



CANCELLED, REDUCED OR NON-RENEWED ATHLETIC AID APPEALS

Committee:

1. Consists of faculty and staff outside the Athletic Department.
2. Committee members (substitute committee members will be appointed by the Director of Financial Aid):
 - a. Gwen Pomper (Chair), Director of Financial Aid
 - b. Ofelia Morales, Associate Director of Financial Aid
 - c. Michael Grant, Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education
 - d. Faculty Member from the Boulder Faculty Assembly
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3. Substitute members:
 - a. Jill Ray, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
 - b. Jeffrey Cox, Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs

Appeal Hearing Request:

1. If the University of Colorado cancels, reduces or does not renew a student-athlete's athletic scholarship, the Office of Financial Aid will notify the student-athlete in writing, at their permanent home address, via certified mail that he/she has the right to a hearing on the matter. The student athlete will also be sent an e-mail notification informing him/her that a certified letter has been sent to their permanent address.
2. To request a hearing, the student-athlete must notify the Office of Financial Aid in writing within **15 calendar days** of either receiving the certified letter or 15 days after the USPS first attempted delivery of the certified letter. Written appeals delivered to OFA via US mail, in person, email or fax will be accepted if within this 15 day period.
3. The hearing will occur as soon as possible, but no later than **10 business days** following the student-athlete's written request. Requests received outside of the regular academic semester may take up to **20 business days**, but will occur no later than the first day of the next academic semester.

Financial Aid Appeal Hearing:

1. The student-athlete will meet with the appeals committee and may have family member(s) and/or friend(s) present at the hearing. However, family and friends are not permitted to speak on behalf of the SA. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to notify the chair of the committee if anyone will accompany the student-athlete at the hearing. The notification must be made at least **one day** in advance of the scheduled hearing.
2. At the hearing, the student-athlete will present his/her reasons why the cancellation, reduction or the non-renewal decision should be overturned. The SA will present their side to the committee members independent of the coach or athletics department administrator.
3. The appeals committee will also meet with a representative of the Athletics Department (coach or administrator) who will present their reasons for the cancellation, reduction or non-renewal of the athletic scholarship.
4. If necessary, the Committee will have an opportunity to meet with each side again for clarification or elaboration on points made during each case.
5. At any time during the process, the committee may request additional documentation from the student, the Athletics Department or other University departments that may be relevant to the appeal.

Committee Decision:

In making its decision, the Committee shall weigh both the interests and responsibilities of the student-athlete and the interests and responsibilities of the Athletics Department. The appeals committee has final authority to affirm or overturn any cancelled, reduced or not renewed athletic financial aid. A majority decision is required.

The Committee will notify the student-athlete, the Athletic Director, Director of Compliance and Head Coach of the sport team of its decision in writing no later than **2 business days** after the final decision is made.

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