

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT



General Student-Athlete Statement

Student-athletes are highly visible representatives of the College and are expected to uphold the values and responsibilities of Bryn Mawr College, while meeting all requirements set forth by the NCAA and the Bryn Mawr intercollegiate athletics program.

By agreeing to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Bryn Mawr, students are expected to understand and abide by the Code of Conduct.

Social Networking

Participation in social network sites such as Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, and other digital platforms and distribution mechanisms that facilitate communication has both positive appeal and potentially negative consequences. Bryn Mawr College supports and encourages the use of social network sites as a platform for individual expression and free speech. Student-athletes are not restricted from using any on-line social network sites and digital platforms. However, users must understand that any content they make public via on-line social networks or digital platforms must comply with all policies, rules and regulations of the College and the Centennial Conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules and regulations, as well as with federal, state and local law. Student-athletes must recognize the power of public media domains and the potentially negative image that they can portray about student-athletes, coaches, the athletic program and institution. Student-athlete violations of College policy (e.g., harassing language, College drug or alcohol policy violations, copyright infringement, etc.) evident in the content of on-line social networks or digital platforms are subject to investigation and sanction under this *Code of Conduct* and other College policies, and could be subject to the authority of law enforcement agencies. Student-athletes must be aware of these consequences and exercise appropriate caution if they choose to participate in social networking platforms.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Regarding illegal substances

The Athletic Department will support all local, state, and federal laws as they pertain to illegal substances. Student-athletes must understand and abide by these laws. The use, purchase, intent to sell, or distribution of illegal substances is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate action by the Athletic Department. Student-athletes in violation of local, state, or federal law may also be subject to further measures.

Regarding NCAA banned and/or regulated substances

As with professional athletes, Bryn Mawr College Athletics Department recognizes that each athlete is solely and unwaveringly responsible for the substances in her body. While the Department is responsible for providing information regarding banned and/or regulated substances, the responsibility for a clean body lies solely on the shoulders of the individual athlete. Athletes are encouraged to discuss any concerns they have regarding use of medications, or consumption of foreign substances, with the Athletic Trainers, the Head Coach, and/or the Compliance Officer.

Regarding the consumption of alcohol by minors

Bryn Mawr College Athletic Department recognizes the consumption of alcohol by any person under the age of 21 as an illegal act. All student-athletes are expected to act in a manner consistent with local, State, and Federal Law.

Regarding the consumption of alcohol at team and/or athletic related events

The Bryn Mawr College Athletics Department maintains that Athletic events and alcohol consumption may not be commingled. Student-athletes who are of legal age to drink must never drink at practice, competition, or team functions, whether home or away.

Regarding the use of tobacco products

The NCAA prohibits the use of tobacco products by student-athletes, coaches, and game officials during practice and competition in all sports. Student-athletes who use tobacco products during practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of the practice or competition.

Regarding recruiting

Student-athletes hosting an athletic recruit or prospect must complete College-wide training on hosting a recruit and comply with all regulations described in the training. Under no circumstances may a recruit be offered alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs, whether legal or illegal.

Student-Athlete Academic Responsibilities

Student-athletes should be committed to academic success. Student-athletes are responsible for understanding and maintaining academic eligibility per the NCAA requirements.

Please be aware of the following responsibilities:

1. Assure academic responsibilities take precedence over athletic responsibilities.
2. Notify each instructor in writing within the first week of class of involvement in an intercollegiate sport at Bryn Mawr College.
3. Give each instructor the list of dates of scheduled events, and a full-season tentative travel itinerary. Remind each instructor in person, well in advance of each event that will necessitate a class absence.
4. Make sure all assignments are handed in prior to the missed class.
5. If an event conflicts with a class or class activity, make an appointment with the instructor to discuss the possibility of making up the missed classwork. While faculty is encouraged to be flexible, the decision on make-up work rests with the instructor.

Fairplay

Student-athletes are expected to conform to established guidelines of sportsmanlike conduct in intercollegiate athletic competition, both on and off the playing field. Acts of fairplay include showing respect toward all who are in attendance at an athletic event: officials, coaches, athletes, opponents, spectators, and the media. Athletes are responsible for understanding good sportsmanship and fairplay in the context of their sports as well as defined by the coach.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes inappropriate behavior in language, gesture, or action which demeans, physically intimidates, or endangers others, not just during athletic competition but also during all travel to and from the contest site.

Compliance

All student-athletes must abide by the NCAA and Centennial Conference regulations. It is the duty of the student-athlete to make sure all proper and official papers have been signed and approved by the compliance coordinator before the date of the first competition. Failure to do so will render the student-athlete ineligible to complete the season. Please refer to the Bryn Mawr College Student-Athlete Handbook or Compliance Coordinator for any specific questions.

Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct could lead to a range of repercussions, including but not limited to the following:

Coaches retain the right to manage their teams as they see fit within the guidelines of both the College and Athletic Department. Coaches' responses to failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of practice time
- Loss of playing time
- Suspension from competition
- Suspension from the team for a period of time

In more serious cases, or in cases involving multiple team members, the Athletic Director may also respond to failure to comply with this Code of Conduct, and the Athletic Director's responses may include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension of team or individual teammates for a disclosed amount of time
- Forfeiture of competition or multiple competitions
- Expulsion of a student-athlete or group of student-athletes from a team
- Forfeiture of the remainder of the season

The Athletic Director, in consultation with members of the College's Administration, may also decide to discontinue the College's support of any athletic team. Further, as with all student Honor Code violations, the College will consider disciplinary action under the procedures set forth in the Undergraduate Student Handbook for actions by a student which violate the rules and/or policies of the College.