Philosophy
Membership on a SUNY Plattsburgh athletic team is considered a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes have a special responsibility to lead and conduct themselves in a manner that is a credit to themselves, their sport, and to the college.

All athletes are expected, in both attitude and behavior, to make a positive contribution to their programs and to strive for peak performance. Student-athletes must abide by established rules and regulations set forth by the NCAA, the institution, the state, and the federal government.

Student-athletes are among the most visible individuals on campus, as well as in the community. You have a unique platform and responsibility to be a role model, mentor, and spokesperson. The college, the athletic program, and all student-athletes benefit from this exposure. Student-athletes accept the high standards of conduct expected of them and will be held accountable for their actions.

As a student athlete at SUNY Plattsburgh, I will demonstrate a high standard of conduct in the following manner:

A. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AND TEAM POLICIES AND RULES:
I will adhere to all policies and rules established by the Athletic Department and my team.

SANCTIONS: Founded violations of departmental and team policies and rules will be subject to disciplinary action through the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation and/or your coach.

B. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:
I will maintain full-time status (12 credit hours per semester) and maintain satisfactory progress towards a baccalaureate degree.

SANCTIONS: Student-athletes falling below 12 credit hours in a semester will be subject to sanctions and/or loss of eligibility in the traditional or non-traditional season as outlined in the 12 Credit Hour Rule.

C. DRUGS & ALCOHOL:
I will abide by institutional policy and local, state, and federal laws concerning alcohol and/or other drugs and I am aware of the violations as they are written in the Student Conduct Manual and Group Conduct Manual.

SANCTIONS: Student-athletes found in violation of institutional policies and/or local, state, and federal laws involving alcohol, marijuana, and/or any illicit drug will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include suspension and loss of eligibility under college, athletics department, and NCAA rules.

D. BEHAVIOR:
I will exemplify high principles of honor, respect, integrity, and morality and I will lead by example by conducting myself in a positive manner on and off campus.

SANCTIONS: Founded violations of departmental and team behavioral policies may be subject to disciplinary action through the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation and/or your coach.
E. HAZING:

As a student-athlete, it is my responsibility to prevent any form of **HAZING** as defined in the Student Conduct Manual and Group Conduct Manual, or any act committed against my teammates that is humiliating, demeaning, or endangers their health and safety. I will not take part in any form of hazing, regardless of consent or willingness to participate by others. I am aware that some feel powerless to resist, so I must set the example by not allowing hazing to occur.

**SANCTIONS:** Founded violations of the institutional hazing policy will be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Conduct Office, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, and/or your coach. Sanctions may include the student-athlete being immediately suspended from their team and the forfeiture of their NCAA eligibility.

F. ON-LINE COMMUNITIES:

I understand on-line community sites are in the public domain with powerful search tools such that anyone can view anything I post. Information I post on these sites is subject to public knowledge and judgment. The information is a reflection of myself, my teammates, and the SUNY Plattsburgh Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation. It is my sincere intention to be a role model student-athlete for the college.

**SANCTIONS:** Founded behavior in on-line communities that violates the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct will be addressed and may be subject to disciplinary action.

I have read and understand the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, the Student Conduct Manual, and Group Conduct Manual.


Founded violations of institutional policy will be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Conduct Office, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, and/or your coach.

Student-athletes convicted of a crime off-campus may be subject to disciplinary action through the Student Conduct Office, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, and/or your coach.

In addition to the above, I will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and treat all officials and opponents with respect.
2. Refrain from the use of profane and vulgar language or gestures at athletic facilities and athletic/team events.
3. Notify all instructors of a class absence due to an approved athletic contest.
4. Be responsible for all college-issued athletic equipment.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS CODE OF CONDUCT MAY RESULT IN ATHLETIC INELIGIBILITY AND/OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL FROM MY TEAM.**

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Student-Athlete Signature       Date