

**Bellarmino University Athletic Department
2005-06 Student-Athlete Handbook**

Section 3: Behavioral Guidelines for Student-Athletes

The following guidelines apply to all student-athletes. It shall be the head coach's responsibility to establish and enforce additional team regulations for his/her particular sport. All student-athletes are expected to comply with established team and training rules.

1. Athletics aid may be reduced or cancelled during the period of the award if the student-athlete:
 - renders himself/herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
 - engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty;
 - voluntarily withdraws from a sport for personal reasons.
2. Student-athletes are expected to attend all classes. Missing classes except for scheduled games will not be tolerated. Missing class to attend practice is a violation of NCAA regulations.
3. Possession and/or use of a controlled substance may be deemed sufficient cause for immediate dismissal from the team and for possible disciplinary action by University authorities.
4. The purchase and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by student-athletes or student employees, regardless of age, on any road trip, or while representing the University, is strictly forbidden and will result in disciplinary action which may include suspension or dismissal from the team.
5. No play or game personnel may use any form of tobacco product during athletic practices and contests.
6. Participation in gambling activities that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card, or any other method employed by organized gambling, is a violation of NCAA regulations.
7. All student-athletes are expected to display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field. Fighting, verbal abuse, taunting, hazing activities and foul language are not acceptable.
8. All athletes must travel to events with the team. A student-athlete may return home with parent(s) or guardian(s) provided prior approval has been received by the coach. The parent or guardian must submit the travel approval form at least 24 hours prior to departure from the campus for that specific event or contest. The Travel Approval Form is listed on the web under compliance and may be printed and faxed to the school.
9. Participation in game ceremonies, team and athletics department-sponsored activities is expected of each student-athlete.

10. Game uniforms, including warm-ups, jackets, etc., are to be worn only at games or upon other occasions as specified by the coach. All apparel is the property of the University and must be returned at the end of the playing season to the head coach. Failure to return apparel and equipment will result in a fine up to the cost of replacement.

11. Attendance at training sessions and practices must take precedence over non-athletic extracurricular meetings and events. Exceptions are at the discretion of the coach.

12. The student-athlete is expected to participate in all practices and games. Illness, injury or special needs must be communicated to and approved by the head coach.

13. Violations of Behavioral Guidelines may be sufficient grounds for reduced athletics financial aid, non-renewal of athletics financial aid, and disciplinary action up to and including suspension or dismissal from the team.

14. Student-athletes should also understand the Student Code of Conduct listed in the Student Handbook. Violations of that code are subject to the University's disciplinary processes which apply to all students. Severe violations can result in loss of athletic eligibility.