

BECKER COLLEGE

CODE OF CONDUCT

For Student-Athletes and Athletic Staff

GENERAL STANDARDS

All student-athletes, coaches and administrators are representatives of Becker College. Their conduct should reflect a positive image of the College and their team. Participation in intercollegiate athletics is a privilege and a unique opportunity during ones college career. When policies or rules are violated the student or staff member will be reprimanded.

A student-athlete benefits from athletics by having the opportunity to develop intellectually, to travel as a representative of the College and to learn to become a productive team member.

Athletic department personnel and student-athletes shall deport themselves with sportsmanship, integrity and demonstrate academic honesty and conduct becoming of responsible citizens. All student-athletes and staff must abide by all College, NCAA and New England Collegiate Conference code, rules, regulations and policies and with all state and federal laws.

Good Sportsmanship Includes:

- ❖ Observing and supporting the rules of your sport.
- ❖ Promoting the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- ❖ Placing fairness as a goal in all competition.
- ❖ Taking personal responsibility for high standards of play.
- ❖ Showing civility toward competitors, officials, coaches and spectators.
- ❖ Commending good effort by teammates, opponents and officials.
- ❖ Playing cleanly while playing hard.
- ❖ Showing maturity and integrity in conduct on and off the field of play.
- ❖ Being a gracious winner and accepting defeat gracefully.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Your general obligation as a student is to make satisfactory progress toward a bachelor degree and graduate from the College. In order to carry out your general obligation as a student you must:

1. Maintain academic eligibility

You must be in good academic standing in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics. You are required to take a minimum of 12 credits per semester and complete credit and GPA requirements each semester in order to remain eligible. Dropping below 12 credits at any time during the semester renders you ineligible immediately. Students on academic probation are not allowed to travel or compete with any team.

2. **Attend class**

There is a direct correlation between classroom attendance and academic success. Student-athletes are **not** to miss class due to a practice session with their team. During your team's non-traditional season; such as fall baseball; students cannot miss class for practices **or** games.

3. **Inform professors of expected absences**

Professors are more than willing to assist you in resolving a conflict when advance notice is given due to an athletic event. Each professor has his or her own policies regarding missed class time. Remember, you are responsible for completing any work missed during your absence.

ATHLETIC OBLIGATIONS

Your general obligation as an athlete is to represent responsibly and with integrity the people, values and traditions associated with Becker College. Your attitudes, actions and statements are constantly in the public eye and reflect directly on the College. As a student-athlete you are responsible for obeying the rules and regulations of the athletic department, which includes those of the NCAA. In order to carry out your general obligations as an athlete you must:

1. **Display good sportsmanship**

Proper conduct includes showing respect towards all who are in attendance at an athletic event; officials, coaches, athletes, opponents, spectators and the media. Improper conduct includes inappropriate behavior in language, gesture or action, which demeans, physically intimidates or endangers others.

2. **Know and follow NCAA rules**

These rules include knowing what constitutes permissible benefits, maintaining amateur status, gambling, outside competition, days off and eligibility.

3. **Protect your health**

In addition to fulfilling the training requirements of your sport, you must exercise special care to avoid the use of non-therapeutic drugs and the excessive consumption of intoxicating beverages. Tobacco is also prohibited at a game or practice site. The department upholds and enforces NCAA regulations regarding substance abuse. If your doctor prescribes a drug that appears on the NCAA prohibited list, you should notify the Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Trainer or the Faculty Athletic Representative.

4. **Obey team rules**

Your coaches have set guidelines for your success as a member of an athletic team. You are expected to follow those rules and develop the ability to work well with others on your team.

COMMUNITY MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

Your general obligations as a member of the community are to respect and obey the policies of the College. Your obligations extend beyond the classroom and the athletic fields and courts. You are a member of the College community as well as the local, state and national communities. As a member of these communities, you have no special rights or privileges that exempt you from penalty if you violate their rules or laws. In order to carry out your general obligation as a member of these communities you must:

1. **Know and follow the rights and responsibilities of the Student Handbook**

These rights and responsibilities apply to all Becker College students. The handbook can be found on line at www.becker.edu.

2. **Obey residence hall policies**

You are expected to comply with all policies and regulations as a resident student or as a visitor to a resident hall.

3. **Obey all federal, state and city laws**

ENFORCEMENT

The student-athlete Code of Conduct is enforced by various officials at the College, under whose jurisdiction the different parts of the Code of Conduct apply. The College has a right to impose penalties separate from those, which might be imposed by a court of law. The College's penalties range from reprimand to expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense.

Suspended student-athletes are not permitted to:

1. Practice or compete with any intercollegiate team
2. Visit the locker room, bench area or meeting room before or after a contest
3. Sit in the vicinity of the team bench
4. Travel with any team or receive benefits such as meals, meal money or lodging at an away site for a contest.

Suspended student-athletes may not represent the College in athletic contests until the Athletic Director reinstates him/her to their team. A student-athlete who is suspended by the College must meet with the Athletic Director upon their return prior to attending a practice or game. Additional game suspensions may be imposed at this time.

MISCONDUCT

If an official ejects a student-athlete from a contest for violence that person will sit out the next two scheduled contests; post-season included.

Should the individual be ejected a second time during the season for violence, he/she will be prohibited from participating in any intercollegiate athletics for the remainder of the academic year. A game disqualification such as, fouling out or being carded, is not considered an ejection.

Student-athletes in the sport of soccer:

- Red card (fighting) – 2 game suspension
- Accumulation of 5 cards (yellow and red) – 1 game suspension
After the five card limit is reached the athlete will serve a one game suspension if he/she accumulates 3 cards.

Student-athletes in the sport of basketball:

- Fighting will result in a one game suspension per NCAA rules
- A second fight will result in a season suspension per NCAA rules

Students are specifically cautioned against illegal or unauthorized use of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants and shall not:

- Use, or be under the influence of drugs not prescribed by a physician and approved by the NCAA.
- Drink, or be under the influence of, or be in possession of alcohol during any intercollegiate event, practice, meeting or road trip associated with athletics.
- Use tobacco products during any intercollegiate event, practice, meeting or road trip associated with athletics.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

All athletes must wear Becker College athletic apparel during warm-ups prior to the game. Your issued uniform, warm-ups, practice t-shirt or awards apparel are acceptable. Clothing with large logos or other college, professional or commercial printing is not allowed, including hats. All players at the bench area must also be appropriately dressed.

In cold weather athletes may be dressed in layers for warmth as long as the outer layer of clothing is from the College.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICIES

Reference for these guidelines can be found in your Student-Athlete Handbook and the NCAA list of banned substances.

BANNED SUBSTANCES

Tobacco is prohibited at all game and practice sites and while traveling to a contest. Only water, Gatorade and Power Ade type drinks are allowed at the bench area during games. No glass containers are permitted. See also the NCAA list of banned substances.

HAZING

There is a zero tolerance of any form hazing. Any athlete involved in perpetrating hazing may be suspended indefinitely from participation in athletics. Massachusetts State Law prohibits the practice of hazing. In conjunction with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Becker College prohibits “hazing” in any form. Students will not only be disciplined by the college but will be held responsible under state law.

*Chapter 655 – The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
An Act Prohibiting the Practice of Hazing*

It is your responsibility to acquaint yourself with the playing rules of your sport and with NCAA rules and regulations. If you have any questions or concerns, take the initiative to get the answers.

Non-compliance by students or staff will be reviewed by the Athletics Council, which will determine any penalties.

Parts of this guidebook are based on the Seton Hall University Student-Athlete Code of Conduct