

# NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## 2145 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

### **Part 1. Conference and Division Membership.**

Northland Community and Technical College may engage in programs of intercollegiate athletics consistent with its unique identity and mission. Northland may join one or more conferences and add or remove sports after a review of the impact on students, finances, the institution's facilities master plan, Title IX compliance and completion of the student and college consultation process. Northland shall operate according to the rules and standards of the conference as long as such rules are not in conflict with federal or state law, board policies, or system procedures. Adding any sport at the National Collegiate Athletic Association or the National Junior College Athletic Association division-one or -two level requires a recommendation from the chancellor and prior approval by the board. A request for board approval of participation in a division-one or -two level sport shall be directed to the chancellor or designee and shall include analysis and review of the expected impact on students, institutional and student services finances, the institution's mission and facilities master plan, compliance with equal opportunity requirements, and a report of the student consultation process used.

### **Part 2. Gender Equity in Athletics.**

Northland is committed to providing equal opportunity in athletics for students of all gender identities and expressions. Northland must provide athletic opportunities for students in accordance with federal and state requirements.

### **Part 3. Student Athlete Health Insurance.**

Students participating in intercollegiate athletics are required to maintain health insurance through a plan or rider that includes coverage for participation in intercollegiate athletics. Prior to student participation in intercollegiate athletics, Northland must provide adequate written notice to students of the requirement for health insurance.

### **Part 4. Physical Examination.**

In accordance with the NJCAA Handbook, article 5, section 7, all student athletes participating in any one of the NJCAA certified sports must have passed a physical examination administered by a qualified health care professional licensed to administer physical examinations, prior to the first practice for each calendar year in which they compete. A physical is valid for 13 months from the date of its administration.

**Related Documents:** Minnesota State Policy 2.6, NCJAA Handbook, Minnesota Statutes §13.392, Subdivisions 1 and 2

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