

AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet

Subcommittee on Financial Aid

NCAA National Office
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 11, 2007

1. Welcome and announcements.
2. Review legislative proposals referred to and recommended by the subcommittee. [See Supplement No. 8 of the full cabinet mailing.]

Background: The subcommittee will review conference-sponsored proposals and proposals the subcommittee recommended for cabinet sponsorship in June.

Anticipated Action: The subcommittee will make recommendations to the cabinet regarding each conference-sponsored proposal to support, oppose or oppose and suggest a modification. The subcommittee will review the proposals it recommended to the cabinet in June to ensure that its intent is reflected in legislative format.

3. Continued discussion of suggestions from February 2007 financial aid workshop. [Attachment A]

Background: During its June meeting, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Financial Aid began its discussion of suggestions offered by the attendees of the February 2007 financial aid workshop. The subcommittee will continue its discussion of those suggestions.

4. Cancellation/reduction during the term of the award for nonathletics based reasons. [Attachment B will be distributed at the meeting.]

Background: During its July meeting, the Committee on Women's Athletics reviewed student-athlete pregnancy issues and asked the Cabinet to review the Division I financial aid legislation governing the reduction and cancellation of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability. Currently, NCAA Division I Bylaw 15.3.4.3 prohibits reduction

or cancellation of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability on the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success; because of an injury that prevents the recipient from participating in athletics; or for any other athletics reason during the period of the award. The subcommittee will review whether the current legislation should be expanded to include nonathletics based reasons, such as pregnancy, other temporary disabilities and mental illness.

5. Other business.

6. Adjournment.

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 2007 Financial Aid Workshop
 Executive Summary Tracking Chart

Topic: Institutional Aid and Need-Based Aid.

ISSUE	RECOMMENDATION(S)	CATEGORY*	BYLAW(S)	TRACKING/NOTES
Impact of NCAA legislation on student-athletes with a demonstrated financial need.	Determine ways in which institutional need-based aid can be received without counting against team limits.	L	15.02.4.1 15.1.2 15.1.3	
	Have equivalencies apply only to student-athletes without need. Recruited student-athletes who have a demonstrated financial need are not subject to equivalency limitations unless they receive athletics aid.	L	15.02.3 15.1 15.5.1	
	Eliminate equivalencies. Make all sports head-count sports.	L	15.5.2 15.5.3	
	Impact of co-mingling athletics aid and institutional aid: Allow student-athletes to receive one or the other.	L	15.02.4.1 15.5.1	
Academic Competitiveness Grant and National Science and Mathematics to Retain Talent Grant (SMART).	Treat similar to other identified government grants (e.g., do not count against individual limits).	L	15.1.1 15.2.5	
Mistrust amongst the membership.	Allow financial aid offices to apply "professional judgment" when dealing with issues involving student-athletes/athletics aid. Establish oversight mechanism to prevent abuse (e.g., document and keep on file incidences where "professional judgment" was used for a situation involving a student-athlete/athletics aid).	L/C/E		"Wish list" recommendation.

* L = Legislative; C = Communication; E = Education.

