



## 2020-21 NCAA Compliance Assistant COVID-19 Enhancements

### Enhancements.

- Screen/Field Affected: Sports – Participation Status – Eligibility Exhausted – COVID-19.

Select this option to indicate that the student-athlete would have exhausted eligibility in a sport during the previous academic year but is returning due the COVID-19 pandemic. The student-athlete's financial aid will be considered "exempt" from counting towards the team's equivalency or head-count limit. On the squad list, the athletics aid this student-athlete receives will be included in the total box for "Athletics Grant" and in the equivalent award for revenue distribution purposes. The "total countable aid" received by this student-athlete will count for purposes of minimum requirements legislation and, therefore, will be included in the total box for "Total Countable Aid" on the squad list. "Special Status" code 'CO' will be displayed in the "Change in Status" column on the squad list if this option is selected on the "Sports" screen.

- Screen/Field Affected: Sport – Special Status – Season of Competition/Participation Waiver Granted.

Select this option to indicate that the student-athlete has been granted a season of competition/participation waiver. This option can also be used to indicate that the institution has elected to either apply a blanket waiver or self-apply a season of competition/participation waiver. The student-athlete's seasons of competition field will not increase by one when this athlete is rolled over to next year. "Special Status" code 'S' will be displayed in the "Change in Status" column on the squad list if this option is selected on the "Sports" screen.

- Screen/Field Affected: Setup – Financial Aid Sources – Aid Types.

The following aid types were added or modified: DI Academic Honor Award – High School Record, DI Academic Honor Award – Transfer Student, DI Academic Honor Award – Renewals, DI Institutional Academic Scholarship, and DI Institutional Need-Based Aid. These were added to assist CA users in tracking the new legislation that exempts institutional need-based aid and nondiscretionary institutional merit-based aid (i.e., NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-119).

- Screen/Field Affected: Student-Athletes – Financial Aid.

Financial aid awarded to spring sport student-athletes who would have exhausted eligibility during the 2019-20 academic year is exempt from team financial aid limits for the 2020-21 academic year up to a financial aid award equivalent to the aid counted toward team financial aid limits during 2019-20. If the "Eligibility exhausted –

COVID-19" participation status is selected the system will display a box for users to record any financial aid the student-athlete receives above the 2019-20 equivalency.

For example, a student-athlete who counted as a .75 equivalency toward the team financial aid limit for 2019-20 (regardless of whether awarded as equivalency, dollar amount or by element) may have an award of up to a .75 equivalency exempted from the team financial aid limit for 2020-21. If the student-athlete should count as a .90 equivalency for 2020-21, users should enter .15 in the box below:

Due to the COVID-19 exception, if this student-athlete received a larger equivalency this year than last year, please enter the difference here:

Student-Athlete		Baseball		
Counter?	Equivalency	Overall Counters	Team	Squad Size
No	*	1	0.27	1

### **Frequently Asked Questions.**

- Q: What steps should institutions take to indicate that it has self-applied a season-of-competition waiver for a particular student-athlete in Compliance Assistant?
- A: The "Special Status" fields have been updated to include: 'Season of competition/participation waiver granted.' If this option is selected, the student-athlete's seasons of competition field will not increase by one when this athlete is rolled over to next year. 'S' will be displayed in the "Change in Status" column on the squad list if this option is selected on the "Sports" screen. Please note: This should be recorded in the 2019-20 academic year.
- Q: How should student-athletes who would have exhausted eligibility in 2019-20 be entered in Compliance Assistant to exempt their financial aid award from team financial aid limits for the 2020-21 academic year?
- A: The "Participation Status" fields have been updated to include: "Eligibility exhausted – COVID-19." If this option is selected, the student-athlete's financial aid will be considered "exempt" from counting towards the team's equivalency or head-count limit. On the squad list, 'CO' will be displayed in the "Change in Status" column and the athletics aid a student- athlete receives will be included in the total box for "Athletics Grant" and in the equivalent award for revenue distribution purposes. The "total countable aid" received by this student-athlete will count for purposes of minimum requirements legislation and, therefore, will be included in the total box for "Total Countable Aid" on the squad list. Please note: This should be recorded in the 2020-21 academic year.
- Q: Are institutions required to recalculate individual or team equivalencies if the institution issues refunds or adjusts grant-in-aid or cost of attendance amounts due to COVID-19?
- A: There is no requirement to recalculate equivalencies if cost of attendance was not recalculated for students generally.