

NCAA Rule of the Month

March 2011 Scholarships

Spring is the time of year for coaches to begin thinking about scholarship renewals for the upcoming academic year. Due to an athletic scholarship being a one-year-only award, CU is obligated to notify a student-athlete by July 1st if their scholarship has been renewed, reduced or non-renewed. This notification must come from the financial aid office with the opportunity to appeal the decision.

Although scholarship changes and updates are prevalent during the summer, scholarship changes are not as common during the academic year. During this time, there are many limitations when it comes to increasing or decreasing scholarships during the period of the award and awarding or cancelling during the period of the award.

Reduction or Cancellation **Not** Permitted (during the period of the award)

- On the basis of a student-athlete's athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success.
- Because of an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition.
- For any other athletics reason.

Reduction or Cancellation Permitted (during the period of the award)

- SA renders himself/herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition.
- SA fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement.
- Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty.
- Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons. A request for permission to contact does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal.

Increase Permitted (during the period of the award)

- If CU can demonstrate that the increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason (i.e., change in family financial status).