

USTA/Midwest Section Campus Championship Standards of Conduct

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The Code of Conduct shall serve as a standard for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in a NIRSA or Midwest Tennis On Campus Championship event. Students and staff enrolled in an institution of higher learning assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college/university's function as an educational institution. When involved in an event sponsored or endorsed by USTA/Midwest Section, the participant indicates, by his or her registration in the event, he or she agrees to represent his or her club/team and college/university in a way that does not detract from the reputation of the institution he or she represents, and to act morally and display sportsmanship-like behavior, before, during and after any competition. Guidelines of conduct include, but are not limited to, the examples outlined below.

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Participants shall not:

- Use drugs, except for medical purposes, while traveling, competing, socializing and/or using facilities including lodging spaces.
- Consume alcohol while traveling, competing or spectating.
- Attend any part of the tournament or tournament events while intoxicated or under the influence of any drugs.
- Strike, attempt to strike or otherwise physically abuse any individual.
- Intentionally engage in or incite participants and/or spectators to engage in abusive or violent conduct.
- Misuse social media applications with regards to the championship or university.
- Use verbal, or non-verbal profanity, disrespectful language, obscene gestures or behavior.
- Violate any rules or policies of the NIRSA Championships, Tournament Hotels/Facilities, or city, state or governmental entities.

Violation of the Standards of Conduct may result in:

- Suspension from the game/match;
- Suspension from the Tournament;
- Suspension from further participation in league or championship play
- Forfeiture of any individual or team awards;
- Ejection from the Tournament hotel(s);
- Forfeiture of all games/matches won and possible team elimination from current and future NIRSA sponsored or endorsed events;
- Liability for all monetary damages arising from, or caused by, a participant's conduct while participating in, and attending, a NIRSA Tournament.
- Notification to University Officials for any violation of the Standards of Conduct by an individual or team.

