



INTRODUCTION  
SAINT PETER'S  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ATHLETICS

## **PREFACE**

This manual on procedures and policies has been prepared by the Department of Athletics after conferring with institutional offices, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) for the purpose of clarifying policies and procedures within the department. It outlines many of the policies and procedures but in no way can it encompass all situations that may arise. It is meant as a guide in addition to consultation from the Department of Athletics Administrators.

## **SCOPE**

This manual is published for compliance by all Department of Athletics Personnel. Deviations from these policies and procedures herein are not authorized unless the Director of Athletics approves them in writing.

## **SPECTATOR CONDUCT**

It is expected that all Saint Peter's College teams shall be supported with enthusiasm and dedication, and we welcome all who desire to follow our athletics program. We expect good sportsmanship and quality competition from our coaches, players, and opponents and encourage all to exhibit the same. We request spectators to be courteous and display the proper expression of support and encouragement to all. Their actions will help to provide the quality character of Saint Peter's College.

## **THE HISTORY OF SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE**

Saint Peter's College, the Jesuit College of New Jersey, was founded as a liberal arts college for men in 1872. When classes first started in Jersey City on September 2, 1878, seventy-one students originally enrolled in the Preparatory Department. That number grew to one hundred and twenty-three by year's end. They aged from ten to fifteen, and thus none of them were doing college-level work. As more students arrived, work began on a new school building on Grand Street in 1899.

By 1900 the College had granted 63 Bachelor degrees and 26 Master's degrees. Five years later, the College and Saint Peter's High School, though located in the same building, were distinct academic institutions. From 1918 to 1930, the College closed down because of World War I and Jesuit superiors wanted to concentrate their manpower in other colleges on the East Coast. As noted in the College yearbook, "The classrooms went empty. The faculty closed their mark books, and left for the battlefields."

It reopened in 1930 on the fourth floor of the Chamber of Commerce Building in downtown Jersey City, and women were admitted to the Evening Session for the first time. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., was Dean. Reverend Gannon introduced six new Jesuit faculty members, who brought a new vigor and outlook

to the College, stressing, as their predecessors had done, a strong Catholic liberal arts program, the hallmark of a Jesuit education. By 1933, the College had made serious efforts to move from downtown Jersey City to its present site on the former Edward Young estate.

In 1936 the College moved to its present location on Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. Changes were gradually made on the new campus (among other buildings, McDermott Hall, Dinneen Hall, the Yanitelli Recreational Life Center, and Whelan Hall were started in 1949, 1956, 1973, and 1992, respectively).

Saint Peter's College became fully coeducational in 1966 when women were admitted to the Day Session.

In 1975 Saint Peter's established a branch campus, a "college for adults," in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. The College offered its first graduate program in education in 1980.

Saint Peter's College celebrated its 130th anniversary in 2002.

### **MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE**

Saint Peter's College, founded in 1872, is a Jesuit, Catholic, coeducational, liberal arts college in an urban setting which seeks to develop the whole person in preparation for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and service in a diverse and global society. Committed to academic excellence and individual attention, Saint Peter's College provides education, informed by values, primarily in degree-granting programs in the arts, science, and business, to resident and commuting students from a variety of backgrounds.

### **MISSION OF SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

To fulfill its mission and achieve the goals of its *Academic Plan*, Saint Peter's College offers broad co-curricular programs for all students in recreation, exercise, and intramurals; sponsors a rich NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics program; and encourages athletics as a recreational and wellness pursuit. Organizationally, the recreational and intramural programs report to the Director of the Yanitelli Recreational Life Center, and the intercollegiate athletics program reports to the Director of Athletics.

### **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS**

The mission of the NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics program at Saint Peter's College is to provide opportunities which enable student-athletes to reach their full potential in academic and athletic pursuits. Emphasis is placed on learning and on the development of the whole person. Fully integrated into the college experience, the athletics program fosters sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, and ethical and moral conduct among all participants. Through intercollegiate competitions with peer institutions, the students and the College as a whole seek to build community spirit and gain the attention of the public.

The Department of Athletics regards its own mission as a participation in the College's commitment to the ideals of a Jesuit tradition of education. The Department of Athletics is responsible for administering the intercollegiate program and for ensuring that it is in harmony with the mission of Saint Peter's College and in compliance with the rules set forth by the NCAA and the MAAC.

## **ATHLETICS – A PHILOSOPHY OF EXCELLENCE**

While Saint Peter's College places primary emphasis on formal learning through instruction and study, it clearly recognizes that in the complete education of the whole person, the student has many other needs – spiritual, personal, and social – for which the college must make provision. To service these needs, the college offers a broad program of student personnel services. The Department of Athletics is one arm of this responsibility.

As a college with roots in the Jesuit tradition of education which emphasizes the ideal of cura personalis, Saint Peter's has developed a sound Department of Athletics. The primary objective must be the development of the individual who participates in athletics programs. The quality of the experience and its contribution to the individual's development relates to the sufficiency and the availability of the Recreational Life Center facilities, and of the Joseph J. Jaroschak Field, the total commitment and competence of the personnel that make up the Department of Athletics, and their dedication to the development of the individuals who participate.

In order to assure the primary educational objective of nourishing the personal growth of each individual, the Department of Athletics carefully monitors academic progress of all student-athletes, with the help of faculty moderators who are regularly informed of the academic progress of the student-athlete in his or her charge. The Academic/Athletic Coordinator, who reports to the Academic Dean – Day Session, maintains on-going communication among students, professors, and the Department of Athletics.

Furthermore, athletics programs provide secondary benefits in keeping with the College's goal of nurturing "a strong sense of community among the members of the College family, including current students and graduates." As stated in this policies and procedures manual, the Department of Athletics is to provide "a common focus for members of the entire College community: student, faculty, administrator, and alumni can meet and share a common experience." In line with the College's commitment to social justice and to the educational value of diversity, the Department of Athletics provides a fair and equal opportunity for all students and staff to participate in athletics programs.

## **FACILITIES**

The Jersey City campus offers five classroom buildings, including Gannon Hall, the science building, which recently underwent a nine million dollar renovation.

The Academic Computer Center operates 14 labs in the academic buildings on campus. In addition, each residential hall has a mini-lab open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All classrooms have Internet access.

The Edward and Theresa O'Toole Library contains more than 50,000 sq. ft. of space and houses more than 250,000 volumes on its four floors. The library at the branch campus at Englewood Cliffs offers an additional 25,000 volumes. The libraries subscribe to 1,600 periodicals. More than 8,000 full-text periodicals are available on or off-campus from the Library's Web site, along with 1,200 links to academic and government internet resources.

Lounges, kitchenettes, computer labs and internet access are available for freshmen who reside on the east campus in Millennium, Whelan or Saint Peter Halls. Veteran's Memorial Court, Durant Hall, Murray Hall or the west campus building at 140 Glenwood Avenue provide apartment-style living with private kitchens and baths for upperclassmen. For more information see the Office of Residential Life.

The Yanitelli Recreational Life Center is a modern multi-million dollar facility offering five indoor tennis courts as well as indoor basketball, volleyball, racquetball, and squash courts, indoor track, swimming pool and sauna, and fitness rooms with strength training and cardiovascular equipment.

### **ABOUT THE METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE\***

With 10 institutions strongly bound by the sound principles of quality and integrity in academics and excellence in athletics, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference is in its 27<sup>th</sup> year of competition during the 2007-2008 academic year.

The MAAC was founded in 1980 by six charter members: the U.S. Military Academy, Fairfield University, Fordham University, Iona College, Manhattan College and Saint Peter's College. Competition followed one year later in the fall of 1981 with members competing in the sports of men's cross country and men's soccer. On January 2, 1982, Army traveled to Iona for the first MAAC men's basketball game and the MAAC story had begun.

Today, Conference members include: Canisius College, Fairfield University, Iona College, Loyola College (Md.), Manhattan College, Marist College, Niagara University, Rider University, Saint Peter's College, and Siena College. In addition, associate members Duquesne University and LaSalle University compete in football. Mount St. Mary's College, Providence College, Saint Joseph's University, Virginia Military Institute and Wagner College compete in men's lacrosse. St. Francis (N.Y.) College, Villanova University and Wagner College are all associate members of the MAAC Women's Water Polo League. The MAAC will support 25 sports and conduct 24 championships during the 2007-2008 academic year.

The 2008 MAAC Basketball Championships returns to the Times Union Center in Albany, New York, with Trenton's Sovereign Bank Arena preparing to host the 2009 championship. By having an excellent working relationship with these facilities, the MAAC has been able to attract a number of NCAA Championship events. Most recently, the MAAC, Canisius College and Niagara University successfully hosted the 2004 and 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship First and Second Rounds at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo, New York. All three parties will host that event again in 2010. The MAAC and Rider University will co-host the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship Regional as well 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship First and Second Rounds at the Sovereign Bank Arena, after recording the third highest attendance figure for the women's championship with the First and Second Rounds in 2006.

\*This statement was obtained at [www.maacsports.com](http://www.maacsports.com)

### **METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE Sportsmanship Statement**

Based on the MAAC's mission statement and constitution, one of the purposes of the conference is to ensure that high standards of scholarship and sportsmanship are adhered to by member institutions. To accomplish this goal, opponents must respect each other, and appreciate honest efforts that are made fairly in pursuit of victory. The conference shall require adherence to its adopted standards and to those standards set forth in the respective playing rules.

While victory shall be the expected goal of every competitor, defeat is not a disgrace; the prospect of defeat is never an excuse for unethical behavior or a lack of sportsmanship.

Adherence to these principles will maximize the benefits and enjoyment of intercollegiate competition for all participants, coaches and spectator.