

## Policy on Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Membership on an intercollegiate athletic team at California State University, Fresno is considered a privilege. As team members, student-athletes represent themselves, their sport team, the Athletics Department and University. To maintain this membership, student-athletes are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity and respect for others, as well as abide by University policies, Athletics Department regulations and team rules, the rules and policies of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the athletics conference, and city, county, state and federal laws.

Student-athletes, as representatives of the University, are among the most visible students on campus and in the community. Because of America's fascination with sports, and those who play, a unique platform exists to be a role model, mentor or spokesperson. The University, the athletic program, and the student-athlete all benefit from this exposure. However, this platform brings with it a set of privileges and responsibilities. Personal deportment of student-athletes, both on and off campus, becomes public knowledge.

To this end, the Athletics Department must adopt a Student-Athlete Code of Conduct policy that identifies a standard of ethical conduct and behavioral expectations for all student-athletes at Fresno State. The Student-Athlete Code of Conduct is an Athletics Department policy developed in consult with, endorsed and monitored by the Athletics Advisory Council, approved by the President. Any substantive changes to this Code (e.g., change in review committee composition, deletion or addition of section, etc.) must be reviewed and endorsed by the Academic Senate, and the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate must be notified of all minor changes. This Code supplements, but does not supersede, university policies and procedures for the entire student body. The current policy shall be posted on the Athletics website.

Violation of this code of conduct is a significant event and calls for disciplinary action. The Athletics Advisory Council shall monitor the application of the policy through review of biannual reports from the Athletics Department. The biannual reports shall include, but are not limited to, the number (i.e., frequency) and type of infractions, sport, sanction imposed and summary of solution(s) to minimize reoccurrences.

Recommended by  
the Academic Senate

March 16, 2020

Approved by the President

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