



BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY: ***Intercollegiate Athletics - Twin Cities***

SECTION I. SCOPE.

This policy applies to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (Intercollegiate Athletics) on the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota (University).

SECTION II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

The University shall administer Intercollegiate Athletics in a manner consistent with the following guiding principles:

- (a) Intercollegiate Athletics shall have a mission that aligns with the mission of the University, emphasizing the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence while honoring the highest commitment to integrity.
- (b) Intercollegiate Athletics shall serve the well being of student-athletes by promoting academic and athletic accomplishment, supporting and encouraging their graduation, and supporting their development as individuals in an educational setting.
- (c) Student-athletes shall be held to the same academic and social standards, shall receive the same fair and equitable treatment, and shall be afforded the same opportunities to enjoy a well-balanced experience as all students at the University.
- (d) Student-athletes shall meet all appropriate academic standards for admission to the University and for continued progress toward a degree.
- (e) Participation in intercollegiate athletics is a privilege, not a right, and student-athletes are expected to adhere to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), conference, University, department, and team rules.
- (f) The University's intercollegiate athletics programs shall conform to institutional rules and those of the NCAA, Big Ten Conference, Western Collegiate Hockey Association, and other appropriate governing bodies.
- (g) The University shall provide equal opportunity in intercollegiate athletics and promote equitable treatment of all sports in a manner consistent with all Board of Regents (Board) and University policies and all applicable Title IX requirements.
- (h) The University shall honestly and responsibly recruit student-athletes who can benefit from a University education and who can contribute to the University as members of its academic and athletic programs.
- (i) The University shall promote a culture that integrates Intercollegiate Athletics into the broader campus community.

- (j) The University welcomes the support of, and involvement by, alumni, booster groups, and others who help serve the outreach mission of Intercollegiate Athletics, provided their activities conform with all applicable law, NCAA and conference rules, and University policy and with oversight by appropriate University personnel.
- (k) Intercollegiate Athletics shall work cooperatively with all departments of the University to promote the best interests of the athletic programs, the University, and the University community.
- (l) Intercollegiate Athletics shall administer its budgetary, financial, and managerial affairs with transparency and shall comply with the uniform business and audit standards of the University.
- (m) Intercollegiate Athletics shall serve as a window to the University with the purpose of fostering institutional pride and goodwill for the state through academic and athletic accomplishment, while providing opportunities to unite the University's faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and citizens of the State of Minnesota.

SECTION III. IMPLEMENTATION.

Subd. 1. Competition Level.

Intercollegiate Athletics shall participate at the NCAA Division I level of competition.

Subd. 2. Compliance.

In all areas of Intercollegiate Athletics, the University shall comply with the letter and spirit of all institutional policies and procedures, conference and NCAA rules and regulations, and civil laws.

Subd. 3. Academic Counseling and Compliance Administration.

To avoid conflicts of interest, academic counseling and athletics compliance shall work cooperatively with Intercollegiate Athletics, but shall be independent of and have a separate reporting relationship from Intercollegiate Athletics.

Subd. 4. Reporting.

The president or delegate shall submit a report annually to the Board on matters related to student-athlete academic progress, athletic accomplishment, department budget, and facilities.

SECTION IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.

The president shall be responsible for the oversight of Intercollegiate Athletics. The president or delegate shall administer all day-to-day operational aspects of Intercollegiate Athletics, to effect appropriate institutional control, with active participation, consultation, and oversight by the faculty athletics representatives and faculty governance on matters involving student-athlete welfare, academic performance and integrity, and athletic policy and compliance.

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