STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Philosophy

1. Participation in the Central Connecticut State University Athletics program is considered a privilege, not a right. As a CCSU student-athlete, you represent the University and, as such, are expected to conduct yourself with honesty, pride, sportsmanship and integrity at all times.

B. Academic Conduct

The Athletic Program fully supports the academic mission of the University. Academic responsibility is considered the highest priority for student-athletes attending CCSU, therefore:
1. Student-athletes must comply with academic regulations as published in the current University catalog, eligibility policies established by the University Athletics Board, and the policies established by the Academic Center for Student-Athletes.
2. Student-athletes are to regularly attend all classes, tutorial sessions and meetings with academic advisor(s).
3. Student-athletes are to complete class assignments and course examinations as required.
4. Each student-athlete shall assume full responsibility for monitoring one’s own satisfactory progress and academic achievement. This may include seeking assistance from individual professors, academic advisor(s), tutors, or counseling services.

C. Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The Athletics Program expects that all student-athletes will conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the University’s mission and the Athletics Program philosophy. Therefore, we expect each individual to conform to the following:
1. Student-athletes are responsible for their own behavior which includes the securing and reading of appropriate sections of the Student Handbook, “What Should I Know About the Fire Print?” The CCSU Student Handbook can be located at www.ccsu.edu. Please use the A-Z index and locate “Student Handbook 2015-16”.
2. Student-athletes must comply with the policies enumerated in the Student Handbook concerning:
   a. Conduct and Discipline (Judicial), b. Disciplinary Penalties (Judicial);
   c. Academic Misconduct
   d. Supplemental Information on CCSU Alcohol and other Drug Policies;
   e. Policies and Regulations regarding Alcoholic Beverages;
   f. Administrative State of Action in case of Campus Disruption.
3. Student-athletes are subject to the rules and regulations established by the NCAA, Northeast Conference, Central Connecticut State University and/or coach of a specific team. The head coach is responsible for distributing specific team rules and potential sanctions to each team member. A copy of team rules will also be submitted to the Director of Athletics.
4. Further, it is the policy of the Athletics Program that the Director of Athletics has the authority to immediately suspend from athletic participation for a time period to be determined by the Director, any student-athlete charged with a crime or arrested for any reason. When possible, the Director of Athletics will discuss the matter with the head coach prior to taking action.
5. Student-Athletes may exercise their right to appeal to the Athletics Program Disciplinary Committee. The Committee, chaired by the Director of Athletics, will take into account:
   • Sanctions recommended by the coach
   • Sanctions for like offenses recommended by the University Vice President Student Affairs. These sanctions might include, but are not limited to:
     o Disciplinary warning
     o Disciplinary probation (restricted from competition and/or practice for a specified time period)
     o Suspension (complete separation from the athletic team for the balance of the season and/or future seasons)
     o Termination of the student-athlete’s athletic grant-in-aid
     o Statement from the student-athlete and/or his/her representative.

D. Athletics Program Discipline Committee

This committee will be composed of the Director of Athletics (chair), Chair of the Athletics Department, Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance, and one member at-large to be elected from the Athletics Program for a two year term. The student-athlete and/or his/her representative(s) will have the right to appear before the Disciplinary Committee to provide a statement. Meetings will be called by the Chair as deemed necessary. The committee will gather all pertinent facts including, but not limited to, official reports, newspaper articles, eyewitness accounts, and student-athlete response.
The committee will recommend action as described, but not limited to, item 3-e above. All decisions of the Discipline Committee will be implemented immediately.

a. Student-athletes have the right of appeal through standard University appeal policy.

b. Until a successful appeal is made, all Discipline Committee decisions will be in effect.

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STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

I (print name) recognize and agree that participation in athletics at Central Connecticut State University is a privilege and, therefore, continued eligibility requires adherence to the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct. I further recognize and agree that all student-athletes are subject to the policies, regulations and procedures of the NCAA, Northeast Conference and Institution and other appropriate governing bodies. Moreover, I understand that violations of the Central Connecticut State University Student-Athlete Code of Conduct may render my team membership and/or athletic grant-in-aid to be null and void.

While away from campus representing Central Connecticut State University, I understand that the use of alcohol and or illegal drugs are prohibited. Alcohol and or illegal drug use during that time is grounds for disciplinary action which might include dismissal from the team and cancellation of Athletic Grant-In-Aid.

I hereby certify that I have read, understand and will meet the requirements of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct for as long as I am a student-athlete at Central Connecticut State University. Moreover, I have had the opportunity to ask questions and receive explanations for statements I did not understand.

Student-Athlete name (please print) Age

Student-Athlete signature

Date signed

Parent/guardian signature (if under 18 years of age)