

CONDUCT

When joining the Grand Valley State University Athletic Department, you are not only representing your team, you are also representing the University. It is important that your personal conduct demonstrates good moral and ethical judgment. You are expected to behave both on and off campus in a manner which brings credit to GVSU and your team; this includes any activities conducted online. Be aware of the image you are creating.

In addition to complying with all federal, state and local laws upon enrolling at GVSU, you are also expected to abide by all University regulations. As a student-athlete, you are in no way exempt from penalty if you violate these regulations. Students penalized for violating public laws are not exempt from further prosecution by University authorities if their actions violate University rules.

When participating in intercollegiate athletics competition, you are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship. The Athletic Department enforces its guidelines related to sportsmanlike conduct. You must avoid actions which display unsportsmanlike behavior. Some of these behaviors are as follows:

- Physical abuse of an official, coach, athlete, opponent or spectator;
- Directing obscene or inappropriate language or gestures to officials, opponents, team members or spectators; or
- Any action which violates generally recognized intercollegiate athletics standards or the values and standards associated with Grand Valley State University, or as determined by any individual head coach and approved by the director of athletics.