Student-Athlete Code of Conduct
YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Student-athletes at York College of Pennsylvania are held in high regard. They are therefore expected to exhibit conduct of the highest standard while on campus, within the local community, and beyond. This code of conduct emphasizes the fundamental ethics to which all York College student-athletes are expected to adhere. As representatives of their team and the College, our student-athletes agree to act in accordance with the principles of healthful living, good citizenship, academic integrity, responsible team membership, good sportsmanship, and commitment to all scholastic endeavors.

Student-athletes who fail to abide by this code of conduct are subject to the disciplinary action of their coach and/or the athletic administration--including possible termination of athletic eligibility. The College acknowledges that misconduct severity can vary and that sanctions for such actions may also vary. Coaches must uphold the ideals and standards of this code of conduct and provide their student-athletes with a clear understanding of the expectation for their behavior, both in and out of competition.

Particular procedures will be followed for any violation of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct; this process is to be separate and distinct from the College’s judicial process.

- Student-athletes must, at all times, represent their respective team, the Athletic Department, and the College with responsibility and maturity. Individuals found to have exhibited inappropriate behavior (relative to the York College Student Code of Conduct or Athletic Department policy) while a member of an intercollegiate team, shall face consequences.

- Violations include, but are not limited to: Possession and/or use of illegal drugs; physical violence or threat of violence; DWI/DUI; on or off campus alcohol/civic violations; destruction of property; and misrepresenting your intercollegiate team in a public forum (including online activity).

Note: Depending on the timing of an offense--sanctions may carry through post-season competition and/or the beginning of a subsequent season of competition (in the event there was not enough time remaining in the season of violation to serve out the sanction).

Hearing: Prior to any determination of sanctions, a student-athlete will have the opportunity to meet with his/her coach, the Assistant Dean for Athletics & Recreation, and SWA (if appropriate) to provide details surrounding the incident. If an infraction(s) warrants the attention of the York College judicial process, all subsequent actions will be in accordance to the College’s policies and by-lines as set forth by the Dean of Student Affairs and the Assistant Director of Residence Life for Judicial Affairs.

Responsibility: For this code of conduct to work in a manner that is fair for all student-athletes, it is essential that violations be brought to the attention of the appropriate coach, the Assistant Dean for Athletics & Recreation, or the SWA (if appropriate). It is expected that offenders cooperatively SELF-REPORT infractions and face their subsequent consequences with integrity. Offender student-athletes who do not acknowledge violations of this code of conduct risk sanctions at a level greater than the respective offense.
**Hazing:**
York College Athletics has ZERO tolerance for any form of hazing. Any athlete involved in perpetrating hazing may be suspended indefinitely from participation in intercollegiate athletics at York College of Pennsylvania.

**Sportsmanship:**
Good sportsmanship is expected of all York College of Pennsylvania student-athletes; failure to comply with such standards, whether while participating as a player or as a fan, shall be subject to sanctions deemed appropriate by the athletic administration. Student-athletes are also subject to sanctions in accordance with conference rules and those of national governing organizations.

**Alcohol, Tobacco & Substance Use:**
All York College students are required to comply with Pennsylvania State law, the College’s Student Code of Conduct (which prohibits under-aged drinking and negative behavior as a result of drug or alcohol consumption/possession), and all NCAA bylaws. In addition, student-athletes (regardless of age) must also consider the negative effects of drug, tobacco, and alcohol use as it pertains to their performance, their image, and that of their team, the athletic department, and York College. Alcohol may not be consumed at any time by York College student-athletes while on a road trip. Violations of the law or college/department/team policy WILL result in disciplinary action. Infractions involving illegal drugs warrant a mandatory suspension from all athletic-related activity.

**In-Season vs. Out-of-Season:**
The York College Student-Athlete Code of Conduct is NOT specific to athletes “in season”. A York College student-athlete must ALWAYS be sensitive to their visibility and the potential reflection of their actions on their team, the Athletic Department, and the College.

**Online Activity:**
York College student-athletes are considered public figures. As such, they are responsible for upholding a positive image of themselves and the College within the public spectrum. The posting or provision of derogatory, offensive, incriminating, or otherwise inappropriate information and/or images over the internet, through social media, or by any other means, is strictly prohibited.

**Academic Integrity:**
The primary responsibility of every enrolled York College student-athlete is to strive for academic excellence. All York College students are expected to uphold the highest levels of integrity when tending to their course work. Plagiarism, inappropriate classroom behavior, or cheating (of any kind) will not be tolerated.

**Acknowledgement:**
*I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and am thereby aware of the consequences for violating such.*

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