

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF APRIL 18, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Four-Year College Transfer update. The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief received an update from the recent Transfer Advisory Panel and the NCAA Division I Council videoconference. In a future videoconference, the Committee for Legislative Relief will continue to review and provide feedback on cases when a student-athlete requests to enter the NCAA Transfer Portal outside of a designated sports-specific window.
- 2. Review of legislative relief for undergraduate four-year college transfers receipt of financial aid. The committee reviewed and discussed recent legislative relief surrounding NCAA Bylaw 15.5.1.2. Specifically, the committee was provided an update on the total number of cases staff has reviewed regarding this legislation and mitigation for approval or denial. In addition, the committee reviewed their recent directive that clarified that an institution may re-award the financial aid of an undergraduate four-year transfer who has voluntarily withdrawn from the institution for nonathletics reasons (1) Nonscholarship student-athlete; and (2) Must be a member of the team in the fall semester. The committee advised the NCAA staff to remain consistent with the current directive until NCAA Proposal 2023-37 becomes effective August 1, 2024.
- 3. Review waivers of Bylaw 17.3.8.3: Varsity Squad Size Limitation—Championship Segment. The committee reviewed and provided feedback on legislative relief waiver requests to exempt student-athletes from the varsity squad size legislation limitation in baseball. In its review of legislative relief waivers, the committee noted the recent blanket waiver to increase the varsity squad size from 35 to 40 and increase the annual counter limit from 27 to 32. Any additional requests to exceed the varsity squad size and counter limit past the current blanket waiver should be denied since blanket legislative relief was provided to additional flexibility.
- 4. Review of financial aid limits. The committee reviewed legislative relief waiver requests to exceed team financial aid limits by replacing the aid of a counter student-athlete who has left the institution's athletics program but remains at the institution to complete graduation requirements. Specifically, the committee provided feedback to the staff advising that waiver relief should not be extended in these requests and the staff should deny these requests until the membership changes the legislation.
- 5. Review of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief's February 12, 2024, report. The committee reviewed and approved its February 12, 2024, report.

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Attendees:

Blake Barlow, University of Texas at Austin.

Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University.

Kristy Lee Bannon, Temple University.

Katy McNay, Davidson College.

Bud Pough, The Atlantic Sun Conference

Katie Willett, Big East Conference.

Absentees:

Jason Cable, Alabama State University.

Other Attendees:

None.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Danielle Day and Travis Johnston.