



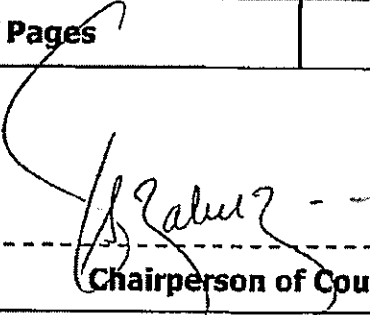
WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY

SPORT POLICY

**Policy on Sport
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SPORT POLICY

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Key Policy Elements

1. Title

The Title of this Policy shall be: WSU Sport Policy

2. Preamble

WSU Sport provides all students with equal opportunities to participate in sport and recreation at the highest level of participation. We strive to develop our students in totality enhancing their abilities to excel in sport, achieve academic success and develop positive personality traits, leadership skills and a winning spirit that will carry over into community life and the business environment. Sport and recreation are about fulfilling social, regenerative and companionship needs thus creating a balanced campus for the students.

3. Purpose

The purpose envisaged in providing students with sporting opportunities is:

To provide students with opportunities to participate in sport and recreation ranging from informal and social games for fun and enjoyment to highly competitive leagues where skills are tested against the best in the province, country and world.

4. Scope

The Policy shall apply to all Sporting Codes registered in each of the 4 WSU campuses as a recognized body by the SRC through the All Sport Council.

5. Definitions of Key Words or Concepts

Sporting Codes:	All recognized codes in each of the campuses
Clubs:	All Clubs affiliated with Sporting Codes
All Sport Council:	A student sports body made up of two delegates per student registered club (code of sport).
USSA:	Universities Sport South Africa

6. Policy Content and Guiding Principles

6.1 WSU student Sport shall be guided by the following principles:

6.1.1 To support students within the University community to reach their individual levels of excellence, support the development of human resources where possible, and concentrate on holistic sport programmes. Disabled students are encouraged to participate in sporting activities of their choice.

- 6.1.2 To provide a significant learning experience outside the classroom fostering educational and leadership growth. No sporting activity shall be allowed to detract students from the University's academic focus, and top achievers, who miss academic obligations due to sport commitment shall be supported to maintain their academic performance.
- 6.1.3 To enhance awareness about healthy living by providing regular information on our programmes and achievements to all our stakeholders.
- 6.1.4 To be committed, through performances on the playing fields, the hosting of regional, national and international events and exceptional outreach programmes, to positively market the university through the media in the Provincial, National and at International levels.
- 6.1.5 To create equal opportunities for participation in any sporting activity on campus and in programmes aimed at redressing past imbalances, including students with special needs.
- 6.1.6 To enable participants in sport and recreation to have freedom to choose their form and level of participation in an open, empowering and creative organizational culture.
- 6.1.7 To respect cultural diversity and perspectives reflected in the University.
- 6.1.8 To be committed to fighting substance abuse and doping through strict action against offenders and will educate our members about the dangers involved in such abuse.
- 6.1.9 To enhance awareness by providing regular information on HIV/AIDS programmes.
- 6.1.10 To develop and encourage linkages globally.
- 6.1.11 To promote a winning culture by being fiercely competitive.

6.2 Policy Content

6.2.1 GOVERNANCE

6.2.1.1 Sport Department

The Sport Department is the administrative and governance unit for sport and recreation on all campuses.

6.2.1.2 All Sports Council

- (a) The All Sports Council (ASC) represents the needs of students in sport and recreation and specifically co-ordinates student recreation and sport related festivals on campus.
- (b) Activities of the All Sport Council are co-ordinated through the All Sports Council Executive which is elected in Annual General Meeting through nominations and voting.
- (c) The All Sports Council is accountable to both the Students Representative Council and the Sports Department.

6.2.1.3 Central Sport Executive

- (a) Central Sport Executive is the highest student sport structure that ensures the smooth running of student sport in all WSU campuses.
- (b) This Executive shall be made up of the Chairpersons and Secretaries from each campus Sport Council.
- (c) Executive portfolios shall be agreed upon by members of the Executive.

6.2.1.4 Clubs

- (a) Any registered student that is interested in registering as a sport club at WSU must prove that there will be adequate interest over a specific period of time and that a need exists for the establishment of the specific club.
- (b) The interested party must have a provisional committee and must present a constitution to the Sports Department.
- (c) After the constitution has been approved an executive committee has to be established according to the constitution.
- (d) The elected executive committee must act in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Sport Department.
- (e) Each club must submit a full annual report of performance and finances to the Sport Department. Failure to submit such a report will lead to the suspension of the club.
- (f) The Sports Department will evaluate all annual reports of clubs and determine the club's eligibility for financial assistance in the following budget.
- (g) Student Clubs are allowed to use not more than 40% players who are non-students in local league games. Such players must be registered with the club. In the case of USSA Tournaments, no non-bona fide student shall be allowed.

6.2.1.5 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- (a) All players have to register at a nominal fee with the clubs of their own choice.
- (b) Each player shall sign an application form for membership in the club of his/her own choice and the Sports Indemnity Form.

6.3 AFFILIATION AND PARTICIPATION

For development as well as competitive sport, all clubs are encouraged to affiliate and participate in USSA organized activities as well as local federation leagues.

- (a) Only WSU teams selected across campuses on the basis of strength shall represent WSU in USSA competitions.
- (b) Clubs shall apply in writing to the Sports Unit for affiliation to USSA or local federation where each club has to qualify as per the criteria used.
- (c) No club shall be allowed to register more than one team (where in codes like male soccer and women soccer teams are treated as one) in the same division and competition.

6.3 FINANCE

6.3.1 Sports Fee

- (a) All registered students shall pay a sport fee to be agreed upon by the All Sports Council, SRC, the Sports Department and Management.
- (b) The sport fee shall be used to fund the students' non USSA sport activities.

6.3.2 Sponsorships and Fundraising

- (a) Application for sponsorship is the responsibility of the Sport Department.
- (b) All requests for sponsorship and fundraising made by clubs have to go through the Sports Department for approval.

6.4 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- (a) All injuries occurring during official competitions and practices on campus shall be referred to the WSU Health Services which, when necessary, shall refer the player to the provincial hospital/clinic.
- (b) Injuries occurring off campus during official competition may be attended to by a medical practitioner available and the Sports Department shall cover the cost on only the first consultation.

6.5 LOGO AND COLOURS

The Logo and Colours to be used is that of WSU which shall be:

- (a) All sporting kit shall have the WSU Logo and Colours.
The Sport Unit shall decide on the blending of colours on the kit using the WSU primary colours.
- (b) The design and texture of the kit shall be decided upon in the Sport Department.

6.6 CODE OF CONDUCT

- (a) All sport persons are expected to behave in a disciplined manner wherever and whenever they represent the university in any sport event.
- (b) Sport persons who fail to observe the above (a) shall be subjected to disciplinary action.

6.7 INDEMNITY

All students taking part in any sporting code recognized by WSU Sport Department shall complete both the registration and indemnity forms. Participation by students in sport is entirely upon each student. WSU shall not be held liable for any injuries incurred while students play sport.

7. Administration of Policy

The Policy shall be implemented by Sport Officers across all WSU campuses.

8. References

WSU General Prospectus 2018
Student Services Handbook