

Northern Michigan University
STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

The Northern Michigan University Student Athlete Advisory Committee (NMU-SAAC_) had a four-fold purpose:

1. To promote and enhance communications between the NMU Athletic Department Administration, the NMU Athletic Council, and the student-athlete body.
2. To act as a liaison to the University community by providing information on the unique needs and accomplishments of the student-athlete body.
3. To actively promote and encourage student-athletes to become involved in University and community projects.
4. To identify and assist in the development and implementation of programs for student-athletes which will encourage academic achievement, health promotion, social responsibly, and general awareness.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

1. The membership of the NMU-SAAC shall be composed of one voting member and one alternate member from each of the intercollegiate varsity teams. (All members must be officially registered, academically eligible student-athletes.)
2. Committee members must be selected by their respective coaches at the beginning of each academic year, no later than September 30.
3. The first committee meeting shall occur no later than the third week of the academic semester.
4. The committee will meet a minimum of ten times during the academic year. A representative from each team is required to attend all meetings. The executive board reserves the right to call additional meetings when necessary.
5. Sub-committees and Special Even Committees may be proposed and developed as needed.
6. All general meetings will be open meetings unless otherwise specified.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

1. The committee will select two co-chairs at the end of the academic year for the following year. If the committee does not select the co-chairs, the Athletic Department and Committee Advisor have the authority to appoint co-chairs.
2. Other offices and term regulation may be presented by the committee and adapted as needed.

ARTICLE IV

VOTING

1. Only committee members may vote; however, in the absence of a member, the respective team's alternate member shall be permitted to vote.
2. The quorum is 33% of the membership.
3. If quorum is not present among exclusive committee members, alternates from teams already represented may be allowed to vote.

ARTICLE V

ADVISORS

1. The advisor to the NMU-SAAC shall be an administrative staff member of the NMU Athletic Department appointed by the Athletic Director and the chairperson of the University Athletic Council.
2. Graduate student advisors are permitted to work with sub-committees or special event committees.
3. The committee welcomes the Athletic Director's attendance.

ARTICLE VI

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

1. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised by Sarah Corbin shall be used in all cases not covered by these by-laws.
 - a. Including Election Procedures
 - b. Including By-law Amendment Procedures
2. A by-law sub-committee may be elected by the group to decide how to read and enforce the by-laws for the general membership.
3. Copies of these by-laws shall be made available to anyone upon request.

ARTICLE VII

SUB-COMMITTEES & SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEES

1. The general committee, as needed, each academic year will initiate sub-committees and Special Event committees.
2. Sub-committee and Special Event committee chairpersons must be SAAC voting members and shall be elected by the NMU-SAAC.
3. Membership on sub-committees and Special Event committees is open to all academically eligible student-athletes.
4. Previous sub-committees included:
 - a. Student-Athlete Education Programming committee
 - b. Alcohol & Drug Education committee
 - c. Community Outreach committee
 - d. National Student Athlete Day Planning committee