
Clemson University Code of Conduct

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Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

As a valued member of the Clemson Athletic Department, I will use my talents to attain a quality education and earn a degree. Although time commitments are demanding during the athletic season, I will remain academically eligible, attend class, inform professors of expected absences due to official athletic events, maintain academic honesty, and make maximum use of Nieri Student Athlete Enrichment Center and its programs.

As a member of Clemson University's athletics family, I will responsibly represent, with integrity, the values, traditions, and people of Clemson University. As a Clemson University student-athlete, I will display good sportsmanship, know and follow NCAA and ACC guidelines, obey team rules and policies, and always give 100 percent effort to positively represent Clemson University on the field, in the classroom, and in my daily life.

Athletic Department Standard of Conduct / Discipline Policy

Athletic Department Guiding Principle of Pride: "Our actions honor our University, its traditions, teams, performance, people, and each other".

Participation in athletics is a privilege that carries a tremendous amount of responsibility for the student-athlete. As Clemson University's most visible ambassadors, student-athletes are expected to uphold high standards of integrity and behavior that will reflect well upon them, their families, coaches, teammates, the Athletic Department, and Clemson University. Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior and performance as representatives of Clemson University, to respect the rights of others, and abide by all rules and regulations of Clemson University, the ACC, the NCAA, and the Athletic Department. Failure to comply with said rules may result in suspension, probation or dismissal from the team; non-renewal of athletic financial aid; or expulsion from the University. This policy covers student-athlete behavior on and off the field including that engaged in during social networking and in public media.

Student-athlete Misconduct

Student-athletes are held accountable by the same policies and procedures as other University students as outlined in the Clemson University Student Handbook. In addition they are held to the Clemson University Athletic Department Standard of Conduct and Discipline outlined here. The head coach of each sport also has his/her own set of team rules, and is responsible for enforcing these rules. The Clemson Athletic Department Administration will fully support appropriate disciplinary action taken by a coach in concurrence with the Director of Athletics.

Reporting Misconduct

The student-athlete has the responsibility to report any detainment by a law-enforcement agency; criminal charges filed by any agency; and other significant Code of Conduct violations to their coach immediately (within 24-hours of the incident). Student-athletes failing to comply with this expectation may be subject to greater consequences.

The coach, upon receiving a report of misconduct, is required to inform the Associate Director of Athletics for Performance or the Director of Athletics immediately or within 12 hours after learning of the infraction.

Sanctions for Misconduct

In situations where a student-athlete's misconduct is within the university system (i.e., Office of Community and Ethical Standards), the athletic department will follow the sanctions levied through that process in the event the student-athlete is suspended or dismissed from the University. Athletics will, at the minimum, adhere to those sanctions, but a coach, upon review by the Director of Athletics, may impose further sanctions where appropriate.

A student-athlete will be suspended immediately from all athletic activity, if arrested for and /or criminally charged with:

- Any felony offense;
- Sports wagering, gambling, game fixing;
- Illegal possession of a weapon; or
- Criminal Sexual Conduct.

A student-athlete arrested for and /or charged with a DUI will be withheld immediately from not less than the next 10% of their intercollegiate (championship segment) competitions. The head coach will recommend, within seven days, a course of action, and upon review by the Director of Athletics, administer further sanctions if warranted.

After adjudication of the above cases, the head coach will recommend a course of action, and upon review by the Director of Athletics, administer further sanctions if warranted.

For all other misdemeanor charges/convictions, the head coach will recommend, within seven days, a course of action, and upon concurrence of the designated CUAD administrator, administer sanctions.

In addition to any sanctions that are listed above, a student-athlete who is arrested for and / or charged with a drug-related crime, whether for the use, possession, sale, purchase, distribution, or manufacture, or the attempt to do any of the foregoing, shall be subject to drug-testing pursuant to the Clemson University Athletic Department Use / Misuse Program.

Clemson University Athletic Department Conduct Review Board (CRB)

The CRB will be assembled, as needed, for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the conduct policy, identifying trends, and evaluating conduct issues affecting student-athlete wellbeing. In addition, the CRB shall, from time to time, make recommendations to the designated CUAD administrator regarding training and educational materials related to

conduct issues. Membership of the CRB will be comprised of the Associate Director of Athletics for Student Services and Performance as well as four other members appointed by the Director of Athletics.

Hazing

Hazing is not tolerated at Clemson, and by extension, in the Athletic Department. Student-athletes who have concerns/questions are encouraged to speak out. This can be done in an open forum (e.g. speak up with the offenders); or to a staff member with whom you feel comfortable. Members of the Athletic Department staff have a duty to follow-up on all reports of hazing. The student-athlete can be assured that their safety is of paramount importance, and their report will be handled appropriately.