determination of whether Coach will receive such supplemental compensation and the timing of the payment(s) shall be at the discretion of the President in consultation with the Athletics Director. If the Teams' annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) is equal to or greater than 960 and if Coach continues to be employed as the University's Head Men's Football Coach at the time the Academic Progress Rate Institutional Report is released by the NCAA, Coach shall receive supplemental compensation of \$5,000. Any such supplemental compensation paid to Coach shall be accompanied with a justification for the supplemental compensation based on the factors listed above, and such justification shall be separately reported to the Board of Regents as a document available to the public under the Idaho Public Records Act.

3.2.4 Each year Coach is named Conference Coach of the Year the University shall pay to Coach supplemental compensation of \$5,000. The University shall determine the appropriate manner in which it shall pay Coach any such supplemental compensation.

3.2.5 Each year Coach is named National Coach of the Year the University shall pay to Coach supplemental compensation of \$5,000. The University shall determine the appropriate manner in which it shall pay Coach any such supplemental compensation.

3.2.6 Team GPA. Coach shall receive supplemental compensation in an amount equal to \$10,000 if the Team's fall and spring cumulative GPA is 2.75 or higher. The University shall determine the appropriate manner in which it shall pay Coach any such supplemental compensation but shall utilize best efforts to provide Coach such supplemental compensation within thirty (30) days of the final, cumulative GPA being calculated by the University.

3.2.7 Each year the Team is the conference champion or co-champion and if Coach continues to be employed as University's Head Men's Football coach as of the ensuing May 1st, the University shall pay to Coach supplemental compensation in an amount equal to \$5,000 during the fiscal year in which the Team is conference champion or co-champion. The University shall determine the appropriate manner in which it shall pay Coach any such supplemental compensation.

3.2.8 Each year the Team is invited to the NCAA FCS Playoffs, and if Coach continues to be employed as University's Head Men's Football coach as of the ensuing May 1st, the University shall pay to Coach supplemental compensation in an amount equal to \$5,000, during the fiscal year in which the NCAA FCS Playoffs appearance occurs. The University shall determine the appropriate manner in which it shall pay Coach any such supplemental compensation.

3.2.9 FBS Wins. For each season, Coach shall receive supplemental compensation in an amount equal to \$5,000 for each win against an FBS opponent, and if Coach continues to be employed as University's Head Men's Football coach as of the ensuing May 1st.

3.2.10 Post Season. For each appearance in the FCS Playoffs, coach shall receive supplemental compensation based on the following schedule, all bonuses are stackable, and if Coach continues to be employed as University's Head Men's Football coach as of the ensuing May 1st. The University shall determine the appropriate manner in which it shall pay Coach any such supplemental compensation:

First Round	Win or Bye	\$2,000
Second Round	Win	\$3,000
Quarterfinals	Win	\$5,000
Semifinals	Win	\$7,000
FCS Championship	Win	\$10,000

3.2.11 Coach agrees that the University has the exclusive right to operate youth football camps on its campus using University facilities. The University shall allow Coach the opportunity to earn supplemental compensation by assisting with the University's camps in Coach's capacity as a University employee. Coach hereby agrees to assist in the marketing, supervision, and general administration of the University's youth football camps. Coach also agrees that Coach will perform all obligations mutually agreed upon by the parties. In exchange for Coach's participation in the University's youth football camps, the University shall pay Coach the remaining income from the youth football camps less \$500, after all claims, insurance, and expenses of such camps have been paid.

Alternatively, in the event the University notifies Coach, in writing that it does not intend to operate youth football camps for a particular period of time during the term of this Agreement, then during such time period, Coach shall be permitted to operate youth football camps on the University's campus and using its facilities under the following terms and conditions:

- a) The summer youth camp operation reflects positively on the University of Idaho and the Department;

- b) The summer youth camp is operated by Coach directly or through a private enterprise owned and managed by Coach. The Coach shall not use University of Idaho personnel, equipment, or facilities without the prior written approval of the Athletics Director;
- c) Assistant coaches at the University of Idaho are given priority when the Coach or the private enterprise selects coaches to participate;
- d) The Coach complies with all NCAA, Conference, and University of Idaho rules and regulations related, directly or indirectly, to the operation of summer youth camps;
- e) The Coach or the private enterprise enters into a contract with University of Idaho and Chartwells for all campus goods and services required by the camp.
- f) The Coach or private enterprise pays for use of University of Idaho facilities; such rate to be set at the rate charges as if the camp were conducted by the University of Idaho.
- g) Within thirty days of the last day of the summer youth camp(s), Coach shall submit to the Athletics Director a preliminary "Camp Summary Sheet" containing financial and other information related to the operation of the camp. Within ninety days of the last day of the summer youth camp(s), Coach shall submit to Athletics Director a final accounting and "Camp Summary Sheet." A copy of the "Camp Summary Sheet" is attached to this Agreement as an exhibit.
- h) The Coach or the private enterprise shall provide proof of liability insurance as follows: (1) liability coverage: spectator and staff--\$1 million; (2) catastrophic coverage: camper and staff--\$1 million maximum coverage with \$100 deductible.
- i) To the extent permitted by law, the Coach or the private enterprise shall defend and indemnify the University of Idaho against any claims, damages, or liabilities arising out of the operation of the summer youth camp(s).
- j) All employees of the summer youth camp(s) shall be employees of the Coach or the private enterprise and not the University of Idaho while engaged in camp activities. The Coach and all other University of Idaho employees involved in the operation of the camp(s) shall be on annual leave status or leave without pay during the days the camp is in operation. The Coach or private enterprise shall provide workers' compensation insurance in

accordance with Idaho law and comply in all respects with all federal and state wage and hour laws.

In the event of termination of this Agreement, suspension, or reassignment, University of Idaho shall not be under any obligation to permit a summer youth camp to be held by the Coach after the effective date of such termination, suspension, or reassignment, and the University of Idaho shall be released from all obligations relating thereto.

3.3 Footwear, Apparel and/or Equipment. Coach agrees that the University has the exclusive right to select footwear, apparel and/or equipment for the use of its student athletes and staff, including Coach, during official practices and games and during times when Coach or the Team is being filmed by motion picture or video camera or posing for photographs in their capacity as representatives of University. Coach recognizes that the University is negotiating or has entered into an agreement with Nike to supply the University with athletic footwear, apparel and/or equipment. Coach agrees that, upon the University's reasonable request, Coach will consult with appropriate parties concerning a Nike product's design or performance, shall act as an instructor at a clinic sponsored in whole or in part by Nike, or give a lecture at an event sponsored in whole or in part by Nike, or make other educationally related appearances as may be reasonably requested by the University. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Coach shall retain the right to decline such appearances as Coach reasonably determines to conflict with or hinder his duties and obligations as Head Men's Football Coach. In order to avoid entering into an agreement with a competitor of Nike, Coach shall submit all outside consulting agreements to the University for review and approval prior to execution. Coach shall also report such outside income to the University in accordance with NCAA rules. Coach further agrees that Coach will not endorse any athletic footwear, apparel and/or equipment products, including Nike, and will not participate in any messages or promotional appearances which contain a comparative or qualitative description of athletic footwear, apparel or equipment products.

3.4 General Conditions of Compensation. All compensation provided by the University to Coach is subject to deductions and withholdings as required by law or the terms and conditions of any fringe benefit in which Coach participates. However, if any fringe benefit is based in whole or in part upon the compensation provided by the University to Coach, such fringe benefit shall be based only on the compensation provided pursuant to Section 3.1.1, except to the extent required by the terms and conditions of a specific fringe benefit program.

ARTICLE 4

4.1. Coach's Specific Duties and Responsibilities. In consideration of the compensation specified in this Agreement, Coach, in addition to the obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, shall:

4.1.1. Devote Coach's full time and best efforts to the performance of Coach's duties under this Agreement;

4.1.2. Develop and implement programs and procedures with respect to the evaluation, recruitment, training, and coaching of Team members which enable them to compete successfully and reasonably protect their health, safety, and wellbeing;

4.1.3. Observe and uphold all academic standards, requirements, and policies of the University and encourage Team members to perform to their highest academic potential and to graduate in a timely manner; and

4.1.4. Know, recognize, and comply with all applicable laws, and with the policies, rules and regulations of the University, the Board, the conference, and the NCAA; supervise and take appropriate steps to ensure that Coach's assistant coaches, any other employees for whom Coach is administratively responsible, and the members of the Team know, recognize, and comply with all such laws, policies, rules and regulations; and immediately report to the Athletics Director and to the Department's Director of Compliance if Coach has reasonable cause to believe that any person or entity, including without limitation representatives of the University's athletic interests, has violated or is likely to violate any such laws, policies, rules or regulations. Coach shall cooperate fully with the University and Department at all times. The applicable laws, policies, rules, and regulations include: (a) Board policies; (b) University's Faculty-Staff Handbook; (c) University's Administrative Procedures Manual; (d) the policies of the Department; (e) NCAA rules and regulations; and (f) the rules and regulations of the Men's football conference of which the University is a member.

4.1.5. Fully cooperate in the NCAA infractions process, including the investigation and adjudication of a case. Full cooperation includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Affirmatively reporting instances of noncompliance to the University and NCAA in a timely manner and assisting in developing full information to determine whether a possible violation has occurred and the details thereof;
- b) Timely participation in interviews and providing complete and truthful responses;
- c) Making a full and complete disclosure of relevant information, including timely production of materials or information requested, and in the format requested;
- d) Disclosing and providing access to all electronic devices used in any way for business purposes;

- e) Providing access to all social media, messaging and other applications that are or may be relevant to the investigation; and
- f) Preserving the integrity of an investigation and abiding by all applicable confidentiality rules and instructions.

4.2 Outside Activities. Coach shall not undertake any business, professional or personal activities, or pursuits that would prevent Coach from devoting Coach's full time and best efforts to the performance of Coach's duties under this Agreement, that would otherwise detract from those duties in any manner, or that, in the opinion of the University, would reflect adversely upon the University or its athletic program. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Coach may, with the prior written approval of the Athletics Director, who may consult with the Chief Executive Officer, enter into separate arrangements for outside activities and endorsements that are consistent with Coach's obligations under this Agreement. Coach may not use the University's name, logos, or trademarks in connection with any such arrangements without the prior written approval of the Athletics Director and the Chief Executive Officer.

4.3 NCAA Rules. In accordance with NCAA rules, Coach shall obtain prior written approval from the University's Chief Executive Officer for all athletically related income and benefits from sources outside the University and shall report the source and amount of all such income and benefits to the University's Chief Executive Officer whenever reasonably requested, but in no event less than annually before the close of business on June 30th of each year or the last regular University work day preceding June 30th. The report shall be in a format reasonably satisfactory to University. In no event shall Coach accept or receive directly or indirectly any monies, benefits, or gratuities whatsoever from any person, association, corporation, University booster club, University alumni association, University foundation, or other benefactor, if the acceptance or receipt of the monies, benefits, or gratuities would violate applicable law or the policies, rules, and regulations of the University, the Board, the conference, or the NCAA.

4.4 Hiring Authority. Coach shall have the responsibility and the sole authority to recommend to the Athletics Director the hiring and termination of assistant coaches for the Team, but the decision to hire or terminate an assistant coach shall be made by the Athletics Director and shall, when necessary or appropriate, be subject to the approval of Chief Executive Officer and the Board.

4.5 Scheduling. Coach shall consult with, and may make recommendations to, the Athletics Director or the Athletics Director's designee with respect to the scheduling of Team competitions, but the final decision shall be made by the Athletics Director or the Athletics Director's designee.

4.6 Other Opportunities. Coach shall not, under any circumstances, interview for, negotiate for, or accept employment as a coach at any other institution of higher

education or with any professional sports team, requiring performance of duties prior to the expiration of this Agreement, without the prior approval of the Athletics Director. Such approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.

4.7 Disclosure of Serious Misconduct. Coach warrants that prior to the signing of this Agreement, Coach has disclosed and will continue to disclose if Coach has been accused, investigated, convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor involving serious misconduct, or has been subject to official institution or athletic department disciplinary action at any time at any prior institution where Coach was employed. "Serious misconduct" is defined as any act of sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, or any assault that employs the use of a deadly weapon or causes serious bodily injury.

4.8 Media Obligations. Coach must fully participate in media programs and public appearances (Programs) through the date of the Team's last regular season or post season competition. Agreements requiring Coach to participate in Programs related to Coach's duties as an employee of University are the property of the University. The University shall have the exclusive right to negotiate and contract with all producers of media productions and all parties desiring public appearances by Coach. Coach agrees to cooperate with the University in order for the Programs to be successful and agrees to provide Coach's services to and perform on the Programs and to cooperate in their production, broadcasting, and telecasting. It is understood that neither Coach nor any assistant coaches shall appear without the prior written approval of the Athletics Director on any competing radio or television program (including but not limited to a coach's show, call-in show, or interview show) or a regularly scheduled news segment, except that this prohibition shall not apply to routine news media interviews for which no compensation is received. Without the prior written approval of the Athletics Director, Coach shall not appear in any commercial endorsements which are broadcast on radio or television that conflict with those broadcast on the University's designated media outlets.

ARTICLE 5

5.1 Termination of Coach for Cause. The University may, in its discretion, suspend Coach from some or all of Coach's duties, temporarily or permanently, and with or without pay; reassign Coach to other duties; or terminate this Agreement at any time for good or adequate cause, as those terms are defined in applicable rules and regulations.

5.1.1 In addition to the definitions contained in applicable rules and regulations, University and Coach hereby specifically agree that the following shall constitute good or adequate cause for suspension, reassignment, or termination of this Agreement:

- a) A deliberate or major violation of Coach's duties under this Agreement or the refusal or unwillingness of Coach to perform such duties in good faith and to the best of Coach's abilities;

- b) The failure of Coach to remedy any violation of any of the terms of this Agreement within 30 days after written notice from the University;
- c) A deliberate or major violation by Coach of any applicable law or the policies, rules or regulations of the University, the Board, the conference or the NCAA, including but not limited to any such violation which may have occurred during the employment of Coach at another NCAA or NAIA member institution. For purposes of this agreement, a level one or level two violation of NCAA rules as determined by the University and/or the NCAA constitutes a major violation of NCAA rules;
- d) Ten (10) working days' absence of Coach from duty without the University's consent;
- e) Any conduct of Coach that constitutes moral turpitude or that would, in the University's judgment, reflect adversely on the University or its athletic programs;
- f) The failure of Coach to represent the University and its athletic programs positively in public and private forums;
- g) The failure of Coach to fully cooperate, as defined in article 4.1.5 of this agreement, with the NCAA or the University in any investigation of possible violations of any applicable law or the policies, rules or regulations of the University, the Board, the conference, or the NCAA;
- h) The failure of Coach to report a known violation of any applicable law or the policies, rules or regulations of the University, the Board, the conference, or the NCAA, by one of Coach's assistant coaches, any other employees for whom Coach is administratively responsible, or a member of the Team;
- i) A violation of any applicable law or the policies, rules or regulations of the University, the Board, the conference, or the NCAA, by one of Coach's assistant coaches, any other employees for whom Coach is administratively responsible, or a member of the Team if Coach knew or should have known of the violation and could have prevented it by ordinary supervision; or
- j) The failure of Coach to disclose Serious Misconduct as required in Section 4.7 of this Agreement.

5.1.2 Suspension (other than administrative leave with pay and benefits), reassignment, or termination for good or adequate cause shall be effectuated by the University as follows: before the effective date of the suspension, reassignment, or termination, the Athletics Director or the Athletics Director's designee shall provide Coach with notice, which notice shall be accomplished in the manner provided for in this Agreement and shall include the reason(s) for the contemplated action. Coach shall then have an opportunity to respond. After Coach responds or fails to respond, University shall notify Coach whether, and if so when, the action will be effective.

5.1.3 In the event of any termination for good or adequate cause, the University's obligation to provide compensation and benefits to Coach, whether direct, indirect, supplemental or collateral, shall cease as of the date of such termination, and the University shall not be liable for the loss of any collateral business opportunities or other benefits, perquisites, or income resulting from outside activities or from any other sources.

5.1.4 If found in violation of NCAA regulations, Coach shall, in addition to the provisions of Section 5.1, be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in the provisions of the NCAA enforcement procedures. This Section applies to violations occurring at the University or at previous institutions at which Coach was employed.

5.2 Termination of Coach for Convenience of University.

5.2.1 At any time after commencement of this Agreement, University, for its own convenience, may terminate this Agreement by giving ten (10) days prior written notice to Coach.

5.2.2 In the event that University terminates this Agreement for its own convenience, University shall be obligated to pay Coach, as liquidated damages and not a penalty, the salary set forth in the table below, excluding all deductions required by law, on the regular paydays of University until the term of this Agreement ends or until Coach obtains reasonably comparable employment, whichever occurs first. In the event Coach obtains other employment after such termination, then the amount of compensation the University pays will be reduced to an amount such that the gross compensation paid Coach as a result of such other employment when added to the gross amount paid Coach by the University under this section 5.2.2 does not exceed the gross salary set forth in the table below (before deductions required by law). In addition, Coach will be entitled to continue with the University health insurance plan and group life insurance as if Coach remained a University employee until the term of this Agreement ends or until Coach obtains reasonably comparable employment or any other employment providing Coach with a reasonably comparable health plan and group life insurance, whichever occurs first. Coach shall be entitled to no other compensation or fringe benefits, except as otherwise provided herein or required by law. Coach specifically agrees to inform University within ten business days of obtaining other employment, and to advise University of all relevant terms of such employment, including without limitation the nature and location of employment, salary, other compensation, health insurance benefits, life

insurance benefits, and other fringe benefits. Failure to so inform and advise University shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and University's obligation to pay compensation under this provision shall end. Coach further agrees to repay to University all compensation received from the University after the date other employment is obtained.

December 19 – January 31, 2026	February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027	February 1, 2027 – January 31, 2028	February 1, 2028 – January 31, 2029
\$525,000	\$350,000	\$250,000	Remaining balance owed 3.1.1(a)

5.2.3 The parties have both been represented by, or had the opportunity to consult with, legal counsel in the contract negotiations and have bargained for and agreed to the foregoing liquidated damages provision, giving consideration to the fact that Coach may lose certain benefits, supplemental compensation, or outside compensation relating to employment with University, which damages are extremely difficult to determine with certainty. The parties further agree that the payment of such liquidated damages by University and the acceptance thereof by Coach shall constitute adequate and reasonable compensation to Coach for the damages and injury suffered by Coach because of such termination by University. The liquidated damages are not, and shall not be construed to be, a penalty.

5.3 Termination by Coach for Convenience.

5.3.1 Coach recognizes that Coach's promise to work for University for the entire term of this Agreement is of the essence of this Agreement. Coach also recognizes that the University is making a highly valuable investment in Coach's employment by entering into this Agreement and that its investment would be lost were Coach to resign or otherwise terminate employment with the University before the end of the Agreement term.

5.3.2 Coach may terminate this Agreement for convenience during its term by giving prior written notice to the University. Termination shall be effective ten (10) days after notice is given to the University.

5.3.3 If Coach terminates this Agreement for convenience at any time, all obligations of the University shall cease as of the effective date of the termination. If Coach terminates this Agreement for convenience, Coach shall pay to the University, as liquidated damages and not a penalty, an amount equal the total salary to be paid under the table below (before deductions required by law) for the remaining term of the contract. The liquidated damages shall be due and payable within twenty (20) days of the effective date of the termination, and any unpaid amount shall bear simple interest at a rate eight (8) percent per annum until paid.

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5.3.4 The parties have both been represented by legal counsel in the contract negotiations and have bargained for and agreed to the foregoing liquidated damages provision, giving consideration to the fact that the University will incur administrative and recruiting costs in obtaining a replacement for Coach, in addition to potentially increased compensation costs if Coach terminates this Agreement for convenience, which damages are extremely difficult to determine with certainty. The parties further agree that the payment of such liquidated damages by Coach and the acceptance thereof by University shall constitute adequate and reasonable compensation to University for the damages and injury suffered by it because of such termination by Coach. The liquidated damages are not, and shall not be construed to be, a penalty. This Section 5.3.4 shall not apply if Coach terminates this Agreement because of a material breach by the University.

5.3.5 Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, if Coach terminates this Agreement for convenience, Coach shall forfeit to the extent permitted by law the right to receive all supplemental compensation and other payments.

5.4 Termination due to Disability or Death of Coach.

5.4.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate automatically if Coach becomes totally or permanently disabled as defined by the University's disability insurance carrier, becomes unable to perform the essential functions of the position of head coach, or dies.

5.4.2 If this Agreement is terminated because of Coach's death, Coach's salary and all other benefits shall terminate as of the last day worked, except that Coach's personal representative or other designated beneficiary shall be paid all compensation due or unpaid and death benefits, if any, as may be contained in any fringe benefit plan now in force or hereafter adopted by the University and due to Coach's estate or beneficiaries thereunder.

5.4.3 If this Agreement is terminated because Coach becomes totally or permanently disabled as defined by the University's disability insurance carrier, or becomes unable to perform the essential functions of the position of head coach, all salary and other benefits shall terminate, except that Coach shall be entitled to receive any compensation due or unpaid and any disability related benefits to which he is entitled by virtue of employment with the University.

5.5 Interference by Coach. In the event of termination, suspension, or reassignment, Coach agrees that Coach will not interfere with the University's student athletes or otherwise obstruct the University's ability to transact business or operate its intercollegiate athletics program.

5.6 No Liability. The University shall not be liable to Coach for the loss of any collateral business opportunities or any other benefits, perquisites or income from any sources that may ensue as a result of any termination of this Agreement by either party or due to death or disability or the suspension or reassignment of Coach, regardless of the circumstances.

5.7 Waiver of Rights. Because Coach is receiving the opportunity to receive supplemental compensation and because such contracts and opportunities are not customarily afforded to University employees, if the University suspends or reassigns Coach, or terminates this Agreement for good or adequate cause, Coach shall have all the rights provided for in this Agreement but hereby releases the University from compliance with the notice, appeal, and similar employment related rights provided for in Board policy, IDAPA 08.01.01.et seq., and the University (Faculty-Staff) Handbook.

ARTICLE 6

6.1 Board Approval This Agreement shall not be effective unless approved by the Board and executed by both parties as set forth below. In addition, the payment of any compensation pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, and the Athletics Director; the sufficiency of legislative appropriations; the receipt of sufficient funds in the account from which such compensation is paid; and the Board policies and University's rules regarding financial exigency.

6.2 University Property. All personal property (excluding vehicle(s) provided through the Vandal Wheels program), material, and articles of information, including, without limitation, keys, credit cards, personnel records, recruiting records, team information, films, statistics or any other personal property, material, or data, furnished to Coach by the University or developed by Coach on behalf of the University or at the University's direction or for the University's use or otherwise in connection with Coach's employment hereunder are and shall remain the sole property of the University. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the expiration of the term of this Agreement or its earlier termination as provided herein, Coach shall immediately cause any such personal property, materials, and articles of information in Coach's possession or control to be delivered to the Athletics Director.

6.3 Assignment. Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

6.4 Waiver. No waiver of any default in the performance of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by the waiving party. The waiver of a particular breach in the performance of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other or

subsequent breach. The resort to a particular remedy upon a breach shall not constitute a waiver of any other available remedies.

6.5 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected and shall remain in effect.

6.6 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be subject to and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Idaho. Any action based in whole or in part on this Agreement shall be brought in the courts of the state of Idaho.

6.7 Oral Promises. Oral promises of an increase in annual salary or of any supplemental or other compensation shall not be binding upon the University.

6.8 Force Majeure. Any prevention, delay or stoppage due to strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes therefor, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental controls, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, and other causes beyond the reasonable control of the party obligated to perform (including financial inability), shall excuse the performance by such party for a period equal to any such prevention, delay or stoppage.

6.9 Confidentiality. This Agreement and all documents and reports Coach is required to produce under this Agreement may be released and made available to the public by the University.

6.10 Notices. Any notice under this Agreement shall be in writing and be delivered in person or by public or private courier service (including U.S. Postal Service Express Mail) or certified mail with return receipt requested. All notices shall be addressed to the parties at the following addresses or at such other addresses as the parties may from time to time direct in writing:

the University:	Director of Athletics University of Idaho 875 Perimeter Drive, MS 2302 Moscow, Idaho 83844-2302
with a copy to:	Office of the President University of Idaho 875 Perimeter Drive, MS 3151 Moscow, Idaho 83844-3151
Coach:	Thomas Ford Last known address on file with University's Human Resource Services

Any notice shall be deemed to have been given on the earlier of: (a) actual delivery or refusal to accept delivery, (b) the date of mailing by certified mail, or (c) the day facsimile delivery is verified. Actual notice, however and from whomever received, shall always be effective.

6.11 Headings. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation hereof.

6.12 Binding Effect. This Agreement is for the benefit only of the parties hereto and shall inure to the benefit of and bind the parties and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.

6.13 Non-Use of Names and Trademarks. Coach shall not, without the University's prior written consent in each case, use any name, trade name, trademark, or other designation of the University (including contraction, abbreviation or simulation), except in the course and scope of official University duties.


6.14 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended or unintended third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.


6.15 Entire Agreement; Amendments. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the same subject matter. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing, signed by both parties, and approved by the Board if required under Board Policy II.H.

6.16 Opportunity to Consult with Attorney. Coach acknowledges that Coach has had the opportunity to consult and review this Agreement with an attorney. Accordingly, in all cases, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any party.

University

Coach

Signature: 
Printed Name: C. Scott Green
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 4/2/2025

Signature: 
Printed Name: Thomas Ford
Date: 3/5/2025