

# Chapter 11 -- Athletics at TTU, ASU, and MSU

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## 11.01 Intercollegiate athletics governance and control

- 11.01.1 Compliance. Intercollegiate athletic programs shall be conducted in strict compliance with all rules, regulations and bylaws of the National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA"), the conference of which the institution is a member, and the laws and constitution of the state of Texas.
- 11.01.2 Annual report. The presidents of TTU, ASU, and MSU each shall report annually to the board and chancellor regarding compliance with the NCAA and conference bylaws, rules, and regulations, the academic and financial status of the program, and Athletic Council appointments.
- 11.01.3 Institutional control. As required by the NCAA Constitution, the presidents of the TTU system component institutions each have ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program for their respective institutions. Accordingly, the board and principal officers of the TTU system are committed to firm institutional control of athletics, to the unquestioned academic and financial integrity of intercollegiate athletic programs, and to the accountability of the athletics departments to the values and goals befitting higher education.
- 11.01.4 Faculty athletics representative. The presidents of TTU, ASU, and MSU each shall designate an individual to serve as the faculty athletics representative for their respective institutions. An individual so designated shall be a tenured faculty member and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department.

## 11.02 Athletic Councils

11.02.1 The board authorizes the presidents of TTU, ASU, and MSU to each establish an Athletic Council for their respective institutions to advise the president in the development and supervision of intercollegiate athletic programs.

11.02.2 Role. The Athletic Council:

- a. may review and make recommendations to the president on any matters pertaining to the enforcement of eligibility rules and regulations established by an athletic conference or national association in which the university holds membership, and review and make recommendations on any other pertinent matters related to the university's intercollegiate athletic program; and
- b. shall not have final authority to direct, control or supervise the operation or activities of the university's Department of Athletics or intercollegiate athletics programs.

11.02.3 TTU Athletic Council — membership; rules, regulations, and by-laws:

- a. The Athletic Council membership shall be composed as follows:
  - (1) Six members shall be appointed from the faculty by the president of the university, one of whom shall be designated by the president as chair.
  - (2) Three members who are not employed by the university shall be appointed by the president.
  - (3) One member of the council shall be appointed by the Texas Tech Alumni Association.
  - (4) One member of the council shall be a current member of the student body at TTU, appointed by the Student Government Association of TTU.

- (5) No member of the board shall be appointed to the Athletic Council.
- b. Terms of appointments. All members of the Athletic Council, including its chairman, shall serve at the pleasure of the president for a term of three years, with the exception of the student member, whose term will be for one year. The president shall have the authority to make appointments of less than three years so that terms of service will be staggered in order that approximately one-third of the Athletic Council members will complete their terms of service each year.
- c. The president shall advise the board and chancellor of his annual appointments to the Athletic Council.
- d. Council rules, regulations and bylaws. The Athletic Council shall adopt rules, regulations, and bylaws regarding its functioning, which shall provide for regularly scheduled meetings and the keeping of minutes of its actions.

11.02.4 ASU Athletic Council — membership; responsibility and charge:

- a. The Athletic Council membership shall be composed as follows:
  - (1) Four members shall be appointed from the faculty by the president based on recommendations from the faculty senate.
  - (2) The Faculty Athletics Representative (who is appointed to that position by the president).
  - (3) One member shall be a current member of the student body at ASU and be recommended to the president by the Student Government Association of ASU.
  - (4) Two members recommended to the president by the athletic director who shall be student-athletes that serve on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee: one representing men's athletics; and one representing women's athletics.

- (5) Three members shall be appointed by the president from the university staff, with one representing the Financial Aid Office.
  - (6) Three members of the athletic department: the athletic director who serves as chair of the Council; and two other athletic department administrators who are recommended to the president by the athletic director.
- b. Terms of appointments. All members of the Athletic Council shall serve at the pleasure of the president, who appoints the members on an annual basis.
  - c. The president shall advise the board and chancellor of the annual appointments to the Athletic Council.
  - d. Council responsibility and charge: The Council gives advice on the direction of the athletic programs, reviews and makes recommendations on matters related to the athletic programs, and conducts reviews or studies as requested by the president. The Council shall meet on a regular basis with minutes being maintained.

11.02.5 MSU Athletic Council — membership; rules, regulations, and by-laws:

- a. The Athletic Council membership shall be appointed by the president and composed as follows:
  - (1) Three members from the faculty, one of whom is a member of the MSU Faculty Senate.
  - (2) The Faculty Athletics Representative (who is appointed to that position by the MSU President).
  - (3) One member shall be the president or representative of the MSU Student Government Association.
  - (4) Two members recommended to the president by the athletic director shall be student-athletes who serve on the

Student Athlete Advisory Committee, one representing men's athletics and one representing women's athletics.

- (5) Three members shall be appointed from the university staff, with one representing the Financial Aid Office.
  - (6) Three members of the athletic department: the athletic director, who serves as chair of the Council, the Senior Woman's Administrator, and one other athletic department administrator recommended to the president by the athletic director.
- b. Terms of appointments. All members of the Athletic Council shall serve at the pleasure of the president, who appoints the members on an annual basis.
  - c. The president shall advise the board and chancellor of the annual appointments to the Athletic Council.
  - d. Council responsibility and charge: The MSU Athletic Council shall be responsible for providing advice and counsel to the athletic director and the president, may review and make recommendations on matters related to the university's athletic programs, will promote the welfare of student-athletes, and serve as a link between the Athletic Department, student-athletes, and the faculty of Midwestern State University. The Council will meet no less than twice each year.

### **11.03 Post-season athletic competition**

- 11.03.1 Qualifying and participation standards. All teams and participants must meet or exceed NCAA and conference qualifying and participation standards in order to represent the university in post-season competition. All awards and benefits awarded to participants shall be in accordance with NCAA rules and regulations.
- 11.03.2 Notification. The presidents of TTU, ASU, and MSU each will notify the chancellor and the board of post-season athletic competitions in which student athletes from their respective institutions will be competing.

11.04 **Intercollegiate athletics media rights.**

11.04.1 Ownership. Subject to NCAA and conference policies and contractual commitments as well as related *Regents' Rules* policies, each institution owns and exercises authority concerning the assignment of all media rights for all of the institution's athletic events.

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*See also the document entitled "Comprehensive Reviews and Updates" for a more complete explanation of the amendments listed above.*