

## Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence

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### EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence

Eastern Arizona College is a public institution. As an EAC student-athlete you represent the community, the College, your team, your family and yourself. As part of EAC's commitment to excellence and integrity, you must behave in a socially responsible and acceptable manner. The Athletic Code of Conduct incorporates the EAC Student Code of Conduct and individual team policies. The Athletic Code of Conduct further defines expectations of the EAC Student Code of Conduct. You will be obliged to abide by all conditions defined in the Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence.

#### Student Code of Conduct

As an adult who is pursuing an education:

- ◆ You are not immune to society's obligations and laws
- ◆ You are expected to act with common decency, decorum, and respect for others' rights and property
- ◆ You will be honest in your academic work and all other campus and community activities
- ◆ You will abide by all local, state, and federal laws

The following activities may lead to disciplinary action and possible dismissal from the College:

- ◆ Conviction of a crime or continued misconduct of any type that is infraction of the established laws of the city, county, state, or nation
- ◆ Possessing or using intoxicating liquors, narcotics, or other illegal drugs
- ◆ Stealing or possession of stolen articles
- ◆ Malicious destruction of property
- ◆ Endangering or threatening the life or physical safety of others or self
- ◆ Failure to meet financial obligations to the College
- ◆ Student conduct, on – or off campus, prejudicial to the best interest of the College may be considered cause for disciplinary action or dismissal

#### Academics

EAC student-athletes should approach their academic goals with equal or greater intensity than they give their athletic goals. It is expected that student-athletes will graduate from Eastern Arizona College.

- ◆ Student-athletes are responsible to meet with instructors prior to official absences to prepare for any work you will be missing.
- ◆ Student-athletes are responsible for completing 12 credit hours with a minimum 2.0 grade point average in the previous semester to continue to qualify for athletic aid. Regular class attendance is critical to maintain this grade point average.

#### Citizenship/Sportsmanship

- ◆ Student-athletes are expected to behave in a socially responsible and acceptable manner at all times.
- ◆ Student-athletes are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship. "Trash talk" will not be tolerated.

#### Training Rules

Student-athletes are expected to exhibit self-discipline, a positive attitude, and to provide proper rest, nutrition, and care for the body. A commitment to these characteristics indicates a commitment to EAC athletic programs. In keeping with this philosophy:

- ◆ Any use of drugs, not legally prescribed for the student-athletic, is prohibited.
- ◆ The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- ◆ The use of tobacco products is prohibited.
- ◆ Curfews will be set and enforced by individual programs.

Substance Abuse Education and Testing Program—Eastern Arizona College enforces a drug-free environment and has a Substance Abuse Education and Testing Program, GCCCD Policy 5331.00 which requires each student-athlete to agree to random drug tests prior to athletic participation and to periodic random screens throughout the academic year. A copy of this policy and applicable regulations is distributed to each athlete.

#### Criminal Conduct

Violations of city, county, state or federal laws are a violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence and will result in serious consequences. In the event a student-athlete is charged with a criminal act, the student-athlete will receive an automatic suspension from practice and competition pending review by the Athletics Ethics Committee and/or an official court hearing. The charge of the Athletic Ethics committee is to ensure consistent application and enforcement of the Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence. Decisions regarding a violation of the code of conduct may be made independent of court decisions.

#### Violations

Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence, ACCAC and NJCAA violations will be reported in writing, prior to the next competition, to the EAC Athletic Director. At the discretion of the Athletic Director violations will be referred to the Athletic Ethics Committee. Violations may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- A. Suspension from EAC team activities.
- B. Dismissal from the EAC team.
- C. Loss of Athletic Aid.

Having read the above, I pledge my compliance to the EAC Athletic Code of Conduct and Commitment to Excellence and agree to be bound by the terms thereof.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_