



Gateway Community College Student Athlete Policies and Guidelines 2012-2013

The goals of the Gateway Community College Athletics Program are to develop a championship basketball program, to foster good sportsmanship, to encourage the physical well-being of our student athletes, to build a sense of school spirit and to instill a love for the game in our athletes. While having a championship basketball program is a goal of the athletic program, your academic success and well-being are most important to us. The Athletics Program and each of your coaches are committed to your academic excellence. As such, below is a list of policies and guidelines that have been established to support our student athletes in preparation and throughout the season.

Academics

- In order to play for Gateway Community College, **all student athletes must maintain at least a 2.00 GPA and be enrolled in at least 12 credits per semester.** New and returning student athletes must see John Stewart, Director of Athletics, regarding all NJCAA eligibility requirements.
- All student athletes must do his/her best in the classroom and shall maintain academic integrity in all aspects of his/her academic work. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the College.
- In order to play basketball for Gateway Community College, **all student athletes must participate in at least four (4) hours of tutoring** at the college per week. There will be a mandatory monitored two hour study hall every Friday beginning Sept. 17 from 10am-12pm in N208.
- ***There are absolutely no exceptions to Friday Study Hall. So, arrange your work schedules so that there are no conflicts.***
- If you are late for study hall, you will be required to do an additional two hours of study hall regardless of your excuse.
- There will be a series of academic success workshops that will be presented at the start of the Friday Study Hall for the first 7 weeks.
- Failure to participate in four (4) hours of tutoring per week will result in the following:
 - 1 missed study hall requirement will result in a warning and extra conditioning;
 - 2 missed study halls will result in being benched for a game or not being selected to play for the team;
 - 3 missed study halls will result in being benched for two games;
 - 4 missed study halls will result in suspension from the team.

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- Student athletes' grades and attendance are monitored throughout the semester. In addition, student athletes will be required to obtain the signature of their faculty verifying that he/she has been in class and their academic performance. **All attendance slips are to be submitted directly to John Stewart, Director of Athletics.**
 - In the unfortunate event that a student athlete receives a low test/quiz grade or that he/she are not attending class, the Director of Athletics may, at his discretion, place additional restrictions and/or require additional tutoring for students who demonstrate poor academic performance throughout the entire academic year, including post season.
 - Students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements when the College Deficiency reports come out will be required to meet with the Director of Athletics.
 - All student athletes will be **required** to take any tests and turn in any homework due when traveling with the team **prior to** departing for an away game. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with your professor to take any tests/quizzes prior to leaving campus. Failure to do so will result in your missing the away game.

If a student athlete is found not attending class, he/she will be held to the following:

- 1 missed class** will result in a written warning and extra conditioning;
- 2 missed classes** will result in being benched for a game or not being selected to play for the team;
- 3 missed classes** will result in being benched for two games;
- 4 missed classes** will result in suspension from the team.

All disciplinary decisions regarding tutoring, class attendance and academic performance and any illegal or behavior issues are the decision of the Director of Athletics. Any student who does not meet the minimum academic requirements, who has missed tutoring, classes and/or practice, will not be selected for the team.

Non-Academic Guidelines

- Sometimes, as a team you may be called upon to make appearances at and/or support college events. It is expected that you will do your best to support such college programs.

Discipline

- We expect good sportsmanship from all our players. Therefore, poor behavior of players will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly. Discipline of players who behave poorly on the court, during a game, during practice, while traveling with the team or at an event in which the Gateway Community College Athletic Program is in attendance will be dealt with by the team's respective coach. If deemed appropriate by the Director, he may require further disciplinary action of the player and/or team.
- Any student athlete who participates in violent behavior, is found intoxicated or under the influence of any illegal substance on the court, at a game, practice, event in support of athletics, while traveling with the team or at an event in which the Gateway Community College Athletic Program is in attendance will result in immediate and permanent suspension from the team and may be referred to the Campus Code of Conduct Office.
- Any student athlete who breaks the law on campus, at a game, when on the road with the team or when representing Gateway Community College will be permanently suspended from the team by the Director of Athletics. There are no expectations to this rule!

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- Any student athlete who publicly disgraces the College and/or the Gateway Athletic Program will be suspended from the team permanently.
 - Any student athlete who breaks Board of Trustee and College policies will be handled through the Campus Code of Conduct Office.
 - Bring any issues or potential athletic problems to the attention of your coaches or the Director of Athletics as soon as possible.
 - Bring any concerns about the coaching staff to the Director of Athletics or Matthew Long, the Director of Student Development.
 - Academic concerns are to be brought to the attention of the Director of Athletics.
 - Academics always come first and therefore the Athletics Program does not condone Athletes playing cards in the student lounge or anywhere on campus. Any athlete caught gambling on campus may jeopardize your athletic career and will be dealt with accordingly. That time is to be spent more constructively for your studies and your sport.

Health and Well-being

- ***Student athletes CANNOT begin team or try-out conditioning until they have submitted their physical form to John Stewart.***
- Student Athletes are not permitted to condition in a formal setting until October 1. Working out at your own gym is permitted.
- Try-outs will be held beginning October 1, 2010 from 6pm-8pm for the women and from 8pm-10pm for the men at Wexler Grant Middle School. Athletes are required to provide their own transportation.
- GWCC Student athletes are not permitted to use any body enhancing steroids.
- Since research has demonstrated that the consumption of alcohol negatively affect an athlete, student athletes are not to consume any form of alcohol during the season (October 1-March 31) regardless of his or her age.

Any student athlete who does not follow these policies and guidelines may face disciplinary action. All questions pertaining to anything herein shall be brought to the immediate attention of the Director of Athletics, John Stewart.

By signing below, I _____attest that I have read,
Please print your full name

understand and agree to follow the Student Athlete Policies and Guidelines as stated above.

Student Athlete Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date

Student Copy