



NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS CODE OF CONDUCT (Effective July 18, 2023)

Action: Review form with all individuals traveling to championship competition in advance of departure. Signature page should be signed and kept on file at the institution. The sport administrator must also complete the online form provided prior to competing in championship competition.

Conduct Policy Statement

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expects that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education, and promotes civility; therefore, championship 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 associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution who fails to submit the online form required for the sport administrator and have a complete and accurate signature page on file at the institution before the start of the first competition of the championship, will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the to the conference commissioners, university chancellor/president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance administrator.

Misconduct

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: “... is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.”

Expectations

Each games committee shall hold a pretournament meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championships packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (i.e., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee.

Expectations for Student-Athletes, Coaches and Administrators

- Have on file at the institution an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct signature page before the start of the first competition of the NCAA championship.
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship events.

- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel travelling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws, and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

Possible Penalties for Misconduct

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one, or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the championship event. The penalties include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual.
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved.
- c. Banishment of the individual from participating in one or more future championships of the sport involved.
- d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved.
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate.
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships.
- g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.
- h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the president/chancellor of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment, and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such. Again, congratulations to you and your team. We hope this year's championship experience is one that you will cherish for years to come.

CHAMPIONSHIPS CODE OF CONDUCT SIGNATURE PAGE

As a representative (i.e. student-athlete, administrator, coach, manager and/or other institutional personnel) of the institution below, I certify that all NCAA rules pertaining to the Division II Championships Code of Conduct have been read. I agree to abide by the expectations set forth and understand the possible penalties for misconduct.

Sport: _____ Institution: _____

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Head Coach Signature:

Date _____

Sport Administrator (Director of Athletics or Designee) Signature:

Date _____

Form to be kept on file at the institution and made available on request by NCAA staff or sport committee.