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PURPOSE

Provide guidelines and procedures for operation of the Department of Athletics at the University of South Carolina- Columbia campus.

DEFINITIONS

Athletic Department: unit of the university that houses athletic teams, coaches and staff.

Student-athlete: students who compete in intercollegiate athletic competitions while obtaining a degree.

POLICY STATEMENT

The University of South Carolina's Department of Athletics is operated in harmony with the University's stated purposes and goals. The Department is committed to the intellectual, cultural, physical and social development of the student-athletes of the University. While assisting student-athletes in excelling in their chosen athletic areas, the Department encourages attitudes of self-discipline, group loyalty, good sportsmanship, and personal integrity; an appreciation for the benefits of hard work, motivation and perseverance; and a feeling of pride in accomplishment. It is the Department's belief that these qualities lead to accomplishment in academics and athletics and to the attainment of skills necessary for continued learning throughout life.

Based on the above philosophy, the University of South Carolina's Department of Athletics operates under the following mandates:

- A. To produce athletes with a high level of intellectual competency and moral character.
- B. To produce athletic teams which reflect favorably upon the University, including championship teams whenever possible.

PROCEDURES

The Department of Athletics is committed to the following objectives:

- A. To recruit student-athletes who possess the ability to achieve academic success.
- B. To support the educational opportunities offered student-athletes with the ultimate objective being to graduate every student-athlete.

- C. To assume an active role in enabling student-athletes to meet the simultaneous demands of both academic life and athletic competition.
- D. To maintain a quality staff who support and uphold the Department's philosophy.
- E. To maintain a coaching staff who represent the best in athletic instruction and possess the ability to motivate and inspire the student-athletes in their charge.
- F. To encourage and provide continuing educational opportunities for the coaching and administrative staff.
- G. To establish and enforce standards of conduct for all student-athletes and staff which create a positive image for the Department, University and State.
- H. To compete on a national level in all sports within the guidelines established by governing bodies.
- I. To meet the dual role of serving both the University community (participants, student body, faculty, staff and alumni) and the general public (community, area, state and nation).
- J. To offer extensive opportunities for participation in varsity intercollegiate athletics for both men and women.
- K. To produce the revenue necessary to support its operations.
- L. To adhere to the letter and spirit of the rules and regulations set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

The policies, procedures and practices needed to carry out these objectives constitute the body of this manual.

RELATED UNIVERSITY, STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES

The University of South Carolina is an equal opportunity institution committed to equal opportunity in employment and education, and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, gender, religion, national origin, genetics, veterans' status or disability. The University complies with non-discrimination regulations under Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; and Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Board of Trustees, as well as the President of the University and the Director of Athletics, are highly committed to both the spirit and letter of all applicable federal, state and regional regulations.

The University of South Carolina is an official member institution of the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). In compiling this manual, every effort has been made to comply with NCAA and Conference rules and regulations

and to implement policies recommended by these authorities, related to intercollegiate competition, student-athlete welfare and program administration.

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