

**JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS  
STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS**

The following expectations are made of all student-athletes who are representing Johnson C. Smith University's Department of Athletics. Violation of any of these rules may result in disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Head Coach, and/or Athletic Director.

1. **Personal Conduct by Student-Athletes:** Student-athletes are, at all times, representatives of the JSCU Department of Athletics. For this reason, it is the responsibility of the student-athlete to conduct her/himself in a manner which is deemed appropriate to the faculty, coaches, and administration. All student-athletes must display positive sportsmanship during all competitions and practices according to institutional and conference policies. Off the field, student-athletes are not to participate in hazing activities, and student-athletes should act responsibly when using online sites such as "facebook" and "myspace." Disruptive or unacceptable behavior which, in the opinion of coaches and/or administrators is determined to be detrimental to the student-athlete, the sport program in which she/he participates, the Department of Athletics and/or the University, will be addressed and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Such action may include the gradation or cancellation of current or future athletically-related financial aid, and/or team probation, suspension, or expulsion.

**Alcoholic beverages are not to be possessed or consumed by any student-athlete, prospective student-athlete, manager, or student-trainer, regardless of age, during Johnson C. Smith University athletics-related travel, competition, practice or activity.**

2. **Athletic Grants-in-Aid/Preferential Packaged Financial Aid:** A student-athlete who receives an athletic grant-in-aid or preferential need-based financial aid has extensive responsibilities to Johnson C. Smith University. It is expected that each student-athlete receiving an athletic grant-in-aid will be a contributing member of the team in addition to being an exemplary member of the program. Athletic grants are awarded on a one-year basis as per NCAA regulations. Athletic grants may only be reduced or canceled if the student-athlete voluntarily withdraws her or himself from the team, or is removed from the team for disciplinary reasons or academic ineligibility. It is upon the recommendation of the Head Coach that an athletic grant is renewed for the ensuing year. However, Johnson C. Smith's philosophy is to continue to renew such grants at an equal or greater level as long as the student-athlete has athletic eligibility remaining, is academically eligible to participate, has been an exemplary team member, and is a contributing member of the program.
3. **Substance Abuse Philosophy and Education Program:** The Department of Athletics does not tolerate substance abuse. The Johnson C. Smith University philosophy regarding substance abuse is annually included in the Student-Athlete Handbook. Student-athletes are required to attend the Department's Substance Abuse Seminars. A student-athlete who fails to satisfactorily attend required substance abuse education meetings would jeopardize her or his eligibility to participate within intercollegiate athletics.
4. **Academic Expectations:** Student-athletes are expected to regularly attend all academic classes, notify instructors in advance when they will be away from class for scheduled athletic contests, and complete all course requirements. Failure to do so may jeopardize her/his continued participation within the Johnson C. Smith's athletic program. Student-athletes are also expected to attend study hall and make meetings with athletic academic advisors as necessary.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the policies outlined above and in the Johnson C. Smith University Student-Athlete Handbook. I have received a copy of this handbook, and understand that the Johnson C. Smith University Department of Athletics will strictly enforce all of these rules and regulations.

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**Student-Athlete Name (Printed)**

**Signature**

**Date**