

**JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Manual of Policies and Procedures**

**POLICY NO: III:10**

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**SUBJECT: Intercollegiate Athletics**

**APPROVED: William A. Meehan, President**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to define the goals of the intercollegiate athletic program.

**POLICY**

It is the policy of Jacksonville State University to provide an intercollegiate athletic program based on sound educational principles and practices. The academic success of the participating student athlete is of primary concern. The goals and objectives of the program should be compatible with the overall mission of the University. Activities should prepare the student athletes for life as they reinforce the principle of competition emphasizing fair play and good sportsmanship. Their emotional, physical, and academic welfare should all be emphasized. As a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Trans America Athletic Conference, and Southland Football League the University adheres to the policies and procedures of these organizations.

In addition Jacksonville State athletics:

- (a) believe in offering intercollegiate athletic opportunities to its students whether or not these students are athletically recruited or financially assisted.
- (b) believe in striving for broad participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship, and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletic endeavors;
- (c) recognize the dual objective in its athletics program of serving both the campus (participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (community, area, state).

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Director of Athletics is responsible for this policy.

**EVALUATION**

The policy will be reviewed every five years.