



## Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Bylaws

### **ARTICLE I: MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Delta State University's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to enhance the total student-athlete experience while developing student-athlete leadership skills, maintaining student-athlete welfare, and fostering a positive student-athlete image on the DSU campus, in the Cleveland community, and at the Gulf South Conference and National Collegiate Athletics Association levels.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

- A. The committee is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by:
  - 1. Promoting team morale.
  - 2. Encouraging communication and unity between all athletic teams.
  - 3. Designing and implementing programs which will encourage academic achievement, good health, social responsibility, and general awareness.
- B. The committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

- A. All athletic programs will be represented on the committee by two representatives from each team.
- C. Committee members must be enrolled at DSU as full-time students and be listed as active members of their respective teams in good academic standing.
- D. Committee members will be appointed by the Coach and/or Athletic Director and/or Senior Woman Administrator.
- E. If possible, committee members should be appointed for successive terms.
- F. The Senior Woman Administrator and CHAMPS/Life Skills Advisor will serve as ex-officio members of the committee.

- G. Membership can be terminated by:
  - 1. Resignation of the member with the Coach's approval.
  - 2. Disciplinary action in response to offenses related to conduct regarding team and/or DSU policies.
  - 3. Two-thirds vote of the committee members.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

- A. A minimum of four meetings will be held each semester.
- B. If a committee member has a valid reason for being absent, he/she may contact the coach to have an alternate attend in his/her place. If a member is absent, it is his/her responsibility to contact a fellow SAAC member to discuss the agenda items covered during the meeting.
- C. All meetings shall be open, but the Chair or the membership upon a majority vote, may choose to enter into executive session, close the meeting, or to specifically exclude individual parties or groups.
- D. All meetings will proceed in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- E. Each designated member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each question. Members must be physically present at the time the question is called in order to vote. A simple majority of the voting members shall pass a called question.

#### **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

- A. The Executive Board will include the following:
  - 1. Chair whose duties shall include presiding at all meetings and serving as the official spokesperson for SAAC.
  - 2. Chair-Elect whose duties shall include acting in an advisory capacity to the Chair, performing the duties of the Chair in his/her absence, and serving as liaison to the Student Government Association and to the CHAMPS/Life Skills Advisor.
- B. The normal term of office shall be one year, except the Chair-Elect who shall serve one year as Chair-Elect followed by one year as Chair. The Chair-Elect must be elected as such for his/her junior year to ensure eligibility to continue as Chair in the proceeding year.
- C. The Chair and Chair-Elect positions shall be representative of different sports.