

# USC STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF ETHICS

## Mission Statement

**“It matters how I present myself when I represent more than myself. My outside appearance and conduct in public will reflect our pride and class.”**

### I. Student policy concerning USC Athletics (as adopted from University policy and governance)

USC student-athletes may be held responsible for the acts of other USC athletes. Acts include but are not limited to the following types of circumstances:

1. when a member of a USC athletic team is violating state law or university standards and other members present fail to indicate their disapproval, or by their continued presence without objection implicitly condone the behavior;
2. when the acts grow out of or are directly related to USC athletic activities or an environment created by USC athletic activities;
3. when the acts are those of guests of USC athletics, or by persons authorized or permitted to represent themselves as connected with USC athletics;
4. when a USC athletic team places new athletes (e.g., freshmen) in a subordinate status or imposes any kind of hazing or harassment.

### II. Policy concerning USC student-athlete conduct and behavior

As ambassadors of the university, USC student-athletes are expected to comply with the following guidelines:

1. each athlete must be aware of, and abide by, all federal, state and local ordinances and university regulations;
2. gambling, wagering or betting in any form on any athletic activity is prohibited;
3. classroom cheating, plagiarism, submitting work not your own, forging a university official's signature, and falsifying official records is prohibited;
4. behavior considered to be harmful to the honor and reputation of USC, the university's athletic programs and your teammates is prohibited;
5. consumption of alcohol is not permitted on road trips or in any situation when representing USC;

6. athletes are expected, in both attitude and behavior, to make a positive contribution to their teams;
7. never place yourself in a compromising position, drive, or make a spectacle of yourself while under the influence of alcohol;
8. make a commitment to support your team, teammates, coaches, and the University of Southern California;
9. student-athletes are expected to attend all scheduled classes and complete all assignments on time;
10. drugs may not be used at any time except as approved by the USC medical authorities;
11. respect yourself, your teammates and all University officials;
12. respect university property and facilities including dorms, apartments, and academic buildings.