

INTER AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO  
**REGULATIONS FOR  
STUDENT ATHLETES**



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## ARTICLE I

### *General Considerations*

#### INTRODUCTION

Inter American University of Puerto Rico promotes the practice of sports and recreation through the stimulation of healthy and just competition at the intramural, interinstitutional (LIDE, Spanish acronym) and intercollegiate (LAI, Spanish acronym) levels, as well as through academic programs in Physical Education and in all those experiences that support the integral development of the student population. The participatory experiences provided by sports and recreational programs offer an opportunity for fraternal relationships among the members of the University community and foster the well-being of students.

The University recognizes the value of sports as an instrument in the integral development of students and as a unifying force among the different components of the University community. Participation in sports is aimed to strengthen the essential educational values of university life and to stimulate ethical and social principles. The Institution recognizes the undeniable contribution of sports to the development of a comradeship spirit, teamwork, 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 benefit from the resources.

#### PURPOSE

These Regulations bring together the policies, norms and processes that apply to student athletes at Inter American University of Puerto Rico, establish the required behavior for students and assure due process in the resolution of complaints and claims related to their conduct.

#### DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 A student athlete is a student who has been selected by IAUPR to participate in intercollegiate competitions of the LAI, as well as in other competitions by invitation, and who complies with all the requirements established by these Regulations.
- 1.2 In order to facilitate the maximum performance of student athletes in academics and in sports, it is necessary that they be recruited through a coordinated systemic effort, so that they may be placed at the campuses where the official intercollegiate events take place.
- 1.3 The Institutional Athletics Director (DAI, Spanish acronym) is responsible for the annual recommendation of the sports in which the University will participate, taking into consideration the available resources, institutional priorities, and LAI requirements. In this manner, the University reinforces its membership in the LAI, as a System. The DAI will present his or her recommendations for the consideration and approval of the President.

## ARTICLE II

### *General Regulations Applicable to Student Athletes*

- 2.1 A student athlete of Inter American University is, essentially, a student with special talents who is subject to the norms, regulations and policies that govern the different aspects of institutional life applicable to all students.
- 2.2 If discrepancies or conflicts occur between the general regulations applicable to all students and to the specific regulations applicable to student athletes, the general regulations of the University will prevail. In exceptional situations, the Institutional Athletics Director may present the issue, with due justification, to the President of the University, who has the power to exempt the application of the general regulations, in view of the merits of each case.

## ARTICLE III

### *Special regulations applicable to Student Athletes of the Intercollegiate Athletic League (LAI), as established in the eligibility norms of Chapter IX, Article 70, 71 and 72 of the current Regulations of this Organization*

- 3.1 In addition to complying with general regulations, the student athlete is required to comply with the specific norms that are established in these Regulations.
  - 3.1.1 Due to the fact that IAUPR participates in the Intercollegiate Athletic League (LAI, in Spanish) competitions, provisions of this ARTICLE are based on our commitment to participate in this organization.
  - 3.1.2 If there are amendments to the LAI eligibility regulations, the DAI will request the President to issue provisional norms until the changes in these Regulations are formalized. The same procedure will be used if IAUPR is interested in participating in another organization.
- 3.2 In case of a discrepancy or conflict between the specific norms of these Regulations and the norms of the Intercollegiate Athletic League or those of any other regulations applicable to the University, the University norms will prevail in institutional internal issues. In exceptional situations, duly justified by the Institutional Athletics Director, the President may authorize exemption from the University norms, in consideration of the merits of each case or group of students.
- 3.3 All first year student athletes may participate in athletic events if they meet the following criteria:
  - 3.3.1 Have an academic high school index of 2.00.
  - 3.3.2 Present proof that they took the CEEB, or SAT tests or their equivalent.

- 3.3.3 Enroll in the first semester, trimester or fourth month period, as the case may be, in Inter American University of Puerto Rico. Students who enroll in the second semester or in comparable trimesters or academic terms will not be eligible in their first year.
  - 3.3.4 In order to compete in events that are held in the second semester, they must pass a minimum of 12 credits in their first semester, trimester or academic term.
  - 3.3.5 After their first year, the eligibility rules of Article 71, Chapter IX. (*General LAI Regulations*) will be applied, which read:
 

*“The eligibility of a student will depend on whether he is registered in program of no fewer than twelve (12) credits at the undergraduate level or nine (9) credits at the graduate level or in trimester programs, at the time of participation.*
  - 3.3.6 The participation of students will be limited to 4 academic years beginning at the moment in which they register in a university institution.
  - 3.3.7 Once the student graduates from high school, he will have two consecutive years to enroll in a university institution without affecting his years of eligibility. Otherwise, his years of eligibility will begin to count at that moment, be he enrolled or not.
- 3.4 Students who meet the following requirements may participate in the athletic competitions sponsored by the LAI:
- 3.4.1 Have passed a minimum of 24 credits during the two (2) semesters prior to their participation, with the understanding that a maximum of six (6) credits passed in the summer sessions following their enrollment may be counted. Nevertheless, if a student enrolls at a university institution for the first time in the summer, those credits will not be counted for his eligibility.
  - 3.4.2 Have met the of academic progress norms required by the LAI using the following scale:
 

Up to 30 credits .....	1.50
Up to 60 credits .....	1.70
Up to 90 credits .....	1.90
Over 90 credits .....	2.00
  - 3.4.3 Those student-athletes, who at the time of their participation are officially certificated by the Office of the Registrar that they are taking their last credits to complete their undergraduate academic degree, may have a program of fewer than twelve (12) credits. This opportunity may be granted only once during their years of participation. After that, if they still have some eligibility left, they must be enrolled at the graduate level.

- 3.4.4 A student who is injured or becomes ill and cannot participate in the sport competitions of that year in the LAI, must request that this Organization authorize him to participate one (1) additional academic year: two (2) additional semesters or their equivalent in academic trimesters or terms. To practice the sport in the case of injury, this extension of eligibility can only be invoked by the student athlete (through the Athletic Director) if this injury happened while participating in a bona fide university activity recognized by the LAI. If the student athlete became ill or injured after his institution participated in more than twenty percent (20%) of the competition schedule of the sport as a whole in which this student athlete participated, he may not request the benefits of an extension of eligibility. The Office of the Commissioner of the LAI will certify the existence and extension of the injury or incapacity.
- 3.4.5 Students athletes who have participated professionally will have the years in which they participated in the professional sport discounted from their period of eligibility if they participate in the same sport. This reduction will not apply if the student athlete participates in other sports different from that which he practiced as a professional.
- 3.4.6 An additional year of participation will be granted to student-athletes who due to their pregnancy cannot participate in activities of the LAI. This benefit will be granted only once during their years of participation.
- 3.4.7 Those students who are activated by official organisms of the government of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, to serve actively in any situation, may complete the time of eligibility they have remaining in the LAI competitions without exceeding the four years of participation. The student who is activated after having participated in more than 20% of the entire sport events will be considered as having participated. Once his activation is finished, the period of his remaining eligibility will begin.

## ARTICLE IV

### *Conduct of Student Athletes*

- 4.1 Because of their special talent, the nature of the intercollegiate sports activities and the privileged position they occupy within the university community, student athletes should exhibit an impeccable conduct that may serve as a model for others. Likewise, they should feel committed in enhancing the image of the university. Student athletes take upon themselves obligations with the Institution and with their fellow students that require them to comply faithfully with the postulates of social responsibility, and with the ethical and moral principles that govern student life, and condition their conduct inside and outside university grounds.

- 4.2 Inter American University may request student athletes who participate in any athletic competition to obligatorily undergo the corresponding tests to detect the level of alcohol and intoxicating beverages in the blood according to the limits established by law. If this is detected or if there is reasonable belief that the athlete has a dependence or codependence on alcohol, the Institution will refer the student to the adequate rehabilitation program for the condition.
- 4.3 Inter American University may request student athletes who participate in any athletic competition to obligatorily undergo the corresponding tests for the detection of narcotics, illegal drugs, steroids and/or anabolic steroids. IAUPR, as a member of the LAI, follows the policy and norms of the LAI regarding the tests for detecting such substances. The Norms and Procedures for collecting samples (protocol) will be those used by the private laboratory hired by IAUPR for that purpose.
- 4.4 If the tests are originated by the LAI, the Commissioner's Office will create the procedures for such analyses and will hire competent personnel to carry them out. This initiative will include counseling and rehabilitation programs. Any penalty or sanction decreed and published in the regulations will be supported by counseling addressed to promote the well-being of the affected student athlete.
- 4.5 Students who test positive will be placed in a counseling and rehabilitation program. Upon rehabilitation, the DAI, after consulting with the Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer of the academic unit, will determine if the student may participate in competitions and participate as a student athlete of IAUPR.
- 4.6 IAUPR reserves the right to perform these tests on all student athletes or on a sample of this population, as determined by the DAI or the President.
- 4.7 The costs of the tests performed by IAUPR will be paid with institutional funds assigned to the DAI for this purpose.
- 4.8 Any person who in any way intentionally alters or interferes with legitimate tests results, will incur in a violation of these Regulations in the same manner as if the results of the tests were positive.
- 4.9 The student whose conduct is inappropriate or punishable, as established by the Student Regulations or the Regulations for Student Athletes of IAUPR, may be dropped as a candidate to participate in LAI activities. In addition, the student may be disqualified to continue participating as a student athlete of IAUPR.
- 4.10 In case of a complaint or suspension related to a student athlete, the student will have every right to a fair and reasonable process, using as a model the one established in the Student Regulations.



## ARTICLE V

### *Financial Aid*

- 5.1 A student will be ineligible to participate in athletic competitions sponsored by the LAI if he or she receives financial aid in excess of the total amount of the cost of registration and fees, housing, meals, local transportation and costs of text books and materials. The student may only receive an additional amount that shall not exceed \$1,000.00 per academic year for other expenses.
- 5.2 All financial aid will be awarded exclusively for reasons of economic need, and in harmony with the requirements of academic progress of the student athlete. The qualifications relating to both criteria will be determined by applying the norms established by the federal grants program known as Pell Grant. These norms will also be used for other students who qualify to receive federal scholarships.
- 5.3 In the determination of the aid to be awarded to the student athlete, the income indicated below will be included:
  - 5.3.1 Income received by work performed in the IAUPR during any of the academic semesters and/or trimesters, except during the summer sessions or regular vacation periods indicated in the official calendar of the Institution.
  - 5.3.2 Any gift, bonus, or income awarded to the student in consideration of his or her status as an athlete by IAUPR or organizations related to it, such as the alumni association or charitable groups sponsored by it.
  - 5.3.3 Amounts received from the Pell Grant, the educational fund, legislative grants, and other financial aid awarded through the Institution.
- 5.4 IAUPR will be subject to the audits carried out by the Commissioner of the LAI to attend to all complaints related to the compliance of the previous provisions of this ARTICLE.
- 5.5 Student athletes receiving scholarships from the athletics department of IAUPR must observe the following provisions:
  - 5.5.1 Be recruited or recommended by a member of the training staff, according to the records guides established by the DAI, after consulting with the coordinators of the academic units.
  - 5.5.2 Maintain satisfactory academic progress, as established by the catalog of IAUPR, and by LAI regulations.
  - 5.5.3 If the student fails in his or her studies for the first time, and cannot compete, the financial aid will be reduced, as appropriate, for the next semester.

- 5.5.4 If the student fails again in complying with the norms of satisfactory academic progress, he or she will lose the financial aid awarded by the campus until recovering satisfactory status as a student athlete. For this, the student must pass a whole year of studies before the projected participation.
- 5.5.5 Comply with the disciplinary norms established by the Student Regulations, with those included in these Regulations and with the conditions established by the trainer. If the student fails to comply with these, all financial aid received as a student athlete could be taken away.
- 5.5.6 Represent our Institution on the team or in the events for which he or she has been chosen.
- 5.5.7 If a student receives a permanent injury during training or in an official competition, he or she will continue to receive the athletic grant during the period of time stipulated by the Institution as necessary for graduating.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Academic Support for Student Athletes*

- 6.1 The student athlete will receive the support services available to all students.
- 6.2 If special assistance is needed for student athletes, the athletic coordinator of the academic unit will contact the Dean of Studies and the DAI to arrange for the appropriate assistance.

## ARTICLE VII

### *Administrative Aspects*

- 7.1 The institutional Athletics Director (DAI, Spanish acronym) will coordinate the Institution's participation in the different sports sponsored by the Intercollegiate Athletic League, with the support of the Athletic Directors and the Chief Executive Officers of each Campus, who will collaborate with the DAI in everything related to this competitive level.
  - 7.1.1 The DAI and the athletic coordinators of the campuses will collaborate from a systemic recruiting, in the certification of student athletes, transfers between campuses, awarding of athletic scholarships, academic advisement, and the coordination of efficient transportation and meals awarded to potential student athletes that travel to the academic units to attend training and official games.
  - 7.1.2 Each academic unit has its own athletic director, who reports to the Chief Executive Officer of the academic unit or to the person this officer designates. Coordinators will maintain a work relationship coordinated by the Institutional Athletic Director. The DAI will keep the Chief

Executive Officer of each academic unit informed about the plans and activities that require the participation of the academic unit coordinator.

- 7.1.3 The President of the University will determine the location of the DAI Office, based on the recommendations received from the DAI and the Chief Executive Officers of the academic units.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Separation Clause*

- 8.1 If any section of these Regulations is declared or considered invalid, this will not alter the validity of the other parts of the Regulations.

## ARTICLE IX

### *Effective Date of Regulations*

- 9.1 These Regulations will be in effect when approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 9.2 Once the Regulations are approved, all regulation documents and other regulatory provisions relating to student athletes approved prior to the effective date of these Regulations will be abolished.

## ARTICLE X

### *Amendments to Regulations*

- 10.1 These Regulations may be amended through any of the following means:
  - 10.1.1 By request of a simple majority of the athletic coordinators of the academic units, through the Institutional Athletic Director and the President of the University.
  - 10.1.2 By request of the University Council or the Managerial Systemic Council through submission of their proposals for amendment to the resident of the University.
  - 10.1.3 By request of the President of the University.
- 10.2 None of the above will be interpreted as limiting the inherent power of the Board of Trustees to amend, substitute, suspend or revoke all or parts of these Regulations.

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*Acknowledgment Receipt*

I received a copy of the Regulations for Student Athletes. If I am selected to participate in athletic competitions, I agree to comply with all the stipulations established by these Regulations.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Student Number

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Date

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*Consent Form*

The undersigned is a parent or tutor of the student athlete, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ who at the time of signing this

document is less than 21 years of age and not independent. By this means I authorize his/her participation in athletic competitions of Inter American University of Puerto Rico, in accordance with all the stipulations of the Regulations for Student Athletes.

I authorize Inter American University of Puerto Rico to run all necessary tests to detect the use of alcohol and intoxicating beverages, and to detect the use of illegal substances, narcotics, steroids and/or anabolic steroids, or substances to counteract or conceal the detection of the use of such substances.

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Parent or tutor signature

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*Consent Form*

As a participant in athletic competition, I authorize Inter American University of Puerto Rico to run the necessary tests to detect the use of alcohol and intoxicating beverages, and to detect the use of illegal substances, narcotics, steroids and/or anabolic steroids, or substances to counteract or conceal the detection of the use of such substances.

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Student Signature

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Student Number

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Date