



NCAA: Baseline Overview of NCAA Legislation

Foundational Overview of NCAA Financial Aid




Key Terms

- ▶ **Full Grant-in-Aid.**
 - Tuition + required fees + required books + room + board.
 - Each institution sets its full grant-in-aid amount.
- ▶ **Cost of Attendance.**
 - Full grant-in-aid elements + supplies + transportation + any other related expenses.
 - Calculated using federal regulations.



Key Terms

- ▶ **Counter.**
 - Any student-athlete receiving aid based in any degree on athletics.
- ▶ **Equivalency.**
 - NCAA calculation reflecting amount of countable aid received by a SA.
- ▶ **Head Count Sport (Division I).**
 - Sports which limited the number of counters, such as football.



Scholarship Make-up for Each Division

DI	DII	DIII
Head count and equivalency sports	All sports are limited by equivalency.	No athletics based scholarships.
In equivalency sports, institutions generally issue partial scholarships to distribute the team's maximum financial aid limit across any number of counters.		
All NCAA student-athletes are limited to cost of attendance.		



Equivalencies



- SA not receiving any athletics aid = 0.0
- SA receiving full athletics aid = 1.0

Athletics scholarships, calculated into equivalencies, cannot exceed the maximum team limit.




Terms and Conditions

Division I	Division II	Both
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: One academic year. • Maximum: Remainder of five-year period of eligibility. • Retroactive aid permissible. • Increase permissible at any time, for any reason. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: One academic year (effective 8/1/18). • No retroactive financial aid. • Increases permissible at any time, for any reason (effective 8/1/18). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA must be enrolled full time. • Exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final semester. • Waivers. • Increases are included in the award for renewal purposes.




Changes to Athletics Aid

- ▶ **Increases.**
- ▶ **Reductions/cancellations.**
- ▶ **Notice and appeals.**




Increases

- ▶ **Institutions may increase SA athletics aid:**
 - Division I: At any time; for any reason.
 - Division II: At any time; for any reason (effective 8/1/2018).
- ▶ **Increases must be included in determining renewal.**



Cancellation and Reduction

<p><u>Permissible</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renders himself/herself ineligible. • Fraudulent misrepresentation. • Serious misconduct. • Voluntary withdrawal from the team. • Non-athletically related conditions in the written agreement. 	<p><u>Impermissible</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roster management. • Athletics performance. • Injury. • Illness.
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Notice and Appeals

- ▶ **Must notify SAs who received athletics aid if aid was renewed or nonrenewed for next academic year.**
 - In writing.
 - On or before July 1.
 - From the institution's regular financial aid authority.

- ▶ **SA must be provided an opportunity to appeal any nonrenewal, reduction or cancellation of aid.**



Financial Aid From Outside Sources

- ▶ **Family members.**

- ▶ **No relationship to athletics ability.**

- ▶ **Established and continuing program.**
 - Choice of institution not restricted by donor;
 - No direct connection between the donor and the SA's institution; **and**
 - Not provided by an outside sports team or organization to a member of its team.

- ▶ **U.S. Olympic Committee or U.S. National Governing Body.**



Questions?



Thank you!

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