

# RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC



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Outside Financial Aid

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# Outside Financial Aid

- ⦿ Effective August 1, 2011, the terms “Athletics Participation Not Major Criterion” and “Athletics Participation as a Major Criterion” will be removed from the NCAA manual.
- ⦿ The manual will combine the terms and that aid will fall under “Financial Aid from an Established and Continuing Program”.

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Aid awarded under this title will no longer count against a team's limitations, provided:

- ⦿ The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid, and
- ⦿ There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.

If the award does not meet either of the requirements, it will be countable, regardless of recruitment status.

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- ⦿ Further, if a recruited prospect receives aid under this new bylaw, they do not trigger counter status, provided they are not on athletics aid.
- ⦿ This aid will still be included in the individual's cost of attendance limit, but will not count against the team's limitations.

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Example: Johnny Smith, a recruited walk-on, was awarded the Outstanding Athlete Scholarship for \$500 from his high school booster club. This award has been given out to outstanding local students for the past 10 years.

Former legislation would require this aid to be counted in the team limitation and Johnny must also be considered a counter. If the team did not have room in their limitations for this award, Johnny would not be able to accept it.

The new legislation allows Johnny to accept this award without counting against his team!

# References

## 15.2.6.3 Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program.

A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided:

- (a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; and
- (b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.

**EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2011**