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SECTION 50.01 STRUCTURE

The Director of Athletics reports to the Dean of Students. The Director of Athletics is responsible for the administration and management of the intercollegiate athletic program in a manner that is consistent with the rules and regulations of any intercollegiate athletic association or conference of which the University may be a member and with the rules and regulations of the University.

SECTION 50.02 PURPOSE AND CONDUCT OF ATHLETIC PROGRAM

- A. The University is committed to the belief that a successful non-scholarship intercollegiate athletic program will contribute substantially to maintaining a comprehensive collegiate environment. A primary goal of intercollegiate athletics is to ensure that its student-athletes achieve in both their academic and athletic endeavors and become knowledgeable, discriminating, and productive citizens. The University's mission is supported by enriching the campus atmosphere and contributing to the educational and social progress of those associated with the program. 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 U.T. Dallas is to have a high quality program 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 that 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.

SECTION 50.03 COMPLIANCE WITH RULES

- A. The University will hold membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and 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 will be provided with a copy of the NCAA Manual and is expected to become knowledgeable with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws that affect his/her sports and to assure that such sport is conducted in compliance with such constitution and bylaws.
- B. Additionally, the University holds membership in the American Southwest Conference and is governed by the rules and regulations of that conference. Each head coach will be provided with a copy of the American Southwest Conference Handbook 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 and regulations of the American Southwest Conference and the constitution and bylaws of the NCAA. The Director of Athletics is responsible for assuring that the intercollegiate athletic programs are conducted in compliance with such rules, regulations, constitutions, and bylaws 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 American Southwest Conference, where applicable, will be sufficient cause for such disciplinary action as may be appropriate, including termination.
- D. Regents' Rules and Regulations, the Handbook of Operating Procedures, and institutional policies and procedures must be followed. State law prescribes that no general revenue funds may be used for the operation of the Athletic Department.