



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
August 16, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of student-athlete four-year transfer legislative relief waivers.** The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed and provided feedback on transfer waiver requests that involve a head coaching change after the July 1 notification of transfer deadline for use of the one-time transfer exception. The committee supported relief on a case-by-case basis when the chronology of events (i.e., head coach departure, student-athlete's entry into the NCAA Transfer Portal) demonstrates the student-athlete left immediately following the announced departure of the head coach.

The committee also reviewed the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee's transfer proposal under consideration by the NCAA Board of Directors. The Committee for Legislative Relief provided feedback on a separate legislative concept to extend the notification of transfer deadline for use of the one-time transfer exception when a head coaching change occurs after the notification deadline. The legislative concept would extend the transfer portal notification deadline by a 30- day consecutive day period if a head coach of the student-athlete's team departs or announces departure from the institution. The Committee for Legislative Relief will continue its review of the legislative concept if the NCAA Board of Directors does not adopt the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee's transfer proposal.

2. **2022 Civic Day of engagement waivers.** The Committee for Legislative Relief received an update on the legislative changes to the required day off for civic engagement. The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-15 sponsored by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and discussed legislative relief waivers of the day-off requirement. The Committee for Legislative Relief affirmed that legislative relief should only be provided when an institution is able to clearly demonstrate extraordinary, unique and unforeseen circumstances that warrant relief of the legislation.
3. **Legislative Relief Waiver Feedback.** NCAA staff requested feedback on waiver requests of the local sports club legislation for temporary replacement of applicant institution's coach. An institution would like to temporarily replace a coaching staff member with an individual involved in a local sports club coach; however, the individual's involvement with the local sports club does not meet NCAA legislation (e.g., club participants outside of the 50-mile radius). The Committee for Legislative Relief supported legislative relief on a case-by-case basis when an institution can demonstrate: (1) No other institutional staff members or other local sports club coaches meet NCAA legislation; and (2) The institution is not recruiting any prospective student-athlete who resides out of the 50-mile radius of the local sports club.

4. **Overview of cases decided between May 1 and July 31, 2022.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed legislative relief waivers decided by the staff and the Committee for Legislative Relief from May 1 through July 31, 2022. A total of 308 cases were reviewed by the staff and the Committee for Legislative Relief. Staff approved 237 cases either fully or with conditions. Staff denied 49 cases, 12 of which were appealed to the Committee for Legislative Relief. The Committee for Legislative Relief affirmed staff decision in five cases and overturned staff decision on seven occasions.

Staff approved 19 cases using the Council-Approved Review Process rationale. Staff noted that there were no cases involving NCAA Bylaw 11 (conduct and employment of athletics personnel); one case involving Bylaw 12 (amateurism and athletics eligibility); eight cases involving Bylaw 13 (recruiting); no cases involving Bylaw 15 (financial aid); one case involving Bylaw 16 (awards benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes); and six cases involving Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

Staff approved seven cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff noted that there were two cases involving Bylaw 11 (conduct and employment of athletics personnel); one case involving Bylaw 13 (recruiting); one case involving Bylaw 14 (eligibility); and two cases involving Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

5. **NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Update.** Stephen LaPorta, chair of the Committee for Legislative Relief, provided an update on recent NCAA Division I Legislative Committee meetings.
6. **Review of the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief June 23, 2021, report.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed and approved its June 23, 2021, videoconference reports.
7. **Future meeting dates.**
- Noon - Eastern time, Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

*Committee Chair: Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University*

*Staff Liaisons: Chris Johnson, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Khadian Kelly, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief August 16, 2022, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Blake Barlow, University of Texas at Austin.	
Meredith Eaker, ASUN Conference.	
Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University.	
Kristina Minor, Northwestern University.	
Kristy Lee Bannon, Temple University.	
Katie Willett, Big East Conference.	

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<b>Absentees:</b>
Jason Cable, Alabama State University.
<b>Other Attendees:</b>
None.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Emily Capehart, Brandy Hataway and Ty Medd.