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POLICY STATEMENT
The policy provides a framework that will guide Mangosuthu University of Technology Sports Administration Unit in providing opportunities for the entire MUT students community to participate in sports and recreation. This policy seeks to promote students participate in sports and recreational activities willing for all students.

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REFERENCES OF THIS POLICY

	RELEVANT DOCUMENTS CITED
1.	The Bishops Sports Policy, 2005;
2.	The Draft School Sports Policy for Public Schools in South Africa, 2009;
3.	The MUT Community Engagement Policy
4.	The MUT Media Relations Policy (Draft), 2011
5.	Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act, 2010 (Act No: 2 of 2010);
6.	

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1 RATIONALE

MUT aims to provide all students with the opportunity to develop and enrich their lives through sports. The University acknowledges the important role that sporting competition can play in a student's social, emotional and physical development.

In line with its Strategic priority of holistic education, the University hinges around developing not only academic skills but also augments the students' experiences in cultural, spiritual and physical arena's as well.

1.1 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The purpose of the Sports and Recreation Policy is to provide a framework that will guide Mangosuthu University of Technology Sports Administration Unit in providing opportunities for the entire MUT students to participate in sports and recreation. This policy seeks to encourage students to participate in sports and recreational activities willingly

The objectives of this policy are as follows:

- a) To make possible a provision of the best sporting environment so that the entire MUT student population is able to participate in sports codes of their choice that are guided by quality coaching and instruction;
- b) To provide opportunities for recreational and competitive sport.
- c) To build a vibrant and integrated sport and recreational programme for students that are fundamental to the healthy lifestyle.
- d) Managing the support resources and infrastructure, and ensuring the provision of funding for different sports codes consistently, efficiently and effectively.
- e) To set out minimum standards for participation in competitions.

2 DEFINITION OF TERMS

2.1 Recreation

The term recreation shall imply participation to be healthy refreshing mind and body. Therefore, recreation is a guided process of voluntary participation in any activity of leisure, leisure; being discretionary time, which contributes to the improvement of the general well-being of the participant. Recreational activities are done for enjoyment, amusement, or pleasure and are considered to be, "fun".

2.2 Sport

The term sport shall mean an organised, competitive, entertaining, and skillful activity requiring commitment, strategy, governed by the code of conduct.

3 SCOPE

This policy applies to all MUT students and sports officials as administrators.

4 PRINCIPLES

This policy is guided by the following principles:

- 4.1 The promotion of a variety of competitive and recreational sports activities taking place at Intra-University, local, regional, provincial, national, and international levels;
- 4.2 The encouragement of students to participate in different sports codes without discrimination based on race, gender, nationality, or creed;
- 4.3 The provision and maintenance of the infrastructure and relevant equipment, and the upgrading of facilities required for sport and recreation;
- 4.4 The provision of sports facilities on campus, including medical emergencies at all sporting and recreational events, and the appropriate allocation of supporting resources;
- 4.5 The provision of regular audits on health, safety and environment conditions and practices to identify risks, and thereby reporting potential hazards and implementing prevention actions with the close assistance of the University Safety Officers and First Aid Practitioners.
- 4.6 Ensure that suitable First Aid Kits are made available at all practices, matches, and tournaments;
- 4.7 The contractual appointment of qualified personnel for appropriate coaching, officiating, and training of MUT athletes in order that the sports talents are developed to the fullest potential;
- 4.8 Ensuring that MUT sports and recreation entity ascribes but not limited to, core values: integrity, inclusive, quality delivery, professionalism, ethics, accessibility, capacity development, social cohesion, team spirit, volunteerism, diversity, and mutual respect;
- 4.9 The fostering and upholding of the norms of good sportsmanship;
- 4.10 The reinforcement of sporting behaviour, including abstinence from using drugs in sports
- 4.11 The encouragement of entering into partnerships MUT-SPORT with relevant external communities and/or private sector with the intention to develop and maintain the highest standard in all applicable sports codes;
- 4.12 The establishment and provision of sports bursaries and awards for eligible promising sportsmen and sportswomen of outstanding sports achievement coupled with at least 50% academic pass.
- 4.13 A standardised sports kit/uniform with university logo be provided by the University and used at all times during the games, tournaments, and competitions in order to promote the image of the University.
- 4.14 Sports kits/ uniforms which shall remain the property of the University and shall be used for officially sanctioned sports activities only. Any lost equipment, sports kit or uniform shall be recovered from the athlete or official responsible.
- 4.15. The university financial support shall be restricted to sport kits, sports equipment, first aid kits, membership / entry fees, hiring of venues, travelling, accommodation, refreshments/meals, referee

/ coach fees, laundry costs for sport kits, prizes such as medals, trophies and travelling allowances to and from sport events, meetings or workshops, conferences and seminars.

- 4.16. The selection of athletes to represent the university at official tournaments and leagues which shall be by merit and or qualifying standard times.
- 4.17. The pre-departure training camp funded by individual sporting code shall be restricted to a maximum of two weeks.

5 GOVERNANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND AUTHORITY

- 5.1 The individual participants from each sports code, the individual sport code administrators, players, coaches and team/match officials, will be required to ensure that they individually and collectively comply with the provisions of this policy;
- 5.2 The responsibility for implementing this policy resides with the Deputy Director who will be accountable for all administrative procedures.
- 5.3 The Sports Administration Unit will solicit, raise bursary and/or awards funds for eligible sportsmen and sportswomen of outstanding performances in at least one sports code;
- 5.4 The Sports Administration will ensure Operations Department adequately provides, maintain, and upgrades sport and recreation infrastructure and resources.

6. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every five years in line with the University Strategy, and when there are changes to the internal or external operating environment, including legislation and other legal prescripts.