

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Athletic Department requires the following guidelines be adhered to by all members of the athletic programs at Mott Community College. The following regulations, as well as the College's Student Handbook on Rights and Responsibilities, shall apply to all students/athletes on all College property and during any College-sponsored activity.

- I. Academics: It is the responsibility of each student/athlete to maintain good academic standing. Each athlete must meet the eligibility requirements established by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA); this includes making satisfactory progress in classes and maintaining full-time enrollment during each semester your sport is in season. Failure to meet these requirements will result in immediate expulsion from the Athletic program. Mott Community College also requires that one maintain a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. in order to receive an Athletic Scholarship.
- II. Representing Mott Community College: An athlete is seen in the public eye more often than the average student. Remember, it is a privilege to be a college athlete, but it is also a responsibility to represent the College with class and dignity. Failure to do this will result in disciplinary action from the coach or Athletic Director.
- III. Use of College Property: Each athlete is expected to use College property or equipment in the manner for which it is intended. Uniforms and practice gear will be issued to each athlete and must be returned at the end of your season. Failure to do so will result in an academic "Hold" on all records for that student. Any destruction of College property or other property while representing Mott Community College will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to the College disciplinary process, as well as local police.
- IV. Alcohol and Drug Use: Any athlete found to be under the influence or in the possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while representing the College will face immediate suspension from the Athletic program.
- V. Tobacco: Smoking or chewing tobacco will not be permitted while participating on any team.
- VI. Disturbances in Public: Varsity athletes are only one group that uses the Ballenger Field House. Many times that usage must be shared with instructional classes, campus recreation programs and community users, as well as other athletic teams. We expect athletes to act in a mature manner at all times and not create a situation that disrupts or disturbs another program; this includes being in the Field House at inappropriate times, creating loud noises, and congregating in the offices. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action imposed by the Athletic Director.
- VII. Dress and Appearance: Proper attire is required. Moderation and good taste is always expected.
- VIII. Responsibility: Being a college student and the responsibility it holds is one of the early tests of adulthood. If you want to be treated as an adult, you simply have to act like one. Remember that as an adult, you are responsible for your actions, which means accepting the decision of your coaches or the Athletic Department administration graciously and in a mature manner. If you don't understand something, simply come and ask – the door is always open and you will receive an honest, direct answer.
- IX. Due Process: The following principles of due process shall be employed for any athlete accused of violating Athletic Department or College regulations:
 - A. In less serious cases involving a minor offense, corrective action may be taken by the appropriate coaching staff. An appeal by the student may be made to the Athletic Director.
 - B. In a more serious conduct situation where suspension or dismissal are possible actions, the Athletic Director, in conjunction with the coaching staff, will render a decision.
 - C. All attempts to render a fair and just decision to any offense will be made as quickly as possible.
 - D. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to: reprimand, restriction of participation, requirement of restitution, and suspension or dismissal from the program.
 - E. Any student who breaks the laws of the State of Michigan or local municipality will be referred to Public Safety and the local police department.