SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

NCAA Divisions I and II Period of Award Legislation

Division I.

Bylaw 15.3.3.1 - One-Year Period.

If a student's athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall neither be awarded for a period in excess of one academic year nor for a period less than one academic year (see Bylaw 15.01.5). *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

Bylaw 15.3.3.1.1 - Exceptions.

An institution may award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year only under the following circumstances: *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

(a) Midyear Enrollment. A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution, during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the second semester or second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of that academic year. *(Revised: 5/9/06)*

(b) Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of his or her degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.

(c) One-Time Exception. One time during a student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term and has not previously received athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution. *(Revised: 5/19/09)*

(d) Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter. A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.6) in the institution's financial aid limit, or a student-athlete who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.3) due to an injury or illness may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, he or she must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.3.2.4. *(Adopted: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)*

Bylaw 15.3.3.1.2 - Financial Aid Authority Precedent.

A staff member may inform a prospective student-athlete that the athletics department will recommend to the financial aid authority that the prospective student-athlete's financial aid be renewed each year for a period of four years and may indicate that the authority always has followed the athletics department's recommendations in the past. However, the prospective student-athlete must be informed that the renewal will not be automatic.

Bylaw 15.3.3.1.3 - Injury or Illness Policy.

It is not permissible for an institution to assure the prospective student-athlete that it automatically will continue a grant-in-aid past the one-year period if the recipient sustains an injury that prevents him or her from competing in intercollegiate athletics, but an institutional representative may inform the prospective student-athlete of the regular institutional policy related to renewal or continuation of aid past the one-year period for recipients who become ill or injured during their participation.

Division II.

Bylaw 15.3.3.1 - One-Year Limit.

Where a student's athletics ability is taken into consideration in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall not be awarded in excess of one academic year.

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Division I.

Bylaw 15.3.4 - Reduction or Cancellation during Period of Award.
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Bylaw 15.3.4.1 - Increase Permitted.
Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason prior to the commencement of the period of the award. Once the period of the award begins, institutional aid may only be increased if the institution can demonstrate that such an increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.2 - Reduction or Cancellation Permitted.
Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95)*

(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4); or

(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.2.1 - Timing of Reduction or Cancellation.
Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.4. *(Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.2.2 - Nonathletically Related Conditions.

An institutional financial aid agreement may include nonathletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academics policies or standards, compliance with athletics department rules or policies) by which the aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award. *(Adopted: 4/23/08)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3 - Fraudulent Misrepresentation.

If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial aid. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4 - Misconduct.

An institution may cancel or reduce the financial aid of a student-athlete who is found to have engaged in misconduct by the university's regular student disciplinary authority, even if the loss-of-aid requirement does not apply to the student body in general. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.3 - Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted.

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07)*

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2); or *(Revised: 1/14/08)*

(c) For any other athletics reason.

Bylaw 15.3.4.3.1 - Athletically Related Condition Prohibition.

An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.3.2 - Decrease Not Permitted.

An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's or a student-athlete's financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2. *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03)*

Bylaw 15.3.5 - Renewals and Nonrenewals.

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Bylaw 15.3.5.1 - Institutional Obligation.

The renewal of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which it is to be effective. The institution shall promptly notify in writing each student-athlete who received an award the previous academic year and who has eligibility remaining in the sport in which financial aid was awarded the previous academic year (under Bylaw 14.2) whether the grant has been renewed or not renewed for the ensuing academic year. Notification of financial aid renewals and nonrenewals must come from the institution's regular financial aid authority and not from the institution's athletics department. *(Revised: 1/10/95)*

Bylaw 15.3.5.2 - Reconsideration of Nonrenewal.

It is permissible for an institution that has notified a student-athlete that he or she will not be provided institutional financial aid for the next academic year subsequently to award financial aid to that student-athlete.

Division II.

Bylaw 15.3.4 - Reduction and Cancellation during Period of Award.

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Bylaw 15.3.4.1 - Reduction or Cancellation Permitted.

Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, if the recipient: *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95)*

(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.1.1);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.1.2); or

(d) Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the financial aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 11/12/04)*

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If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial aid. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

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Bylaw 15.3.4.2 - Increase Permitted.

Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason prior to the commencement of the period of the award. Once the period of the award begins, institutional financial aid may only be increased if the institution can demonstrate that such an increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason (see Bylaw 15.3.4.3). *(Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/12/04)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.2.1 - Initial Award of Athletically Related Institutional Financial Aid.

A student-athlete who is receiving only institutional nonathletically related financial aid may receive an initial award of athletically related institutional financial aid at any point during the academic year. The initial award of athletically related financial aid may not be retroactive to a previous academic year. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

Bylaw 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 canceled during the period of its award: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

(a) On the basis of a student's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;

(b) Because of an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.1); or *(Revised: 4/24/08)*

(c) For any other athletics reason.

Bylaw 15.3.4.3.1 - Medical Documentation.

An institution may require a student-athlete to submit contemporaneous medical documentation to verify whether the student-athlete is suffering from an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition. Such medical documentation shall be provided by an individual who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat such an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition (e.g., physician, psychiatrist). *(Adopted: 10/21/08)*

Bylaw 15.3.4.3.2 - Athletically Related Condition Prohibition.

An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial aid during the period of the award, if the conditions are not satisfied. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)*

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