

# Smith College

## Mission Statement

Smith College educates women of promise for lives of distinction. A college of and for the world, Smith links the power of the liberal arts to excellence in research and scholarship, developing leaders for society's challenges.

### Values

- ▶ Smith is a community dedicated to learning, teaching, scholarship, discovery, creativity and critical thought.
- ▶ Smith is committed to access and diversity, recruiting and supporting talented, ambitious women of all backgrounds.
- ▶ Smith educates women to understand the complexity of human history and the variety of the world's cultures through engagement with social, political, aesthetic and scientific issues.
- ▶ Smith prepares women to fulfill their responsibilities to the local, national and global communities in which they live and to steward the resources that sustain them.

## The Smith College Community

Students have freely associated themselves with Smith College in a relationship based on mutual trust, personal respect and individual integrity. Dedicated to the advancement of learning and to the pursuit of truth, they shall foster the process of free inquiry and the exchange of ideas and criticism while maintaining respect for the opinions of others. They shall demonstrate respect for all members of the Smith community as individuals, avoid exploitation of fellow community members for personal advantage and make every reasonable effort to foster honest academic conduct.

Smith College is a multicultural community, founded on mutual respect and appreciation of differences. Expressions of disrespect for the background or culture of any person undermine civil dialogue and erode community.

# Smith College Policies Regarding Class Attendance & Athletic Scheduling

## *Class Attendance*

Smith College is an academic institution that is committed to the importance of athletics as part of a liberal arts education. **Student-athletes are students first and have the same academic obligations as other students.**

Coaches, professors, and students have certain responsibilities in assuring that students are able to balance their academic and athletic activities. Students are asked to take responsibility for managing this balance by communicating with professors and coaches to minimize conflicts. However, in the case of irreconcilable conflict, academic requirements take priority.

Coaches should inform team members at the beginning of the season regarding obligations arising from team participation that may conflict with academic obligations, including starting times for home contests as well as departure times for away contests. Coaches should remind students of the necessity of informing their professors about possible conflicts and make alternative arrangements as early in the semester as possible.

Whenever possible, professors should inform students at the first class meeting regarding course requirements outside of the normal class meeting times (e.g. field trips, lectures, study groups). Professors are encouraged to accommodate students who wish to make alternative arrangements for completing course obligations because of conflicts arising from athletics and team schedules.

## *Scheduling of Athletics Contests*

In keeping with its commitment to provide an athletics program for student-athletes who value and respect the fundamental educational goals of the College, Smith College bases its athletics scheduling policy on the need to provide for the integrity of the athletics program while recognizing the priority of academic requirements. The College belongs to the New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference, which determines the numbers of contests allowed for each sport, the dates of competition, and the post-season tournament competition in conference sponsored sports (excluding equestrian, squash and skiing teams). Responsibility of scheduling athletics contest rests with the Director of Athletics. The current policies for scheduling are:

- I. **Under no circumstances are student-athletes allowed to miss regularly scheduled class for practice.** Generally, practices are held for no more than two hours during the 4:00-7:00pm time block Monday through

Thursday and 3:30-5:30pm on Fridays. If any student on a team has a class until 5:00pm, then practice will automatically be scheduled into the 5:00-7:00pm time block.

- II. Normally, intercollegiate contests will not exceed three per team in any Sunday to Saturday period while classes are in session. A maximum of one mid-week contest is scheduled away from campus and only with schools within a one-hour radius.
- III. No regular season contests will be scheduled during reading period or finals. There are post-season contests that occur during second semester reading period/finals but student-athletes may self select to participate. Coaches are instructed not to pressure students to participate.
- IV. On occasion, due to inclement weather, contests are re-scheduled resulting in academic conflicts. This often results in short advance notification to students and professors. In such circumstances, students are expected to be in close communications with faculty members in the class(es) affected to reach a reasonable solution.

## Health Services

The purpose of Smith College Health Services is to provide accessible, quality medical care, mental health care and health education to a diverse student population. The Health Services are located in the Elizabeth Mason Infirmary building at the west end of Paradise Road.

**Medical Service:** Appointments x. 2823

Office Hours:

M-F: 8:30 am-noon, 1-4:30 pm

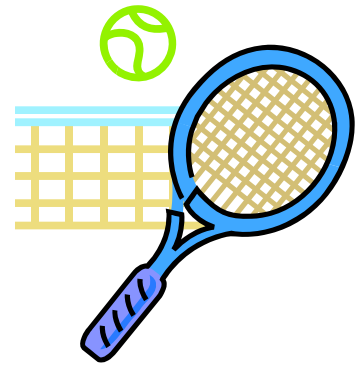
W: 1-4:30 only

Sat: 9-11 am (for urgent problems)

**Counseling Service:** Appointments x. 2840

Office Hours:

M-F: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm



\*\*Student-athletes in season should contact the athletic trainers prior to making an appointment with health services.

### Accidents & Emergencies

*On-Campus*

Notify Public Safety (**extension 800** for emergencies). Please consult with either Public Safety or Health Services before calling an ambulance.

*Off-Campus*

In the case of a serious accident or emergency, seek **immediate** care at the nearest medical facility, but ask the person accompanying you or the medical attendant to contact one of the following:

- Director of Health Services, Dr. Jaffe  
(**extension 2806**)
- Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
(**extension 4927**)
- Your Coach
- Athletic Trainer

*After the Accident or Emergency*

When you return to the college, report the situation to **both** the Director of Health Services (Dr. Jaffe), the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Athletic Trainer in order to ensure insurance coverage and to be excused from missed academic work (when necessary).

It is important to have the treating health care provider send a written report to Dr. Jaffe and the Athletic Trainer.

## Interpersonal Issues, Sexual Harassment & Discrimination

Need help and don't know where to go? There are many avenues to address issues of conflict, harassment or discrimination at our college. If you are experiencing issues within your teams, with your coach, or with the arena of athletics, the following are some avenues open for you to help address the issues:

- Meet with your coach, captains or other teammates, or
- Assistant Athletic Director, Bonnie May, Ainsworth Gym, (585-2713), [bmay@smith.edu](mailto:bmay@smith.edu)
- Director of Athletics, Lynn Oberbillig, Ainsworth Gym, (585-2701), [loberbil@smith.edu](mailto:loberbil@smith.edu)
- Senior Administrator in charge of Athletics, John Davis, Provost/Dean of the Faculty, College Hall 27, (585-3000), [jdavis@smith.edu](mailto:jdavis@smith.edu)
- Adrienne Andrews, Smith College Ombudsperson & Advisor for Equity Complaints, 8 College Lane, 1<sup>st</sup>, (585-3731), [ombuds@smith.edu](mailto:ombuds@smith.edu)

\*\*An ombudsperson is an individual designated by an organization, state or nation to receive and investigate complaints from a given constituency. At Smith College the ombudsperson provides neutral, independent, confidential, informal conflict resolution services to students, staff, faculty and administrators. The ombudsperson does not, however, provide legal advice or counseling services.

\*\*The Office of Diversity & Equity Resources is charged with advancing the cause of diversity at Smith College by providing leadership in efforts to achieve understanding, tolerance and acceptance of diversity, and by initiating and implementing programs in

the areas of institutional diversity and affirmative action. In addition, the OID serves the community through administration of the college's Civil Rights Grievances Procedure, assisting in resolving individual and community concerns.

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is part of the OID. Its major purpose is to provide services to the disabled as well as to raise awareness about issues of disability through education and outreach.

Refer to your document "Campus Services & Administrative Offices" to find even more areas within the college to help you with various issues.