



Clarendon College Student Athlete Social Networking Policy

Mission Statement

The vision of Clarendon College Athletics is to be recognized as the premier NJCAA Division I athletic programs in the country, by exemplifying the principles and values of excellence on the court/field/arena, classroom and to the community. We intend to achieve elite status in athletics through unwavering commitment to integrity, hard work, loyalty and discipline from the players as well as the coaching staff. All actions of the athletic teams and staff will reflect the high standards of honor and dignity expected by the college.

The Clarendon College Department of Athletics adheres to a philosophy of personal responsibility for student athletes' conduct on and off campus. The college and the athletic department seek to maintain high standards of behavior for student athletes and apply the disciplinary policy in a consistent and equitable manner. Student/athletes, coaches, and other Clarendon College officials are expected to report violations to the Athletic Department.

While student-athletes are to be treated as general college students, they are frequently subject to additional behavioral guidelines as a condition for scholarship renewal. These guidelines are presented in the form of a Clarendon College Mission Statement, which usually requires that athletes represent the university in a positive manner. Student athletes give up some freedom and become subject to regulations when they join an athletic team. Actions in a public format should reflect the student athlete as a role model and product of the college.

Student-athletes are in a different situation than typical students, as they are much more visible in the public domain representing the university. Athletic departments, at their core, operate like businesses. Athletes are the products that create the funds for the businesses. Athletic staffs are always trying to market the athletic department and the university to prospective recruits and donors.

Any images or other inappropriate content reflecting the breaking of rules in relationship to the college, state or local law will be used in discipline cases within the institution. By accepting any financial assistance a student athlete accepts responsibility for the image of the institution in their actions through images and postings on a social network. Coaches of each sport have the discretion to enforce stringent rules any violations are addressed on a case by case basis. These rules are to be printed in the team's handbook and made available to all student athletes of that sport.

These cases as brought to the Athletic Director's attention will be dealt with on an individual basis. Penalties can range from a warning to suspension or dismissal from the team to elimination of scholarship.

I agree to the statements and guidelines outlined in the document above.

Signature _____

Date _____