Criteria for Achieving Intercollegiate Status

1. The sport, by its nature, must be a competitive athletic activity, requiring a high level of physical conditioning, training and skill.

2. Leadership – It must be possible to secure competent coaching personnel, either already existing on campus, or through a reasonable search procedure.

3. Facilities – It must be possible to develop adequate practice and competitive facilities on campus. Consideration will be given to the ability to use existing facilities in a manner that does not conflict with existing intercollegiate athletic and other University activities.

4. Prior Campus Status – The sport must have been a recognized Sports Club and have competed at a high level of performance for at least three (3) years prior to application for intercollegiate status.

5. Eligibility – The current members of the sport must be able to meet all eligibility standards as set by the College of William and Mary and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

6. Status of Sport
   A. Sports offered by the Virginia High School League (VHSL) will generally receive first consideration for a move to varsity status.
   B. Organized collegiate competition should be available at the Conference, State, Regional and/or National level. Because of travel costs, like sport teams should be within reasonable distance of Williamsburg.
   C. There should be a recognized rules-making organization (i.e. sports governing body).
   D. Consideration shall be given for growth potential.

7. Student Interest – There should be indication of a strong student interest. This may be determined by the number of intramural teams, number of student club sport participants and/or spectators.

8. Funding – The cost of the proposed program should be reasonable compared to other intercollegiate athletic programs on campus. Consideration will be given to outside (private) fundraising potential.
Application Proposal

After meeting the above criteria, a letter of application requesting recognition as a varsity sport should be submitted to the Chairperson of the Athletic Policy Advisory Committee. The application proposal must include the following:

1. History and status of the sport to provide information relative to items 1 – 8.

2. Budget projection for coming year.
   A. Salaries
      1. head coach
      2. assistant(s)
   B. Equipment, uniforms, supplies
   C. Home game expenses
   D. Travel expenses (meals, lodging, transportation)
   E. Entry fees
   F. Possible income (i.e. gate receipts, clinics, camps, etc.)

3. Schedules
   A. Competitive schedules for the past two years
   B. Tentative competitive and practice schedule for upcoming year.
   C. Future scheduling goals

4. Facilities
   A. Full description of facility needs and priorities
      1. competitive facility
      2. practice facilities
      3. equipment storage
      4. locker room requirements

5. Future goals for program

Approval Process

1. The interested group through its leadership must prepare the Application for Intercollegiate Status proposal as described above and forward it to the Chairperson of the Athletic Policy Advisory Committee (APAC).
2. The Chairperson of the APAC will forward the proposal to the Director of Athletics. The athletic department will have one month to review the proposal for accuracy and provide to the Chairperson and the applicant any comments. If appropriate, the athletic department may submit a separate proposal addressing items #1-#5 above as well as providing a statement specific to the personnel and budgetary impact of the proposed increase to the scope of the athletic program.

3. The Chairperson will then forward to the APAC members the original proposal and the report provided by the athletic department.

4. The Chairperson will set a meeting of the APAC for the purpose of discussion and review of all available materials. It is suggested that both the athletic department and the requesting individuals have the opportunity to attend the meeting to respond to questions.

5. The Athletic Policy Advisory Committee is the first line of approval. If the committee declines the request for consideration the Chairperson will so notify the applicant and the issue is closed. If the committee supports consideration of the proposal the Chairperson will forward the committee recommendation to the President of the College for review and processing.

6. Ultimately decisions concerning the scope of the athletic program are at the discretion of the Board of Visitors of the College.