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POLICY TITLE: Student Athlete Code of Conduct

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The basic principles of athletic competition at Miami Dade College stand for the highest ideals in sportsmanship. One of the primary objectives of competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, officials, and spectators. Therefore, a Code of Conduct is fundamental to the success of the athletic program sponsored by the College, and each student athlete participating in intercollegiate athletics at the College must read and pledge to abide by the following guidelines:


1. Academics are the first priority. Each student athlete is responsible for and expected to make satisfactory academic progress. Failure to attend class and put forth maximum effort in the classroom will result in suspension from participation in athletics.
2. Student athletes shall recognize their responsibility for proper conduct at any tournament, contest, or event sponsored by Miami Dade College.
3. Student athletes will be held accountable for property damage or loss of property as a result of improper conduct. The student's academic records will be placed on hold until satisfactory settlement of any financial obligation has been resolved.
4. Student athletes are obligated to show proper consideration and respect for the rights and welfare of opponents, officials and spectators. Student athletes who appear at any practice or college athletic event under the influence of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or using tobacco shall be subject to disciplinary action.
5. The use of profanity during or related to an intercollegiate contest is not permitted. Profanity is the use of a word or words or gestures which is/are abusive, vulgar, irreverent, or otherwise offensive.
6. Student athletes ejected from athletic contests shall be subject to the disciplinary action as specified by the College and the Florida Community College Activities Association.
7. Student athletes who exhibit unsportsmanlike behavior are subject to disciplinary action.
8. Student athletes will abide by the Miami Dade College Student Code of Conduct, as indicated in the Student Rights and Responsibility Handbook.

Specific guidelines are as follows:

1. All Sports:
 - a. Ejection by an official for unsportsmanlike conduct (non-fighting).
 - Athlete will be suspended from play in the next scheduled contest.
 - b. Ejection by an official for fighting
 - Athlete will be suspended from play for a minimum of the next three scheduled games. Additional disciplinary action may be taken by the Director of Athletics as appropriate.
 - Second ejection by a game official for fighting shall result in suspension from the intercollegiate program.
 - c. Any third person who becomes involved in an altercation shall be suspended from the next three scheduled games. Additional disciplinary action may be taken by the Director of Athletics, as appropriate.
 - d. In the event a physical exchange does not result in ejection, coaches and administrators present at the event will determine if the severity of the incident warrants disciplinary action, according to established procedures.
 - e. In instances where there is unsportsmanlike behavior involving the majority of the team members, the Campus President who supervises the athletic program may cancel games, or in flagrant circumstances, the entire season.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

1. In the event an athlete is suspended from an intercollegiate team at Miami Dade College, that athlete shall not be entitled to participate in any collegiate sports activity on any other campus.
2. Violations of the Code of Conduct are referred for disciplinary action to the Director of Athletics who will review the cases and take additional action if appropriate.

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