

MEMORANDUM: FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Varsity Sport Status for Appalachian State University Ranger Challenge Team.

PURPOSE: To explain how the ROTC, Ranger Challenge Team became recognized as a Varsity Sport by Appalachian State University.

GENERAL: LTC ( R ) Joseph R. Branch a former PMS and the Training Officer at the time made a proposal to the Athletic Director. In the proposal they outlined the Ranger Challenge practice schedule and the competition event schedule. The Athletic Director agreed to allow the team to be recognized as a varsity sport and allowed the ROTC department to award varsity letters to participants who met criteria established by the ROTC department.

1. This agreement is not in writing and you will not find ranger challenge on the official list of varsity sports offered by the university. Listing ranger challenge as an official varsity sport would create problems and issues with conference affiliation and would be a problem when it comes to compliance with Title IX regulations since our teams are primarily comprised of male team members.
2. The university does recognize and assist the team in a number of ways. The team does get to send team members to the athletic trainers when and if competition injuries occur and the university strength coaches have helped the team develop training programs designed specifically for the competition events.
3. The ROTC department was able to get the "varsity sport" status and the additional assistance from the athletic training department and the strength coaches due to the strong professional and personal ties and relationships between the ROTC cadre and various coaches, trainers, and The University Athletic Department.
4. POC this document is Captain David Cox at (828) 262-2895 or 2015.

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