

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
University Policies and Procedures

1301 - CANCELLATION OF ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Statement:

- (1) A student-athlete's athletic scholarship shall be renewed from year to year for a period of four (4) years unless canceled for one or more of the following reasons:
 - A. The student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition for academic reasons;
 - B. The student-athlete voluntarily withdraws from participation in intercollegiate competition;
 - C. The student-athlete fails to meet established requirements of team membership;
 - D. The student-athlete violates established rules of conduct; and/or
 - E. The student-athlete receives a third positive result under the drug testing policy.
- (2) An athletic scholarship may not be canceled for such reasons as the student-athlete's lack of athletic ability or skill, poor athletic performance, or injury to the student-athlete which prevents participation in intercollegiate athletics.
- (3) Athletic scholarships which are renewed must be renewed prior to July 1 in a year.
- (4) Athletic scholarships which are canceled must be canceled at the end of an academic semester unless the cancellation is due to ineligibility for academic reasons. Athletic scholarships canceled for academic reasons may be canceled immediately upon the student-athlete's becoming academically ineligible.

Procedures for Canceling an Athlete Scholarship

- (1) The Associate Athletic Director ("Associate A.D.") makes the initial decision to terminate a student-athlete's athletic scholarship either upon recommendation of the student-athlete's coach or upon the Associate A.D. 's own initiative.
 - A. A coach who recommends the cancellation of an athletic scholarship shall send a letter to the Associate A.D. describing the recommendation and the reasons for the

recommendation. Copies of the letter shall be provided to the student-athlete and to the parent(s) or legal guardian of the student-athlete who signed the original scholarship.

- B. Before the Associate A.D. makes a decision to cancel an athletic scholarship, either on a coach's recommendation or on her own initiative, the Associate A.D. must notify the student-athlete of the grounds upon which the scholarship may be canceled and must give the student-athlete an opportunity to meet with the Associate A.D. to discuss the matter.
 - C. If the student-athlete decides to meet with the Associate A.D., the Associate A.D. shall hear the student's statement, make any further investigation of the matter which the Associate A.D. deems appropriate, and make a decision. The student-athlete and the coach shall be notified in writing of the Associate A.D.'s decision and the reasons for the decision.
 - D. Copies of all letters sent to the student-athlete shall be sent to the student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian who signed the original scholarship.
- (2) The Associate A.D.'s decision may be appealed by the student-athlete or the student-athlete's coach to the Athletic Director ("A.D."). Such appeal must be made within ten (10) days of receipt of the Associate A.D.'s written decision.
- A. Prior to making a decision on the appeal, the A.D. shall give the student-athlete an opportunity to meet with the A.D. to discuss the matter. The A.D. may, in the A.D.'s discretion, meet with the coach and the Associate A.D. and may investigate the matter further as the A.D. deems appropriate.
 - B. Upon concluding the investigation, the A.D. shall inform the Associate A.D., the student-athlete, and the coach of the A.D.'s decision, in writing.
- (3) The A.D.'s decision may be appealed by the student-athlete to the Director of Financial Aid within ten (10) days of receipt of the A.D.'s decision. The Director of Financial Aid may meet with the student-athlete, the coach, or others, and may make such further investigation as the Director deems appropriate. The decision of the Director of Financial Aid shall be provided in writing to the student-athlete and the A.D. The decision of the Director of Financial Aid is final.

Responsibility: Director of Athletics

Authorization: Joseph M. Marchello, President

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