

## STUDENT ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The College of the Sequoias Community College District (District) will provide training regarding the Student Athlete Code of Conduct to all members of District intercollegiate Athletic teams to ensure understanding. Students who represent the District in athletic competition are expected to:

1. Accept the concept that participation in intercollegiate activities is a privilege, not a right.
2. Demonstrate good citizenship on the field or court, on the campus, in the classroom and in the community.
3. Attend class regularly.
4. Develop and follow an academic plan to obtain a degree or attain transfer status.
5. Acknowledge that participation in athletics is contingent upon adherence to all California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA), Central Valley Conference, other host conference, Northern California Football Association and Athletic Department regulations.
6. Acknowledge that compliance with the Student Athlete Code of Conduct is required for participation in athletics at COS.
7. Acknowledge that any violation of the Code will result in appropriate discipline as determined by the Head Coach and Director of Athletics.

Failure to adhere to the provisions of this policy may result in the limitation or removal of the privilege of competing in intercollegiate athletics for the District.

### A. Academic Responsibilities

Supporting the academic progress of student athletes will be a priority for the Athletic Department. The Athletic Director will inform athletes regarding the availability of tutorial opportunities. The Athletic Department in (conjunction with the counseling staff) will assist all incoming athletes in formulating an educational plan.

As a result, each student athlete is expected to:

1. Seek assistance from the instructor and/or support services before and/or when academic difficulties occur.
2. Attend and be prepared for every class, except for excused absences.
3. Attend tutorials and counseling sessions as required when academic deficiencies are identified.
4. Adhere to the academic plan formulated in concert with the athletic counselor.
5. Adhere to policies regarding academic integrity and honesty as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct (General Catalog).
6. Maintain CCCAA minimum course hour requirements (12 units).

7. Maintain an academic load which will ensure second season eligibility (pass 24 units with a 2.00 GPA).
8. Set a primary goal of obtaining a certificate, an A.A. degree, or attaining transfer status.

**B. Citizenship Responsibilities**

The Athletic Department will take a leadership role in requiring that student athletes display good citizenship. Therefore, each student athlete is expected to:

1. Show respect for all members of the District community
2. Present a positive public demeanor at all times, on and off campus
3. Act as a positive role model for young people and other students.

**C. Discrimination/Harassment**

Discrimination is defined as any act, be it written, verbal or physical, which is based on prejudice or bias. Harassment is the creation of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive situation through verbal, written, or physical conduct.

Discrimination or harassment in any form is a violation of this Code of Conduct and Board Policy 3430 – Prohibition of Harassment and Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures.

**D. Good Sportsmanship**

Our student athletes represent the District at home and away contests, and they enjoy certain privileges with such status. They also bear the responsibility of behaving with dignity and sportsmanship. During travel and competition, our student athletes will conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect positively on the reputation of the District. The intent of our student athletes should never be to demean the dignity of the opponent, the official, or the athletic contest.

Therefore, our student athletes are prohibited from engaging in the following behavior at any sporting event:

1. Fighting opponents, fans or officials
2. Taunting opponents or their fans
3. “Celebrating” with the intent to demean opponents
4. Disrespect aimed at opponents or officials
5. Inciting crowd hostility with unsportsmanlike displays

**E. Health and Medical Responsibilities**

Student athletes are responsible for continuing training programs prescribed by our sports medicine and/or coaching staffs.

Student athletes are required to complete a pre-physical form and participate in athletic physical examinations provided by the District prior to participation in

practice or contests.

Alcohol consumption is highly discouraged at all times. Under-age drinking is a violation of the law.

Drinking, being under the influence of, or possession of alcohol on campus, during an athletic event, athletic practice, on road trips associated with an athletic event, or at a team social activity will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Student athletes are also expected to adhere to all aspects of the District's drug screening policy and program. The use of illegal and/or performance enhancing drugs is prohibited.

**F. Travel Expectations**

Student athletes are expected to adhere to their particular team's dress code, nutritional program, team rules, and curfew.

**G. Acquaintance Rape**

Because acquaintance rape, commonly called "date rape," is an increasingly serious concern nationwide, the Athletic Department publicly addresses such behavior with its student athletes. It expects all student athletes to conduct themselves in a manner which avoids any association with such a charge. Further, student athletes are encouraged to:

1. Understand the definition of rape;
2. Be conscious of the signals they transmit to others;
3. Be careful not to place themselves in situations that could be misunderstood or misread;
4. Accept a negative response to their overtures (e.g., "no" does not mean "yes");
5. Avoid drinking or taking drugs at all times;
6. Seek appropriate counseling, as recommended or deemed necessary.

**H. District and Team Policies/State and Conference Rules**

Compliance with individual sport team rules, as established by the coach, Athletic Administration, Conference, and the CCCAA is required of all student athletes.

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