

**Austin Peay State
University**

APSU Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Policy

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POLICIES

Responsible Official: Director of Athletics

Responsible Office: Athletics Department

Policy Statement

Purpose

Austin Peay State University (“APSU”) recognizes the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) as essential to promoting academic integrity, student-athlete well-being, and institutional control of intercollegiate athletics. The FAR serves as the principal faculty spokesperson on academic matters related to athletics and works to ensure APSU’s athletics program aligns with the mission, values, and goals of the University and the NCAA.

The FAR exercises three primary roles:

1. Support a quality student-athlete experience and student-athlete well-being
2. Ensure and promote the academic integrity of the athletics program.
3. Support institutional control and compliance of the intercollegiate athletics program

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Procedures

**Appointment,
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Appointment

1. The FAR is appointed by the President of APSU.

2. The FAR serves a four-year renewable term, at the discretion of the President.
3. Consultation with appropriate faculty bodies may occur but is not required.

Reporting Line

1. The FAR reports directly to the President, maintaining independence from Athletics.

Qualifications

1. The FAR must be a full-time faculty member, preferably tenured or holding faculty retreat rights.
2. The FAR may not hold an administrative role or coaching appointment within Athletics.

Release Time or Compensation

1. APSU will provide release time equivalent to 25% of a normal faculty teaching load, OR
2. When release time is not feasible due to departmental needs, the FAR will receive appropriate compensation determined by the President's Office.

Travel & Professional Development Support

1. APSU will support FAR participation in NCAA and conference functions including:
 - a. FARA Symposium
 - b. NCAA Convention and Rules Seminars
 - c. Conference FAR meetings
 - d. Occasional team travel as needed

Responsibility of the FAR**Student-Athlete Engagement & Advocacy**

1. Maintain regular contact with student-athletes.
2. Participate in new student-athlete orientation annually.
3. Conduct or review exit interviews.
4. Support student-athlete well-being, including academic and mental health needs.

Presidential Advising & Institutional Alignment

1. Serve as senior adviser to the President on athletics matters.
2. Recommend institutional positions on NCAA legislation with the AD.
3. Meet with the President at least once each semester and additionally as needed.
4. Provide periodic updates to the President.

Athletics Administration Involvement

1. Serve on the Athletics Leadership Team.
2. Participate in Athletics staff meetings.
3. Participate in hiring processes for head coaches and senior athletics administrators.
4. Maintain communication with coaches about academic and well-being concerns.

SAAC Engagement & Campus Partnerships

1. Meet regularly with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).
2. Serve as liaison between Athletics and academic units.
3. Assist in educating campus partners about NCAA rules and expectations.

Academic Integrity & Eligibility Oversight

1. Monitor academic performance of each sport program.
2. Ensure academic standards for student-athletes reflect institutional expectations.
3. Support dissemination of academic reports.
4. Oversee initial and continuing eligibility certification.
5. Review and endorse NCAA waivers as needed.

Rules Compliance & Reporting

1. Review all infractions prior to submission.
2. Assist with investigations of rules violations when needed.
3. Support rules education for campus units.
4. Be notified promptly of emerging academic, compliance, or student-athlete welfare issues.

Representation to NCAA & Conferences

1. Represent APSU in NCAA and conference FAR matters.
2. Attend FAR meetings, workshops, and conventions.
3. Serve on committees when possible.

Continuity & Transition

1. Ensure smooth transition when a new FAR is appointed.
2. Maintain documentation and institutional knowledge for continuity.

Links

**NCAA Faculty Athletic
Representatives Association**

<https://www.ncaafara.org/about>

Revision Dates

APSU Policy 8:005 – Issued:

Subject Areas:

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