



## MVNU LIFESTYLE CONTRACT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

I agree to abide by the standards and live in accordance with the policy and lifestyle expectations as set forth in the Athletic Department Policy Handbook and the MVNU Student Handbook. I also understand that any violation(s) of the Lifestyle Guidelines stated below will jeopardize my privileges of representing Mount Vernon Nazarene University in athletic competition.

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*Signature of MVNU Student-Athlete*

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*Sport*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DISCIPLINE BASELINE

- A. The head coach is responsible for the behavior of the athletes that they coach.
- B. The head coach should work with the Associate Dean of Student Services and the Director of Athletics on all disciplinary matters.
- C. **Baseline Levels of Discipline for Intercollegiate Athletics**  
The following baseline discipline is recommended by the Athletic Department. These minimum responses are to be in conjunction with the disciplinary baselines established by the Student Services Office and the College Judicial Council. Each disciplinary action would affect the games or contests immediately following the infraction. This would include the beginning of the next season if the infraction was committed after the student's season was completed. The baseline disciplines are as follows:
- 1. Alcohol**  
Being in the presence of alcohol:  
*First Offense:* two days suspension from the team/six hours of community service.  
*Second Offense:* suspended from 5 to 10% of the regular season games  
Use/possession/purchase of alcohol:  
*First Offense:* suspended from 10% of the regular season games  
*Second Offense:* immediate dismissal (Student Services response which directly affects athletic competition)
  - 2. Tobacco**  
Smoking, chewing, possession, purchasing  
*First Offense:* one game suspension  
*Second Offense:* suspended from 10% of the regular season games  
*Third Offense:* Immediate dismissal (Student Services response which directly affects athletic competition)
  - 3. Illegal Drugs**  
Unlawful use, possession, selling or providing of drugs  
*First Offense:* Immediate dismissal (Student Services response which directly affects athletic competition)
  - 4. Sexual Misconduct**  
Pre-marital or extramarital relations  
*First Offense:* Suspended from 10% of the regular season games  
*Second Offense:* Immediate dismissal (Student Services response which directly affects athletic competition)
  - 5. Cohabitation/Inappropriate Visitation**  
Athletic Department would work in conjunction with the Student Services Office to respond to the violation or on an individual basis.
  - 6. Sexual Harassment**  
Athletic Department would work in conjunction with the Student Services Office to respond to the violation on an individual basis.
- D. The head coach has the right to carry out discipline beyond the baselines if he or she believes it is appropriate.
- E. The Director of Athletics should be informed of problems that develop.
- F. The conduct of teams on away trips should be impeccable. Good representation by the student athletes representing MVNU is one of the fundamental reasons for the existence of an athletic program.
- G. Once an athlete has been dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons, he or she shall not be permitted to return to competition unless he or she is reinstated to the team by approval of the head coach and Director of Athletics.