



## STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student-Athlete (Print)

Student-athletes at Gavilan College are expected to represent themselves, their team and the College with honesty, integrity, and character whether it be academically, athletically or socially. Participation on an intercollegiate team is a privilege, not a right, and should be treated as such. Participation has many benefits and brings with it a responsibility to be positive and effective members of the team, department, college and the broader community.

Rams Athletics, along with the student-athletes who represent our intercollegiate programs, are a window to the College. Student-athletes often are in the spotlight and, fair or not, their behavior is subject to scrutiny by their peers, members of the campus, local and statewide communities, and by the media. The actions of one student-athlete may result in a generalization to all student-athletes and reflects on the individual, team, department and College, whether it be positively or negatively. It is expected that all student-athletes will abide by team, department and College policies and procedures.

Student-athletes who do not conform to this code may be subject to consequences for their actions that may include, but are not limited to: a warning, suspension or dismissal from the team, or dismissal from the College. In addition to all College policies, student-athletes are responsible for following the standards of the Coast Conference, the California Community College Athletic Association, and all local, state and federal laws.

Student-athletes should adhere to the following rules and standards of the Code of Conduct:

### Team

- Be on time for everything.
- Take care of equipment and facilities.
- Exhibit sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect your coaches and teammates.
- Follow all team rules.

### On Campus

- Take your academics seriously.
- Always do your best in the classroom. Plagiarism is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- Treat instructors, staff, and classmates with respect and courtesy.
- Silence your cell phones while in class or better yet, turn them off.
- Arrive to classes on time and do not leave early.
- Be prepared for all classes at all times.
- Student-athletes should not all sit together in class.
- Sit in the front, be attentive, take notes, and engage in class dialogue.
- Notify your instructor in advance, when competition or travel requires you to miss class.

- Discuss with your instructors, prior to competition or travel, as to how you will complete all missed assignments. You are responsible for making up all missed class time and assignments.

**On and Off Campus**

Student-athletes may be suspended from participation or dismissed from the team for any of the following:

- Arrest for any crime
- Domestic violence
- Harassment directed toward any person or group
- Hazing
- Lewd or obscene behavior
- Use/possession of chewing tobacco or other tobacco products
- Possession of illegal drugs and/or alcohol, including related paraphernalia
- Fighting
- Theft or burglary
- Gambling or bribery
- Any conduct that is detrimental to Gavilan College or Rams Athletics

**Dress Code**

As a member of the Rams Athletic Department, please keep in mind that not only do you represent yourself and your family, but you also represent your team, department, and the College. Head coaches may set specific dress code standards when traveling as a team. Coaches may also specify what constitutes appropriate dress while representing the institution at other times. At no time shall you wear apparel that represents another community college.

**Violations of the Code of Conduct can lead to suspension or dismissal from athletic competition as well as further disciplinary action from the College.**

**First Offense**

May result in suspension from the next contest or dismissal from the team or suspension or expulsion, depending upon the severity of the misconduct and surrounding circumstances.

**Second Offense**

May result in suspension from multiple team contests or dismissal from the team, or more severe discipline, depending on the severity of the misconduct and other circumstances.

**Subsequent Offense**

Dismissal from the team, and potential other more severe discipline.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct. I understand it is my responsibility to abide by these terms at all times. I also understand that failure to abide with these responsibilities may result in my dismissal from the team temporarily and/or permanently, as well as other discipline.

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Student-Athlete (Signature)

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature *(If Student-Athlete is under the age of 18)*

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Date