



LEHIGH ATHLETICS

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Lehigh Athletes,

I share at our opening meeting each year several expectations that form the foundation of the athletics experience at Lehigh. One is that athletes are expected to be students and responsible members of the campus community before they are athletes. Another is that participation in athletics is a privilege and privileges carry responsibilities. Taken together, these two expectations dictate that athletes who fail to uphold the responsibilities of the Lehigh campus community may lose the privilege of participating in our athletics program.

Respect for others is a principle that our Lehigh community holds dear, as do most high functioning and admirable organizations. For athletic teams, respect for each other, for opponents, for officials, for the rules of the sport, and for the privilege of competing is a core value without which our programs cannot be justified as educational, developmental, or contributing to the quality of the Lehigh experience. It is for this reason that I share each year with athletes, coaches, and staff that **hazing will not be tolerated and will result in the loss of participation privileges.**

The Athletics program also values leadership and demonstrates this commitment through our extensive efforts around the education and practice of leadership within and beyond our teams. Athletes are expected to **demonstrate leadership** by actively discouraging, intervening, and reporting any behaviors that do not reflect respect for self, respect for others, or respect for the Lehigh community (including Lehigh property). Complicity in unacceptable behavior occurs when there is a failure to make efforts to prevent, deter, or report a breach of Lehigh's expectations for conduct.

I urge all students who participate in athletics to read the Lehigh University Student Handbook, most particularly the section on "Expectations of Conduct (pages 13-15). The Athletics Department embraces these expectations fully, and will uphold the principles that frame them by ensuring those who participate in our athletics programs and on our teams honor that privilege through their conduct as members of our University community.

Sincerely,

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