

18.02 Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics Participation



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Policy Statement

This policy states the requirement of the Board of Regents (board) of The Texas A&M University System (system) that all intercollegiate athletics programs be maintained in an academically and fiscally accountable manner with full compliance with conference and national rules.

Reason for Policy

The board recognizes that intercollegiate athletics programs can bring much recognition to the system member university, but that it is imperative that such recognition be based upon the positive aspects of the program. The board has the strongest expectation that all intercollegiate athletics programs be operated in an ethical manner in full compliance with conference and national rules.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be operated by the system member university to ensure accountability to the values and principles of American higher education and The Texas A&M University System.
2. The board is committed to a philosophy of firm institutional control of athletics, to the unquestioned academic and financial integrity of our athletics program and to the accountability of the athletics department to the values and goals befitting higher education.
3. The president of each system member university shall take all appropriate steps to carry out the expressed commitment of the board to ensure full compliance with all athletic conference and national association rules, regulations, constitutions and bylaws, and take immediate and affirmative steps in each instance where noncompliance is suspected or reported to ensure compliance with the spirit, letter and intent of all such rules. In accordance with requirements for certification to each athletic conference and the national association, the

president of each system member university shall furnish a copy of such certification to the vice chancellor for academic affairs, who will send notice to the chancellor and the board to fully affirm that such programs are in full compliance.

4. The board and chancellor expect all intercollegiate athletics programs to operate under institutional control, with academic and financial integrity and in full compliance with conference and national association rules. Annually, the chancellor will review academic and financial matters related to intercollegiate athletics programs operated by system member universities and report to the board on the academic achievement of student athletes, compliance with conference and national association rules and financial status of the program.
5. All intercollegiate athletics department funds, regardless of source, shall be deposited in the institutional fiscal office, and all accounting and disbursement of such funds shall be subject to institutional fiscal rules and procedures.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Policy 18.01, Athletic Council](#)

[System Policy 18.03, Post-Season Athletics Competition](#)

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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