



Purpose

To provide policy regarding participation by the College and student athletes in intercollegiate athletics.

General Policy

The College shall endeavor to have an intercollegiate athletic program (the "Athletic Program") to benefit all students and the community.

Operational control of the Athletic Program is vested in the President. Such control includes both administrative and fiscal responsibilities.

Operational responsibilities of the Athletics Program are delegated from the President through the Vice President of Student Services to the Athletics Director. Such responsibilities include preparation and implementation of the budget for the Athletic Program; procurement and maintenance of athletic equipment and facilities; employment, supervision, and evaluation of coaches; compliance with College, National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and other governing regulations; and such other duties as the President may direct.

The Athletics Program will be funded by Student Activity fees and the College Foundation.

All students participating in the Athletics Program shall meet eligibility requirements of the College, of the NJCAA and of any other governing body. In cases where governing standards differ, the strongest standard shall apply.

Students who participate in the Athletic Program shall meet the same admission and acceptance requirements and maintain the same academic standards as all other students of the College.

Students selected as members of an intercollegiate athletic team must complete a physical examination prior to participation in any competition.

All Curriculum program students, except non-high school graduates and dual-enrollment program students, shall be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics. (Exceptions are allowed only in accordance with NJCAA bylaws and regulations.)

For purposes of NJCAA participation, a full-time student must take at least twelve (12) credit hours. (Exceptions are allowed only in accordance with

NJCAA bylaws and regulations.)

Any student who does not meet the eligibility requirements as described in this policy shall not be permitted to participate in the Athletic Program.