



South Mountain Community College Code of Conduct

The administration of discipline by the Athletic Director shall guarantee procedural fairness to an accused student-athlete. In all situations, due process requires that student-athletes be informed of the charges against them, that they be given a fair opportunity to refute them, that the institutional employees not be arbitrary in their actions, and that there be provision for appeal of the decision. An Athletic Appeals Committee consisting of the athletic director-chair, 2 faculty and 2 coaches not involved with the sport will hear the student athlete.

Disciplinary measures or punishment shall be in proportion to the gravity of the violation and may include, but not limited to the following as to student-athletes: *warning, probation, suspension, loss of privileges or loss of scholarship.*

Actions for which student-athletes may be subject to disciplinary action fall into the areas of:

1. When athletes have been determined to be responsible for a major offense, the athletic director shall prohibit them from participating in practice, competition or services provided by the athletic department. The athletic director can revoke or modify athletic-related financial aid.
2. The athletic director shall issue an automatic suspension if there is probable cause the athlete has committed a felony.
3. The athletic director can issue a discretionary suspension. This is a preliminary action taken if there is a reasonable basis for believing an athlete has committed a major offense. The athlete has the opportunity for a review of the suspension.
4. Failure to participate **FULLY** in the Academic Tracking program, which consists of 3 tracking dates per semester with a total of six (6) for the academic year. All tracking forms must be turned in by due date outlined in the Academic Tracking Schedule and **MUST** be turned in to the Student Success Coach by the due date. (Academic Tracking Schedule is available in the Athletic Department Lobby and the Athletic website.)
5. Cheating on an examination, laboratory work, written work (plagiarism); falsifying, forging, or altering college documents.
6. Intentionally or recklessly interfering with normal college or college-sponsored activities.
7. Destroying or unlawfully taking the property of SMCC, or the personal property of another student.
8. Using or possessing, or distribution of marijuana, narcotics, or dangerous drugs on or off the SMCC campus.
9. Using intoxicating liquors or alcoholic beverages on the SMCC campus and/or while traveling with the team.
10. Violating Arizona statutes and/or college regulations and policies

An athlete may appeal a suspension to the Eligibility Appeals Committee of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board.

I _____ hereby certify by my signature below that I have read this document and fully understand its contents. I also realize that my actions are a reflection upon my teammates, my coaches and South Mountain Community College. I agree to avoid any behavior that may subject me to disciplinary actions.

Student Signature

Date

Signature of Athletic Director