

## **ATHLETIC PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations require the Shepherd University Board of Governors to review and approve the institutional Athletic Program Philosophy on an annual basis. The current Athletic Program Philosophy is contained on the following page. There are no recommendations for changes this year.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption by the Board:

**RESOLVED**, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the Shepherd University Athletic Program Philosophy for the period July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 as presented in the agenda book of September 11, 2008.

## **SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY**

### **Athletic Philosophy**

At Shepherd University, athletes shall be treated as all other students in reference to admissions, scholarships, programs of study, part-time employment, eligibility, and participation in activities representing the University. Shepherd University provides opportunity to all prospective and current members of the student body, faculty, and staff on the basis of individual qualifications and merit without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or disability.

The purposes of the University's Athletic Program are to:

- provide friendly competition and cooperation with other colleges and universities in a sportsmanship-like game environment.
- develop the physical, mental, emotional, social and moral well-being of each participant.
- stimulate participants to a high caliber of citizenship.
- furnish recreational value to University students, faculty, and community.
- provide practical experiences for careers in coaching and teaching.
- provide opportunities for community engagement between athletes, Shepherd University and the greater Shepherd community.

In order that the University may continue to carry on intercollegiate athletics programs pursuant to policies recommended by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the following minimum standards have been specifically approved by the University.

- a. The conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program is exercised by the President upon the recommendation of the Athletics Committee, which is composed of representatives of the faculty, staff and the student body.
- b. Students who plan to participate in athletics, like all other students, are admitted by the Office of Admissions subject to policies set by the Committee on Admissions and Credits. Athletes are required to maintain the same academic standards as non-athletes.
- c. The award of any student aid, student loan, or student employment to an athlete is made through the regular agency of the University for aid to all students. Such aids are awarded on a basis, which will not discriminate for or against presumed or recognized athletes. An athlete is required to give full and honest return for aid received.
- d. All athletic funds are controlled by the Vice President for Administration and Finance. An audit of the receipts and disbursements of these funds is made annually by the auditors of the State and a report made to the President and to the Board of Governors.
- e. An effort is made to compete with colleges having similar educational and athletic policies.
- f. Shepherd University is a member of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) - Division II. As a member, the University is committed to the principles of sportsmanship and ethical conduct, rules compliance and amateurism. All eligibility rules from these associations govern the intercollegiate program.