OPERATING POLICY/PROCEDURE

OP 10.06: Projectiles in Athletic Facilities

DATE: August 13, 2014

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy/Procedure (OP) is to ensure the safety of all individuals attending athletic events on the Texas Tech University campus.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed in June of even-numbered years by the vice president for administration and finance/chief financial officer in conjunction with the Texas Tech chief of police, the director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the vice provost for undergraduate education and student affairs with substantive revisions forwarded to the university counsel, the provost and senior vice president, and the president.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Policy

For the safety of all individuals, the throwing of any object is prohibited in all Texas Tech University athletic facilities. Persons throwing objects may be asked to leave the facility and may be subject to legal and/or disciplinary action.

2. Procedure

An exception to this policy is the throwing of promotional items at games such as souvenir footballs, basketballs, and t-shirts approved by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Under special circumstances, the president may grant other exceptions. Student and registered student organization requests for such exceptions should be routed through the Dean of Students Office, who will forward the requests to the director of Intercollegiate Athletics or her/his designee for recommendation to the president. All other requests for exception to this policy should be routed through the Dean of Students Office directly to the Office of the President. Such requests must be presented in writing a minimum of 30 days prior to the event.

In all instances, the Texas Tech chief of police, the director of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the vice provost for undergraduate education and student affairs will be consulted prior to granting an exception.