

Frequently Asked Questions **(Updated December 4, 2020)**

Below are frequently asked questions related to the *Baseball Blanket Waiver Approved, June 9, 2020*. NCAA member institutions and conferences are encouraged to review this list of FAQs prior to submitting a waiver through the Requests/Self-Reports Online case management system. Please call the legislative relief waiver voice mail at 317/917-6144 if you are an NCAA member institution or conference and have a question that is not answered below.

Question No. 1: Does this blanket waiver impact the current COVID-19 Q&A which permits student-athletes exercising the season-of-competition waiver in baseball to receive the same equivalency from 19-20 and NOT be counters or count against team equivalency?

Answer: No.

Question No. 2: Does the ability to renegotiate apply only to returning student-athletes?

Answer: No. Institutions are permitted to renegotiate with an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) who previously signed an athletics aid agreement. (For National Letter of Intent impact, see administrative guidelines).

2020-21 academic year.

Question No. 3: In 2021-22 can an institution award the average of the aid received during 2020-21 and the amount that would have been received by the student-athlete under the original aid agreement if that amount is less than a 25-percent equivalency?

Answer: No. The institution must renew the student-athlete's agreement for the 2021-22 academic year and provide at least a 25-percent equivalency or the average of the aid received during 2020-21 and the amount that would have been received by the student-athlete under the original aid agreement, whichever is greater.

Question No. 4: Can less than a 25-percent equivalency be offered to a returning nonscholarship student-athlete who did not receive athletics aid during 2019-20?

Answer: The blanket waiver was intended to allow institutions to renegotiate previously issued athletics aid agreements. However, an institution would be permitted to provide less than a 25-percent equivalency to returning nonscholarship student-athlete. If the institution provides athletics aid to the student-athlete in 2021-22 they would be required to renew the student-athlete's agreement to a minimum of a 25-percent equivalency. If the aid is not renewed for 2021-22

then the student-athlete must be provided an opportunity to appeal and the institution must follow its normal policies and procedures for conducting the appeal.

Question No. 5: If an institution reduces a student-athlete's athletics aid for 2020-21, is the institution required to give the student-athlete a hearing opportunity?

Answer: Yes. The student-athlete must still be provided an opportunity to appeal and the institution must follow its normal policies and procedures for conducting the appeal.

2021-22 academic year.

Question No. 6: In 2022-23 can an institution award the average of the aid received during 2021-22 and the amount that would have been received by the student-athlete under the original aid agreement if that amount is less than a 25-percent equivalency?

Answer: No. The institution must renew the student-athlete's agreement for the 2022-23 academic year and provide at least a 25-percent equivalency or the average of the aid received during 2021-22 and the amount that would have been received by the student-athlete under the original aid agreement, whichever is greater.

Question No. 7: Can less than a 25-percent equivalency be offered to a returning nonscholarship student-athlete who did not receive athletics aid during 2020-21?

Answer: The blanket waiver was intended to allow institutions to renegotiate previously issued athletics aid agreements. However, an institution would be permitted to provide less than a 25-percent equivalency to returning nonscholarship student-athlete. If the institution provides athletics aid to the student-athlete in 2022-23 they would be required to renew the student-athlete's agreement to a minimum of a 25-percent equivalency. If the aid is not renewed for 2022-23 then the student-athlete must be provided an opportunity to appeal and the institution must follow its normal policies and procedures for conducting the appeal.

Question No. 8: If an institution reduces a student-athlete's athletics aid for 2021-22, is the institution required to give the student-athlete a hearing opportunity?

Answer: Yes. The student-athlete must still be provided an opportunity to appeal and the institution must follow its normal policies and procedures for conducting the appeal.