

OCU Athletic Department Philosophy

The Department of Athletics at Oakland City University is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Each student/athlete is expected to exhibit exemplary behavior in the athletic arena, in the classroom, on and off the Oakland City University campus, and in all social settings at all times.

Each member of the department of athletics, both staff members and student/athletes, accepts the premise that taking part in the athletic program at Oakland City University comes with an obligation and commitment to strive to attain the highest level of achievement, based on the following philosophy and values:

1. Each member of the athletic department family will practice personal and academic integrity and will not cheat or plagiarize in the classroom setting.
2. Each member of the athletic department family will respect the dignity of all others and not exhibit behavior that compromises or demeans the dignity of another individual or group. This includes not exhibiting behavior that would include, but not be limited to, intimidation, taunting, teasing, baiting, ridiculing, harassment, or any other action that would display the lack of respect for the dignity of another person.
3. Each member of the athletic department family will respect the rights and personal property of others. This commitment requires that no member of the OCU Department of Athletics vandalize, damage, or destroy the personal property of another.
4. Each member of the athletic department family will discourage bigotry and work diligently to learn and understand the differences in others and their diversity in a global environment.
5. Each member of the athletic department family will be committed to demonstrating honest concern for the feelings of others around him/her. This includes avoiding behavior that is insensitive, inhospitable, or unjustly inhibits another individual's ability to feel safe in the environment in which that individual is attempting to pursue academic excellence and athletic success.