



Smith College

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Commitment

As a Smith Student-Athlete, I commit to abide by established team rules, to demonstrate respect for my teammates, coaches, and myself, to accept competition within my team, and to push not only myself but also my teammates to reach their full potential. Also, I commit to working hard and doing my best both at competitions and practices but also in physical and mental training during the off-season. As not only a Smith Student-Athlete but also a competitor in NCAA Division III athletics, I commit to act in accordance with the NEWMAC and NCAA sportsmanship code.

Academics

According to Smith's Athletic Department policy, I must maintain a 2.33 GPA to be eligible to play sports at Smith. If I am below this GPA I can use a waiver for one semester but after that I will not be eligible to play. I must tell my professors about all of my matches/games that conflict with class time at the beginning of the semester. In addition, I must let my professors know immediately when competitions are canceled and/or rescheduled. As a Student-Athlete I will only miss class for athletic competition reasons. Lastly, if I know that I am in danger of finding myself on academic probation I must inform my coach.

Communication

I should be sure that I have a full understanding of team goals and expectations that are clearly defined and agreed upon by the entire team. If a conflict arises among teammates, I, as a Student-Athlete, commit to resolving it with the use of my captains through team communication, so as not to allow it to affect competition or enjoyment of athletics. If more help is required I commit to notify my coach or athletic administration.

Responsibility/ Representing Smith Athletics

As an athlete at a women's college, I commit to represent women's athletics in general and show that women can be and are dedicated, serious athletes. Also, I commit to represent Smith Athletics both on and off the field, by demonstrating sportsmanship and respecting the honor code.

Alcohol/ Drugs

As a Smith Student-Athlete, I commit to abide by Massachusetts state law, Smith College policy, the Athletics Dept and to follow rules and regulations outlined by my team. If I am over 21, I may drink no less than 24 hours before a practice and 48 hours before a game.

Community Service

I, as a Smith Student-Athlete, commit to participate in at least one community service project run through the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee per year. However, teams are welcomed to initiate their own community service projects as a substitute for SAAC projects, and may bring the project to SAAC to elicit further participation or may submit a waiver of the SAAC requirement.

Recruits

When a Student-Athlete is hosting a recruit, I am responsible for representing myself and my team in a respectful and appropriate way according to NCAA and Smith polices. I commit to represent Smith and the Athletic Program in an honest and accurate fashion when answering recruits questions.
