



PLAYER INFORMATION SHEET

1. Have you applied to Gadsden State Community College? Yes No
2. What was the date you applied? _____
3. What is your Full Legal Name? _____
4. What is Date of Birth? _____
5. What is your A# _____
6. Name of your high school? _____
7. What is your expected graduation date? _____
8. What is your ACT score? _____
9. What is your current HS GPA? _____
10. What is YOUR cell number? _____
11. What is YOUR email address? _____
12. What is your PARENTS cell numbers? _____
13. What is your PARENTS Email address? _____
14. List all of your Social Media account handles.
 - _____ Twitter
 - _____ Instagram
 - _____ Snapchat
 - _____ TikTok
 - _____ Additional Site: _____
15. What semester will be your FIRST semester attending Gadsden State? **Fall** **Spring** **Summer**
16. What year will be your FIRST year at Gadsden State? **20** _____
17. What sport are you planning on playing at Gadsden State? _____



HANDBOOK FOR GSCC ATHLETES

Welcome and thank you for joining the Gadsden State Community College family and our Athletic department. The Gadsden State collegiate experience comes with an athletic legacy and a rich tradition of quality education. As a representative of the Gadsden State Athletic family and the College, you will be in the spotlight and have the opportunity to enjoy the collegiate student-athlete experiences on campus, in the community, and throughout the country. With this recognition goes additional responsibilities and obligations that other students might not have.

Often, the choices and decisions made of one student-athlete, influences the attitude and thoughts of the general public about all of our student-athletes within the department. The general impression that you as an individual create, whether on and off the field or court, is important. It can be good or bad. It can greatly affect all of your fellow student-athletes and our entire athletic department. You must remember that at all times, you are representing more than just yourself. You are representing your teammates and coaches, our entire department, and our great College

This Athletic Handbook was written to familiarize student-athletes and their parents with the policies and procedures in the Athletic Department. This handbook is written within the guidelines of the policies and regulations of Gadsden State Community College Athletics and in no way supersedes any policy of the College. This was created so student-athletes at Gadsden State Community College can become acquainted with the policies and procedures that are in place by the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC), and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and Gadsden State Community College.

All student-athletes and members of the Athletic Department are expected to abide by the procedures in this handbook and exemplify model citizenship at the college and in the community. In addition to the Athletic Handbook, student-athletes must adhere to the policies, procedures, and regulations outlined in the College Catalog and Student Handbook. All questions or concerns not answered by this handbook should be directed to the Athletic Director, Blake Lewis.

ATHLETIC VISION STATEMENT

We strive to recruit students and coaches who are of the highest moral character. We embrace diversity and seek excellence while highlighting the implication of ethics, character, and integrity. As a member of Gadsden State athletics, they will understand that organizational collaboration, community involvement, and hard work leads to perseverance and success throughout life.



Name, Image, Likeness Information (NIL)

Student-athletes may earn compensation for the use of their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) if the compensation is provided by a third party unaffiliated with the student-athlete's member institution and may not lose their athletic eligibility provided they follow the guidelines of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), Alabama Community College Conference (Conference), Alabama Community College System (ACCS), and/or State of Alabama policies and procedures.

Under NJCAA guidelines, the following acts shall not cause a student-athlete to lose their amateur status:

- Participating in radio or television programs for the purpose of promoting an amateur athletic event.
- Receiving compensation for supervision of physical education, playground, or recreational activities.
- Receiving compensation for use of NIL to promote any commercial product or enterprise, or public or media appearance so long as it does not conflict with the institutions existing partnerships, sponsorships, and agreements.
- A member institution allowing a student-athlete to receive compensation in compliance with their state law.

Alabama Community College Conference Guidelines

A Conference member shall prohibit a student-athlete from entering into an endorsement contract with, or otherwise receiving compensation from, any of the following categories of brands or companies:

- A tobacco company or brand, including any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, electronic nicotine delivery system, or any electronic nicotine delivery system retailer, or any specialty retailer of electronic-nicotine delivery systems or tobacco specialty store.
- Any alcohol beverage company or brand.
- Any seller or dispensary of a controlled substance, including, but not limited to, marijuana.
- Any adult entertainment business.
- Any casino or entities that sponsor or promote gambling activities.

A Conference member may prohibit a student-athlete compensation contract if such contract does not appear to be based on fair market value in the reasonable and good faith judgment of the member institution or if in the reasonable and good faith judgment of the member institution such contract would negatively impact or reflect adversely on the Conference member or its athletic programs.

A Conference member may prohibit a student-athlete from wearing any item of clothing, shoes, or other gear with the insignia of any entity while wearing athletic gear or uniforms licensed by a Conference member or otherwise competing in any athletic competition or member sponsored event.

Student-athlete may not wear any school and/or team apparel for any NIL activity, including, but not limited to, commercials, social media platforms, photos, etc.

Compensation for a student-athlete's NIL may not be conditioned on athletic performance or attendance at a particular Conference member.

Compensation for the use of a student-athlete's NIL shall be provided only by a third party not owned or operating under the authority of the student-athlete's member institution.

A Conference member, an entity with the purpose of supporting or benefitting the member or its intercollegiate sports, boosters, or any officer, director, or employee of the institution or entity may not compensate or cause compensation to be directed to a student-athlete or the family of a student athlete for use of their NIL.

Before any contract for compensation for the use of a student-athlete's NIL is executed, and before any compensation is

provided to the student-athlete in advance of a contract, the student-athlete shall disclose that contract to his or her member institution in a manner prescribed by the member institution. The institution shall review such contract to determine its compliance with this policy.

A contract for the use of a student-athlete's NIL, which is formed while the student-athlete is participating in an intercollegiate sport at a Conference member, may not extend beyond the student-athlete's participation in the sport at the institution.

A student-athlete may not receive or enter into a contract for compensation for use of his or her NIL in a way that also uses any registered or licensed marks, logos, verbiage, or designs of a Conference member, unless the Member has provided the student-athlete with written permission to do so prior to the execution of the contract. If permission is granted, the Conference member, by agreement of all parties, may be compensated for the use in a manner consistent with market rates or prior practice.

A Conference member may not prevent or unreasonably restrict a student-athlete from obtaining professional representation for the purpose of securing compensation for the use of the student-athlete's NIL.

An individual representing a student-athlete for purposes of exploring or securing compensation for the student-athlete's NIL shall be registered as an athlete agent with the state pursuant to Section 8-26B-4, Code of Alabama 1975, or shall be a licensed attorney and a member in good standing of the Alabama State Bar.

A student-athlete participating in intercollegiate sports at a Conference member shall provide the institution with written notice at least seven days prior to entering into a representation agreement with any individual for purposes of exploring or securing compensation for use of the student-athlete's NIL.

A student-athlete's failure to disclose in advance any contract for compensation for the use of the student-athlete's NIL, failure to disclose in advance any representation agreement with any individual for purposes of exploring or securing compensation for use of the student-athlete's NIL, or a student-athlete entering into a contract for compensation for the use of their NIL after being advised by the student-athlete's member institution that the proposed contract for compensation was not in compliance with this policy, shall be grounds for the revocation of the student-athlete's privilege of participating in the Conference member's athletic programs.

Financial Aid and Tax Implications

Student-athletes should be aware that receiving compensation for NIL activities could have an impact on their financial aid, especially for those receiving Pell Grants or other need-based aid.

Conference members shall not revoke or reduce an athletics scholarship as a result of a student-athlete earning compensation in accordance with NIL activities, unless otherwise required by federal laws or institutional standards governing need-based awards due to income received.

An athletics scholarship award from Conference members is NOT considered compensation for use of a student-athlete's NIL.

Student-athletes are encouraged to consult with their member's financial aid office to fully understand these potential impacts.

Entering into NIL agreements could also present tax implications. Student-athletes should consult with a tax professional regarding these issues.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

- a. A student-athlete must be a graduate of a high school with an academic diploma or a general education diploma.
- b. Ensure that athletes maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 each semester and are enrolled in at **least 15** credit hours per semester in order to participate. If you have a 4 hour class, you must be in at **least 16** credit hours.
- c. Progress reports will be sent to instructors periodically during the semester to ensure athletes are maintaining their grades at or above acceptable levels, and are attending classes.
- d. Advise students to seek academic assistance/tutoring with Mrs. Kelley Pearson if grades fall below required levels, or if they are experiencing difficulties.
- e. We will only allow 1 C to be on progress report and Final grades for each semester. Having more than 1 C on your progress report, you will be required to meet with Mrs. Kelley Pearson with your Head coach to discuss an academic success plan for you. If more than 1 C is on your final grades listed for the semester, you will be suspended games ONLY if you have NOT met the obligations from Mrs. Pearson and your Head Coach. (AD grade book - C = 1 Game D = 2 games F = 3 games)
- f. Every student-athlete will be required to get 5 study hall hours in per week through the second full week of October. Pending your progress report and coach's approval, the student-athlete will have the option to only be required to get 3 study hall hours in for the week.
- g. Failure to get ALL study hall hours will have consequences.
1st offense: Head coach address it
2nd Offense: Meet with Athletic Director with Head Coach
3rd Offense: Suspension of game(s) or Removal from team (Athletic Director/Head Coaches Discretion)
- h. Repeated classes cannot be counted towards eligibility. **No repeated classes will be covered by the Athletic Scholarship.**

CHECKLIST

Completed paperwork that must be on file before an athlete can participate in practice or competition:

- Physical Examination Form (completed by physician)
- Emergency Contact and Insurance Form with copy of insurance card
- Copy of insurance card
- Gadsden State – Waiver and Release Agreement
- Alabama Community College Consent to Drug Education and Testing Policy Acknowledgement Form
- NJCAA Eligibility Affidavit for Gadsden State (freshman and transfers)
- Athletic Scholarship Guidelines for current year
- NJCAA Transfer Waiver & Transfer Tracking Form (if applicable)
- Acknowledgement of current Athletic Handbook
- **Official High School Transcript**
- **Official transcripts from other Colleges (if applicable)**
- Consent to Participate for Student/Athletes at Gadsden State
- HIPAA Authorization form
- Injury/Illness Release form
- Walk-On Obligation Form (if applicable)
- FERPA Release form

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Athletes are expected to avoid all situations that will embarrass themselves, their families, or the College. As a Gadsden State athlete, you will represent Gadsden State both on the sports field and off campus in your personal life. You have an interest in the protection and control of the Gadsden State image. Any article of clothing or item with the Gadsden State logo is not to be worn or used at any function or social event that involves inappropriate use of alcohol or drugs. You are expected to always act in a manner that supports a positive image of yourself as an athlete and ambassador of Gadsden State. Every athlete that wears our letters represents us, and is expected to live up to Gadsden State standards.

Athletes are expected to DRESS NEATLY and use GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE at all times.

Athletes are expected to be on time and ATTEND all classes.

Athletes are not to use inappropriate language.

Athletes are to be aware that **all team rules** apply to social media.

Athletes are expected to take extreme care of all equipment and property that belongs to the College.

Athletes are expected to show respect for coaches, College officials, faculty members, community members, opposing teams, game officials and teammates.

Athletes are expected to abide by all College, region and national rules.

Athletes are expected to obey all city, county, state, and/or national laws. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship and removal from the team.

Use, possession, and/or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs or other controlled substances is prohibited except as expressed by law. Athletes are subject to unannounced random testing for enforcement of this rule. Students found in violation will be subject to disciplinary action and possible termination of scholarship.

Use of any tobacco products at any meetings, practices, or athletic contests is prohibited by NJCAA, ACCC and Gadsden State policy. Any College official may report a policy violation to the coach or Athletic Director. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that all student-athletes, managers, support staff and officials adhere to this policy. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action and possible termination of scholarship.

TEAM RULES

The individual rules stated above are the **minimum** rules required by the Athletic Department. Coaches may implement other team rules that they feel are necessary for the success of their respective teams. These rules will be given to the Athletic Director in writing. Violations of any rule, regulation, or law would result in disciplinary action and possible termination of scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP

If a student-athlete owes funds once he/she is removed from an Athletic Scholarship, the student-athlete must pay the balance to stay in school. If the student-athlete does not pay the outstanding charges, the Athletic Director will request the Records Office to withdraw the student-athlete.

Student athletes shall NOT receive money or other forms of remuneration beyond actual expenses for participating in any athletic contest or program.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION

The scholarship agreement/letter of intent is signed for a period of one academic year. Renewal of the scholarship agreement is by recommendation of the head coach and approval by the Athletic Director, President and Scholarship Committee.

Cancellation or modification of the scholarship during the period of its effectiveness because of injury or good or bad athletic performance is prohibited. Cancellation of the scholarship is permissible if student:

1. Quits team;
or,
2. Becomes academically ineligible per NJCAA bylaws;
or,
3. Is dismissed due to inappropriate behavior as outlined in the handbook, team rules and guidelines.
4. Must adhere to the Alabama Community College Conference Drug Education and Testing Policy

TEXTBOOK LOANS

Under the scholarship agreement, the student-athlete may be issued textbooks per their Letter of Intent. If applicable, these textbooks are on loan to the student, and must be properly cared for. Textbooks must be returned to the Athletic Department at the end of each semester. Any losses or damages to the textbooks will result in denial to register for the subsequent term, restitution, withholding of transcripts, and possible loss of scholarship.

NOTE: The scholarship covers only class required textbooks, required course handouts and required access codes. It does not cover CD's, software, tools, kits, lab kits, pens, pencils, notebooks etc. The scholarship will **NOT** cover suggested or recommended items.

DORM AND MEAL PLANS

Under the guidelines set forth by the Alabama State Board of Education and the Department of Postsecondary Education housing and meal plans may **not** be part of any athletic scholarship.

INSURANCE

The student or parent health insurance will serve as primary insurance for all injuries and illness. Athletic insurance is provided by the institution as a secondary policy that only applies for athletically related injuries which occur during an organized and supervised workout, practice, or competition. **This policy is not responsible for any non-athletic injury or illness.** Under the terms of the policy, this coverage is considered excess to all other valid and collectible medical insurance policies. Most notable is parental insurance coverage under which the student-athlete is covered as an eligible dependent. It should be noted that athletes are covered by school insurance **only** if the injury was not pre-existing and if the injury is a direct result of the sport(s) in which the student-athlete participates. This is not a health insurance policy. Any and all medical expenses not covered by the primary or secondary insurance are the responsibility of the student and/or parent.

In the event of an injury that the institution's insurance will cover, it is the responsibility of the student and coach or trainer to provide all necessary insurance forms so that a proper claim can be made in a timely manner. If this protocol is not met, any and all expenses will be the responsibility of the athlete. **The student must see the athletic trainer to complete an insurance claim form. This must be completed within 24 hours of the injury or by the following Monday if on a weekend.**

All bills and related paperwork received by the student or parents from athletically related injuries must be given to the administrative assistant or the athletic director in the Athletic Department within 10 days from time of receipt.

INJURIES

Claim forms are to be completed by the coach or athletic trainer after any type of athletic injury that might result in medical care. The claim form must be signed by the trainer, coach or the athletic director and the student-athlete. If the injured athlete sees the Gadsden State trainer, the trainer completes the form and enters that day as the date of initial treatment. The completed claim form is returned to the athletic director. The administrative assistant will send the completed claim form to the insurance company for processing. If the injury occurs when the trainer is unavailable, the form will need to be completed as soon as they return to campus or within 24 hours of the injury. If the injury occurs on a weekend, the claim form must be completed on the following Monday. Claim forms are available in the office of the trainer, athletic director or administrative assistant located in Beck Field House.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

It is the responsibility of the head coach to issue and inventory all items of equipment that are necessary for the student-athlete to participate properly in the sport. All issued items remain the property of Gadsden State Community College. Failure to properly care for or replace lost or damaged items could result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

There are certain items that will be regarded as personal items that the Athletic Department will not furnish. The head coach will list these items and it is the responsibility of the student-athlete to obtain these items for their own use. Student-athletes will be financially responsible for uniforms and equipment not returned to the Athletic Department.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Athletic awards are the responsibility of the head coach. All awards will follow the NJCAA, ACCC, and Gadsden State guidelines.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

Students-athletes are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Student-athletes should recognize that a mature acceptance of their responsibilities as a student is necessary for reasonable accomplishment in college work; this applies particularly in the area of all absences. Make sure you understand and follow each instructor's attendance policy.

CLASS SCHEDULES AND DROP/ADD

By working with an advisor, the student-athlete should take courses that will apply to the curriculum you have chosen. The head coach will have each semester's class schedule on file in their office.

Student-athletes and managers are not permitted to drop or add a course during the semester without prior approval from the Athletic Director, their Head Coach and Kelly Pearson. Student-athletes must remain full-time.

STUDENT-ATHLETES SHALL **NOT**:

1. Receive money or other forms of remuneration beyond actual expenses for participating in any athletic contest or programs with the exception of bowling and golf. (Refer to the bowling and golf sections of the NJCAA handbook).
2. Give lessons on a fee-for-lesson basis.
3. Be employed to teach any class or in any coaching capacity for their college during the academic year in which he/she is a participant.
4. Be employed or receive compensation for teaching or coaching sports skills or techniques, if the employment is arranged by the student-athlete's institution or a representative of its athletic interest.
5. Take any financial assistance, or enter into an agreement of any kind, to compete in professional athletics, with the exception of the student-athlete who participating in professional baseball for not more than ninety (90) days as provided in Section 11.A.5. Student-athletes who violate this provision shall be ineligible for participation in the sport. This includes declaring for professional draft.
6. Try out with a professional sports organization while enrolled full-time during any part of the academic year unless they have exhausted their eligibility in that sport. (This includes any time from the beginning of the fall term through the completion of the spring term, including any intervening period.) Part-time student-athletes who are not participating under provisions of Section 4.1 may try out provided they do not receive any form of compensation other than actual expenses from the professional organization.

NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS

Student-athletes may earn compensation for the use of their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) if the compensation is provided by a third party unaffiliated with the student-athletes's member institution and may not lose their athletic eligibility provided they follow the guidelines of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), Alabama Community College Conference (Conference), Alabama Community College System (ACCS), and/or State of Alabama policies and procedures. **SEE THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS**

INSTITUTIONAL POLICES

The institutional policies found in the general catalog are the minimum requirement for students attending this College. The Athletic Department recognizes that athletics may require more guidelines to ensure proper function within the system. Therefore, student-athletes must adhere to all policies of the institution and the Athletic Department.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PROTOCOL

In the event that a student-athlete has a complaint, the matter should be resolved by following the athletic chain of command. The student-athlete should first notify the head coach and together with the coach try to resolve the matter. If the complaint cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the coach, student-athlete, and the Athletic Director should meet to resolve the problem.

In the event that the complaint cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties involved, the Athletic Director will request a meeting with the Executive Vice President. If the problem is still not resolved, a meeting with the President will be requested.

ATHLETIC POLICIES

RECRUITING, ADMISSION, FINANCIAL AID, AND CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY

In matters of recruiting, admissions, financial aid, and continuing eligibility of athletes, Gadsden State Community College adheres to the written policies of the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Alabama Community College Conference. These policies/guidelines may be found in the sources listed below: (Available from Athletic Director, Athletic Administrative Assistant, or any coach.)

RECRUITING

NJCAA 2022-2023 Handbook and Casebook

Article VIII, Section 2 A-E, Recruitment Section

FINANCIAL AID

NJCAA 2022-2023 Handbook and Casebook

Article VIII, Section 1 A-J, Grants-in-Aid Section

ACCC 2022-2023 Handbook

Article XXI, Scholarships and Grant-in-Aid

ADMISSION

NJCAA 2022-2023 Handbook and Casebook

Article V, Section 3

ELIGIBILITY

NJCAA 2022-2023 Handbook and Casebook

Article V, Section 4, Requirements for Athletic Eligibility



GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The number of Athletic Scholarships to be awarded by the Athletic Department at Gadsden State will not exceed the allowed number set by the NJCAA and allocation by the State Board of Education.
2. The terms of the scholarship are as follows.
 - Scholarship will include tuition and/or book loan only (no other stipends or payments for room/board are allowed). Each scholarship is per the agreement between the coach and student athlete and can vary between student athletes.
 - Scholarship is void if student quits team, becomes academically ineligible per NJCAA bylaws, or is dismissed from team due to inappropriate behavior as outlined in the handbook and guidelines
 - Student will be financially responsible for books, uniforms and equipment not returned
 - Student-athlete will adhere to the Alabama Community College Conference Drug Education and Testing Policy
3. The number of credit hours that may be provided by the scholarship to any athlete may be limited to the Fall and/or Spring semester. With approval, additional hours may be granted to a scholarship and for NJCAA hardship status for injury/illness. **Each scholarship issued is per the agreement between the coach and the student athlete. The Letter of Intent (LOI) will give the specifics of each scholarship.**
4. Athletic scholarships will not be given for any term in which the student does not meet NJCAA eligibility requirements. A student-athlete who fails to meet the criteria of his/her scholarship, will not receive a probationary status- that is, the scholarship may be terminated. In the event an Athletic Scholarship is to be terminated/revoked, the Athletic Director will notify the student-athlete that the scholarship is being terminated and all classes may be dropped if charges are not paid in full immediately.
5. Each semester the college drops students from classes for non-attendance. If this happens and a student falls below full-time status, they are ineligible. All student athletes MUST be full-time.
6. Athletes will be removed from the scholarship using the NJCAA Release Agreement. The Financial Aid/Scholarship Office will remove the scholarship upon receipt of the Release Agreement.
7. If a student-athlete owes funds once he/she is removed from an Athletic Scholarship, the Athletic Department will notify the Financial Aid/Scholarship Office and the Business Office of outstanding charges. The student-athlete will be responsible for paying any balance owed for tuition, books not returned or uniforms not returned.
8. Managers will be required to meet the same credit hour and GPA requirements to keep their Athletic Scholarship as required by the NJCAA for athletic eligibility.
9. Athletic Scholarships will begin on August 1, the official start date of the Letter of Intent (NJCAA on-line form) for new athletes. A new student athlete who is required to take summer classes will be financially responsible for payment.

10. A student athlete must be a graduate of a high school with an academic diploma or general education diploma.
11. Books (if applicable) will not be issued until eligibility for the term is confirmed and books from the previous semester have been returned to the Athletic Department. Books are due when finals are complete.
12. Student-athletes are responsible for applying their scholarship to their account. If a student has multiple scholarships or financial aid, they should contact the Business Office to be sure all scholarships are applied correctly.
13. Student-athletes must be full-time to be on scholarship during the Fall and Spring semester. If a student drops below full-time status, they will be ineligible and will be responsible for paying for their tuition.
14. Summer classes are only covered for critical need, when funding is available and when approved by the Athletic Director.
15. Student-athletes are responsible for providing accurate information as to previous colleges, breaks in enrollment, delays in enrollment, clubs, prep schools, employment, etc.
16. **No repeat classes covered by scholarship.**

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Social Media is considered as any form of internet forums, blogs, podcasts, photographs, videos, and social bookmarking that can be found on public websites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc. As a user of such platforms, student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and responsibility as members of their respective teams. As a student-athlete, one must exhibit respectful behavior during all social media interactions, as well as display pride and respect for the college and community. Any content that is shared must follow all acceptable social behaviors as addressed in this Athletic Handbook. Any malicious use of social media platforms will not be tolerated. Violations of this policy will be subject to investigation and could further result in disciplinary action. Such behavior includes:

- Offensive language or remarks regarding fellow athletes, students, coaches, administrators, faculty, and staff of Gadsden State Community College or any other college or university.
- Demeaning statements or threats that could potentially endanger the safety of another person.
- Incriminating photos or statements regarding illegal criminal behavior, underage drinking use of illegal drugs, sexual harassment, or violence.
- Indicating knowledge of any acts listed above.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

The College assumes that student-athletes are adults who have developed mature behavior patterns, positive attitudes, and conduct. Student-athletes are treated in concurrence with this belief. The College reserves the right to dismiss any student-athlete or member of the Athletic Department staff whose on-or-off campus behavior is considered undesirable or harmful to the College.

Gadsden State Community College is a public educational institution of the State of Alabama and, as such, shall not permit on its premises, or at any activity which it sponsors, the possession, use, or distribution of any alcoholic beverage or any illicit drug by any student, employee, or visitor. In the event of the confirmation of such prohibited possession, use, or distribution by a student or employee, Gadsden State Community College shall, within the scope of applicable Federal and State due process requirements, take such administrative or disciplinary action as is appropriate.

For a student, the disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension of practice and/or games, termination from the team, loss of a scholarship, or expulsion from the institution. For the protection and convenience of all student-athletes and the community, regulations prohibit disorderly conduct either on campus or in the classroom. Student-athletes participating in any unauthorized mass demonstration, or whose presence and/or actions constitute a general disturbance, or who fail promptly to obey any order to disperse given by any college official or by any duly constituted law enforcement officer, are subject to immediate suspension from the College. Possession of weapons on campus is prohibited.

Student-athletes conducting themselves in such a manner as to disturb or disrupt a class, practice, game, or campus event will be told by a college official to leave the premises. The student-athlete may return as soon as he/she is capable of conducting himself/ herself as a mature adult. However, the second such offense would require the student-athlete to meet with the Vice President of Student Services, the Athletic Director, and their

Head Coach. The College Policies and Regulations are located in the current College Catalog and Student Handbook.

NJCAA CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct applies to all region, district and national events, contests and tournaments sponsored by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Violations of the code of conduct occurring during the regularly scheduled season events shall be referred to the respective conference or region standards and ethics committee.

A. Participants shall recognize the responsibility for proper conduct at any national tournament, event or contest sponsored by the NJCAA or its member colleges.

B. Coaches shall recognize and assume responsibility for the actions of themselves and the team members. Each coach who has participants competing in the event shall be responsible for informing each participant about the Code of Conduct.

BEHAVIOR

Coaches, players, and institutional personnel must remember they are representatives of an institution of higher learning, its faculty, and administration and student body. As such they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which would reflect credit on their team, institution, region and the NJCAA. Student athletes, coaches and institutional personnel who are participating in NJCAA events are subject to all NJCAA rules regulations and penalties as stated in the NJCAA handbook as well as local, state and federal laws. Inappropriate and unacceptable behavior by coaches, players or institutional personnel will not be tolerated before, during, or after contests; at the hotel or in public while representing their college. This Code of Conduct does not replace Article XVIII of the NJCAA handbook. Unacceptable forms of behavior include but are not limited to: Fighting, taunting, inappropriate celebration, disrespectful attitude toward opponents, officials, tournament administrators, use of profane and vulgar language, use of tobacco and/or alcohol, disrespectful attitude toward host hotel personnel, and unlawful activities.

DEROGATORY COMMENTS

Coaches, athletes or institutional personnel shall not make derogatory public comments regarding administration of a tournament or officiating of contests during post-game interviews or at other times; to print or broadcast media, in news releases or institutionally produced news releases or under any conditions when their comments may become public. The head coach shall be fully responsible for assuring that no public comments are made by the coaching staff, student athletes or institutional personnel about officiating, fighting or other incidents which occur during contests. A coach shall not address or permit anyone in the team area to address uncomplimentary remarks to any game official during the progress of a contest or engage in conduct which might incite student athletes or spectators against officials. REPORTING Violations of the Code of Conduct may be reported to the Executive Director of the NJCAA or his designee. Procedures and Penalties may be found in the NJCAA Handbook. See the Athletic Director for more information is needed.



STATEMENT OF NO OTHER INSURANCE

I, _____, declare that I was not covered by any other insurance policy, through myself or my parents for the accident dated _____.

Should any insurance become effective during my treatment, I will notify BMI Benefits and forward all eligible bills to the new carrier. I understand BMI Benefits coverage is in excess to all other insurances and will pay after all collectible insurance.

I understand that if any of these statements are false, it could deem my claim ineligible.

Insured Signature (or Parent Signature if insured is a minor)

Date



Gadsden State Community College Student-Athlete Contract

As a member of the Gadsden State Community College athletic team, I hereby agree to abide by the following rules and guidelines:

- I will conduct myself in a manner befitting Gadsden State Community College Athletic Department on the field/court, off the field/court, and at my residence
- I will uphold my status as a student first and fulfill the academic requirements set forth by the NJCAA & Gadsden State Community College coaching staff and administration
- I understand that I am accountable for things that are put on my social media pages and coaches have a right to monitor and discipline me for actions deemed inappropriate of a Gadsden State Community College Student-Athlete
- I will refrain from the use of any illegal substances and drugs, prescription or illicit
- I will accept whatever role the coaching staff outlines for me and do my best to excel in that role
- I will exhaust all means to resolve all complaints or issues (personal, academic, or athletic) that involve myself, the team or coaching staff **personally** with the head coach and or athletic director
- I will do my best to work within my coach's team philosophy and take pride in being a member of Gadsden State Community College athletic team
- I must adhere to the Alabama Community College Conference Drug Testing Policy
- I understand that as a student-athlete, I am responsible for following the Gadsden State Community College Student Code of Conduct

I understand that failure to adhere to the above could result in the forfeiture of my membership on a Gadsden State Community College athletic team and that the coaching staff and/or athletic director will make all determinations of compliance with the above rules and guidelines.

Additional agreement for players on an athletic scholarship:

I understand that my scholarship is awarded for the duration as determined by the head coach and listed on the Letter of Intent, but that I may forfeit my scholarship at any time by:

- Failing to adhere to any of the above rules and guidelines
- Failure to maintain academic eligibility by maintaining required credit hour and GPA minimums
- Violating the ACCC Drug Testing Policy
- Acting in a manner unbecoming of a member of a Gadsden State Community College athletic team
- Being dismissed or quitting the team for any reason

***IF A STUDENT-ATHLETE ON SCHOLARSHIP QUILTS THE TEAM, DOES NOT ATTEND CLASS, IS DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM FOR VIOLATING THE GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT, THEY MAY BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM SCHOLARSHIP AND BE REQUIRED TO PAY PRORATA TUITION AND FEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT SEMESTER IF THEY ARE GOING TO STAY IN CLASSES. THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THE STUDENT-ATHLETE HAS TO PAY THE PRORATA AMOUNT WILL DEPEND ON THE REASON FOR QUITTING THE TEAM, THE AMOUNT OF TIME LEFT IN THE SEMESTER, AND/OR THE REASON FOR BEING DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM FOR VIOLATING THE COASTAL ALABAMA STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT.**

Player Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Acknowledgement of the 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook:

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Athletic Handbook and have read the rules of conduct. I understand the rules and realize that I am subject to disciplinary measures should I violate them. I do agree to participate and conduct myself in accordance with the rules of our Athletic Department and any other specific rules of the College or the coaches. I further understand that my signature below acknowledges that I understand and will abide by the rules and regulations.

Printed Name

A_____
Student Number

Signature

Sport

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
(if under 18 years old)

Date