
Schoolcraft College

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Each student-athlete accepts responsibility above and beyond that of the general student body with regard to his/her conduct as a representative of the College. It is a privilege, not a right to be a member of a Schoolcraft College athletic team, and therefore, he/she is held to a higher standard. Each student-athlete will abide by the College Code of Student Conduct, the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, policies and procedures, as well as the rules and regulations that have been established by Schoolcraft College, the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Academics

Prior to registering for classes in any semester, the student-athlete must have the signed approval of an counselor/academic advisor. As a student-athlete you are also mandated to register with the Student Athlete Support System (SASS) Coordinator in the Learning Assistance Center by the end of the second week of the Fall Semester. Failure to register with the SASS Program can lead to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Director of Athletics and Dean of Student Services. In addition, a chronic pattern of non-excused absences/lack of class participation in any class will lead to incremental disciplinary consequences depending on the severity of the violations.

Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Products

The College policy states that each student-athlete refrain from illegal substances at all times. The NJCAA bans the use of alcohol, drugs and all tobacco products during any athletic related event, scrimmage, practice, travel, or games. Failure to comply is grounds for suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

Civil Offenses

The Student Code of Conduct provides guidelines for student behavior. The Athletic Department respects the rights of any individual who has been accused of a violation, and not yet convicted, to continue to represent the College as a team member. Some violations may involve civil law, the Student Code of Conduct, the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and/or a team rule. Any infraction of the aforementioned codes or rules will be reviewed by the Head Coach and Director of Athletics to determine if disciplinary action is necessary, regardless of College or civil conviction. In situations where there is reasonable proof that a violation has occurred, a student-athlete may be suspended from the team for a stated period of time, or indefinitely. If requested, a due process hearing will be scheduled between the Student-Athlete, Head Coach, Director of Athletics and Vice President of Student Services.

Travel Policy

Each student-athlete will travel to and from contests with College approved transportation only. If a student-athlete wishes to receive alternate transportation, he/she must receive approval from his/her Head Coach and sign a release form.

Equipment and Uniforms

All equipment and/or uniforms issued to a student-athlete must be returned in satisfactory condition to the Equipment Manager within 3 days of his/her last contest. Student-athletes will be financially responsible for replacement costs of lost, stolen, or damaged property. Failure to comply will result in the student-athlete being placed on financial hold by the Bursar's Office.

Behavior

Each student-athlete will act responsibly at all College related activities. Student-athletes are expected to be positive role models for other students, thus, their behavior at any College related event will be strictly monitored. Profanity, obscene gestures and intimidating behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with through disciplinary action. Student-athlete behavior off-campus will also be closely monitored. Any violations or conduct deemed inappropriate will result in probation, suspension or dismissal from his/her team.

Use of Social Media

The Schoolcraft Department of Athletics recognizes and supports its student-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression and association, including the use of social media. In this context, however, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for Schoolcraft College is a privilege, not a right. As a student-athlete, you represent the College and you are expected to portray yourself, your team and the College in a positive manner at all times. Any online postings must therefore be consistent with federal and state laws, and team, department, college and NJCAA rules and policies (including the Guidelines listed below).

Guidelines

If you participate on a social networking site, you must keep the following guidance in mind:

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, comments, and posters) may be accessible even after you remove it.
- Use caution when adding someone or inviting someone to be a friend. Many individuals are looking to take advantage of student-athletes, to get close to student-athletes to give themselves a sense of membership, or to gain information about you, your teammates or your team for negative reasons.
- What you post may affect your future. Many employers and four-year school admissions officers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments and posters).
- Similar to comments made in person, the Department of Athletics will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
 - o Derogatory or defamatory language
 - o Comments that create a serious danger to the safety of another person or that constitute a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person
 - o Comments or photos that describe or depict unlawful assault, abuse, hazing, harassment or discrimination; selling, possessing or using controlled substances; or any other illegal or prohibited conduct.

Any violation of law or of NJCAA, College or Department of Athletics' Policy or evidence of such violation in your online content is subject to investigation and sanction by the Department of Athletics, the College, the NJCAA and/or law enforcement agencies. Internal sanctions may range from notice to remove the posting or photo to dismissal from the team and non-renewal or reduction of athletic grant-in-aid.

I understand that it is a privilege, not a right, to be a member of a varsity athletic team at Schoolcraft College, and I agree to abide by all components of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Student-Athlete Name (Print)