

**Tennessee Technological University
Policy No. 911**



**Tennessee Tech
Approved Athletic
Recognitions**

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I. Purpose

This policy delineates the policies and procedures for retirement of athletic jerseys and other recognitions that are presented in the name of Tennessee Tech or purchased by Tennessee Tech.

II. Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years or whenever circumstances require review, whichever is earlier, by the Director of Athletics or the Faculty Athletics Representative, with recommendations for revision presented to the Athletics Committee, Administrative Council, and University Assembly.

III. Policy

A. Jersey Retirement

- 1.** The retirement of an athlete's jersey is one of the highest athletic honors that Tennessee Tech can bestow on a student-athlete. Although the honor is based primarily on athletic ability, it also recognizes that the student-athlete is a member of an academic community and has the accompanying responsibilities incumbent with that membership. Consequently, such an honor shall reflect the participatory as well as the non-participatory activities of the student-athlete. That is, the recipient shall be a model for future student-athletes both on and off the field/floor.
- 2.** Individual uniforms may be retired by Tennessee Tech upon approval by the Athletics Committee with the concurrence of the President. Normally, the initial recommendation for such action is made by the head coach of the sport involved.
- 3.** The following is a non-exclusive list of criteria that may be considered for retirement of a uniform:
 - a.** Be a recipient of a baccalaureate degree;
 - b.** Possess a positive public image;
 - c.** Be named to a nationally recognized All-America team, such as Kodak, Associated Press, U.P.I, etc.;
 - d.** Hold some type of All-Conference Honor for at least two years;
 - e.** Be named All-Conference "Player of the Year;"

- f. Be a statistical leader in a recognized category as maintained by the Conference in that sport; and
 - g. Be a statistical leader in a recognized category as maintained by Tennessee Tech in that sport.
4. Items **3a.** and **3b.** shall be considered basic requirements for all candidates; however, additional criteria shall be considered if substantive and appropriate. It is not expected that a nominee will have met every one of the criteria listed, but any limitations in one area should be counter-balanced by superiority in other areas.
 5. The Coach shall submit a written nomination based on this policy along with supporting documentation to the Director of Athletics.
 - a. The Director of Athletics shall refer the nomination with a written recommendation to the Athletics Committee, which has final approval (with the concurrence of the President) of such honors.
 - b. The honor is the retirement of the student-athlete's jersey, not his/her number. A coach may choose not to reissue a given number, but the retirement of the student-athlete's jersey would not require that the number never be worn again.
 - c. It is anticipated that, at the retirement of the student-athlete's jersey, an award ceremony will be held and the jersey appropriately displayed with some form of identification.
 6. The President has the authority to reconsider the retirement of a jersey.
- B . Other Recognitions**
1. Individual or team recognitions that are presented in the name of Tennessee Tech, or purchased by Tennessee Tech, shall be recommended by the head coach of the sport involved and approved by the Director of Athletics.
 2. All teams will comply with NCAA and OVC rules pertaining to athletic recognition.

IV. Interpretation

The President or his/her designee has the final authority to interpret the terms of this policy.

V. Citation of Authority for Policy

T.C.A. § 49-8-203(a)(1)(E); TTU Policy 003 (Board Reservation and Delegation of Authority); NCAA Bylaws 16; OVC Article 3

Approved by:

Athletics Committee: November 1, 2016

Administrative Council: February 22, 2017

University Assembly: April 19, 2017