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Armstrong State/Georgia Southern Athletics Consolidation FAQ

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On January 1, 2017, the Georgia Board of Regents voted to approve the consolidation of Armstrong State University with Georgia Southern University.

Both institutions have proud and rich traditions of intercollegiate athletics; however within the framework of the consolidated institution, only one athletic department would be allowed to exist per Board of Regents and NCAA regulations. On March 7, 2017, the joint decision was made from the Armstrong State University/Georgia Southern University Operation Working Group that intercollegiate athletic competition would end following the 2016-17 athletic year.

This page will serve as a FAQ of the consolidation process as it relates to Armstrong State University athletics. More information on the consolidation process as it pertains to both institutions can be found at the official consolidation website at http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS OF ARMSTRONG STATE STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO STILL HAVE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY?

As decided by the Consolidation Implementation Committee on March 3, all athletics-related scholarships for affected student athletes will be honored, provided students are making satisfactory academic progress. This plan will allow student-
athletes who are affected by the consolidation to continue their education without bearing an additional financial burden. Many student-athletes have chosen this option and will remain on campus for the upcoming 2017-18 academic year.

HOW WILL STUDENT-ATHLETES ELIGIBILITY BE AFFECTED IF THEY SEEK TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL?

Any student-athlete who transfers at the end of the Spring 2017 semester can apply the dropped sport exception, which allows them to compete immediately, without sitting a year in residency. Many student-athletes have elected to transfer and will be competing in intercollegiate athletics at other institutions for the upcoming 2017-18 athletic year.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ARMSTRONG STATE’S HISTORICAL ATHLETIC RECORDS?

All records remain intact and are accessible through the current website, armstrongpirates.com, which will remain active through the 2019-20 athletic year. The Georgia Southern University athletic department will be making the important decision on how to feature the history of Pirate athletics on its athletic website before the armstrongpirates.com site becomes inactive.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ARMSTRONG STATE’S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME?

Athletic Director Lisa Sweany announced at the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame banquet that there will be one more Hall of Fame class inducted to ensure deserving Pirates will be enshrined. Details on the date and time of the banquet are to be determined. An announcement of those plans will come from the Georgia Southern Athletic Communications Department. The current Hall of Fame plaques are on display at the Armstrong State University Sports Center and no plans have been made to remove those plaques.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ARMSTRONG STATE’S ATHLETIC FACILITIES?

Georgia Southern has indicated that there will be an athletic presence on the Savannah campus in the future. Specifics are still to be decided, but any athletic events hosted would utilize those facilities and will be announced well in advance on the official website of Georgia Southern athletics, gseagles.com.