

### **Policy Statement**

Intercollegiate athletics functions as an integral part of Finger Lakes Community College and the community, and will provide student athletes with an environment that develops and promotes social, academic and athletic excellence. Participation in intercollegiate athletics is a privilege, not a right, and student athletes must be aware of the responsibility and visibility that comes with representing the College. By participating in intercollegiate athletics at the College, student athletes agree to be held to a high standard of conduct.

Student athletes must comply with:

- Applicable federal, state and local law;
- The College's Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures Policy;
- Applicable National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), NJCAA Region III constitutions, bylaws, rules, regulations and requirements and Mid-State Athletic Conference constitutions, bylaws, rules, regulations and requirements;
- Athletic Department procedures, rules and regulations; and
- Team rules and coaching instructions
- Athletic Student Code of Conduct

Each individual involved in intercollegiate athletics is obligated to maintain competency in knowledge of the aforementioned requirements, to act in full compliance with these requirements, and to report any violation of NJCAA, Region III, conference and/or College rules of which he or she is aware.

### **Reason for Policy**

This policy is intended to make clear the nature of intercollegiate athletics participation as a privilege, not a right, and to describe certain behavioral expectations for student athletes. Our mission is to focus on the advancement of the individual and help each student athlete to become a lifelong learner. FLCC coaches and support staff are devoted to the improvement of the academic skills of each student athlete, the refinement of athletic abilities, and teaching self-discipline, sportsmanship and teamwork. Our program strives to instill the values of leadership and citizenship and provides each student athlete with the necessary resources to reach his or her maximum potential.

Other objectives include:

1. Developing teams that can be competitive on a local, regional and national level
2. Recruiting student-athletes to enhance collegiate enrollment and the natural benefits of adding athletics to the college community
3. To enhance public recognition of Finger Lakes Community College through the promotion of FLCC athletics, and the endeavors and success of its teams and athletes
4. Develop student-athletes moral and social character

### **Applicability of the Policy**

All Athletic Department staff, actual and prospective student-athletes, and Finger Lakes Community College athletics boosters will be familiar with this policy.

### **Definitions**

None

### **Related Documents**

- NJCAA Handbook/Casebook
- NJCAA Region III Handbook
- Mid-State Athletic Conference Handbook

- FLCC Students Rights & Responsibilities Handbook
- FLCC Student Athlete Code of Conduct
- FLCC Coach's Handbook

**Review dates/action taken:**

- March 2011: original approval date
- Spring 2012: policy revisions
- Spring 2015: non-substantive revisions

Procedure: **Intercollegiate Athletics Participation**  
Responsible for Procedure: Enrollment Management

Procedure Number: **N-2**  
Most recent effective date: Spring 2015

### **Procedures**

If a student-athlete is involved in conduct that violates any or all of these requirements, he or she will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action to be determined at the discretion of the team's Head Coach and/or the Athletic Director (or designee). Such disciplinary action may include, without limitation, temporary or permanent revocation of athletic privileges, and is in addition to any other consequences that may apply pursuant to applicable College policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

This policy is not intended, nor shall it be construed, to limit coaching staff discretion as to team membership, participation, playing time and similar decisions, subject to compliance with the specific minimum standards set forth above.

### **Forms/Online Processes**

- None

### **Appendix**

- None

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