



Per NCAA rules, an institution is limited on how many athletic scholarships it can provide for each sport each year.

Head Count Sports (15.5.2, 15.5.5, & 15.5.6)

Men’s Sports	Women’s Sports
Football: 85	Women’s Basketball: 15
Men’s Basketball: 13	Volleyball: 12

*Head Count sports are limited by how many student-athletes can receive athletic aid. For example, only 12 student-athletes can receive a Volleyball athletic scholarship. Each head count sport student-athlete will receive 100% athletic aid.

Equivalency / Percentage or Fraction Sports (15.5.3)

Men’s Sports	Women’s Sports
Men’s Golf: 4.5	Women’s Golf: 6
Men’s Track & Field/Cross-Country: 12.6	Women’s Track & Field/Cross-Country: 18
	Women’s Lacrosse: 12
	Softball: 12
	Women’s Soccer: 14

*Equivalency sports may award percentage scholarships less than 100%. The sum of all fractional and maximum awards received by equivalency sport student-athletes shall not exceed the total limit for the sport in question for the academic year as a whole. There is no limit on how many student-athletes can receive an athletic scholarship.

Baseball Limitations (15.5.4)

- Baseball is limited to an **11.7** equivalency.
- Only **27** baseball student-athletes may be on athletic aid.
- Baseball student-athletes on athletic aid must be awarded at least **25%** equivalency.

Exemptions:

- **Medical Noncounters** – A student-athlete who becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall no longer count against the team financial aid limits beginning with the academic year following the incapacitating injury or illness.. This is confirmed by the ECU Physician and Compliance. (15.5.1.2)
- **Former Student-Athletes** – A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and returned to ECU to graduate will not count against financial aid team limits. (15.5.1.5)

Scenario Question:

- A student-athlete is nonrenewed at the end of the academic year. The student-athlete appeals the nonrenewal and is provided a hearing opportunity. The appeal committee approves the student-athlete’s athletic aid to be reinstated for the upcoming academic year.
 - o **Is this student-athlete’s athletic aid counted in the team’s limit for the upcoming academic year?**
 - Yes. This applies to both counter and equivalency sports.
 - **15.5.1.3 Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal.**
If an institution does not renew financial aid for a counter in a following year, and a hearing before the institution's regular financial aid authority results in a successful appeal for restoration of aid, the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletically related financial aid.