

Connecticut State University System

BR#96-70



RESOLUTION

amending

POLICY ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

FOR THE

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System finds it appropriate to revise the policy concerning athletics which is stated in the addendum to Resolution #90-100 and Resolution #91-6, and

WHEREAS, Legislation adopted by the 1996 NCAA Convention has revised the initial-eligibility index for Divisions I and II from a combined SAT score of 700 to a recentered score scale of 820, and

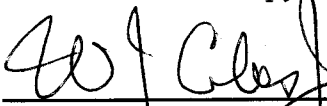
WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees policy on admissions has been revised to clarify that the final decision to admit or reject applicants should be exercised in the context of the overall direction of each university's president, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Resolutions 90-100 and 91-6 are hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the addendum to the Resolution entitled "Policy and Guidelines on Intercollegiate Athletic Programs" is established as the Board of Trustees' policy on athletics, effective September 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Procedures to Implement this Policy and Guidelines dated September 1, 1996 continue to be in effect.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cibes, Jr.
Chancellor

Addendum to BR#96-70

Board of Trustees
for the
Connecticut State University

Policy and Guidelines on Intercollegiate Athletic Programs

September 1, 1996

Policy Statement

The Intercollegiate Athletic Programs are recognized as a valid part of the overall collegiate educational experience. It shall be the aim of Connecticut State University to offer various types of intercollegiate athletic programs which develop in students qualities of leadership, team work, dedication, and physical fitness.

It shall be the objective of the Intercollegiate Athletic Programs to encourage widespread participation of students within the limitations of physical and health requirements, the University's financial resources, and applicable eligibility rules.

The Intercollegiate Athletic Programs shall be operated in such a manner that they are kept in balance with the other University programs and contribute to the overall educational experience of participants and the student body as a whole.

Policy Guidelines

1. The campus president shall be held responsible for the administration of intercollegiate athletics. The president may delegate authority in this matter as he or she sees fit.
2. Each campus shall have an Athletic Advisory Board to advise the campus president in matters relating to intercollegiate athletics.
3. Each campus shall be a member in good standing with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Each campus will administer and operate its intercollegiate athletic program as prescribed by the NCAA Constitution and Bylaws, and this policy.

The Board of Trustees will determine the division and/or subdivision of play in the NCAA. Currently, each campus participates in the following divisions:

Central - Division I (except football which is Div. I AA)

Eastern - Division III

Southern - Division II

Western - Division III

4. Each campus may join in a contractual agreement with other athletic associations, corporations, and individuals as the campus president deems appropriate, except contractual agreements with other athletic associations which must have prior approval of the Chancellor.
5. Any capital project request for athletic facilities must be justified on the basis of the instructional and recreational programs of the campus and not solely on the basis of the needs of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.
6. Annually, each campus president shall submit to the Chancellor a full and complete accounting of the intercollegiate athletic program for the prior fiscal year.
7. Annually, each campus president shall submit to the Chancellor a budget for the intercollegiate athletic program for the current and subsequent fiscal year.

Grants and Aid to Athletes

8. Grants-in-aid to students participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be awarded in a manner consistent with the regulations of the NCAA. Students participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be eligible for need-based financial aid on the same terms as all other students.
9. Funds used in support of grants-in-aid to athletes (not based on financial need) shall not be drawn from student tuition, student fees, state appropriations, or federal funds.
10. Annually, each campus president shall submit to the Chancellor a list of grants-in-aid awarded to athletes for the prior fiscal year and budgeted for the current and subsequent fiscal year.

Schedule of Intercollegiate Athletic Contests

11. Each campus shall plan its intercollegiate schedules as far in advance as practicable. The number of regular and practice contests scheduled in each sport shall be consistent with the best interests, including academic commitments, of student participants and shall conform to the requirements of the NCAA.
12. Intersectional and post-season contests may be scheduled where absences from class and financial arrangements do not work a hardship on either the individuals concerned or the campus.
13. Final approval of all athletic contests shall be the responsibility of the president of the campus concerned.

Athletic Eligibility of Freshmen

14. As with all students, admissions decisions for student athletes must be made, under the direction of the University President and consistent with the policies of the Board of Trustees, by the Director of Admissions or his/her designee among the professional staff of the Admissions Office, as provided in board resolution #96-69.

15. As with all students, only those student athletes who are deemed to be capable of completing a degree objective according to the standards of graduation determined by the University faculty shall be admitted as provided in Board Resolution #96-69.
16. In the case of student athletes it is the policy of the University that the attainment of the student's academic degree objective be accorded a higher priority than participation in intercollegiate athletics.
17. Students who are admitted with less than a recentered score scale of 820 on the SAT or less than a "C" average in academic core courses in high school (as defined by NCAA) are not eligible to participate on intercollegiate athletic teams during their freshmen year, except that at Division III campuses such students may participate throughout the freshmen year if
 - (1) they are found by a review panel of faculty and academic administrators to be able with proper academic support and guidance to participate on inter-collegiate teams without jeopardizing the attainment of their degree objectives, and if
 - (2) they in fact participate satisfactorily in an organized program of academic support and guidance provided by the institution, and if
 - (3) at the end of the first semester they have completed 12 semester hours of course work with a GPA which qualifies as "good standing" according to the policies of the institution.
18. The review panel referred to in paragraph 17.(1), above, shall consist of faculty and academic administrators who shall be designated by the campus president. The president shall make provision for alternate membership from the same categories of people so that the panel can function in the summer months to determine eligibility of late admits for Fall sports.
19. This policy on athletic eligibility of freshmen shall be effective for students entering in Fall 1996.

20. The campus president shall cause this policy to be evaluated for its effectiveness in helping freshmen athletes who fell below the recentered score of 820 on the SAT's or below a "C" average in academic core courses in high school to attain good standing at the end of their freshmen year. The evaluation shall be done annually and shall be submitted to the Chancellor by April 15 for transmittal to the Board of Trustees.

Reporting to the Board of Trustees

21. The Chancellor will present an intercollegiate athletic report to the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the annual spending plan presentations of each University. This report will present a financial statement for the prior fiscal year and budget for the current and subsequent fiscal years. It will also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the athletic eligibility of freshmen policy.

Procedures to Implement the BOT Policy and Guidelines for
Intercollegiate Athletics Programs

September 1, 1996

Policy Guideline #1:

The campus president shall be held responsible for the administration of intercollegiate athletics. The president may delegate authority in this matter as he or she sees fit.

Procedures to implement guideline #1 are not needed

Policy Guideline #2:

Each campus shall have an Athletic Advisory Board to advise the campus president in matters relating to intercollegiate athletics.

Procedures to implement guideline #2 are not needed

Policy Guideline #3:

Each campus shall be a member in good standing with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Each campus will administer and operate its intercollegiate athletic program as prescribed by the NCAA Constitution Bylaws, and this policy.

The Board of Trustees will determine the division and/or subdivision of play in the NCAA. Currently, each campus participates in the following divisions:

- Central - Division I (except football which is Div. IAA)
- Eastern - Division III
- Southern - Division II
- Western - Division III

The Procedures to Implement Guideline #3:

Each campus president shall be responsible for ensuring that the intercollegiate athletic program is administered and operated as prescribed by the NCAA Constitution and Bylaws.

Each campus president shall be responsible for contracting an independent auditor to perform an annual financial audit, prescribed by these bylaws.

A copy of the NCAA audit report will be provided to the Chancellor.

Policy Guideline #4:

Each campus may join in a contractual agreement with other athletic associations, corporations, and individuals as the campus president deems appropriate, except contractual agreements with other athletic associations which must have prior approval of the Chancellor.

The Procedures to Implement Guideline #4:

All proposed contractual agreements between the campus and other athletic associations, regardless of cost, shall be submitted to the Chancellor for approval prior to signing by either contracting party.

All contractual agreements shall conform to the current Board of Trustee resolution governing the signing of documents for Connecticut State University. Currently, that policy states that contractual documents can be signed by the campus President or a Vice President.

All contractual agreements with a total cost in a given twelve (12) month period exceeding \$3,000 shall comply with the current procedure of submitting the contract to Chief Financial Officer after signature by contracting parties, so that approval from the appropriate state agencies may be obtained.

Policy Guideline #5:

Any capital project request for athletic facilities must be justified on the basis of the instructional and recreational programs of the campus and not solely on the basis of the needs of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

Procedures to implement Guideline #5 are not needed.

Policy Guideline #6:

Annually, each campus president shall submit to the Chancellor a full and complete accounting of the intercollegiate athletic program for the prior fiscal year.

Procedures to implement Guideline #6:

A full and complete accounting for the prior fiscal year will be submitted no later than April 15, and provide the following information:

1. An accounting of all athletic expenditures and revenues that were processed through the General Fund and Operating Fund.
2. An accounting of all athletic expenditures and revenues that were processed through outside entities or activity funds. An outside entity is considered to be a foundation, alumni association, booster club, etc. If no financial activity pertaining to intercollegiate athletics occurred within these organizations or funds, a statement confirming such should be submitted.
3. A list of personnel which shows all coaches, trainers, managers, and administrative staff associated with the intercollegiate athletic program. This list should be formatted by-fund, by-sport, and indicate salary and time allotted to intercollegiate athletics.
4. Squad lists for all intercollegiate sports.

Policy Guideline #7:

Annually, each campus president shall submit to the Chancellor a budget for the intercollegiate athletic program for the current and subsequent fiscal year.

Procedures to implement Policy Guideline #7:

The budget for the intercollegiate athletics program shall be submitted no later than April 15 and provide the following information:

1. This budget shall show all expected expenditures and revenues allocated to the Intercollegiate Athletics Program from all funds and outside organizations.

2. The budget for the General Fund and Operating Fund shall be prepared using the same budget guidelines and procedures that were used to complete the annual operating budget for these funds.
3. The budget for support of intercollegiate athletics from outside entities and activity funds must be accompanied with documentation from that organization or fund indicating the level of support proposed.

Policy Guideline #8:

Grants-in-aid to students participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be awarded in a manner consistent with the regulations of the NCAA. Students participating in intercollegiate athletics shall be eligible for need-based financial aid on the same terms as all other students.

Procedures to implement Guideline #8 are not needed.

Policy Guideline #9:

Funds used in support of grants-in-aid to athletes (not based on financial need) shall not be drawn from student tuition, student fees, state appropriations, or federal funds.

Procedures that Implement Policy Guideline #9:

Funds that may be used to fund grants-in-aid to athletes (not based on financial need) are:

1. Funds provided by outside entities such as foundations, Alumni Associations, booster clubs, corporate and/or individual sponsorships, and gifts.
2. Net funds from athletic camps and clinics.
3. Funds from intercollegiate athletic gate receipts, ticket sales, away game reimbursements, and conference proceeds (NCAA Tournament share).
4. Allocation of interest earned from the Short Term Investment Fund (STIF) to the intercollegiate athletic cost center.

5. Bookstore Commissions.
6. Other funds as approved by the Chancellor.

Policy Guideline #10:

Annually, each campus president shall submit to the Chancellor a list of grants-in-aid awarded to athletes for the prior fiscal year and budgeted for the current and subsequent fiscal year.

Procedures that Implement Policy Guideline #10:

By April 15 of each year the campus president shall submit lists of grants-in-aid to athletes (not based on financial need) as follows:

1. A list of all awardees formatted by sport, by funding source and reconciled to cash expenditures for the prior fiscal year.
2. A list formatted by sport and funding source estimated for the current fiscal year and budgeted for the subsequent fiscal year.

Policy Guideline #11:

Each campus shall plan its intercollegiate schedules as far in advance as practicable. The number of regular and practice contest scheduled in each sport shall be consistent with the best interests, including academic commitments, of students participating and shall conform to the requirements of the NCAA.

Procedures to implement guideline #11 are not needed.

Policy Guideline #12:

Intersectional and post-season contests may be scheduled where absences from class and financial arrangements do not work a hardship on either the individuals concerned or the campus.

Procedures to implement Guideline #12 are not needed.

Policy Guidelines #13 Through #20:

Procedures to implement Guidelines #13 through #20 are not needed.

Policy Guideline #21:

The Chancellor will present an intercollegiate athletic report to the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the annual spending plan presentations of each University. This report will present a financial statement for the prior fiscal year and budget for the current and subsequent fiscal years. It will also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the athletic eligibility of freshmen policy.

Due Date as follows:

By April 15 of each year the following information should be submitted to the BOT.

1. Complete accounting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.
2. Budgets for current and subsequent fiscal years.
3. Complete accounting of grants-in-aid for the prior year and budgets for the current and subsequent fiscal years.
4. Evaluations of effectiveness of freshman eligibility policy.