

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: ATHLETICS

Policy 1202.1—Program Guidelines

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**I. Board Policy:**

A. Intercollegiate athletics is defined as a university or college program, and all new programs shall be approved by the Board of Regents.

B. The Board of Regents expects that programs of intercollegiate activities shall be suitable for the respective campuses. The desirability of applying certain common principles for the support and operation of intercollegiate athletics is recognized.

C. Intercollegiate athletics shall be budgeted and funded in the same manner as any other regular program of the university system. Proposals for new athletic programs shall include the projected number of student athletes, as well as projected revenues and expenditures.

D. Each campus shall formulate procedures to ensure student participation in decisions concerning the intercollegiate athletic program.

E. To prevent any discrimination between the two programs on the basis of sex, the campuses of the Montana University System are authorized to make available for women's intercollegiate athletics such fee waivers and other forms of support as are proportionately commensurate with those authorized for men's intercollegiate athletics.

F. Each campus will comply with National Collegiate Athletic Association or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics regulation, whichever is applicable in accordance with campus membership, and with the rules established by the athletic conferences to which each campus now belongs or may join.

G. No athlete shall be given an academic scholarship except when qualified for such an award on the basis of academic performance the same as any other student.

History:

State Board of Education ex officio Regents of the University of Montana, October 9, 1961; "Guide for Conduct of Intercollegiate Athletics for the University of Montana", Oct. 9, 1961 (rescinded); Board of Regents of Higher Education, September 8, 1975; Item 5-005-R0774, July 8, 1974 (Rescinded); Item 15-003-R0277, February 14, 1977, Item 17-005-R0777, July 11, 1977; as revised November 18, 1999 (Item 104-103-R0999). Revised September 16, 2020, Item 190-102-R0920