8.001 Role of Athletics in a College or University

Intercollegiate athletic programs are considered by the Board to assist the colleges and universities in achieving their goals. They:

(1) Contribute to the instructional programs by providing highly competitive opportunities for those students who excel in the various athletic activities.

(2) Enable the institutions to prepare graduates to serve the schools and colleges as athletic coaches, physical education teachers, athletic trainers, and athletic program administrators.

(3) Provide students, alumni, and other members of the public with spectator satisfaction and with an opportunity to identify with their institutions outside the classroom and laboratories.

(4) Enable the institutions to involve the public, not otherwise related to the institutions, in support of our colleges and universities.

(5) Provide opportunities for a few students, especially in football, basketball, and baseball, to prepare for careers in professional sports.