STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

I certify that as a participant in the University’s athletics program, I understand that athletics participation is a privilege and not a right. To enjoy the privileges of athletics participation, I will adhere to all codes of conduct including, but not limited to, those listed below. I understand that as a participant in the University’s athletic program, I am expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with the principles of Boston College and as a respectful member of an intercollegiate team. The failure to conduct oneself responsibly may lead to dismissal from and association with the intercollegiate athletics program at Boston College and may also lead to the immediate cancellation of any athletically related aid. Student-Athletes must represent Boston College and conduct all activities in a manner that reflects personal commitment and the moral and ethical values becoming of a Boston College student-athlete. Inappropriate behavior may result in disciplinary action and removal from the team.

General Student-Athlete Rules of Conduct

Each Coach has his/her own very specific team rules covering everything from conduct to dress code. However, there are general rules that apply to all student-athletes:

• Always present a positive image of yourself, your team, your family, and the University.
• Make good choices that reflect the spirit of Boston College Athletics.
• Take responsibility for your actions.
• Respect all players, officials, coaches, and administrators.
• Maintain control during emotionally charged situations.
• Maintain personal habits which enhance healthful living.
• Understand the importance of being punctual; be on time for every commitment.
• Be prepared to give 100% both mentally and physically in the classroom, the community, and on playing on the field.
• Consumption of alcohol while on team trips or athletic functions is prohibited.
• The use of tobacco products of any kind while participating in practice or competition or while representing the University in any capacity is prohibited.
• Boston College student-athletes should be mindful of their use of social media. Students should refrain from posting inappropriate photographs or statements on their pages including, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter. Student-athletes should take extra precaution when setting the privacy levels of their profiles.
• No gambling of any kind is permitted.
• Hazing is illegal and a violation of University rules and State law.
• Class attendance is mandatory unless excused for team travel or competition.

Principles of Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (NCAA Bylaw 2.4)

For intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants, to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches, and others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics program.

Sportsmanlike Policy

Duties of student-athletes:

• No public criticism of officials or public comments evaluating the officiating of particular contest.
• Contest must be conducted and played in a sportsmanlike manner. Acts violating decorum rules shall include but not be limited to, the following:
  - Physically abusing an official, coach, athlete, opponent or spectator;
  - Intentionally inciting participants or spectators to violent or abusive action;
  - Use of profanity, vulgarity, taunts, or obscene gestures;
  - Publicly criticizing game officials, conference personnel, a member institution, or institutional personnel;
  - Entering the playing field for an unsportsmanlike purpose;
  - Other acts of unsportsmanlike conduct not specifically prescribed.