Clarke University Athletics Standards of Conduct and Ethical Behavior

Standards of Conduct
1. Student-athletes are to be made aware that participating in the athletics program is a privilege, not a right, and they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which will reflect favorably upon the University, the athletics department and the respective teams. Disorderly behaviors, deliberate or flagrant violations of the University or athletics department procedures or operations are not tolerated. Student-athletes who engage in such activities will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from their respective teams and/or revocation of a talent award.

2. Coaches are to be responsible for establishing and enforcing reasonable rules of conduct for their respective teams. Such rules shall include, but may not be limited to, the following areas:
   a. Practice   d. Attire   g. Professional appearance
   b. Travel   e. Personal conduct   h. Study Hall attendance
   c. Diet   f. Class attendance

3. Coaches shall be responsible for taking the appropriate disciplinary action when team rules, University rules, conference rules, NAIA rules or State or Federal laws are violated, provided such actions are administered in a fair and timely manner. Whenever a student-athlete is disciplined, the head coach and director of athletics shall make a written record of the circumstances and place it in the student's file.

Ethical Behavior
1. Student-athletes are to conduct themselves with honesty and sportsmanship at all times. Their behaviors must reflect the highest standards of fair play and amateur athletics competition. Student-athletes should keep in mind their obligation to adhere to University policies as prescribed in the Clarke University Student Handbook, both on and off the campus. Behavior, such as dishonesty, cheating, or unsportsmanlike conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action.

2. Student-athletes found to be in violation of the rules of ethical behavior will be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension/termination for further intercollegiate athletics competition.

3. Student-athletes who have been declared ineligible for further athletics competition as the result of violations of NAIA or conference rules shall have the right to appeal to the Vice President for Student Life.

Academic Eligibility Standards (Clarke University and the NAIA)
(Refer to the NAIA Official and Policy Handbook for a complete list of requirements). Student-athletes must 1) be enrolled in at least twelve semester hours of regular class work during the semester of participation, 2) maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 to remain in good standing at Clarke University, 3) earn 24 hours in the previous two semesters (nine in the previous semester if a freshman), and 4) make satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.

Revocation of Talent Awards
Student-athletes who have engaged in serious misconduct and/or failed to earn the required cumulative GPA of 2.0 or regain their athletic eligibility at the end of one probationary semester will have their talent awards revoked.

General Guidelines for Class Absences
Student-athletes are responsible for knowing the attendance policy for each course and how missing class impacts their grades. They are to be excused from class attendance for the purpose of participating in a sanctioned Clarke University intercollegiate event if the following conditions are met:

1. Students involved in intercollegiate athletics will present to each of their instructors a letter from the head coach and a schedule of the semester’s games or events with departure times indicating which class(es) will be missed. This will be done in the first week of the semester in which the sport commences and before the drop/add date.

2. During the semester, student-athletes must remind their instructors a minimum of one class period prior to the class absence/missed class/sporting event date in order to confirm the date and to make arrangements to make up missed assignments and course work prior to the next scheduled class meeting following the sporting event. Students should not expect faculty members to add to their teaching responsibilities (i.e. additional labs, repeating a lecture, student teaching, etc.). When reasonable, students and faculty members may negotiate an acceptable plan for classes missed.

3. With the exception of classes missed due to games/matches, student-athletes are responsible to attend every class meeting.

4. The Department of Athletics will keep current rosters and schedules on the athletics website.