

ATHLETIC POLICY

Purpose

The policy is established to provide a level of control in the administration of intercollegiate athletic programs at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC).

Scope

DSCC is authorized by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) to participate in intercollegiate sports and may support the programs from student maintenance fee allocations and athletic revenue derived from gate receipts, concession receipts and other funding as described by TBR Guideline 041. Athletic expenses include salaries, employee benefits, supplies, materials, travel, scholarships, communications, etc.

Policy

A. Athletic Salaries and Employee Benefits:

- The salary and benefit costs for faculty members who have athletic responsibilities (athletic director, head coach, assistant coach, etc.) will be allocated in accordance with the release time given.
- The salary and benefit costs of custodial, security, and ticket office personnel are considered immaterial and will not be allocated to Athletics.

B. Operating Costs:

All operating costs which are charged to other units at the institution, such as telephone, postage, and motor pool expenses, are to be allocated to athletics on the same basis that the operating costs are allocated to other units.

C. Equipment and Supplies:

Equipment which is purchased for both athletics and physical education is to be prorated on a 50/50 percent basis. Equipment which is specifically purchased for athletics is to be charged in total to that unit. Expenses for items that are utilized for more than one fiscal year, such as uniforms, are to be charged to the fiscal year in which the items are encumbered.

D. Conference Membership:

DSCC will hold membership in the Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) conference and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) conference. DSCC will operate within the limitations established by the NJCAA as referenced in the association's NJCAA Handbook and Casebook for recruiting, governance, scholarships, and all other aspects of the college's athletic programs.

E. Housing:

i. In August 2023, deleted language and added wording to clarify what is allowed under “Housing Allowances” under NJCAA Article VI, Section 1.C.4. DSCC will adhere to all by-laws of the NJCAA. Plus, DSCC will provide a listing of available housing options in the vicinities of our locations annually.

The following are allowable actions by athletic staff members:

- May provide off-campus housing contact information in the local vicinity to current and prospective student-athletes.
- May contact housing agencies to check availability.
- May assist with roommate matching.
- May negotiate the cost of rent for a student athlete’s benefit.

The following actions are not allowable by an athletics staff member or anyone associated with an athletics staff member, including boosters and family members:

- Owning a property and renting to current student-athletes.
- To house student-athletes in personal residence.
- Negotiate the cost of rent for student-athletes benefit (Division II/III).
- Collecting rent for student-athletes and/or making payments on their behalf.

In addition, DSCC may not collect rent or retain any portion of financial aid proceeds from a student-athlete and provide payment directly to a rental property owner.

ii. A list of rental property providers for the DSCC service area will be made available to all students via the DSCC web page located at:

<https://www.dsc.edu/content/housing-resources-students>.

- The list will be updated annually by the Division of Student Services.

Compliance

Consistent with TBR policy, the DSCC President is responsible for ensuring compliance with all pertinent federal and state regulations relative to student participation in intercollegiate athletic programs.

Definitions

Conference – an association of sports teams that play each other.

Intercollegiate Sports or Intercollegiate Athletics – existing, carried on, or participating in team activities between colleges.

Revision History

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