



Student Athlete Rights and Responsibilities⁰⁸

As a student athlete, you have the right to expect the following College Provisions:

- Academic support services that include instruction, counseling, and tutoring as required
- Coaching and leadership
- An opportunity to make the team
- A reasonable schedule of games or meets
- College issued essential athletic equipment required for eligible competition
- Transportation to and from all away games
- Meal allowance on selected away games
- Assistance in locating an appropriate transfer college
- A complete physical examination from the MCCC physician prior to practice and competition
- Access to athletic trainer and referral to the college physician as needed
- Limited/secondary injury insurance coverage while participating in authorized athletic activities

As a student athlete, you have the following responsibilities:

- Attend all classes (Classes have priority over all other activities)
- Establish and maintain your athletic eligibility with 12 credits minimum per semester with a 2.0 GPA
- Arrange for your own housing and related living expenses
- Maintain college issued equipment in reasonable condition during your season
- Return all college issued equipment immediately upon completion of your season (You will be required to pay for any equipment you fail to return due to loss or theft)
- Return text books purchased by the Athletic Department if applicable
- Attend mandatory study sessions as scheduled by the Department of Athletics
- Refrain from posting pictures, comments or information on web sites such as facebook.com or similar sites, that would/could embarrass you, your team or Mercer County Community College
- Refrain from wearing Mercer County College gear that can be viewed when networking on the above sites.

As a college athlete you are accountable for the following personal behavior:

- Compliance with all aspects of the Student Conduct and Discipline Code as presented in the NJCAA Handbook and Mercer County College Student Handbook
- Prohibited Activities:
 - Participating in non sanctioned NJCAA or NCAA sport while you are a member of a Mercer County College team during published season schedule
 - Gambling
 - Use of tobacco products during practice or competition
 - Use of alcohol during practice or competition (and abuse of alcohol during the season of your sport)
 - Use of alcohol 48 hours before competition (see code of ethics while traveling)
 - Use of controlled substances and/or performance enhancing drugs
 - Piercings that are presumed dangerous must be removed to play or practice (i.e. tongue, nose, lips, ears, and eyebrows)
- Good sportsmanship:
 - Develop and foster respect for teammates, coaches, officials and spectators
 - Exercise restraint under pressure or when you are confronted with threats, violence or flagrant acts during the contest

By signing this form, you agree to the above statement about student athlete rights and responsibilities and agree to abide by these obligations as a student athlete at Mercer County Community College.

Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____