NCAA Divisions I, II and III Committees for Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Student-Athlete Reinstatement Process

An institution submits a case to the student-athlete reinstatement (SAR) staff when it:

- (1) declares a current or prospective student-athlete ineligible due to a violation affecting eligibility; or
- (2) determines a specific waiver is needed.

In all cases, the SAR staff and committees subscribe to the students-first philosophy; attempt to place student-athletes back in the position they were prior to a violation occurring while also evaluating culpability; and review the totality of circumstances to render an outcome that considers student-athlete well-being and fairness. Here is an overview of the SAR process.

SAR CASE TYPES

Violations affecting student-athlete's eligibility (Bylaws 10-17)

Student-athlete unable to use four seasons of competition/ participation within five-year/ 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility

- Extension of Eligibility Waiver
- Athletics Activity Waiver (Division I)

Student-athlete competes/participates limitedly during a season of competition/participation

- Hardship Waiver Appeal
- Hardship Waiver (Independent Institutions)
- Season of competition/ participation waiver—competition while eligible/ineligible

Pre-Enrollment Amateurism Certification Process

SAR PROCESS



Institution determines waiver is necessary or violation affecting eligibility has occurred.



Institution submits case with required documentation to SAR staff.



Case assigned to SAR staff member who collaborates with institution to resolve questions and obtain additional information, if necessary.



SAR staff reviews case and considers legislation, committee guidelines, policies and procedures, case precedent, asserted mitigation, and other relevant information.



SAR staff issues decision to institution.



Institution may accept staff decision, request reconsideration or request appeal.

(See appeal section on next page)

Student-Athlete Reinstatement Process continued

DECISION IS MADE APPROVE DENY/APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS Following the decision, the institution may: ACCEPT THE DECISION **REQUEST AN REQUEST STAFF** APPEAL RECONSIDERATION If decision is accepted, Only an option if new Institution provides SAR staff institution waives its right information becomes available with written rationale for appeal to appeal. that was not reasonably and letter of support from available at time of decision. authority outside athletics (e.g., FAR). New documents presenting previously considered Institution must request appeal information will not be within 30 calendar days of receiving decision through RSRO. accepted for reconsideration. Institution provides SAR SAR staff drafts decision staff with rationale why rationale and forwards documentation was not case file to Committee on previously available. Student-Athlete Reinstatement. Institution may request Waivers: reconsideration within appeal reviewed on 30 calendar days of receiving written record. decision through RSRO. **Violations:** SAR staff reviews new appeal reviewed on information and written record or via issues decision. telephonic appeal. **DENY**/ **COMMITTEE RENDERS CASE IS APPROVE APPROVE DECISION, WHICH IS FINAL RESOLVED** WITH AND BINDING. CONDITIONS Institution may accept decision

or request appeal.



DON'T FORGET!

- Include case-specific signed Buckley statement.
- Include student-athlete's written statement.
- "Urgent" means pending competition within 10 days.
- Resolve all interpretive issues prior to submission.
- Call SAR staff with questions: 317-917-6222.

DISCLAIMER: Please note, this document is intended as a general process overview and is not inclusive of all SAR policies and procedures. Please see *ncaa.org/compliance/reinstatement/student-athlete-reinstatement* for additional information.