



POLICY NO. 202.3

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the California Maritime Academy to support an intercollegiate athletic program as part of our leadership development program.

Principles

For an athletic activity to be considered a CMA sanctioned and intercollegiate supported sport the following applies:

- There must be a demonstrated need for the sport and the athletes required for that program must have the necessary interest and ability to compete on the desired level for the foreseeable future and are available in the necessary numbers.
- Students wishing to establish a new program shall meet and confer with the athletic director. The athletic director shall form a committee to review the request and make a recommendation to the Vice President of Academic Affairs concerning the feasibility of the new program.
- The team must have demonstrated ability to compete equitably with other college and university teams with like standards, i.e. competition shall only be with other college and university teams.
- The sport must have a set of standards and rules set forth by a state or national sanctioning body to which the coaches and athletes will adhere.
- Participation in the sport is only open to full time, matriculating Cal Maritime students who have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better and are not on academic or disciplinary/conduct probation.
- If there is no “5 year rule” specified by the sanctioning body, students can participate as long as they are full time students at CMA.
- The sport must be insurable.
- Adequate funding must be available.

- The sport must be listed in the catalog or catalog supplement as an intercollegiate sport with one unit of credit. Athletes must be registered in the appropriate course in order to participate.
- It must have a definable season with beginning and end dates.
- A coach (paid or volunteer) must be at every practice and game and accompany the team to away meets. A “volunteer coach” must be a volunteer employee as established by CSU.
- Athletes must meet the standards normally applied to intercollegiate teams in terms of commitment, schedule, and practice times, etc.
- This policy is for the intercollegiate athletic program in general and shall be considered as minimum requirements for ALL sports even those sanctioned by a national or state sanctioning body. Any additional requirements by such bodies shall also be adhered to.
- All competitive athletic activities shall be supervised by the department of athletics.