

CALIFORNIA MILITARY INSTITUTE STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT

California Military Institute (CMI) Athletic Code of Conduct is a commitment by the student-athlete to exercise good judgment in all school activities, to represent self, family, school and community in the most positive manner at all times. Interscholastic participation is an asset which can be used to teach and practice good citizenship, promote the development of good sportsmanship, and other important life skills. Involvement in CMI Athletics is a privilege and not a right, with inherent responsibilities, and is dependent upon compliance with all CIF and school rules and regulations. As a member of a school team or organization, your behavior and conduct on campus, in the community, and at other schools reflects on not only yourself, but your family, sports program and school as well. Interscholastic competition stresses personal dedication and determination while teaching the student-athlete to accept responsibilities and obligations to all stakeholders. The student-athletes must consider their actions carefully at all times. This code of conduct applies to all student-athletes involved in interscholastic sports at CMI. I understand that, in order to participate in high school athletics, I must act according to the following:

1. Procedures

- A) All participants must have a signed and valid physical on a CMI form, Emergency Medical Card and Student-Athlete contract on file in order to participate in our interscholastic athletic programs.
- B) Student-Athletes must meet CIF and CMI eligibility requirements.
- C) Athletes must abide by all school rules and regulations.
- D) In order to be covered by school insurance as a secondary provider, all injuries must be reported as soon as possible to your coach and athletic trainer for proper examination and/or medical referral.
- E) Administrative policy requires athletes to attend school the entire day in order to participate in practices and interscholastic competition. The Athletic Director or School administrator must approve exceptions.
- F) **Late to School:** For each sport season a student-athlete will be allowed a maximum of four (4) tardies. Every tardy after the fourth will result in suspension from all activity that day. That includes practice as well as scrimmages, games, meets and matches. At the completion of the season, the student-athlete will have a clean slate. If the student-athlete reaches his/her fourth tardiness, the process begins again.
- G) **Cutting Class:** It is important that students attend regularly scheduled classes each day. Students are not permitted to skip/cut class or any portion of a class period. If a student is found cutting a class, that student will be suspended from all activities that same day. That includes practice as well as scrimmages, games, meets and matches. If the cut goes undetected until the next day, then the suspension will take effect immediately for that school day.
- H) **Missing Practice:** Athletic teams will usually practice weekdays, Monday through Friday (some teams will also hold Saturday practices). A student-athlete should always consult his/her coach before missing practice and leaving campus. Missing practice or a game without good reason will be dealt with accordingly. Communication with coaches should be a priority.

CMI Athletic Absence Policy

Three unexcused absences from practices may result in removal from the team.

Any missed practices will be excused such as follow 1) professional note (doctor, dentist, lawyer), 2) Religious Holidays (as defined by state law), 3) Driver's License Test, and/or 4) Approval from Athletic Director based on circumstances i.e family emergency or funeral.

- I) Due process shall be given to all students with regard to the LLC on administration of Code of Conduct. An appeal process, involving the Athletic Director and school administrator, is available to those wishing to question the consequences of the Code of Conduct.
- J) **The Code of Conduct is in effect from the beginning of the season until the conclusion, seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day.**

2) Conduct

- A) Student-athletes are representatives of CMI and at all times must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their teams, school and community.
- B) All student-athletes, parents, spectators and coaches will adhere to all guidelines of proper sportsmanship and must show respect for their teammates, opposing players, their coaches and officials.
- C) **HAZING:** Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule as a condition of joining a team, student organization, or other group. The conduct is wrongful even if the participants consent to the conduct. Hazing is not about harmless traditions or silly antics. Hazing is about abuse of power and violations of human dignity and victimization. CMI will not tolerate hazing of any kind to our student-athletes. A student will be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions and/or expulsion from their team.
- D) Interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. The highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor based on trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good character.
- E) Transportation: Appropriate demeanor and conduct are expected at all times. Reasonable volume must be maintained. Distasteful displays, obscene language, and any other action deemed as unbecoming will result in team and department disciplinary action. Transportation to and from all away contests is provided. A student-athlete driving to the site of opposing school or off-campus practice sites is prohibited. All student-athletes are expected to depart and return to the school as a team! This promotes team unity, ensures proper supervision and allows for greater safety of our students. Only parents/guardians may drive students to and from away games for specific reasons provided a department transportation form is submitted to the athletic department prior to the date. Under no circumstances will athletes be allowed to travel to and from away contests with other students or family members.

3) Disciplinary Code

The following procedures have been adopted by California Military Institute Athletics to provide uniformity and continuity in determining disciplinary actions of our athletic code.

- A) School Disciplinary Action: The policy dealing with smoking, drugs, alcohol, performance enhancing products, theft, vandalism, etc. committed at any time while the student is participating in a school function, under the jurisdiction of the school, or on school property, will be reported immediately to the school administration official. Appropriate action will be taken as described under established disciplinary procedures.
- B) Code Violations and Team Disciplinary Actions:
1. **Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco Products**- Our Board of Education recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard that can have serious implications and damaging effects. Since the use of tobacco products is detrimental to physical conditioning and athletic performance, any use of tobacco products is prohibited by CMI student-athletes while in season, both in and out of school.
First violation: Ten (10) day suspension from all scrimmages and contests. A suspended player is required to participate in all practices.
Second violation: Twenty (20) day suspension from all scrimmages and contests.
Third violation: Will result in forfeiture of eligibility to participate in athletics for one (1) year from the point of infraction.
 2. **Possession of and/or Consumption of Alcohol and Androgenic/Anabolic Steroids**
First violation: Twenty (20) day suspension from all scrimmages and contests. A suspended player is required to participate in all practices.
Second violation: Will result in forfeiture of eligibility to participate in athletics for one (1) year from the point of infraction.
NOTE: Suspensions will be carried over to the next season of participation.
 3. **Possession of and/or Consumption of a Controlled Dangerous Substance**
First violation: Forty-five (45) day suspension from all scrimmages and contests. A suspended player is required to participate in all practices.
Second violation: Will result in forfeiture of eligibility to participate in athletics for one (1) year from the point of infraction.
NOTE: Suspensions will be carried over to the next season of participation.
 4. **Distribution and/or Sale of a Controlled Dangerous Substance**
First violation: Will result in forfeiture of eligibility to participate in athletics for one (1) year from the point of infraction.
 5. **Theft or Vandalism**: to any school property (Home or Away) while under the supervision of a coach or while representing the school team in any way.
 6. **Conduct Unbecoming or Other Actions or Excessive Behavior**: that would reflect negatively upon the team or school community.
- C) Suspensions may result in forfeiture of rights to varsity letters or other recognitions and rewards.
- D) Subsequent violations during succeeding years will result in the immediate removal from the athletic program for the remainder of the season.
- E) Recognizing that there are degrees of violations, our school administration reserves the right to impose immediate dismissal from the athletic program for the remainder of the season.

