

## USTFCCCA DII-Cross Country and Track & Field

### Code of Ethics

1. Member coaches should not receive COY or regional COY if they are deemed responsible for a program being on probation by the NCAA. Coaches in such a situation are responsible for removing themselves from consideration for COY awards until the probation period has been lifted.
2. Responsibility to Student Athletes
  - a. Place the academic, emotional, physical, and moral well being of student athletes above all else.
  - b. Maintain strictly professional interpersonal relationships with student athletes, student managers and student trainers.
  - c. Put safety and health considerations above performance strategy, and never force student athletes to train or compete in situations which might lead to injury.
3. Responsibility to Prospective Student Athletes
  - a. Refrain from any negative recruiting that reflects disapprovingly on another institution, its coach, or student athletes.
  - b. Desist from making any statements or promises to a prospect that, knowingly, cannot be fulfilled
4. Responsibility to Fellow Coaches
  - a. Conduct one's self in such a way to bring credit to the profession, and exhibit professionalism in all words and actions.
  - b. Honor all professional relationships with colleagues, and treat colleagues with dignity and respect.
  - c. Notify the head coach of another institution prior to interviewing or offering a position to one of his/her staff members.
  - d. Communicate with the head coach of another institution when a student athlete from their institution initiates transfer process.
5. Responsibility to the Sports of Track and Field and Cross Country
  - a. Conduct all competition within the spirit and intent of the rules.
  - b. Submit entry marks with complete integrity
  - c. Support and respect competition officials and abide by their judgment, refraining from any form of criticism to student athletes, news media, or the public.
6. Responsibility of Personal Conduct
  - a. Abstain from public demonstrations or profanity, vulgar language, and obscene gestures and discourage the same among staff members and student athletes.
7. Championship Code of Conduct
  - a. Coaches should make sure that they and their teams sign and follow the NCAA Code of Conduct document before participating in the championships.

**With payment of dues per membership to USTFCCCA Division II coaches agree to the above Code of Ethics statement as written above.**