# INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The Metropolitan Community College (MCC) intercollegiate athletic program will be an integral part of the district's education program. This procedure defines the rights and responsibilities of the student athletes and MCC in the administration and participation in the intercollegiate athletic programs.

### **PROCESS**

Student athletes are expected to be students first, with their participation in athletics as part of a well-rounded educational experience. Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics at MCC is a privilege, not a right.

Student athletes must maintain eligibility through the standards set forth by the NJCAA and MCC. This includes entrance enrollment, accumulation and participation eligibility, as well as additional criteria set forth by the department.

Student athletes are subject to grade checks, enrollment verification, and progress/completion requirements. They also must provide proof of physical wellness to participate.

Student athletes may be eligible for specific scholarships to participate in sports programs at MCC. These scholarships are subject to funding and availability and are awarded by the head coaches of each sport within the guidelines of the NJCAA. To be eligible to receive athletic aid, a student athletes must meet NJCAA eligibility requirements each semester.

Student athletes will acknowledge and abide by conditions set forth in the athletic handbook that is provided each year. Failure to comply will result in suspension or removal from the program.

# COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES

The MCC Athletic Department will provide each student athlete with a handbook annually to each participant, and student athletes are responsible for knowing the contents of the rules as it relates to department rules, regulations, policies and eligibility.

Each MCC Sports team shall provide its student athletes with their team rules. Student athletes are responsible for knowing the team rules in accordance with expectations and standards.

The MCC Athletic Department shall prepare and maintain, for a period of five (5) years, individual eligibility files for every participating student athlete.

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MCC's non-discrimination statement prohibits discrimination and harassment against individuals based on characteristics protected under federal and state law. Any form of hazing by individuals or groups is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the Athletic Department.

MCC will ensure that the athletic schedules are developed in a manner that minimizes the amount of class time missed.

MCC will ensure that special favors or considerations that are not available to all students are not to be given to athletes before or after enrollment.

PROCEDURE MODIFICATION

This procedure must be reviewed regularly by the Chief Student Services Officer and the Director of Athletics at a minimum of every five years.

**ENFORCEMENT** 

This operational procedure and applicable regulations shall be strictly enforced. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

**VALUES ALIGNMENT** 

Integrity, People

NOTIFICATION

The responsible officer will ensure districtwide communication is made within 30 days of approval through the college-wide communication platform available.

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