Statement of Athletic Philosophy

The community college offers educational opportunities in a variety of educational, cultural, and personal experiences to fit a wide range of age levels and abilities. Athletics is a part of the Physical Education discipline of our college as a portion of a general education process. A goal at Modesto Junior College is to provide opportunities for men and women to receive advanced instruction as well as competitive experience. This goal may enhance chances for students to continue to develop physical fitness, desirable human relationships, stress reduction techniques, and social experiences through opportunities for interaction with opponents, teammates, instructors, officials, and fans.

Modesto Junior College has always provided a well-rounded, comprehensive athletic program. It is our policy to offer those sports that are desired by and beneficial to the student-athletes of Modesto Junior College. It is most reasonable to compete with colleges within geographically close distance with the same comprehensive program involving local athletes. We are very proud of our statement of Athletic Philosophy and we have not changed our statement in the last five years. To this end, Modesto Junior College has one of the largest Community College programs in California fielding twenty-one sports. They include:

**Men** – Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track/Field, Wrestling, and Water Polo.

**Women** – Basketball, Cross-Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track/Field, Volleyball, and Water Polo.

Modesto Junior College adheres to Bylaw 2 of the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws in regards to recruiting. MJC’s recruiting area is defined as the Yosemite Community College District itself and its contiguous community college districts.

The following are allowable recruiting activities for prospective student-athletes from inside the State of California, but who are outside MJC’s recruiting area: Initiating or arranging first contact with a prospect, family member, legal guardian, or coach by telephone or correspondence; Providing information regarding the athletic program, academic counseling, financial aid applications, employment opportunities, matriculation, housing, or other questions raised by a prospective student-athlete; Person-to-person contact between MJC representatives and prospects, family members or legal guardians of the prospective student-athlete may only take place on MJC’s campus.

If a student from outside the State of California makes an unsolicited inquiry (first contact) with MJC regarding athletic participation, a FORM C, Out-of-State Student Contact Record, is to be filled out on the first person-to-person visit to the MJC’s campus. Cost concerns are always taken into consideration, as out-of-state fees are quite expensive.

No special privileges are provided by Modesto Junior College to student-athletes for tuition, financial aid, housing, registration priority, or on-campus work-study. However, an Athletics Academic Counselor of the Modesto Junior College Counseling staff focuses particular effort toward athletic eligibility, advisement, and NCAA articulation.

It is essential that Modesto Junior College is a member of an established athletic conference to guarantee continuity for athletics. Membership in a conference of quality competition for all twenty-one athletic teams with emphasis on local athletes concurs with our basic philosophy. In addition, budgetary constraints of money and time are considerations of importance. Student-athlete success is most easily achieved through competition against colleges with “local participant” focus.