Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The Department of Physical Education and Athletics at Dickinson College takes very seriously the conduct and behavior of its student-athletes, both in and out of season. It is indeed a privilege, to represent the institution in a visible capacity, both within and outside of the campus community. Team members should recognize that all of their interactions with outside constituencies reflect not only on themselves, but also on the team and the college. Subsequently, participants are held to the highest standards of conduct throughout their athletic pursuits. The following principles should be followed by student-athletes throughout their participation (please note, specific policies are contained within the handbook that provide detailed guidelines for appropriate student-athlete behavior):

1. Student-athletes should aspire towards excellence in all areas of their educational experience. This requires hard work, dedication, and a winning attitude. However, the Department of Physical Education and Athletics supports the educational mission of the institution by placing the importance of academics before athletic competition.

2. Student-athletes should exemplify sportsmanship and engage in fair, honest and safe competition at all times. As a representative of the institution, participants are expected to present themselves in a respectful manner toward their opponents, officials, and supporters from other institutions when traveling to competitions.

3. Participants will abide by all rules that have been established and are enforced by the NCAA, the Centennial Conference, and the Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

4. Student-athletes are responsible for following guidelines established by their respective coaches and/or teams. Each coach has the discretion to discipline any participant whose conduct is detrimental to the team and/or the institution.

5. Participants are expected to respect property belonging to the institution and should demonstrate appropriate use of the department’s facilities and resources.

6. In the spirit of Dickinson Athletics, teams are encouraged to support the efforts and accomplishments of other teams.

7. Student-athletes should not receive any gifts associated with their participation that exceeds $25 in value.

8. A student-athlete who violates any local, state or federal law is subject to potential suspension and/or dismissal from the team.
9. In accordance with the NCAA’s Principle of Student-Athlete Well Being, the Department of Physical Education and Athletics at Dickinson College is committed to providing a safe learning and sports environment that protects the health and well-being of its student-athlete community. Every Dickinson College student-athlete who witnesses behavior by fellow athletes that threatens this environment is strongly encouraged to immediately notify a department staff member. Hazing, sexual harassment and drug and alcohol misuse and abuse are among the behaviors that pose such threats. More information about the College’s policy on these subjects follows.

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