

**JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

**Crowd Control Policy**

**Conduct**

Johnson C. Smith University's responsibility for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletic program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletic interest of the University.

**Sportsmanship**

The NCAA, CIAA and Johnson C. Smith University are committed to exhibiting sportsmanship and developing healthy environments for competition. The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Commitment to character building will increase the potential for maintaining good sportsmanship during athletic events.

Coaches and administrators shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. Student-athletes shall also conduct themselves as positive role models and represent Johnson C. Smith University in a manner that exhibits the principles of sportsmanship.

The conduct of administrators, coaches and student-athletes immediately preceding, during and following athletic events is:

- exhibiting respect and courtesy towards all participants, including the coaches, student-athletes and officials;
- exercising restraint in their actions, both physical and verbal, toward other participants, teammates, officials and coaches;
- commenting about other institutions, coaches and student-athletes only in a positive manner;
- refraining from making public comments critical of officials or the quality of their work.

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**Administrators**

Johnson C. Smith University has established the attitude that the treatment of a visiting team and its fans will be consistent with how we would want our teams to be treated. It is the administrators' responsibility to effectively communicate to all staff, coaches, student athletes, spirit groups, cheerleaders, and pep band members the basic principles of sportsmanship and standards of conduct. If an incident occurs, it is your obligation to take appropriate disciplinary action. Johnson C. Smith University employees will treat our opponents with fairness and respect. All Administrators and support staff are required to read and sign the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' Code of Conduct.

**Coaches**

Coaches have great influence and must set the tone for responsible behavior for both their teams and fans. Coaches are encouraged to remove student-athletes who have demonstrated disrespect for their opponents. This discipline measure educates the individual and his/her teammates about the importance of sportsmanship over participation and winning.

**Student-Athletes**

Respect for the game in which the student-athletes participate also demands respect for the opponent. Student-athletes are expected to treat opponents with respect. There will be no tolerance for taunting and baiting of opponents. Student-athletes are often the most visible representatives of Johnson C. Smith University and their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger. Student-athletes must honor the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of representing Johnson C. Smith University by behaving with dignity and class on and off the playing field. At Johnson C. Smith University, all student-athletes are required read and sign the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

**Fans and Boosters**

Johnson C. Smith University believes that the guidelines established for our student-athletes and athletic staff regarding sportsmanship will create a wholesome atmosphere that will attract more fans to our events. We expect all fans (including Johnson C. Smith University students) to act in an appropriate manner, and respect the opposition and the officials. We understand that occasionally there are individuals who attend games and abuse the opposition and officials. Those fans will be removed from the athletic events.

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**Sports Information Director**

The Sports Information Director and other staff members who interact with the media have a unique opportunity to promote the educational values of Johnson C. Smith University, intercollegiate athletics and to build positive relationships among the conference, member institutions, our fans and general public. All information distributed should be accurate, objective, fair, and contribute to stories and broadcasts that build a positive image of Johnson C. Smith University and the Intercollegiate Athletic Department. This positive influence must include those employed as broadcasters for radio and television.

**Crowd Control**

Johnson C. Smith University's Campus Safety and Security Department will be present at all football and basketball events hosted by Johnson C. Smith University. All other sports will be monitored by athletic administrative staff. The Director of Athletics and the Chief of Security will work together to insure that the appropriate number of security officers/police officers are on-site 2 hours prior to each event. Security will prohibit the following:

1. Possession, consumption or sale of alcoholic beverages;
2. Possession, consumption or sale of illegal drugs;
3. Possession of any weapon, explosives or dangerous chemicals;
4. Intoxication or any kind;
5. Destruction of any property; and
6. Spectators running on the playing field/floor

Johnson C. Smith University's Campus Public Safety and Security Department and athletic staff will comply with all CCAA and NCAA event rules as it relates to officials, athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, trainers, support staff of the visiting team and visiting guest. The NCAA sportsmanship announcement will be announced during all events.