



NCAA: An Update on Division I Financial Aid Regulations

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Overview

- New NCAA Division I Governance Structure.
- Autonomy Legislation Related to Financial Aid.
- Discussion and Questions.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Adopted October 2014.
- More transparent, participative and streamlined.
- More responsive to membership needs, particularly to those of student-athletes.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Recognizes membership diversity.
- Recognizes need for autonomy in terms of governance and legislative actions in certain areas while maintaining overarching values of higher education.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Board of Directors.
 - Overall governing body for Division I.
- 24 members.
 - 20 chancellors or presidents.
 - One director of athletics, one senior woman athletics representative, one faculty athletics representative and the chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Responsible for:
 - Strategy;
 - Policy;
 - Legislative oversight; and
 - Management oversight.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Division I Council.
 - Primary legislative authority for the division.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- 40 members.
 - 32 athletics administrators (e.g., athletics directors, senior woman administrators, conference administrators, compliance administrators and other senior level administrators), with athletics directors comprising at least 60 percent of this group.
 - Four conference commissioners.
 - Two faculty athletics representatives.
 - Two members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Division I Council Substructure – APPROVED

**Council Coordination
Committee**

**Council
(40)**

**Division I Student-
Athlete Advisory
Committee**

Standing committees reporting to the Council.

**Student-Athlete
Experience
Committee
(10 total: 5
Council, 4 others,
1 SAAC)**

Awards
Benefits
Financial Aid
Recruiting
Amateurism
Personnel

**Strategic Vision and
Planning Committee
(10 total: 5 Council,
4 others, 1 SAAC)**

Business and Legal
Affairs
Strategic Planning and
Research
Membership and
Reclassification
Health and Safety
IPP, MOIC, CWA

**Competition
Oversight
Committee
(19 total: 10
Council, 8 others,
1 SAAC)**

Handles all sports
and committees
other than men's and
women's basketball
and football
PROP (information
only)
OSLC

**Sports Oversight
committees
3 Separate
Committees
12 total each
committee**

4 Council
7 others
1 SAAC
Football
Men's Basketball
Women's Basketball
PROP (info only)

**Legislative
Committee
(19 total)**

4 Council
2 Committee on
Academics
3 committee chairs of
LRIC, SLR, SAR
9 others
1 SAAC



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Area of Autonomy.
 - Legislative provision providing legislative flexibility to the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference and their member institutions.
 - Granted to permit use of resources to advance legitimate educational or athletics-related needs of student-athletes and for legislative changes that enhance student-athlete well-being.



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- Areas of autonomy.
 - Athletics personnel.
 - Insurance and career transition.
 - Promotional activities unrelated to athletics participation.
 - Recruiting restrictions.
 - Legislation to reduce infringement on a prospective student-athlete's academic preparation.



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- Areas of Autonomy.
 - Pre-enrollment Expenses and Support.
 - Legislation related to expenses and support provided in the recruiting process and the transition to college enrollment, including assistance to families to visit campus, medical expenses and academic support during the summer prior to enrollment and transportation to enroll.
 - Academic Support.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Areas of Autonomy (continued).
 - Health and Wellness.
 - Meals and Nutrition.
 - Time Demands.
 - Legislation that establishes an appropriate balance between athletics and other student-athlete activities and fosters participation in educational opportunities outside of intercollegiate athletics.



New NCAA Division I Governance Structure

- Areas of Autonomy (continued).
 - Awards, Benefits and Expenses.
 - Financial Aid.
 - Student-athlete's individual limit on athletically related financial aid;
 - Terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid; and
 - Eligibility of former student-athletes to receive undergraduate financial aid.



Autonomy Legislation – Application to Other Conferences

- Institutions in conferences other than the five autonomy conferences have discretion to determine whether to apply autonomy legislation.
- Subject to conference discretion, may be applied on a sport-by-sport, team-by-team and/or student-athlete by student-athlete basis.



Autonomy Legislation – Application to Other Conferences

- Examples:
 - Apply to basketball, but not to any other sports.
 - Apply to women's soccer, but not to men's soccer.
 - Apply to incoming women's soccer student-athletes, but not to continuing women's soccer student-athletes.



Autonomy Legislation Related To Financial Aid



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NCAA Proposal No. 2014-13, as amended.

- **Intent:** To specify that a full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, books and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2015; awards may be executed before August 1, 2015.



Autonomy Legislation Related to Financial Aid

- NCAA Bylaw No. 15.02.5 Full Grant-in-Aid. [A] A full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, ~~and required course-related books~~ **and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance established pursuant to Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.02.2.1.**
- New definition applies to all institutions.



Autonomy Legislation Related to Financial Aid

- For equivalency computations, institutions in conferences other than the autonomy conferences may choose from two methods for determining the denominator.
 - Full grant-in-aid as defined in new Bylaw 15.02.5, ***or***
 - Full grant-in-aid as previously defined (tuition and fees, room and board and required course-related books).

Individual Limit

*Autonomous: NCAA Constitution
5.3.2.1.2(f)
NCAA Bylaw 15.1*

The individual limit for a student-athlete (SA) is the institution's cost of attendance (COA). Athletics aid for an individual student-athlete was limited to a full grant-in-aid.

For all Division I institutions, NCAA Proposal 2014-13, as amended, changed the definition of full grant-in-aid.

OLD	NEW
1. Tuition and fees	1. Tuition and fees
2. Room and board	2. Room and board
3. Required course-related books.	3. Books
	4. Other expenses related to attendance, up to cost of attendance.

Team Limits (Equivalency Sports)

Shared Governance: NCAA Bylaws 15.5.1, 15.5.3.1, 15.5.3.2

Who counts?

Student-athlete (SA) who receives financial aid, based on any degree of athletic ability, triggers being a counter and the student-athlete's countable aid counts against the established team limits. *[e.g., 1 SA* (50% athletically related aid) = 0.5 counter]*

What changed?

Modification to the denominator:

	OLD FRACTION	NEW FRACTION
Numerator:	Athletics Aid Received	Athletics Aid Received
Total Cost Denominator:	$\frac{\text{Athletics Aid Received}}{\text{Full Grant in Aid (FGA)}}$ <i>(tuition and fees; room and board; required course-related books)</i>	$\frac{\text{Athletics Aid Received}}{\text{New FGA}}$ <i>= Cost of Attendance (COA) (tuition and fees; room and board; books; other expenses)</i>

Example: Impact to the denominator and equivalency for 50% equivalency:

	OLD EQUIVALENCY	NEW EQUIVALENCY
Numerator:	$\frac{\$25,000}{\$50,000} = 50\%$	$\frac{\$25,000}{\$55,000} = 45\%$
Denominator:	\$50,000 (FGA)	\$55,000 (COA)

What To Use When Calculating Equivalencies?

Previous Bylaw 15.02.5

Full Grant-in-aid (FGIA).

1. Tuition and fees.
2. Room and board.
3. Required course-related books.

When calculating equivalencies:

- Not available to autonomy conferences.
- Option for non-autonomy conferences, subject to conference discretion.

Example

FGIA = \$50,000

	SA 1	SA 2	SA 3
Award	Full	50%	\$25,000
Amount	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Calculation	$\$50,000 / \$50,000$	$.5 * \$50,000$	$\$25,000 / \$50,000$
Squad List	1.0	0.5	0.5

New Bylaw 15.02.5

Cost of Attendance (COA).

1. Tuition and fees;
2. Room and board;
3. Books, and
4. Other expenses related to attendance, up to cost of attendance.

When calculating equivalencies:

- Required for autonomy conferences.
- Option for non-autonomy conferences, subject to conference discretion.

Example

FGIA = COA = \$55,000

	SA 1	SA 2	SA 3
Award	Full	50%	\$25,000
Amount	\$55,000	\$27,500	\$25,000
Calculation	$\$55,000 / \$55,000$	$.5 * \$55,000$	$\$25,000 / \$55,000$
Squad List	1.0	0.5	0.45



Autonomy Legislation Related to Financial Aid

- Proposal No. 2014-14
- **Intent:** If a student-athlete receives athletically-related financial aid in the academic year of his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success; an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition; or any other athletics reason shall not be considered in the reduction or nonrenewal of athletically related financial aid for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility.



Autonomy Legislation Related to Financial Aid

- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2015; applicable to new awards of athletically-related financial aid by which the aid is provided during the 2015-16 academic year and thereafter.



Discussion and Questions