

# Athletic Appeal Committee

## Hearing Process

**I. Identify Student for whom hearing is convened.**

**II. Introduce members of the Committee.**

**III. Have others introduce themselves and identify their role.**

1. The only persons who may participate in the procedures in any way are the members of the Committee, the student athlete, the coach of the sport and, strictly as a resource regarding NCAA and Illinois State University rules and policies, an Athletics Department Compliance Staff member.

**IV. State the purpose of the hearing.**

1. Hear statements from the student athlete and coach, with the opportunity for questions by members of the Committee.
2. In view of the information provided, both written and verbal, and NCAA and Illinois State University policies and procedures, decide on the appropriateness of the non-renewal or cancellation of the athletic award.
3. The hearing is not a court of law and does not operate on the principle of "beyond reasonable doubt." Rather, the decision of the Committee is based on a preponderance of evidence. The hearing will not be taped; however, you may request a copy of the notes from the hearing.
4. No decision will be announced during the hearing. Written notice of the decision of the Committee is sent to the student and to Intercollegiate Athletics.
5. This hearing is the final step in the appeal process at the University.

**V. Hearing procedure**

1. An Athletics Department Compliance Staff member reviews the NCAA Regulations regarding the reduction of athletic aid during the award year or nonrenewal at the end of the award year.
2. Questions from members of the Committee.

3. Student athlete states the reason for the request for an appeal and presents information in support of the appeal.
4. Questions from members of the Committee.
5. Coach presents reasons for the non-renewal of athletic aid and information in support of the action.
6. Questions from members of the Committee.
7. Final comments from student athlete.
8. Final comments from the coach.
9. Last questions from members of the Committee.
10. Reminder that no decision will be made or presented at this time. A decision should be made in the next forty-eight hours with written notice sent to the student athlete and Intercollegiate Athletics.

**VI. Adjournment**