NIRSA Championship Series Code of Conduct
University of Southern Mississippi Regional Tournament

The Code of Conduct shall serve as a standard for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in a **NIRSA Championship Series tournament.** Students and staff enrolled in an institution of higher learning assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college/university's function as an educational institution. When involved in an event sponsored or endorsed by NIRSA, the participant indicates, by his or her registration in the event, he or she agrees to represent his or her team and college/university in a way that does not detract from the reputation of the institution he or she represents, and to act morally and display sportsmanship-like behavior, before, during and after any competition. Guidelines of conduct include, but are not limited to, the examples outlined below.

Participants will follow Tournament COVID-19 Guidelines:

- **Masks mandates when required by local public health**
- **Pledge not to enter the venue if within 48 hours prior to tournament I have experienced symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., a fever of 100.4F or higher, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking muscle pain/achiness, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19 identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**);
- **Pledge not to enter venue if within 14 days before participating in the tournament I have tested positive, or been exposed to someone who has tested positive for, COVID-19;**

Participants shall not:

- **Use drugs, except for medical purposes, while traveling, competing, socializing and/or using facilities including lodging spaces;**
- **Consume alcohol while traveling, competing or spectating;**
- **Attend any part of the tournament while intoxicated;**
- **Strike, attempt to strike or otherwise physically abuse any individual;**
- **Intentionally engage in or incite participants and/or spectators to engage in abusive or violent conduct;**
- **Use verbal or non-verbal profanity, disrespectful language, obscene gestures or behavior;**
- **Violate any rules or policies of NIRSA Events, Tournament Host Hotels and Facilities, or city, state or governmental entities.**

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

- **Suspension from the game/match;**
- **Suspension from the tournament;**
- **Forfeiture of any individual or team awards;**
- **Ejection from the tournament hotel(s);**
- **Ejection from the tournament site or any tournament sponsored event;**
- **Forfeiture of all games/matches won and possible team elimination from current and future NIRSA sponsored or endorsed events;**
- **Liability for all monetary damages arising from, or caused by, a participant's conduct while participating in, and attending, a NIRSA Championship Series event.**
- **Notification to University officials for any violation of the Code of Conduct by an individual or team.**

College/University Name: _____ Please have all players and coaches sign.

I hereby agree, and the team collectively agrees, to abide by the **NIRSA Code of Conduct** set forth above and acknowledge: 1) I have read all of the Tournament guidelines in regard to team and individual eligibility, and 2) should I violate any standard of conduct set forth above, I may be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth in this document, including, but not limited to: notification of such violation to university officials; payment of fines, penalties and monetary damages arising from, or caused by, my conduct while attending and/or participating in the Tournament; possible expulsion from the Event.

Participant/Coach Name (please print)	Participant/Coach Signature