

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

The NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) has launched a program entitled “Champions of Character Recognition Program.” Valley City State University, a member of the NAIA which totals over 300 in membership, has committed to the program. The main objective of the program is to encourage member institutions to establish goals that will enhance positive attitudes in athletics. Athletes and spectators are expected to exemplify good sportsmanship and maintain the highest standards of fair play. All VCSU students are asked to support the “Champions of Character” efforts by displaying appropriate conduct at sporting events. Students are expected to refrain from the use of profanity and other behaviors contrary to sportsmanship.

Students attending university sponsored athletic events are governed by the Student Code of conduct and are subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined in that document.

PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE COMPUTING RESOURCES POLICY

The following is the VCSU procedure for administering sanctions for violations of the Computing Resources Policy. The “Class” of a particular violation and the corresponding sanctions will be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs in consultation with ITC (Information Technology Center) personnel. ITC personnel will investigate allegations in an attempt to identify additional information that may assist in understanding the situation. Judicial procedures outlined in the VCSU Student Code of Conduct will be followed.

Classification of Offenses:

- Class A** Serious violations of the Computing Resources Policy that violate civil law. Examples include illegal or distribution of software, distribution of malicious software (viruses), deliberately accessing restricted or confidential information, posting illegal material on the Internet, or possession of a notebook computer beyond the dates set forth in the student Computing Resources Contract.
- Class B** Serious violations of the Computing Resources Policy that are malicious in nature or that deliberately use excessive network resources, thereby denying these resources to others. Examples include the following: deliberately sending large volumes of data to multiple users via the computer network causing the network system to “crash”, deliberately exposing others to material that is lewd or otherwise offensive, or unauthorized use of another persons network accounts. These examples become Class A offenses if they violate civil laws.
- Class C** Common offenses that are not malicious in nature. Examples include the following: forwarding chain e-mail (letters), sending e-mail messages to large groups of users without permission of the Vice President for Student Affairs, displaying wallpaper backgrounds that are viewable and offensive to others, printing material that is viewable and offensive to others, sending unsolicited e-mail or network broadcasts without the permission of the Vice President for Student Affairs. These examples become Class B offenses if they are malicious in nature or Class A if they violate civil laws.

University officials will actively assist other agencies with prosecuting violations of state and federal laws. Individuals who repeatedly violate the computing resources policy or who have committed other violations involving the Student Code of Conduct will be assessed greater sanctions. Information Technology Center staff have the authority to immediately revoke network related privileges to contain threats or problems involving the integrity or security of network resources.

In addition to sanctions outlined in the VCSU Code of Student Conduct, students found to be in violation may also lose e-mail privileges and be denied access to the university computing network for a specified amount of time. Serious or re-occurring offenses may result in a loss of access to a notebook computer.