

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athletic Program

Student Athlete Code of Conduct

Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, and Scripps College partner in the Claremont- Mudd-Scripps athletic program (CMS). The CMS colleges place the highest priority on the overall quality of our student-athletes' educational experiences and the successful completion of their academic programs. CMS Athletics supports our student-athlete's academic and personal objectives by maintaining an environment in which their athletic activities are conducted as an integral part of their overall educational experience. The CMS colleges function as a member of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference¹, and join California Lutheran University, California Institute of Technology, Chapman University, the University of La Verne, Occidental College, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, the University of Redlands and Whittier College in subscribing to the SCIAC Ethics and Conduct Statement as to the conduct of its athletic programs. This Statement is outlined below.

The Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges assume responsibility to ensure that:

- Conduct before, during and after competition of all those who represent the participating institutions exhibits the highest standards of behavior.
- Competition is conducted in a manner that encourages enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship, and fosters a positive attitude among spectators in support of their teams.
- Coaches and student-athletes abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and are responsible for conducting themselves in an honest and sportsmanlike fashion at all times.
- Coaches are encouraged to foster sportsmanlike behavior on the part of their student-athletes both in and out of season.

In addition, CMS works to ensure that all individuals involved with the program, including coaches, staff and student-athletes, recognize their affiliation with CMS and therein their individual responsibility to positively represent both CMS and their home institution, whether participating in athletics, or more generally, as a member of the greater community. To this end, every CMS student-athlete is expected to conduct themselves with behavior that is in accord with *policies of* their home institution as well as CMS policies. It is the responsibility of every member of the CMS community to know and understand the risks associated with alcohol and other drug use and abuse. This responsibility obligates students, faculty and staff to know relevant college policies, as well as federal, state, and local laws, and to conduct themselves in accordance with these policies and laws. In addition, student-athletes are expected to refrain from any conduct that could be construed as hazing and are expected to comply with the CMS Hazing Policy². This includes behavior that subjects anyone to physical or mental harm or social humiliation.

Should allegations of misconduct arise, the Director of Athletics and the Dean of Students at the student's home campus or designee(s) will investigate the allegations and determine whether the incident is a violation of the institution's policies and/or code of conduct. If so, the student will be subject to appropriate institutional sanctions, with the possibility of additional CMS/team discipline. If the incident is deemed a violation of CMS/team rules, but not an institutional violation, sanctions may be applied by the Director of Athletics and/or the coaching staff.

¹ The mission statement and history of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) can be accessed at <http://www.thesciac.org>

² The legal definition of *hazing* and other information relevant to the prevention of hazing can be found at: <http://www.stophazing.org/definition.html>.

The CMS Hazing Policy is attached and can be found at: http://cmsathletics.org/information/CMS_Hazing_Policy.pdf

I have read and understand the CMS Student Athlete Code of Conduct and the CMS Hazing Policy and I acknowledge my responsibility to uphold both in my actions in and out of the athletic arena.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Team: _____

Coach: _____ Signature: _____