TITLE IX ATHLETICS POLICY

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico is committed to comply with all aspects of Title IX regulations. For additional information regarding university policies related to Title IX, please refer to the links from the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico Website:

- [Title IX Resources and Information](#)
- [Title IX and Sex Discrimination](#)
- [Sexual Assault Policy](#)
- [Student Rules and Regulations](#)

**Title IX provides that:** No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Specifically, to athletics, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico believes that its student-athletes should be provided equitable participation opportunities, receive equitable athletic scholarships (where applicable) and that the overall men's and women's athletic programs should be afforded equitable treatment.

**Participation.** Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico shall strive to satisfy one of the three tests prescribed by Title IX for a school to demonstrate Participation equity by doing one of the following: 1) providing participation opportunities to each gender at rates substantially proportionate to their respective enrollment rates; or 2) demonstrating a history of continuing expansion of programs for the underrepresented sex; or 3) offering teams for the underrepresented sex for which there is sufficient interest, ability and competition within Polytechnic University’s normal competitive region. Those who wish to compete on a varsity sport that is not currently offered at Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico may file a petition to request varsity status. Petitions will be reviewed annually.

**Athletics Scholarships.** Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico shall offer equitable athletic scholarships to male and female intercollegiate student athletes. When determining equity between male and female student athletes, scholarship dollars will be provided to male and female athletes proportionate to their respective rates of enrollment.

**Treatment.** The overall treatment of men and women on the intercollegiate level is expected to be equitable in the following areas:

- Scheduling of games and practice times
- The provision of equipment and supplies
- Travel and per diem allowance
- Opportunity to receive coaching, academic tutoring, and academic advisory
- Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors
- Provision of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities
• Provision of medical and training facilities and services
• Dining facilities and services
• Publicity
• Recruitment

The test for equity in treatment does not involve a sport-to-sport comparison but rather a comparison of treatment in the aggregate, i.e., whether the men's and women's programs overall are treated equitably in light of the unique nature of individual sports in each of these areas.