

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

CODE OF CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE POLICY

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

The intent of this Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy is not to supersede any other NCAA, athletic department or university policy; nor is it to judge who is guilty or not guilty. It is meant to set high standards relating to the department's expectations of how student-athletes represent Washington State University and to state the potential consequences for those student-athletes who make poor choices which reflect negatively on themselves and the university.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As the university's most visible ambassadors, student-athletes at Washington State University are expected to uphold, at all times, high standards of integrity and behavior which will reflect well upon themselves, their families, coaches, teammates, the Department of Athletics and Washington State University. Student-athletes are expected to act with propriety, to respect the rights of others and abide by all rules and regulations of Washington State University, the Pacific-10 Conference and the NCAA. Failure to do so may result in suspension or expulsion from the team or even the university. Scholarship athletes risk having all or part of their athletic financial aid revoked for infraction of this code. The head coach of each sport has his/her own set of team training/conduct rules. Should a student-athlete wish to appeal any disciplinary action, he/she should contact the Director of Athletics and Sport Supervisor.

In the case of behavioral problems which involve formal criminal charges by a law enforcement agency, the involved student-athlete will be placed on suspension by the Department of Athletics until the facts of the incident are reviewed.

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

- a. In the event the student-athlete is charged with a felony, absent extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Director of Athletics and Sport Supervisor, he/she will not be permitted to represent WSU Athletics in outside competition until such time as the case is resolved and all court, university and athletics department conditions for reinstatement have been met;
- b. Absent extraordinary circumstances as determined by Director of Athletics and Sport Supervisor, misdemeanor charges and subsequent discipline, therefore will be handled by the head coach, after review by the Director of Athletics and Sport Supervisor. Further, these individuals will consider the circumstances, as well as the past deportment of the involved student-athlete in rendering a final decision.

Indefinite suspensions can be instituted in any felony or misdemeanor case where an individual's actions represent Washington State University and its Athletics program in a manner inconsistent with this code of conduct. Each case will be reviewed by the Director of Athletics, the Sport Supervisor and specific head coach independent from any other case, taking into account that no two cases are identical in nature and that each case must be determined based on the facts presented.