



## Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University Board of Trustees Policy

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS POLICY</b>
<b>Authority</b>	Sections 1001.74 and 1001.75, Florida Statutes; NCAA Constitution & Bylaws
<b>Applicability</b>	The University's Intercollegiate Athletics Program

### Section 1. Scope of Policy

This policy shall apply to the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Program of Florida A&M University (University).

### Section 2. Guiding Principles for Intercollegiate Athletics

The University shall implement and engage in Intercollegiate Athletics in a manner consistent with the following guiding principles:

- (a) The University President shall administer the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Program.
- (b) Intercollegiate Athletics shall have a mission consistent with the mission of the University, emphasizing the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence while honoring the highest commitment of integrity.
- (c) Intercollegiate Athletics shall serve the well being of student athletes by promoting academic and athletic accomplishment, encouraging their graduation, and supporting their development as individuals in an educational setting.
- (d) Student-athletes shall be held to the same academic and social standards, shall receive the same fair and equitable treatment, and shall be afforded the same opportunities to enjoy a well-balanced experience as all students at the University.
- (e) Student-athletes shall meet all appropriate academic standards for admission to the University and for continued progress toward a degree, as required by the University, Florida Board of Governors and the State of Florida.
- (f) Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics is a privilege, not a right, and student-athletes are expected to adhere to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) bylaws and rules and University regulations and policies.
- (g) The University's Intercollegiate Athletics Programs shall conform to institutional rules and those of the NCAA, MEAC and other appropriate governing bodies.
- (h) The University shall provide equal opportunity in Intercollegiate Athletics and promote equitable treatment of all sports in a manner consistent with University policies, Sec. 1006.71, F.S., and Title IX requirements.
- (i) The University shall honestly and responsibly recruit student-athletes who can benefit from a University education and who can contribute to the University as

members of its academic and athletic programs.

(j) The University shall promote a culture that integrates Intercollegiate Athletics into the campus mainstream.

(k) The University welcomes the support of, and involvement by, alumni, booster groups, and others who help serve the outreach mission of the Intercollegiate Athletics Program, provided their activities conform with all applicable laws and University policies and with oversight by the appropriate University personnel.

(l) Intercollegiate Athletics shall work cooperatively with all departments of the University to promote the best interests of the athletics programs, the University and the University community.

(m) Intercollegiate Athletics shall administer its budgetary, financial and managerial affairs with transparency and shall comply with the uniform business and audit standards of the University.

(n) Intercollegiate Athletics shall serve as an ambassador for the University with the purpose of fostering institutional pride and goodwill for the state through academic and athletic accomplishment, while providing opportunities to unite the University's students, faculty, staff, and alumni and citizens of the State of Florida.

### Section 3. Implementation

1. *Competition Level.* Intercollegiate Athletics shall participate at the NCAA Division 1 level of competition.
2. *Compliance.* In all areas of Intercollegiate Athletics, the University shall comply with the letter and spirit of all institutional policies and procedures, MEAC and NCAA rules and regulations, and civil laws.
3. *Compliance Administration.* To avoid conflicts of interest, athletics compliance shall work cooperatively with Intercollegiate Athletics, but shall report to the President and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees.
4. *Reporting.*
  - a. Intercollegiate Athletics shall report to the President and Vice President of Academic Affairs on matters related to student-athlete academic progress.
  - b. Intercollegiate Athletics shall report to the President and Board of Trustees on matters related to athletic accomplishment, athletic budget and finances, and facilities.

### Section 4. Delegation of Authority

The President shall be ultimately responsible for the control and oversight of Intercollegiate Athletics. The President or the President's designee shall administer all day-to-day operational aspects of Intercollegiate Athletics, with active participation, consultation, and oversight by the faculty athletic representative and the athletic committee appointed by the President on matters involving student-athlete welfare, academic performance and integrity, and athletic policy and compliance.

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