

## Policy GA-A-PO1

### Intercollegiate Athletics

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#### I. **Structure**

The Director of Athletics is appointed by, reports to and serves at the pleasure of the President. The Director of Athletics is responsible for the administration and management of the Department of Athletics in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy and purposes of the University.

#### II. **Purpose and Conduct of Athletic Program**

- A. UT Arlington is committed to the belief that a successful intercollegiate athletic program contributes substantially to maintaining a comprehensive collegiate environment. A primary goal of the Athletic Department is to have its student-athletes achieve in both their academic and athletic endeavors and to become knowledgeable, discriminating, and productive citizens. The characteristics go hand-in-hand with the primary mission of UT Arlington. The intercollegiate athletic program is an integral part of the public image projected by the University and a major contributor to the development of a sense of pride and esprit de corps within the University community. Consequently, the University should develop and maintain an intercollegiate athletic program for both men and women.
- B. A goal of intercollegiate athletics at UT Arlington is to have a high quality program involving a broad range of sports with a large number of students involved directly or indirectly.
- C. An objective is to have a creditable program with a reputation for quality. In pursuing this objective, the University is committed to conducting its athletic program in a manner which strictly conforms to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) definition of amateurism. The amateur student-athlete shall be one who is engaged in a particular sport for the educational, physical, mental and social benefits and who understands that participation in that sport is an avocation.

#### III. **Compliance with Rules**

- A. UT Arlington holds membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Athletic Department is committed to conducting its athletic program within the rules and regulations set forth in the constitution and bylaws of that association. Each head coach is provided a copy of the NCAA Manual and is expected to become knowledgeable with the rules that affect his/her sport.
- B. Additionally, the University holds membership in the Southland Conference and is governed by the rules and regulations of that conference. Each head coach is provided a copy of the Southland Conference Manual and is expected to become knowledgeable with the rules that affect his/her sport.
- C. The Director of Athletics is expected to be knowledgeable about the rules of both the Southland Conference and the NCAA and is to interpret those rules to the coaching staff as requested or needed. Each head coach's contract will contain a stipulation that failure to abide by the rules of the NCAA and the Southland Conference, where applicable, renders his/her contract null and void.
- D. Regents' [Rules and Regulations](#), the Handbook of Operating Procedures, and institutional policies and procedures must be followed.

**IV. General Provisions**

State law prescribes that no general revenue funds may be used for the operation of the Athletic Department.