

**Proposal Number:** 2007-110

**Title:** FINANCIAL AID -- REDUCTION AND CANCELLATION DURING PERIOD OF AWARD -- REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION NOT PERMITTED -- INJURY, ILLNESS OR MEDICAL CONDITION

**Intent:** To specify that institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be increased, decreased or cancelled during the period of its award because of an injury, illness or medical condition.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.3.4.3, as follows:

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be increased, decreased or cancelled during the period of its award:

[15.3.4.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Because of an injury, **illness or medical condition** *that prevents the recipient from participating in athletics*; or

[Remainder of 15.3.4.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet (Subcommittee on Financial Aid).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Current legislation specifies that institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be increased, decreased or cancelled during the period of its award "because of an injury that prevents the recipient from participating in athletics." The legislation does not provide protection for a student-athlete who may be suffering from an illness (e.g., mononucleosis, depression) or other medical condition (e.g., pregnancy, drug/alcohol addiction, eating disorder) that does not necessarily prevent participation in athletics. It is permissible for an institution to reduce or cancel athletically related institutional financial aid during the period of the award pursuant to specifically legislated instances per Bylaw 15.3.4.1 (e.g., student-athlete rendering himself or herself ineligible, serious misconduct) and other nonathletically related conditions in the financial aid agreement. However, it should not be permissible to reduce or cancel a student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award based on any injury, illness or medical condition. This change provides the necessary protection for student-athletes who have been awarded athletically related financial aid and are experiencing circumstances outside the scope of a typical "injury." Due to the unique circumstances of this issue and the need to address it in an expeditious manner, this proposal should be considered as emergency legislation.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on S-A's Time:** None.

**Position Statement(s)**

none

**History**

*Sep 11, 2007* Submit; Submitted for consideration.

*Sep 12, 2007* Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet; Sponsored.