CANCELLED, REDUCED OR NON-RENEWED ATHLETIC AID APPEALS

A student-athlete may appeal any cancellation, reduction, or non-renewal of athletic aid to the Boulder campus Athletic Aid Appeals Committee, which consists of faculty and staff outside the Department of Athletics. This committee has the power to affirm, amend, or overturn the cancellation, reduction, or non-renewal. Its decision is final and binding.

Procedures for this process are as follows:

- If the University of Colorado cancels, reduces, or does not renew a student-athlete’s athletic scholarship, the Office of Financial Aid shall inform the student-athlete of that decision. Notification shall be delivered via return-receipt certified mail postmarked no later than July 1, with a copy via e-mail. The notification letter must inform the student-athlete that he/she has the right to appeal the decision to the Athletic Aid Committee.

- If the student-athlete wishes to appeal the decision, he/she must notify the Office of Financial Aid. CU Boulder shall conduct an appeal hearing and provide written results within 15 business days of receipt of the student-athlete’s request for the appeal.

The hearing will be conducted by the Athletic Aid Appeals Committee, which consists of three members: a representative from the Office of Financial Aid (who will serve as the committee’s chair), to be appointed by the Director of Financial Aid; a representative from the Office of Undergraduate Education, to be appointed by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education; and a faculty member, to be appointed by the chair of the BFA Intercollegiate Athletic Committee. Those with appointment authority as described above are free to appoint themselves to serve.

- The student-athlete may choose to participate by telephone, videoconference, in writing, or in person. He or she may be accompanied by a friend or family member but that person may not participate in the hearing process.

- The student-athlete will present his/her reasons why the cancellation, reduction, or non-renewal should be overturned.

- A Department of Athletics representative will present reasons for the cancellation, reduction, or non-renewal.

- Both presentations will be private (i.e., the other party will not be present). The student-athlete may choose the order of presentation.

- The committee reserves the right to recall either side for additional information, or to call upon other individuals who may provide more information (roommate, teammate, etc.)

- In making its determination, the committee shall weigh the interests and responsibilities of the student athlete and the interests and responsibilities of the Department of Athletics. A majority decision is required.
- The committee shall notify the student-athlete, Director of Athletics, Head Coach, and Director of Compliance of its decision by email.

- If CU Boulder fails to meet any of the conditions described above, the appeal shall be granted by default.
- If the student-athlete does not appear at the scheduled hearing the appeal shall be rejected by default.

Copy of Letter of Appeal to Student-Athlete

Dear Student-Athlete:

This serves to notify you that your athletic aid has been [cancelled, reduced, or not renewed]. You have the right to appeal this decision. Appeals are heard by a campus committee consisting of faculty and staff outside the Department of Athletics. This outside committee has the power to affirm, amend, or overturn the decision.

Its decision is final and binding.

Please find enclosed a copy of the athletic aid committee policies and procedures. If you choose to appeal, you must notify the Office of Financial Aid.