

UT ARLINGTON ATHLETIC ALUMNI CHAPTER

ATHLETIC ALUMNI CHAPTER POLICY MANUAL

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MISSION STATEMENT

To create, maintain, and foster a sense of pride and tradition, whereby every student-athlete becomes a lifetime member of the University of Texas at Arlington Athletics Department, and remains involved, feels welcome, and continues to participate during and after their college tenure, and also to create an opportunity for them to support and improve the future of UT Arlington Athletics.

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OBJECTIVES

- To grow the Athletic Alumni Chapter into an organization that unites former student-athletes with the Athletic Department, creating and fostering a sense of pride and tradition.
- To establish and implement guidelines for the structure and activities of the Athletic Alumni Chapter.
- To create and maintain a database of Athletic Alumni Chapter members in conjunction with the UT Arlington Alumni Office.
- To serve as a support group for the coaching staff to coordinate the Homecoming Reception, reunions, and honor special teams.
- To create a sense of pride to the student-athlete with the presentation of a gift upon earning a varsity letter.
- To coordinate the transition from Letter Winner student-athlete to Letter Winner alumnus.
- To promote activities for the Athletic Alumni Chapter members to remain active and encourage support of all Mavericks sports.
- To provide an opportunity for former Athletes to help current Athletes through mentorship, support, and annual giving.

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BUDGET

Annual dues will provide membership to the UT Arlington Alumni Association as well as the UT Arlington Athletic Alumni Chapter.

The portion of membership dues paid to the Alumni Association supports the annual events the Alumni Association provides, as well as provides access to a secure website that allows for networking, creating groups, and reconnecting with former Athletic Alumni through their online database.

The portion of membership dues paid to the Athletic Alumni Chapter will support the Athletic Alumni Chapter by assisting with costs for the Homecoming Reception, Reunions, and the presentation of Varsity Letter Awards for student-athletes.

ANNUAL DUES -- \$100.00

- UT Arlington Alumni Association receives \$45.00
- UT Arlington Athletic Alumni Chapter receives \$55.00

*Lifetime members of the UT Arlington Alumni Association pay the Athletic Alumni Chapter portion only.

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BENEFITS CHART

Benefit	Provider
UT Arlington Ex-Athlete Auto Decal	AAC
\$25 discount on the purchase of Letterwinner Gifts	AAC
Discounted ticket for Athletic Alumni Homecoming Reception (if applicable)	AAC
Access to Hospitality Suite at Basketball Games (Half Time)	AAC
Season Tickets available at the Faculty/Staff Price	AAC
Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Athletic Alumni	AAC
Athletic Alumni Online Community with opportunities to reconnect and sport specific forums	AAC
Discounted tickets for special events hosted by Athletic Alumni Chapter (banquets, meals, golf outings, etc.)	AAC
UT Arlington Alumni Association Card and Window Decal	AA
UT Arlington Magazine – 3 times annually	AA
Out of the Blue Alumni Newsletter	AA
UT Arlington MavWire – Email Newsletter	AA
Maverick Discount Program	AA
University Club Admittance	AA
Library Privileges	AA
Discounted Merchandise at Bookstore	AA
Discounted Membership to the MAC –Fitness Center	AA
Studio Movie Grill – Discount tickets	AA

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STUDENT-ATHLETE BENEFITS

- The Head Coach of each sport determines the criteria for earning a Varsity Letter in that sport.
- Nominations are approved by the Senior Athletic Director for Academics, Athletic Director, and Letter Winner Association Advisory Committee.
- Varsity Letters are awarded at the conclusion of each Academic Year and are presented at the Welcome Banquet in the following year. Varsity Rings will be presented during at the Spring Academic Banquet to those student athletes who are graduating in the Spring, or are with-in 6 hours of graduation during the summer term.
- In order for a student-athlete to receive the benefits of a Varsity Letter, he/she must fulfill the following requirements:
 1. Fulfill the requirements as set by the Head Coach of that sport.
 2. Remain in good academic standing and be eligible for the upcoming season.
 3. Finish their NCAA eligibility at UT-Arlington, or not attend another University after leaving UT Arlington (in the case of turning professional).
 4. To earn a Varsity Ring, the student-athlete must graduate from UT Arlington (or Arlington State College when applicable) and have earned the maximum number of Varsity Letters during their athletic career at UT Arlington, or been approved by the Head Coach and Athletic Director in special situations.

Varsity Awards for Each Letter Earned

1 st Varsity Letter	Letter Winner Jacket
2 nd Varsity Letter	Letter Winner Blanket
3 rd Varsity Letter	Letter Winner Watch
Graduation	Varsity Ring

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ATHLETIC ALUMNI CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD

The Athletic Alumni Chapter Advisory Board will be composed of the Athletic Alumni Chapter Director, the Alumni Association Director of Constituent Groups, and at least one representative, but not more than two representatives from the following sports:

- Baseball
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Football
- Golf
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis (Men's and Women's combined)
- Track (Men's and Women's combined and including Cross Country)
- Volleyball

The Letter Winner Association Advisory Committee will meet quarterly throughout the academic year, with the meeting schedule being set in September.

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ANNUAL EVENTS

HOMECOMING RECEPTION

- The Athletic Alumni Chapter will host a reception during the Homecoming Festivities every year as an opportunity for Letterwinners, Athletic Alumni, and former coaches to return to the University.
- The Athletic Alumni Chapter will work with the Alumni Office on invitations, marketing, and communicating the event.
- The homecoming reception will be a major focus for the Athletic Alumni Chapter with the intent of the reception growing each year and acknowledging all Athletic Alumni from Arlington State College and the University of Texas at Arlington.
- Expenditures for reunions will be handled by the participants, the Athletic Alumni Chapter, and the Athletic Budget.

REUNIONS

- The Athletic Alumni Chapter will coordinate with the Head Coach of each sport to plan a reunion per the coach's request.
- If the reunion is planned around a specific sporting event, approval must be attained with the Athletic Director and Ticket Office for promotional tickets, based on availability.
- If a meal is requested, the Athletic Alumni Chapter will assist the coaching staff on the menu selection.
- Expenditures for a reunion could include: meals, golf, gifts, and miscellaneous expenses.
- Expenditures for reunions will be handled by the participants, the Athletic Alumni Chapter, and the Athletic Budget.

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ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Athletic Alumni Chapter. It is a charitable and educational entity as described by Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and operated under the exception granted the Alumni Association, as a fundamental operating unit of that Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this association is to further the interest of the Athletic Department and its Athletic Alumni; to establish closer contact between the University, Maverick Athletics, and its alumni; to promote activities beneficial to alumni and the university.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. All UT Arlington Athletic Alumni, Team Managers, and Athletic Trainers are eligible for membership.

SECTION 2. To be an active member of the Athletic Alumni Chapter, each person must be a current member of the University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Association. An Annual Due of \$100.00 has been established jointly between the UT Arlington Alumni Association and the Athletic Alumni Chapter, with the Alumni Association due being \$45.00 and the Athletic Alumni Chapter receiving \$55.00.

SECTION 3. All dues-paying members shall be authorized to vote.

SECTION 4. This organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability. This non-discrimination covers the membership and access to treatment and employment in the group's programs and activities.

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ARTICLE IV

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. The Athletic Alumni Chapter Advisory Committee will be composed of the Athletic Alumni Chapter Director (an employee of the Athletic Department), and at least one, but not more than two, representatives from each of the following sports: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Football, Golf, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field (representing Cross Country as well), and Volleyball.

SECTION 2. The terms of sport specific representatives shall be staggered during the first election. Sport specific representatives will serve either a one- or two-year term which will be decided at random. In each succeeding election, representatives will serve two-year terms.

SECTION 3. Vacancies in any office may be filled by the director from among the active members of the association for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 4. Any office may be removed, either with or without cause, by a written ballot with a simple majority of the membership responding; however, no less than 10 percent response of the total membership is required for removal. Any such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. The Athletic Alumni Chapter Director shall lead the overall operations and programs of the chapter. The director will serve as the primary contact and work directly with the UT Arlington Athletic Department and the UT Arlington Alumni Association. The director is responsible to ensure all charter, annual report and all other required materials are submitted according to the UT Arlington Alumni Association timeline discussed at the annual chapter leadership retreat.

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Section 2. Sport Specific Representatives shall coordinate and assist the director with the annual Homecoming reception, sport specific reunions, and any other events appropriate for that specific sport as desired by the athletic alumni and approved of by the association director, Athletic Director, and the UTAAA.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

The Advisory Board shall hold quarterly meetings, with the meetings taking place during the Academic Calendar. Additional meetings may be called as needed.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

An Advisory Board Representative will nominate a successor for his/her position, providing that the nominee participated in the specific sport and shall have obtained prior consent from the nominee. Elections shall be by vote at the final meeting of a given academic year with a simple majority required for election.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of this association shall be determined in consultation with the University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Association and the University of Texas at Arlington Athletic Director, as outlined in the Chapter Leadership Handbook.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be made by an affirmative vote of 2/3 majority of those members in attendance at any regular meeting of the chapter.