

70-11 Athletics

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- 1. Purpose.** This is the Board of Regents (the Board) policy to enable operation of an intercollegiate athletics program.
- 2. Policy.** Through its intercollegiate athletics programs, Eastern New Mexico University (the University) provides the opportunity and encouragement for student athletes to pursue a college degree while developing their athletic abilities. It is the University's policy that its athletics program must:
 - A.** Encourage scholarship, sportsmanship, fair play, and a sense of responsibility among all athletes, coaches, members of the University community and spectators at athletic events;
 - B.** Enable the University to be represented by men and women students making normal progress in degree programs with appropriate academic counseling, advisement and support;
 - C.** Comply with the spirit and intent of the federal regulations mandating equal opportunity for men and women in intercollegiate athletics, including remedying financial discrepancies between men's and women's athletics programs;
 - D.** Comply strictly with the rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Lone Star Conference (LSC), or any other governing body to which the University might become subject;
 - E.** Require student athletes to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the NCAA, the LSC, the university athletics department and the university and shall receive appropriate training in those rules and regulations;
 - F.** Ensure compliance with all NCAA, LSC, and/or other regulating bodies regarding the recruitment of student athletes by university personnel, alumni, students, and any others acting on behalf of the University.
- 3. Administration.** The president of the University shall have full authority to manage and administer the intercollegiate athletics program. The president shall delegate authority to a director of Athletics for the day-to-day operation of the department. For day-to-day operations of the unit, the director of Athletics reports to the University president. The Department of Athletics Policies and Procedures Manual contains additional department procedures which implement the above policies.
- 4. Implementation.** The president shall adopt administrative policies and procedures for implementing this policy. Coaches and other personnel shall be required by the terms of their employment contracts to manage their programs in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and shall be subject to disciplinary action for failure to comply. Coaches and other personnel shall receive regular training in relevant laws and regulation.
- 5. Sanctions.**
 - A.** As is true for all students, the president of the University has the right to impose sanctions, up to and including suspension or expulsion of student-athletes from the team or university, for alleged violations (or conviction) of federal, state, or local statutes to protect the image and integrity of the athletics program and the University.

- B.** The head coach, at his/her discretion, may subject an athlete to sanctions, up to and including suspension from play for one game for violation of established team, department, or university codes of conduct or for violation of state or local statutes without prior authorization of the president or director of Athletics. Further sanctions may be taken by the director or the president, if warranted.
- C.** The student athlete has the right to file an appeal for sanctions through the student-athlete grievance procedure.

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