

## **Category One – Sponsored Intercollegiate Sports:**

A sponsored intercollegiate sport may be defined as one where there is physical activity and spirited competition with other universities in an ongoing and organized manner. Intercollegiate athletics is highly competitive in nature and therefore is restricted to the elite athlete. It isn't safe for one professional employee to teach and develop large numbers of students in some sports. Therefore, the number of student participants may need to be reduced to a manageable size or a junior varsity program established with exceptionally popular sports. The program will provide unique and talented men and women students the opportunity to develop and excel in their sport of choice. A highly competitive intercollegiate sports program for elite student-athlete will and should continue to promote a positive image of AUB throughout Lebanon, the Middle East, and globe.

Funding – This category is funded by University Sports, within the broader scope of the University policies on funding and financing and within reasonable limits, for equipment, uniforms, home, regional competition and coaching staff.

### Current Sponsored Sports in this Category

Men and Women's Soccer  
Men and Women's Basketball  
Men's Rugby  
Men and Women's Volleyball  
Men and Women's Swimming  
Men's Handball  
Men and Women's Track and Field  
Men and Women Cross Country  
Men and Women's Tennis  
Men and Women's Table Tennis  
Junior Men's Soccer  
Junior Men's Basketball

Status Requirements – Sports in this category must (1) have sufficient local university competition, (2) have the established minimum number of participants for the sport at all times, (3) be highly physical in nature. Additionally, academic standards of the student participants and a high level of competitiveness must be maintained.

International Travel Experience – As has been the history, elite AUB student-athletes will have the opportunity to represent AUB in other regions of the Middle East and Europe. Our students have represented themselves well and the tradition is one to be continued. It has also been an excellent educational experience for young men and women and is a highlight of the elite phase of the AUB sports program. The selection of teams and/or students who travel must meet the established criteria outlined in the athletics policy manual. Only teams and individuals who qualify and who will represent AUB at the highest level of competition shall be selected for this unique experience. Within the

allocated budget it is also possible that teams may travel to different regional location in the same year. This flexibility in scheduling will further enhance the name and image of AUB to a wider international audience in multiple locations, which is and should be one of the objectives of the international travel experience. International team travel will also be closely coordinated with the Alumni and Development Offices so that a university hosted social event may be conducted with selected alumni and/or donor or potential donor guests and selected student-athletes and University Sport staff and administration.

### **Category Two – Fitness, Recreation and Other Sport Activity:**

Other sport or recreational activity may be defined as one that may or may not include physical activity or competition with other universities, and/or may be focused primarily on the recreational and/or fitness benefits of participation. Some examples in this category might include aerobics, dance, yoga, body building, martial arts, snow skiing excursions, sea kayaking, sailing, hiking, one or several day competitions (challenges), clinics, summer camps, and health or fitness educational programming such as health awareness workshops.

Funding – With the exception of some University Sports sponsored events, the funding in this category will primarily be limited to promotion. This effectively will be a “pay to play” operation. The details and cost for each youth sport, fitness or educational opportunity activities will be clearly outlined and defined. For example, those who wish to participate in aerobics or dance or any other similar instruction, will need to pay a fee proportionate to the number of participants for the cost of the instructor. University Sports will assist with promoting the activity and possibly some minor expense if necessary.

Status Requirements – There are no minimum number requirements to be maintained, but the activity must be approved by University Sports and must be for AUB students and/or employees. Instructors, Advisors or Coaches in this category must adhere to all AUB and University Sports policy as well as the guidelines outlined on the Independent Agent (Volunteer Coach/Advisor) Agreement (Form B1)

International Travel Experience – In rare instances the International travel experience may be possible for the elite and exceptionally talented student in this category. However, they must be an individual who is immediately recognized as a person who would represent AUB at the highest level of competition.

### **Category Three – Intramural (IM) Sport:**

At many universities, IM can be as or more popular among students than the intercollegiate athletic program. A successful IM program involves league competition over a long period of time that eventually culminates in playoffs and an ultimate IM champion for that sport. This type of program has the potential to reach a wide range of

students and faculty alike. The program will be primarily in the evening, but could include day and weekend activity as well.

Funding – The funding for the IM program will be from University Sports and used primarily for championship award tee shirts and promotion of the events.

#### **Category Four – Club Sports:**

Groups with an interest in a specific sport not already offered by University Sports may request that their sport be adopted as a club team. The criteria for a club sport team to be recognized as a varsity or junior team is a two-year process. New club sports and participation is enthusiastically encouraged in that it is one of the primary goals of University Sports is to meet student needs by saying “yes” to their initiatives. Thus, if there is sincere interest in an activity, it will emerge with the students who have the fortitude to follow through with the two year process of converting a club team to varsity or junior status. Advocates must meet all of the standards of a varsity or junior varsity team during the two-year trial period (academics, training rules, minimum numbers, etc.) to eventually be sponsored by University Sports.

Funding – There will be no University Sports funding for the initiation of new club sports, including coaching which is required. However, during the two year probation period, club teams will be advised and monitored