



## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS POLICY

### PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the operation of a University Intercollegiate Athletics program.

### STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Long Island University Intercollegiate Athletics program reflects the University's mission and academic values. Intercollegiate Athletics shall establish standards of behavior for coaches and student athletes appropriate to their positions as representatives of the University. These standards will be upheld through normal University disciplinary procedures and, as appropriate, local and state procedures.

It is the responsibility of the University and the Athletics Department to create a climate of compliance with NCAA ("National Collegiate Athletic Association"), Conference, and Institutional rules regarding the operation of the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Program. In furtherance of this responsibility, the University and the Athletics Department shall:

- Ensure that the Athletics Department is complying with provisions concerning gender equity and compliance with Title IX.
- Report NCAA violations to the President according to established procedures and shall advise the Board in a timely manner of any matter which bears materially on the integrity of the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Program.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will operate an athletics program that is open, respectful of University purposes, committed to the development of athletes intellectually, morally, and physically, and is consistent with policies and regulations of the University, conference membership, and the NCAA.

The Board of Trustees, as the fiduciary body for Long Island University, carries out its oversight through the following specific actions:

- Lends support to the President who administers administrative oversight for intercollegiate athletics in collaboration with other University leaders.
- Approving, with the President, standards of accountability and benchmarks against which to measure the performance of the Intercollegiate Athletics Program.
- Holding the President accountable for the execution of those duties assigned under this Policy, and assessing presidential performance during periodic reviews.
- Reviewing and approving the athletics budget as part of the regular institutional budget process, including revenue, expenditures, and compensation procedures for athletic director and coaches, and gift policies, in keeping with the Board's overall responsibility as financial stewards of the institution.

- Reviewing and approving an Athletics Department mission statement that reflects the University's mission and academic values.
- Promoting the full integration of the Athletics Department into the administrative structure of the University by working with the President and Athletics Department.
- Periodically, conducting a review of governance policies related to intercollegiate athletics.

The President, with authority and responsibility vested by the Long Island University Board of Trustees, oversees the Intercollegiate Athletics Program through the following specific actions:

- Exercising oversight for the conduct and control of the Athletics Department, including all personnel decisions (hiring, firing, compensation, etc.), corporate partnerships, television contracts, booster clubs, and affiliated organizations, including their private fundraising efforts.
- Setting appropriate standards of accountability and benchmarks against which to measure the success of the Intercollegiate Athletics Program. Standards and benchmarks should include finances, admissions, student-athlete well-being, academic advising, graduation rates, facilities, capital expenditures and conflict-of interest policies.
- Establishing and upholding, with the faculty and administration, academic and eligibility standards for student-athletes that reflect the institution's academic values and mission.
- Communicating to the Board of Trustees on their fulfillment of responsibilities as they relate to agreed-upon goals, standards and benchmarks of the Intercollegiate Athletics Program.
- Reviewing, with the Board, the NCAA institutional self-study and certification process and the institution's compliance with Title IX provisions concerning gender equity, as well as departmental compliance with any laws and regulations to which the institution is subject.
- Communicating directly or indirectly with the Board, coaches, administrators, students, faculty, boosters and alumni concerning: compliance with institutional, conference and NCAA rules and regulations; the mission, values and goals of the Athletics Department; appropriate stewardship of and contact with donors and students; and the acceptance of benefits from the Athletics Department.

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 discipline for failure to comply. Coaches and other personnel shall receive regular training in relevant NCAA rules, laws and regulations. Student athlete regulations, policies, and procedures may be found in the [Student Athlete Handbook](#).

**POLICY TYPE: STUDENT AFFAIRS**