

NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

The basic principles of the National Junior College Athletic Association stands for the highest ideals in sportsmanship. One of the primary objectives of competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, officials, and spectators. With this in mind, and since it is fundamental to the continuance of the activities sponsored by the NJCAA that the rights of the majority shall not be jeopardized by the action of a few, this **CODE OF CONDUCT** has been adopted.

I. BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Participants shall recognize their responsibility for proper conduct at any tournament, contest or event sponsored by the NJCAA or its member colleges.
- B. Coaches shall recognize and assume responsibility for the actions or themselves and their team members. Each coach who has participants competing in the event, shall be responsible for informing each member of the **CODE**.

Note: Should individual Regional, conference or institutional penalties/guidelines require additional sanctions for any of the behaviors listed below, those would take precedence.

II. REGULATIONS OF CONDUCT

A. Sportsmanship

Certain standards of behavior are expected of all student-athletes and team personnel participating in any NJCAA event. Student-athletes are guests at any event, their participation is a privilege, not a right. Sportsmanship and citizenship are modes of conduct that promote and develop respect for fellow participants, coaches, and teammates. That respect should also be reflected in each student-athlete's behavior toward officials and spectators. Every individual participating in any NJCAA event must abide by the following:

1. Behavior Rules

- **Violent Behavior** - Acts of violence or flagrant acts during or related to an athletic contest are not permitted. A violent act is one in which physical contact or an attempt to make physical contact occurs, the purpose of which is to damage, harm, intimidate, or otherwise injure a person or property.

Penalty for Violent Behavior – Any player, coach or team personnel who is guilty of leaving his/her sideline, bench or position to participate in a violent behavior will be considered a responsible party in such behavior and will be subject to the national fight rule governing their respective sport. Should no such rule exist in the individual sport rulebook, individuals will be subject to the following:

1. Immediate ejection.
 2. A one game suspension to be serve during the next scheduled contest during the regular season and/or post season play. Suspension of student-athletes or coaches occurring at the end of the season shall carry over to the next academic year and will be served during the first scheduled contest of that year.
 3. Should an individual be ejected for violence a second time during a given season, that individual shall be prohibited from participating in any intercollegiate athletics for the remained of the year.
- **Non-Violent Unsportsmanlike Behavior** – Non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior during or related to any NJCAA event is prohibited. This behavior includes profanity, vulgar gestures, trash talk and loud or abusive language directed at players, coaches, contest officials and/or spectators.

Penalty to Non-violent Unsportsmanlike Behavior – Any player, coach or team personnel guilty of non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior is subject to the national rules governing their sport. Should no such rule exist in the individual sport rulebook, individuals will be subject to the following:

1. Immediate ejection.

2. A one game suspension to be served during the next scheduled contest during the regular season and/or post season play.

Note: Event administrators must report all incidents of unsportsmanlike behavior which results in ejection to their Regional Director.

B. Alcohol/Drugs

The use of alcohol/drugs at any NJCAA sponsored event is prohibited. Any game official having reasonable cause to believe a student athlete, coach, team official, or other individual participating in an athletic event is using or is sufficiently impaired so as to endanger that individual or other individuals participating in said event by virtue of injury, use of alcohol, or drugs (including but not limited to performance enhancing or pain killing drugs) may remove or disqualify said individual from further participation in the sporting event by the following procedure:

Penalty for alcohol/drug use at NJCAA events:

1. The game official shall immediately notify the impaired individual and impaired individual's coach, team captain or other school representative that the official has reasonable cause to believe that said individual is impaired to the extent of being a danger to the individual and/or to other participants and the specific reasons for such belief.
2. The game official may then declare the impaired individual disqualified from further participation or suspend from participation for such time as the game official believes necessary for the individual to recover from such impairment.
3. In the event, the impaired individual objects to the decision of the game official, such decision may be immediately referred to the NJCAA representative, athletic director or their designee in charge of the sporting event, and said representative or other person in charge shall make the final determination as to the individual's impairment or lack thereof and the decision of the NJCAA Representative, athletic director, or other person in charge shall be final and binding with regard to any disqualification, suspension or overruling of the game official
4. Nothing shall, however, prevent the impaired individual or such individual's school from subsequently requesting review of the game official's decision to the NJCAA Executive Committee. Said Executive Committee shall review the decision of the game official and take such appropriate action as may be justified and fair to all parties.

C. Tobacco

The use of all tobacco products shall be prohibited in all practices and athletic events conducted under the auspices of the NJCAA and its member institutions. This rule shall apply equally to all student-athletes, coaches, authorized team personnel and other individuals participating in an athletic event.

Penalty for use of tobacco products at NJCAA events:

1. The event official shall immediately notify said individual(s) observed using any form of tobacco product of the aforementioned violation and shall enforce an immediate event disqualification and/or additional penalties prescribed by the national rules governing the sport.

NOTE: A coach serving a game suspension for any reason shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and is prohibited from any contact, direct or indirect, with his or her team, assistant coaches and/or bench personnel, before, during, and immediately after the game.

III. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. Violations of the **CODE OF CONDUCT** for *national events* need to be referred to the National Office of the NJCAA.
- B. The NJCAA Executive Committee shall act as a Board of Appeal. If the decision of the Executive Committee is challenged, such challenge must be resolved by submission of the issue or issues in question to binding

arbitration according to the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association and as more fully set out in Article V of the NJCAA by-laws.

- C. The NJCAA Executive Committee's decision does not prevent or assume other disciplinary action by the violator's college or law-enforcement agencies.
- D. No other appeal procedures are authorized.
- E. All other disciplinary action or problems not involving national events, contests, or tournaments, and not provided for in the NJCAA Handbook and Casebook shall be referred to the appropriate Regional Director and/or Conference Administrator for decision.

OCCAC CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes participating on intercollegiate teams in the OCCAC represent their institution, the conference, and collegiate athletics in general. It is expected that all team representatives display sportsmanlike conduct at all times. This is to include, but not limited to showing respect and courtesy for players, coaches, officials, fans, as well as the personnel and property of other institutions. At no time will verbal or physical abuse of either person or property be condoned by the OCCAC, and its representative institutions.

The OCCAC recognizes two (2) types of unsportsmanlike behavior for all sports sanctioned by the conference, these being:

- Excessive Verbal Abuse: defined by the reigning official for the particular contest.
- Physical Altercation: defined as any physical contact not associated with the normal playing of any contest.

Offenses in either of these situations will be dealt with appropriately by each of the conference institutions and the OCCAC Board of Directors.

Lorain County Community College Sports Athlete Agreement

As a sport athlete and student of Lorain County Community College, I understand that to participate in the Sports Program I agree to the following:

1. Read, understand and comply with the Student Code of Conduct printed in the Lorain County Community College handbook, the OCCAC and NJCAA Code of Conduct.
2. Complete all written forms and payment of player fee before the first contest of the season.
3. Return all property including uniforms at the completion of the season. **"I understand if LCCC property is not returned, that this is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and I will not be permitted to enroll in future academic terms without returning the property or paying for the lost property."**
4. Under no circumstances will I consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug while engaged in a college activity. This includes the duration of away competitions and overnight stays. I understand breaking this agreement will result in my immediate dismissal from the Sports team, forfeiture of possible future team membership, and potential disciplinary action pursuant to the Lorain County Community College Student Code of Conduct.
5. I will maintain enrollment in 6 credit hours for club and 12 credit hours for Intercollegiate participation for the entire semester(s) of team competition.
6. I will notify all course instructors regarding class absences due to athletic contests one week BEFORE the scheduled absence.

7. I fully understand that participation in the Sports program while attending Lorain County Community College will affect my future athletic eligibility with regards to transferring to another academic institution. It will be my responsibility to clarify with the institution I wish to transfer to as to my remaining college athletic eligibility.

I am in full agreement with the above statements and understand breaking this agreement will result in my dismissal from the Sport team and end my athletic season in this sport.

Printed Name

Student #

Date

Signature

Sport

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