

## **Code of Conduct & Sportsmanship Statement**

Students and staff enrolled in an institution of higher learning assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the university's function as an educational institution. When involved in an activity or event sponsored by Bellarmine University, the participant indicates, by his or her registration in the event, that he or she agrees to represent his or her team and university in a way that does not detract from the reputation of the institution he or she represents, and to act morally and display sportsmanship-like behavior before, during, and after any competition.

*\* Guidelines of conduct include but are not limited to the examples outlined below. \**

### **Code of Conduct**

Participants shall not:

- Use drugs, except for medical purposes, while competing, socializing and/or using Campus Recreation facilities.
- Consume alcohol while competing or spectating or attend any Intramural Sports activities/events while intoxicated.
- Strike, attempt to strike, or otherwise physically abuse any individual.
- Intentionally engage in or incite participants and/or spectators to engage in abusive or violent conduct.
- Participants cannot use verbal or non-verbal profanity, disrespectful language, obscene gestures or behavior; bullying and homophobic/transphobic expressions of any kind are strictly prohibited.

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

- Suspension from the game/match;
- Forfeiture of any individual or team awards;
- Ejection from the facility/field;
- Forfeiture of all games/matches won and possible team elimination from the activity/event;
- Notification to the Office of the Dean of Students for any violation of the Bellarmine University Code of Conduct by an individual or team.

### **Sportsmanship Statement**

Bellarmino University Campus Recreation believes good sportsmanship is an integral component of intercollegiate competition.

We wholeheartedly embrace the position that, in order for sportsmanship to prevail, coaches, student-athletes, and fans must display respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility before, during, and after all athletic contests. We encourage fans to enthusiastically support their team, recognize the outstanding performance of opponents, and always exhibit good sportsmanship in their words and actions.

Bellarmino University Campus Recreation encourages and promotes sportsmanship by all student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We are committed to holding activities and events in a safe environment free from bullying. Offensive language – including profanity and derogatory remarks around a person's race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, national origin, veteran status, social economic class, religion, or professional status – or other intimidating actions directed at officials, staff, participants, coaches, team representatives, or spectators will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the competition site.