

Wisconsin Collegiate Conference Student – Athlete Code of Conduct

The Wisconsin Collegiate Conference provides opportunities for students attending its member schools to participate in intercollegiate athletic contests. This is a service provided by member schools for the overall benefit of the students. Participation is therefore a privilege available to students, not a right. As such, it is imperative that the students choosing to participate in intercollegiate athletics represent the member schools in a positive manner that helps to maintain or improve the image of the member schools within their respective communities. In keeping with that goal, the following items make up the code of conduct that student-athletes are expected to follow.

- I. The main objective for student-athletes in the WCC is to obtain a quality education that will provide opportunities in the future. Accordingly, student-athletes are expected to maintain a high scholastic average and display leadership in classroom attendance and participation.
- II. The WCC eligibility standards will dictate the academic requirement necessary for participation. A student-athlete must carry a minimum of 9 credits and maintain a GPA of 1.5 for the first semester and a cumulative GPA of at least 1.75 for each semester thereafter.
- III. Trash talking in any manner including profanity, obscene, racial, or sexual language or gestures, and physical or verbal assault have no part in an athletic program and will not be tolerated. The coach for the individual is responsible to uphold a zero tolerance policy.
- IV. Attention to dress and grooming will be stressed. Team members will be expected to keep themselves and their attire clean and neat at all times, but especially when representing their school away from campus. The individual coach shall make the ultimate decision as to whether the particular grooming of athletes is in interference to their best performance or that of fellow athletes.
- V. Each coach and/or Athletic Director will determine policies regarding attendance at practice and protocol for game days. There will be no use of tobacco products, drinking of alcoholic beverages, or use of illegal drugs in connection with any varsity athletic event. This includes travel, overnight, and at the contest. Conference & WJCAA sponsored events along with all intercollegiate competition is covered by these rules. As stated in the Student Rights and Regulations handbook, "Violation of these provisions by a student may lead to the imposition of a disciplinary sanction, up to and including suspension or expulsion, under s. UWS 17.03(1)(b), Wis. Adm. Code."
- VI. Student-athletes are expected to take pride in their team, their coaching staff, their campus, and their community. It is expected that student-athletes will be team oriented and will strive for the success of the team over individual success.

I acknowledge that I have read this document with full knowledge of its significance and I agree to follow the rules as outlined in this Athlete Code of Conduct.

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date