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**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

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TITLE: RECRUITMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

NUMBER: 4-19

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REFERENCE: FS 1001.64, 1001.65, SBE 6A-14.058, Rule 4.13

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**I. PURPOSE**

- a. The Lake-Sumter State College rule regarding recruitment of student-athletes is based on current National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) rules and policies. All potential student-athletes must meet the same admission requirements as other Lake-Sumter State College students, as stated in the College Catalog.
- b. Lake-Sumter State College is committed to non-discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, and status relative to Vietnam Era veterans.

**II. OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITING**

- a. A member of the LSSC Athletics Department Staff may visit a prospective student-athlete at any location for recruiting purposes. All funds utilized for recruitment purposes must be authorized by the Director of Athletics. The funds may include coach's travel and coach's meals and potential student-athlete's meals. However, on any such visit, the staff member may not expend any funds other than the amount necessary for his/her personal expenses. Each sport will be allocated equal funding for the purposes of recruiting. A member of the Athletics Department Staff will follow procedures for travel as outlined in the District Board's Rules and the Administrative Procedures Manual.
- b. Lake-Sumter State College will not permit any outside organization, agency or group of individuals to utilize, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospects, including transportation, entertainment of, and the giving of gifts or services to prospects or their relatives or friends.

**III. ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING**

- a. A College representative may invite a potential student-athlete to the LSSC campus for the purposes of recruiting. This visit may include participation in campus activities, interviews with faculty and staff, and tours of campus equipment and facilities. While recruiting a potential student-athlete, a College representative may purchase meals for the potential student-athlete. The value of such meals may not exceed the amount provided to a College employee while traveling on College business. This information can be found in the "travel" section of the District Board's Rules and the Administrative Procedures Manual.
- b. LSSC may pay for one visit by direct route of a prospective student-athlete for a stay to not exceed two days and one night. The paid visit must be limited to the campus and local community where the College is located. LSSC may pay for the prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation cost for his/her official visit to the campus. If the student-athlete travels by automobile on an official visit paid visit, the College may pay round-trip expenses at the same mileage rate it allows for College personnel on College business. During the official visit, any member of the College's athletic staff may provide transportation for the prospective student-athlete between campus and the bus, train, or major airport nearest the College campus. Any member of the College's athletic staff may provide automobile transportation for the prospective student-athlete between the prospective student-athlete's home educational institution and the College campus.

**IV. SCHOLARSHIPS**

- a. Athletic grants-in-aid may be awarded to any student-athlete in recognition of his/her athletic ability provided the student-athlete is admitted to Lake-Sumter State College as a regular student. The grant-in-aid at LSSC will be limited to in-state tuition, fees and required textbooks to a maximum of: tuition and fees, room and board; and required course related textbooks. Student-athletes receiving a grant-in-aid will be required to certify, as a condition of eligibility for athletic participation, that they have not participated in any violation of rules.
- b. Lake-Sumter State College may award grants-in-aid in women's volleyball, women's beach volleyball, women's softball, men's and women's cross country, and men's baseball. Grants-in-aid shall be administered by LSSC through the Office of Financial Aid.
- c. Any student-athlete that is awarded a grant-in-aid must sign a valid National Junior College Athletic Association, Letter of Intent.
- d. All student-athletes must sign a FCSAA/NJCAA code of conduct release form and participation release form, prior to any participation in the LSSC Athletic Program.