

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Student Affairs

POLICY
NAME: Athletics Programs

POLICY
NUMBER: 3710

A. PURPOSE

To provide direction regarding the Athletics Programs at the Colleges.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. **Auxiliary Program:** A program that competes and/or performs at the collegiate level and is funded by the College for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are not governed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) regulation and oversight is provided by the Athletic Program.
2. **College Club Sport:** A sport played at the collegiate level and funded by the College for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are not governed by the NCAA or NAIA. College Club Sports do not include student organization club sports established under Policy 3300 and receiving student activity fees.
3. **Intercollegiate Sport:** A sport played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are governed by the NCAA or NAIA, whichever is applicable, in accordance with College membership.
4. **Student Athlete:** A person enrolled as a student and participating in intercollegiate sports, College Club Sports, or auxiliary programs of the College's athletic program.

C. POLICY

1. **Scope of Athletics Programs**

- 1.1. Each College's athletics program includes its Auxiliary Programs, Club Sports and intercollegiate sports.
- 1.2. The addition, termination or reinstatement of any Intercollegiate Sport to the athletic program of the College requires Board approval.

- 1.3. The addition, termination or reinstatement of any Auxiliary Program or College Club Sport shall be reported to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Risk Management.

2. Intercollegiate Sports Athletic Association and Conference Affiliations

- 2.1. All athletic association and conference affiliations and any subsequent realignments of those affiliations require Board approval.
- 2.2. Each College shall report annually to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Risk Management whether the NCAA or NAIA, whichever is applicable, in accordance with College membership makes available liability, health, travel or other insurance coverages and in which of the coverages the College participates.
- 2.3. Each College will comply with the regulations and requirements of the NCAA or NAIA, whichever is applicable, in accordance with College membership and with the rules established by the athletic conferences to which each College now belongs or may join.
- 2.4. The Chancellor or President, as appropriate, is directed upon ascertaining that any violation of the rules and regulations of any conference or athletic association to which a College may belong or be affiliated with, are directly or indirectly violated by an employee, officer, agent or any other person under the control of the College, to take appropriate disciplinary action against such individual and report such action to the Board.
- 2.5. The Chancellor, on behalf of the Board, is directed upon ascertaining that any person or entity who is not an officer, employee, agent or under control of the Board, has caused a violation of the rules and regulations or any athletic conference or association or to any student of the State Colleges or any activity of the Colleges may commence legal action as deemed appropriate. Legal action may include, but not be limited to, request for damages and/or injunction and/or other relief.

3. College Club Sports Governing Associations

- 3.1. To the extent available, the College should be a member of the established governing association of a College Club Sport. The College must identify the applicable governing association when reporting the addition or reinstatement of a College Club Sport.
- 3.2. Any subsequent change in the membership in a governing association of a College Club Sport must be reported to the Board.
- 3.3. Each College shall report annually to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Risk Management whether the governing associations of the College Club Sports within the College's athletics program makes available liability, health, travel or other insurance coverages and in which of the coverages the College participates.

- 3.4. Each College will comply with the regulations and requirements of the governing association to which each College belongs.
- 3.5. The Chancellor or President, as appropriate, is directed upon ascertaining that any violation of the rules and regulations or any governing association to which a College may belong, are directly or indirectly violated by an employee, officer, agent or any other person under the control of the College, to take appropriate disciplinary action against such individual and report such action to the Board.
- 3.6. The Chancellor, on behalf of the Board, is directed upon ascertaining that any person or entity who is not an officer, employee, agent or under control of the Board, has caused a violation of the rules and regulations of any governing association or to any student of the State Colleges or any activity of the Colleges may commence legal action as deemed appropriate. Legal action may include, but not be limited to, request for damages and/or injunction and/or other relief.

4. Auxiliary Programs Governing Associations

- 4.1. To the extent available, the College should be a member of the established governing association of an Auxiliary Program. The College must identify the applicable governing association when reporting the addition or reinstatement of an Auxiliary Program.
- 4.2. Any subsequent change in the membership in a governing association of an Auxiliary Program must be reported to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Risk Management.
- 4.3. Each College shall report annually to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Risk Management whether the governing associations of the Auxiliary Programs within the College's athletics program makes available liability, health, travel or other insurance coverages and in which of the coverages the College participates.
- 4.4. Each College will comply with the regulations and requirements of the governing association to which each College belongs.
- 4.5. The Chancellor or President, as appropriate, is directed upon ascertaining that any violation of the rules and regulations of any governing association to which a College may belong, are directly or indirectly violated by an employee, officer, agent or any other person under the control of the College, to take appropriate disciplinary action against such individual and report such action to the Board.
- 4.6. The Chancellor, on behalf of the Board, is directed upon ascertaining that any person or entity who is not an officer, employee, agent or under control of the Board, has caused a violation of the rules and regulations of any governing association or to any student of the State Colleges or any activity of the Colleges may commence legal action as deemed

appropriate. Legal action may include, but not be limited to, request for damages and/or injunction and/or other relief.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1. Student athletes participating in Intercollegiate Sports maintain eligibility pursuant to the regulations and requirements of the NCAA or NAIA, whichever is applicable, in accordance with College membership and with the rules established by the athletic conferences to which each College now belongs or may join.
- 5.2. Student athletes participating in Auxiliary Programs or College Club Sports must maintain eligibility pursuant to the regulations and requirements of the governing association to which the College belongs at the time of their participation. If no such regulations and requirements exist, the student athlete must at a minimum be in good standing with the College academically and with respect to conduct.

6. Scholarships, Fee Waivers and Other Support

- 6.1. To assure the absence of any discrimination between men's and women's athletic programs on the basis of sex, the Colleges are authorized to make available for women's Auxiliary Programs, College Club Sports and intercollegiate athletics such fee waivers, scholarships and other forms of support as are appropriately commensurate with those made available for men's Auxiliary Programs, College Club Sports and intercollegiate athletics.
- 6.2. No student athlete shall be given an academic scholarship or an academic grant-in-aid except when qualified for such award on the basis of academic performance the same as any other student.

7. Athletic Facilities

The use of athletic facilities by any outside agency or party must be authorized in writing by the President or their designee.

FORMS/APPENDICES:

None

SOURCE:

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