GENERAL STATEMENT
Broward College (“College”) may maintain a program of intercollegiate athletics under the policies and regulations of the Florida College System Activities Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association. Eligibility for and participation in all intercollegiate athletic programs will be consistent with the provisions of Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1974.

The College Director of Intercollegiate Athletics will chair an Athletic Oversight Committee whose purpose will be to make recommendations to the athletic department regarding the operation of the athletic program.

THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT
Student athletes are recruited from high schools and non-National Junior College Athletic Association institutions. Student athletes are admitted to the College and receive financial aid in the same manner as other students in accordance with Policy 6Hx2-5.01 – Admissions, and Policy 6Hx2-5.11 – Student Financial Services. In accordance with Florida College System Activities Association and National Junior College Athletic Association rules, the College Director of Intercollegiate Athletics will recommend the participation of student athletes to the College Registrar, who will make the final determination regarding eligibility compliance.

The continuing eligibility of student athletes at the College is subject to the rules established by the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Florida College System Activities Association. The College Director of Intercollegiate Athletics will recommend the continuing participation of student athletes to the College Registrar, who will make the final determination regarding eligibility compliance.

The College may award scholarships to deserving athletes based on the recommendation of the College Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. The amount and number of awards will be in accordance with the rules of the Florida College System Activities Association, the National Junior College Athletic Association, and federal financial aid packaging guidelines. In accordance with National Junior College Athletic Association rules, an athletic grant-in-aid may be awarded to any student athlete in recognition of his or her athletic ability provided the student-athlete is admitted to the institution as a student. This award will be limited to a maximum of: 1) tuition and fees, 2) room and board, 3) required course related books, 4) transportation costs one time per academic year to and from the College by direct route.

Pursuant to the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Position Paper on Substance Use and Abuse, the College will implement a drug, alcohol, and tobacco education program, as part of the student athlete orientation, for student athletes and athletic department staff. Use of performance-enhancing and/or recreational drugs or excessive use of alcohol, by a student participating in intercollegiate athletics is prohibited regardless of whether such use/abuse occurs before, during, or after a team’s competitive season. Any such use on or off campus constitutes an abuse of the privilege of representing the College in intercollegiate athletics and will result in dismissal from the athletic team, loss of the athletic scholarship, and may result in additional sanctions in accordance with Policy 6Hx2-5.02 – Student Code of Conduct, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion from the College.
Student Athlete civility on and off the field will be strictly enforced. Depending on the circumstances of the infraction, the College reserves the right to increase penalties for athletic misconduct from those outlined by the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Florida College System Activities Association.

In accordance with Policy 6Hx2-7.07 – Use of College Vehicles, travel in College owned or rented vehicles to and from athletic events is open only to currently enrolled and authorized students participating in the event, and appropriate College staff. Family members and guests are prohibited from traveling in College owned or rented vehicles unless they are authorized student or staff participants in the event.

THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF
Athletic coaches and staff are responsible for adhering to all applicable athletic association rules, College policies, and State and Federal statutes.

Part time athletic coaches shall develop a work schedule with their supervisor that limits their hours worked to a maximum average of 27.5 hours per week. For the purposes of calculating hours, the College recognizes only 27.5 hours per week, consisting of time supervising practice, competitive play, recruiting, preparation, office activities, community events, and other duties as assigned.

Athletic coaches and staff are responsible for reporting emergencies in accordance with Procedure A6Hx2-5.06 – Intercollegiate Athletics.

Because of the significant power imbalance between students and athletic coaches/staff, athletics department staff are not permitted to engage in a sexual relationship with a student athlete.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT
The Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance. Students who wish to grieve a decision of a coach may appeal to the director of intercollegiate athletics. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the director of intercollegiate athletics, the student may appeal in writing to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Student Life within 10 business days of the decision. The Associate Vice President will consider the appeal and render a decision as soon as practical. If the student is not satisfied with the response of the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Student Life, he/she may appeal in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management within 10 business days after the decision is rendered by the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Student Life. The Vice President for Student Affairs will render a decision as soon as practical. The decision of the Vice President for Student Affairs shall be final. The President has the authority to establish procedures to implement this policy.
VIOLATION OF POLICY

Students who violate this policy may be suspended from competition, lose their athletic scholarship, or be subject to discipline through the College Student Code of Conduct. Coaches and athletic staff who violate athletic association rules or College Policies are subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

DEFINITIONS

Student Athlete - a College student who is participating in a National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association sanctioned intercollegiate athletic sport offered at the College.