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## Recreational Services and Athletics

### Philosophy Statement

In affirming its traditional role of expanding the intellectual, spiritual, imaginative, physical, and social awareness of the students, Carroll College is committed to providing diverse programs of recreational and intercollegiate athletics. An integral part of the total educational experience, the recreational and varsity programs are designed to meet the needs and interests of Carroll's students, faculty, and staff. Student participation is promoted by programs that offer a wide variety of athletic opportunities in varsity and recreational sports. Equal access is provided in all sports for men and women with broad participation of all students encouraged. Participation in the intercollegiate and recreational programs enhances a student's well being, supplements the instructional and spiritual programs of the College, and promotes positive societal attitudes.

Further, the Carroll College recreational program gives special emphasis to the impact of athletics on the participants and provides opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to participate in a wide range of activities. The College is committed to providing adequate funding, facilities, and competent administration of the recreational program, and a variety of traditional and lifetime sports are to be offered throughout the academic year. Carroll supports the positive societal attitudes that are developed through a recreational program and encourages all students, faculty, and staff to participate on a regular basis throughout their years at Carroll.

In addition, the intercollegiate athletic program at Carroll is a part of the educational community and is maintained as a component of the educational process. In this educational role, the athletic program transmits the College's values and beliefs, such as honesty, leadership, respect for others, and concern for physical and emotional health, to the general public and thus provides a continuing link to the alumni. Carroll is concerned about academic integrity, and accordingly admission, academic standing, and academic progress of student athletes are consistent with the policies and standards adopted by the College. The program provides opportunities for students' involvement, both as spectators and participants, as well as opportunities to compete with students from other institutions. Student athletes and coaches are positive role models and are an integral part of the Carroll community. Carroll will provide the intercollegiate athletic program with adequate funding, staffing, and facilities to ensure that the student athletes are given the opportunity for competitive excellence.

### Intramurals

The intramural program offers a variety of activities so that all students have the opportunity to develop an interest in lifetime activities while they are at Carroll. Men's, women's, and coed competition is offered on both an individual and a team basis. During the fall semester, intramural football is scheduled, as well as tournaments for volleyball, golf, racquetball, and ping-pong. In the spring, intramural basketball is played weekly, and golf, tennis, pool, and football tournaments are held. Qualified students serve as game officials. Carroll College's Soccer Club has been established for several years and competes both in city and regional tournaments. College insurance does not cover injuries sustained during intramural sport events or sports activities.

### Intercollegiate Athletics

Carroll supports an active and viable athletic program. As members of the Frontier Conference, the Saints are affiliated with the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics. The Conference provides competition in football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, women's soccer, and men's and women's golf. The Saints have developed and strive to maintain a rich tradition of athletic success in national ratings and post-season play-off opportunities.

Athletics are an important part of the College's life and provide a source of student, faculty, and community involvement. There is a strong emphasis on the athlete as a student, and Carroll athletes are highly successful in this area. Carroll students are encouraged to try out for varsity teams if their talent and interest make that appropriate. To be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletic contests, a student must:

1. Be of approved physical condition as evidenced by certification from a physician;
2. Meet requirement for classification as a full-time student in good standing;
3. Be eligible to play the designated game according to rules, policies, and approved practices of the College, the Frontier Conference, and NAIA.

Carroll provides scholarship assistance, and it is important that athletes and coaches know and comply with the letter and spirit of the athletic policies adopted by the administration. In addition, the College provides students participating in intercollegiate athletics with accident and hospitalization insurance.