

**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
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The Louisiana Community and Technical College system recognizes that athletics not only enhances learning, but serves as an opportunity for students, staff, and the community to share in the college experience. As the ultimate authority for authorizing all athletic programs, the Board supports student participation in sports and athletics; however, LCTCS institutions must ensure that each program is financially self-sustaining and compliant with all applicable statutes, policies, and national affiliate regulations.

**Proposed Athletic Program**

LCTCS institutions proposing a new athletic program must first submit a proposal to the LCTCS President and the LCTCS Board of Supervisors. The LCTCS Board of Supervisors must approve the proposal before the athletic program may be established. All new programs will commence on the club level, be sustained for one year, and be NJCAA compliant (or applicable national affiliate) before advancing to the next appropriate level.

Each proposal will include supporting documentation to indicate self-sufficient funding source, compliance with Title IX and with any appropriate national affiliate (NJCAA). Submissions must also include a description of how the program will support the mission of the institution. The Board of Regents operating budget form related to athletic programs may be used to provide financial information although alternative forms may be used.

**Existing or Expanding Athletic Programs**

On an annual basis, all athletic programs must submit a compliance report to the LCTCS President and LCTCS Board of Supervisors. Each submission must demonstrate financial, Title IX, and appropriate national affiliate (NJCAA) compliance. The use of volunteer coaching staff is strictly prohibited. Any affiliation with non-college athletic focused organizations without board approval is prohibited. If approved, this policy shall also apply to any existing agreements, either written or implied. Additionally, the use of any college logos or trademarked symbols by non-college entities without the expressed written permission of the college is prohibited.

In the event of a program's failure to maintain acceptable financial standards or repeated compliance violations, the LCTS Board of Supervisors reserves the right to discontinue any athletic program or sport should it be deemed in the best interest of the student body, the college, or system, including the repeal of any associated athletic fees.