



Inter American University of Puerto Rico

President's Office

Policy Document Student-Athlete Regulations Policy Document E-0417-006

Introduction

The Inter American University of Puerto Rico (UIPR) encourages the practice of sports and recreation by stimulating healthy and correct competition at the Inter University level in the University Athletic League (LAI), as well as in the academic programs of physical education and in all those experiences that support the integral development of the student population. The participatory experiences that promote sports and recreation programs offer an opportunity for fraternal rapprochement among the members of the university community and promote the welfare of students.

The University recognizes the value of sports as an instrument for the integral development of the student and as a force for unity among the different components of the university community. Sports participation is aimed at strengthening the essential educational values of university life and stimulating ethical and social principles. The institution recognizes the indisputable contribution of sport to the development of the spirit of fellowship, of collective work, of cooperation, and individual sacrifice for the benefit of the community.

The sports component of the institution includes recreational activities for the university community and its projection in the society it serves. This component shares a common sports infrastructure, to achieve the maximum use of resources.

Legal Basis

This document is adopted by virtue of the authority vested in the President of the University by the Board of Trustees in the University's Bylaws.

Purpose

This document, supplementary to the General Student Regulations, contains the policies, norms, and processes that apply to student athletes of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico who participate in competitions sanctioned by the LAI or in which they are invited to participate due to their performance in the intercollegiate league, establishes the behavior required of them and ensures due process in the resolution of complaints and claims related to their behavior.

Scope

This document applies to all campuses and student athletes of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico.

I. **Definitions**

- 1.1 Institutional Athletic Director (DAI)- Official who annually recommends the sports in which the University will participate, taking into consideration available resources, institutional priorities, and LAI requirements. In this way, the University reaffirms its membership in the LAI as a System. The DAI will submit its recommendation to the President for consideration and approval.
- 1.2 Student athlete- Student selected by the UIPR to participate in the Inter University competitions sanctioned by the LAI, as well as in others that are invited to participate, and that complies with the requirements established by this regulation.
- 1.3 Recruitment - Systematic effort coordinated so that they can be in the facilities of the campuses where the official Inter University events that they practice are held, in order to facilitate the maximum performance of student athletes in the academy and in their sports performance.

11. **General Regulations Applicable to the Student Athlete**

- 2.1 The student athlete of the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico is, essentially, a student with special talents who is subject to the rules, the regulations and to the policies that regulate the various aspects of institutional life applicable to all students.

If discrepancies or conflicts arise between the general regulations applicable to all student athletes, the general regulations of the University will prevail. In exceptional situations, the institutional athletic director may refer the matter, with due justification, to the president of the University, who has the power to waive the application of the general regulations, based on the merits of each case.

III. **Eligibility**

- 3.1 All student athletes must comply with the rules established in the General Student Regulations of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, promulgated by the Board of Trustees, and those established by this document.
- 3.2 All student-athletes must meet all eligibility standards established by the LAI in its regulations.

Sanctionable Student-Athlete Behavior

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- 4.1 For his special talent, for the nature of Inter University sports activities and due to the privileged position that he occupies within the university community, the student-athlete must exhibit irreproachable conduct that serves as a model for others. In the same way, the student athlete must feel committed to enhancing the image of the University. The student athlete contracts obligations with the institution and with their fellow students who are required to faithfully comply with the postulates of social responsibility and with the ethical principles and morals that govern the student life and condition their behavior inside and outside the university premises.

- 4.2 In addition to the behavior subject to disciplinary sanctions established in the General Student Regulations of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, student athletes, while performing as such, may incur in behaviors punishable under the provisions of this document.
- 4.3 Behavior subject to sanctions for student athletes. (This list is representative, so it does not include all types of behavior that may be sanctioned)
 - 4.3.1 Absence from training with fair cause.
 - 4.3.2 Showing up late for training with no fair cause.
 - 4.3.3 Failure to show up for an event or game with no fair cause.
 - 4.3.4 Intentionally mutilating or damaging the uniforms and sports equipment provided to you.
 - 4.3.5 Cause the University to be disqualified from an event or game for unsportsmanlike conduct, as determined by the officials in charge of the competition.
 - 4.3.6 Disobey the coaches' instructions.
 - 4.3.7 Using diets for unauthorized purposes.
 - 4.3.8 Putting the safety of others at risk when traveling to competitions.
- 4.4 The student, whose behavior is inappropriate or sanctionable, as established in the General Student Regulations or the UIPR Student Athlete Document may be eliminated as a candidate to participate in LAI activities. He/she may also be disqualified from further participation as a UIPR student athlete.
- 4.5 In the event of a grievance or suspension related to a student athlete, the student shall have full rights to a judicial proceeding that is fair and reasonable, following as a model the one established in the General Student Regulations.

V. Provisions Applicable to the Use of Alcohol and Illegal Narcotic Drugs, Steroid or Anabolic Substances

- 5.1 The Inter American University may require student-athletes who participate in all sports competitions to submit to the pertinent tests to detect the level of alcohol and intoxicating beverages in the blood, according to the limits established by law. If it is detected or there is a reasonable belief that the athlete suffers from dependence or co-dependence on alcoholic beverages, the institution will refer them to the rehabilitation program appropriate to the condition.
- 5.2 The Inter American University may require student athletes who participate in all sports competitions to submit to pertinent analyzes for the detection of illegal narcotic drugs, steroidal or anabolic substances. The IUPR, as

the LAI member, is governed by the LAI's policy and standard for testing for such substances. The sample collection standards and procedures (protocol) will be those used by the private laboratory contracted by UIPR for these purposes.

- 5.3 If the tests are originated by the LAI, the Commissioner's Office will develop the procedure to be followed in such tests and will hire competent personnel to perform the tests. This initiative shall include orientation and rehabilitation programs. Any penalty or sanction that may be provided and promulgated by regulation shall be supported by counseling aimed at promoting the welfare of the affected student-athlete.
- 5.4 Students who test positive will undergo an orientation and rehabilitation program. Once rehabilitation is achieved, the IAD, in consultation with the coordinator and the chief executive of the academic unit, will determine if the student will be able to participate in competitions and be listed as a UIPR student athlete.
- 5.5 UIPR reserves the right to test all its student-athletes, or a sample of that population, as determined by the DAI or the President of the University.
- 5.6 The costs of the tests carried out by the IUPR will be covered by institutional funds assigned to the DAI for this purpose.
- 5.7 Any person who intentionally alters or interferes with legitimate test results will be in violation of this document, just as if the test results had been positive.
- 5.8 Violation of any of these provisions will result in the immediate suspension of the student-athlete from the athletic activity in which he/she participates, an adjustment or suspension of his or her athletic scholarship, and the filing of a grievance with the parent or guardian or of the General Student Regulations.

VI. Economic Assistance

- 6.1 Student athletes may receive institutional financial aid to pay for their studies and other expenses, as provided for in the LAI regulations approved for this purpose and to the extent that financial resources allow it.
- 6.2 Student athletes who qualify to receive financial aid from the federal or state government must comply with the requirements and regulations in force to receive this aid.
- 6.3 Student-athletes recruited by the UIPR athletic department must comply with the following to receive the following benefits to receive aid for their participation in athletic activities:
 - 6.3.1 Be recruited or recommended by a member of the coaching staff, in accordance with the minimum marks established by the DAI, in consultation with the academic unit coordinators

- 6.3.2 Comply with the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress, as established by the institutional regulations of the UIPR and by the LAI regulations.
- 6.3.3 When a student-athlete fails to make satisfactory academic progress for the first time and is unable to compete for this reason, the student-athlete's athletic financial aid will be reduced for the next term. Even if a student-athlete makes satisfactory academic progress, his or her athletic scholarship may be adjusted in proportion to his or her poor performance in any course in which he or she has been enrolled.
- 6.3.4 If a student-athlete again fails to meet the satisfactory academic progress standard, he/she will lose the financial aid granted by the University for his/her status as a student-athlete. The student will regain eligibility to receive them as soon as he/she achieves satisfactory academic progress.
- 6.3.5 Comply with the discipline rules established by the LAI Regulations, those of the General Student Regulations of the UIPR, those of this document and the conditions established by the coach. Failure to comply with any of these may result in the loss of eligibility to receive financial aid as a student athlete.
- 6.3.6 Represent our institution on the team and at events for which he/she is selected.
- 6.3.7 If a student athlete is permanently injured during an official practice or competition, he/she will continue to receive his/her athletic scholarship for the remainder of his/her eligibility to compete as set forth in the LAI Bylaws.

Academic Support for the Student Athlete

- VII. The student athlete will receive the support services that are available to all students.
- 7.1 If special assistance is needed for student athletes, the athletic coordinator of the academic unit will communicate with the Dean of Academic Affairs, the Dean of Students, and the DAI to arrange for the appropriate assistance.
- 7.2

VIII. Administrative Aspects

- 8.1 The IAD will coordinate the institution's participation in the different sports sponsored by the University Athletic League, with the support of the athletic directors and the Chief Executives of each academic unit, who will collaborate with said official in everything related to this competitive level.
- 8.1.1 The DAI and the athletic directors of the campuses will articulate the systemic recruitment, the certification of student athletes, the transfers between the campuses, the granting of athletic scholarships, the academic orientation and the effective coordination of the transportation and the diets that they are awarded to potential student-athletes who travel to academic units to attend official practices and games.

8.1.2 Each academic unit has its own athletic director who responds to its main executive or the official designated by him. Athletic directors will maintain a working relationship articulated by the institutional athletic director. The DAI will keep the chief executive of each academic unit informed about the plans and activities that require the participation of the athletic director of the academic unit.

8.1.3 The president of the University will determine the location of the DAI office, based on the recommendations received from the DAI and from the executives of the academic units.

IX. Separability

If any part or section of this document is declared invalid by a competent authority, such decision shall not affect the remaining parts.

X. Repeal

This document repeals the Student Regulations and any other guidelines that conflict with the provisions herein. This document may be amended at any time or repealed by the President of the University.

XI. Validity

These regulations will be effective immediately upon the approval and signature of the President.

XII. Approval

President

Date
D/M/Y

Annexes

Inter American University of Puerto Rico
System Central Office
Vice-Presidency for Academic and Student Affairs

RECEIPT SHEET

I have received a copy of the **Student Athlete Regulations**. If selected to participate in the athletic competitions, I agree to abide by each and every one of the provisions set forth in that document.

Student's name

Student's signature

Identification number

Date

Inter American University of Puerto Rico
System Central Office
Vice-Presidency for Academic and Student Affairs

CONSENT

(STUDENT UNDER 21)

I..... parent or guardian of student-athlete
(In print writing)

....., student number,
.....certify that as of the date of this document I
am under 21 years of age and not emancipated I authorize his or her participation in the
athletic competitions of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, in accordance with
the provisions of the **Student Athlete Regulations Document**.

I authorize the Inter American University of Puerto Rico to carry out the necessary tests
to detect the use of alcohol and illegal narcotic drugs, steroidal or anabolic substances,
and substances to arrest or conceal the detection of the use of these .

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Telephone(s) _____

Home Address:

Inter American University of Puerto Rico
System Central Office
Vice-Presidency for Academic and Student Affairs

CONSENT
(STUDENTS FROM 21 YEARS AND OLDER)

As a participant in athletic competitions, I authorize the Inter American University of Puerto Rico to carry out the necessary tests to detect the use of alcohol and illegal narcotic drugs, steroidal or anabolic substances and substances to counteract or hide the use of these from being detected.

Student's name

Student's signature

Number of identification

Date

Telephone(s) _____