Social Networking Community Sites - Internet sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, etc, provide individuals with an opportunity to interact with an extraordinarily expansive universe of new people and connect with current friends. Postings on personal profiles, groups and chat rooms are in the public domain and easily accessible by anyone including reporters, parents, coaches, groupies, predators, employers, and graduate school admissions officials. Once information is posted, it is a fact that it may be archived in many different places, and could become permanent record, even after it has been deleted.

Athletic Department Policy - Participation in intercollegiate athletics at Kenyon College is a privilege, not a right. Athletic Department conduct policy currently states, “Student-athletes shall deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their behavior shall AT ALL TIMES reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in competitive sports at Kenyon College.” While the Athletic Department does not prohibit student-athlete involvement on Internet based social networking communities, the high standard of honor and dignity encompasses comments and postings made to those sites. The Athletic Department reserves the right to take action against any currently enrolled student-athlete engaged in behavior that violates College, Department, or team rules, including such behavior that occurs in postings on the Internet. This action may include education, counseling, team suspension and termination from the varsity team.

Recommendations - Immediately review your involvement on Internet sites to ensure that your postings are consistent with Team, Athletic Department, and College rules. Moreover, make sure they represent you in the way that you and your team would like to be portrayed. For your safety and privacy, you should refrain from posting and should promptly remove any personally identifiable information such as telephone number, address, class schedule and places frequented as well as any inappropriate photos you may have posted. Alert the KAC Technology Specialist of any sites that falsely portray you, as this constitutes identity theft, and the College will assist your efforts to have the offensive site removed. Be cautious about which chat groups you join and be sure you want to be publicly associated with that group. Once you become a member, you are linked to the discussion that takes place within that group. Only the group’s administrator is able to delete your group membership or postings made to a group site.

By my signature below, I hereby affirm that I have read and understand the Athletic Department’s Student-Athlete Conduct Policy Regarding Involvement in Internet Communities. Furthermore, I understand that failure to adhere to this policy could result in action up to and including termination from participation in intercollegiate athletics at Kenyon College.

Student-Athlete Name ___________________________ Kenyon Varsity Sport(s) ___________________________

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Student-Athlete Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________