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- A. To be eligible for and to retain athletically related financial aid, an entering freshman, a student transferring from another institution of collegiate or community college rank, or a continuing or reentering student must meet and thereafter comply with all applicable financial aid regulations of the institution in which the student is matriculated and in whose intercollegiate athletic program the student is to participate, of the athletic conference(s) of which the institution is a member, and of any other organization which is regularly recognized by the respective institutions as having jurisdiction.
  
- B. All athletically related grants-in-aid are awarded by action of the institutional scholarship committees. Such grants-in-aid may not be awarded for a period in excess of one academic year. No member of the coaching staff or any other person acting individually can promise or award a grant-in-aid, job or other aid of any kind. Under no circumstances will members of athletic teams receive any athletically related financial assistance that is not made a matter of record with the scholarship committee. Grants-in-aid will be made available from institutional funds by regular methods and procedures. Grants-in-aid may not be canceled or reduced in amount for or during the period of award, except for reasons prescribed by the Board of Regents or national or regional associations and conferences of jurisdiction, which reasons shall be generally made known to the student athlete as provided in ABOR Policy 4-305D (Athletic Financial Aid). Cancellation or reduction can be effected only in consequence of loss of eligibility under ABOR Policy 5-209D (Athletic Policies, Eligibility for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics) or in consequence of fair hearing before and by the scholarship committee or through campus conduct board procedures, as the circumstances of the case may require.
  
- C. Notification of financial aid awards must be made in writing to the student by the scholarship committee, and the terms should be clear as to the amount of the aid, the form it shall take, the duration, and the conditions under which the grant-in-aid may be graduated or terminated.
  
- D. The total of all athletic grants-in-aid authorized for a single academic year shall be 315 each for the University of Arizona and Arizona State University, and 220 for Northern Arizona University.

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1. The total of athletic grants-in-aid for the sport of football shall be 105 each at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University, and 75 at Northern Arizona University.
  2. Athletic grants-in-aid may be divided into partial grants, provided that there may be no increase in the total cost of the authorized full grants-in-aid because of such division.
  3. The aggregate value of all athletic grants-in-aid, full and partial, is authorized subject to the condition that for a single academic year it may not exceed the resources available for that purpose for that year, the respective athletic departments to be responsible for guaranteeing compliance with this condition.
  4. The universities shall allocate athletic grants-in-aid between men and women consistent with policies of the appropriate conference and the individual university.
- E. An athletic grant-in-aid may not exceed commonly accepted educational expenses, which are defined as required tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books.
- F. If a student athlete is employed, on or off campus, the terms of the employment must be such that the pay is limited to actual hours worked and is reasonable according to the prevailing wage scale in the community for the type of work performed. No recipient of an athletically related grant-in-aid may receive compensation for employment if the combined amount provided by the grant-in-aid and the employment would exceed commonly accepted educational expense as defined in ABOR Policy 4-305E., (Athletic Financial Aid). It is the institution's responsibility to see that this provision is enforced.
- G. If a student athlete qualifies for a scholarship on the basis of high scholarship attainment or accomplishments or talents other than athletic ability, the student is not prevented from receiving such a scholarship provided that the total financial aid shall not exceed commonly accepted educational expenses as defined in ABOR Policy 4-305F (Athletic Financial Aid).
- H. The Board of Regents authorizes the universities to award the number of post-eligibility tuition waivers necessary to insure that all post-eligibility

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student athletes, as qualified by university definitions, may receive them, if they so desire.

I. Post-Eligibility Financial Aid

The universities shall provide financial aid to student athletes who have completed their eligibility, as determined by NCAA and athletic conference rules, to compete in intercollegiate athletics, but who have not completed a bachelor's degree. The aid shall be provided subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. Eligibility

- a. The student must have no more than 36 units of required course work to complete a degree.
- b. The student must have completed successfully 24 units of academic course work within the past year.
- c. The student must have a grade point average of at least 2.0 on all course work completed at the university.
- d. The student must be in good standing in the college that offers the degree sought by the student.
- e. During the period of post-eligibility award the student must make satisfactory progress according to the rules of the institution in a specific baccalaureate degree program.

2. A university may establish policies that permit the award of post-eligibility financial aid to students who do not meet all of these criteria when, in the judgment of the university, the student has reasonable chance of completing a degree.

3. The total years of athletically related aid received by the student when the post-eligibility financial aid is taken into account must not exceed the number of years of aid permitted by NCAA legislation.

4. Amount of Aid

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- a. The financial aid for eligible students at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University shall be at least equivalent to the grant-in-aid received by the student during the final year of eligibility for intercollegiate competition.
- b. The financial aid for eligible students at Northern Arizona University shall include at least a waiver of tuition as authorized by ABOR Policy 4-305H., (Athletic Financial Aid), and may include such other benefits as may, from time to time, reflect the policies and practices of the athletic conference in which Northern Arizona University has membership.

5. Source of Funds

The source of funds for the financial aid may be the athletic department; booster groups; other university local funds; or federal, state, or local student financial aid programs. If some of the aid is in the form of student employment, the student may not be required to work more than fifteen (15) hours per week.

6. Notification

The university shall notify all student athletes at least annually about the availability of post-eligibility grants-in-aid and about the criteria for eligibility.