Students who represent Butte College in athletic competition are expected to:

✓ Understand that participation in intercollegiate athletics is a privilege, not a right

✓ Demonstrate good citizenship, sportsmanship, honesty and integrity on the field or court, on the campus, in the classroom and in the community; also to abide by the Butte College Code and assist teammates in doing so.

✓ Attend classes regularly.

✓ Develop and follow an academic plan to obtain a certificate, an A.A. degree or attain transfer status.

✓ Demonstrate and understand that participation in athletics is contingent upon adherence to all Commission on Athletics, Golden Valley Conference, Big 8 Conference, Northern Football Alliance and Butte College rules and regulations.

✓ Acknowledgment that compliance with the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct is required for participation in athletics at Butte College.

✓ Acknowledgment that any violation of the Code of Conduct will result in appropriate discipline as determined by the Head Coach and the Director of Athletics.

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

A priority for the Athletics Department is to support every effort that will foster intellectual development and academic progress for student-athletes. Each student-athlete is expected to:

- Set a Student Educational Plan (SEP) of obtaining a certificate, an A.A. degree or attaining transfer status in a timely manner to better ensure academic and athletic eligibility at a four-year institution.

- Seek assistance from the instructor and/or Athletic Academic Support Services before and/or when academic difficulties occur.

- Attend and be prepared for every class.

- Attend study hall, tutorial and counseling sessions as required.

- Meet at least once each semester with the athletic counselor.

- Adhere to the Butte College policy regarding academic integrity and honesty.
Maintain Commission on Athletics minimum course hour requirements per semester (12 units/9 academic units).

Maintain an academic load which will ensure second season eligibility (pass 24 units, including 18 academic units with at least a 2.0 GPA)

Make progress toward a degree (certificated or transferred).

CITIZENSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to academic responsibilities, the Athletic Department takes a leadership role in requiring that student-athletes display good citizenship. Therefore, each student-athlete is expected to:

★ Show respect for all members of the Butte College community.
★ Demonstrate good citizenship and sportsmanship with fellow students.
★ Present a positive demeanor at all times—on and off campus.
★ Act as a role model for young people and other student-athletes.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment, in any form, is a violation of this Code of Conduct.

Sexual harassment is defined as an action intended, either explicitly or implied, to coerce another into sexual relations. It is also the creation of an intimidating, hostile or offensive situation through verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Either men or women can be the subject of sexual harassment.

If you believe you are the victim of sexual harassment by someone in the Butte College community, you should talk to your coach, the athletic director or the athletic counselor to determine what options are available to you.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Our student-athletes are ambassadors for Butte College. Student-athletes will conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship during games and competition. Our objective is for the student-athletes to always maintain an attitude of respect toward opponents.

Our student-athletes are expressly prohibited from engaging in following behavior at any intercollegiate sporting event:

• Fighting opponents, fans or officials
• Taunting opponents or their fans
• Inappropriate “celebrations” with the intent to demean opponents
• Disrespectful attitude toward opponents
• Inciting crowd hostility in an unsportsmanlike manner
• Using profane and vulgar language and/or gestures
Student-athletes are expected to keep themselves in top physical condition and are responsible for continuing training programs prescribed by medical and coaching staffs. Student-athletes are specifically cautioned against illegal or unauthorized use of alcohol, drugs and other intoxicants and shall not:

- Use, or be under the influence of, drugs not prescribed by a physician
- Drink, be under the influence of, or be in personal possession of alcohol on campus, during any intercollegiate event or athletic practice, on road trips associated with athletic events or at team social activities.
- Use tobacco products on campus during any intercollegiate event, athletic practice, on road trips associated with athletic events, team social activities or anywhere else that use may be reported.

The State Athletic Constitution prohibits the above-mentioned actions, and the Athletic Department will not tolerate the use of these products. Violators of this policy are subject to disciplinary action.

TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

When traveling as official representatives of Butte College to athletic competitions (including travel time to away contest), events and appearances and any other event affiliated with the Athletic Department or Butte College, student-athletes actions should reflect positively on the College, their team and themselves. Student-athletes are expected to adhere to their particular team’s dress code, nutritional needs, team rules and curfew.

COLLEGE AND TEAM POLICIES/STATE AND CONFERENCE RULES

Compliance with individual sport team rules, as established by the Head Coach and/or the Athletic Administration, is required of each student-athlete. All student-athletes are required to adhere to applicable CCCAA rules and policies as addressed on the Form 1, which is administered annually prior to eligibility certification. Additionally, all conference rules and policies must be followed explicitly.

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Allegations
   An allegation is a report, accusation or suggestion that the Code of Conduct has been violated. Allegations can come from many different sources (teammates, coaches, community members, other students, etc.). An allegation may be received by the head coach, assistant coach, athletic director or some other member of the athletic staff or Butte College. Ultimately, both the head coach and the athletic director must be informed of the allegation.

2. Verifying an Allegation of a Code Violation
   The athletic director is primarily responsible for reviewing the allegation of violation. The head coach, or his/her designee, is responsible for assisting in gathering information and facts (evidence) to determine whether a violation has occurred. The athletic director is responsible for keeping the student-athlete(s) informed of the ongoing investigation. For allegations which may result in a disciplinary action of suspension or dismissal from an athletic team, the athletic director, or his/her designee, shall inform the student-athlete of the allegations against him/her,
the evidence against him/her and provide the student-athlete with an opportunity to respond verbally or in writing to the allegations before the athletic director or his/her designee.

3. Penalty
If the athletic director determines that, in fact, a violation has occurred, then in a timely manner the head coach will recommend appropriate progressive discipline. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to: mandated counseling sessions, ineligibility to practice, ineligibility to start in contest, sitting out contest or portions of contest, suspension and/or continued suspension from the team and dismissal from the team. The penalty for any violation must be approved by the CCCAA and the Director of Athletics.

In those cases involving CCCAA, Golden Valley Conference, Big 8 Conference or Northern California Football Alliance violations, the student-athlete must be suspended from all team activities pending resolution of the issues. Suspension may not be removed until the penalty has been applied and completed as approved by the Director of Athletics.

Right of Appeal

In violations that result in suspension or dismissal from an athletic team, the student-athlete may request a hearing with the Athletic Director to examine the nature of the violation and the subsequent disciplinary action. This hearing must be held in a timely manner.

NOTE: It is incumbent on the coaches to abide by and enforce the various rules and procedures set forth in this Code of Conduct.

PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

Students with pending misdemeanor or felony charges will not be allowed on a Butte College team.

1. Charge of Misdemeanor
If charged with a misdemeanor, a student-athlete will be automatically suspended from athletic participation by the Head Coach, pending the Director of Athletics investigation. Appropriate disciplinary action, as approved by the Chief Instructional Officer, will be taken which may include such progressive discipline as mandated counseling sessions, ineligibility to start in contests, sitting out contests or continued suspension from the team.

2. Conviction of Misdemeanor
Once a student-athlete has been convicted of a misdemeanor, the student-athlete will be suspended from his or her team until the Dean of Students and Director of Athletics or designee determines disciplinary action to be taken.

3. Charge of Felony
If charged with a felony, a student-athlete will be automatically suspended from athletic participation by the Head Coach, pending the Director of Athletics investigation. Appropriate disciplinary action, as approved by the Chief Instructional Officer, will be taken which may include such progressive discipline as mandated counseling sessions, ineligibility to start in contests, sitting out contests or continued suspension from the team.
4. Conviction of Felony

If convicted of a felony, a student-athlete will be immediately dismissed from his or her athletic team after reviewed by the Director of Athletics

A FEW EXAMPLES OF CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

- Drunk Driving
- Public Intoxication
- Stealing (of any nature)
- Rape or Attempted Rape
- Burglary (of any nature)
- Possession of Stolen Property
- Possession of a Concealed Weapon
- Possession of a Controlled Substance