NCAA DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
ARCHIVED BLANKET WAIVER REQUESTS
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The NCAA Division I Cabinet and/or its standing sports oversight committees have authority over most NCAA Division I legislative relief requests, including blanket waivers of legislation.

The cabinet and/or its standing committees may issue blanket legislative relief for the Division I membership in some circumstances.

Blanket legislative relief may only be provided for certain time periods (e.g., academic years or terms, weekends) or circumstances (e.g., COVID-19 recruiting dead period, National Championship events). The effective date (s) of the waivers listed below have expired and are no longer considered active relief of the legislation. Additionally, for blanket waivers that are older than five years, the Request/Self Reports Online (RSRO) cases tied to the blanket waiver request have been archived.

If you have any questions regarding the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief or any of the blanket waivers listed below, please contact the NCAA Division I governance and member services staff.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Designated Student-Athlete – Notification of Transfer – NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.1.4.1 and 13.1.1.4.2 – *Approved July 2, 2025*.

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR SUMMER 2025 ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief issued a one-time blanket waiver providing relief of NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.1.4.1 and 13.1.1.4.2 to allow an individual who is included on a participating institution's Designated Student-Athlete list in accordance with the *House* settlement to provide notification of transfer and enter the NCAA Transfer Portal outside of a designated transfer window from Monday, July 7, 2025, through Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

In granting the request, the Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted: (1) The June 6 approval of the *House* settlement; (2) Guidance from the NCAA Division I Settlement Implementation Committee to provide flexibility for individuals identified as Designated Student-Athletes to provide notification of transfer; and (3) That signed prospective student-athletes who are included on a participating institution's Designated Student-Athlete List must be released from their contact prohibition upon request.

The blanket waiver is effective July 7, 2025, until Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

See RSRO Case No. 1246502/Self-Reports Online via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.1.4.1 (notification of transfer--undergraduate student-athletes) and 13.1.1.4.2 (notification of transfer--post-graduates)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Women's Volleyball – First Permissible Preseason Practice Date – *June 30, 2025*.

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit member institutions to begin preseason practice sessions in women's volleyball on July 31, 2025.

For the 2025-26 academic year, an institution may commence preseason practice sessions beginning July 31, 2025.

In granting the request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The blanket waiver is only applicable for the 2025-26 academic year;
2. The blanket waiver does not amend or extend the women's volleyball playing season, the length of an institution's playing season in women's volleyball remains limited to a 132-day season;

3. The blanket waiver permits a uniform date for preseason practice for all Division I women's volleyball programs;
4. The American Volleyball Coaches Association supports the request;
5. The women's volleyball community intends to request the NCAA Division I Sports Oversight Committee to introduce legislation to amend the playing season; and
6. The blanket waiver request does not represent a permanent legislative solution but serves as temporary relief to allow for the women's volleyball playing season proposal to be reviewed through the Council-governance legislative process.

The blanket waiver is effective for the 2025-26 academic year. Please reference Case No. 1245170 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab for additional information.

Blanket Waiver – Women's Basketball – Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events and National Team Activities – *Approved May 21, 2025.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR SUMMER 2025 ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver to permit permissible off-campus recruiters in women's basketball to attend Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Junior World Championships, U17 & U19 World Cup) during June, July and August without utilizing any of the 10 international recruiting days. (Current NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.7.15) through August 2025.

Further, this blanket waiver would permit permissible off-campus recruiters in women's basketball to attend live organized athletics activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team), provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) or has a Division I coach involved (e.g., floor coach, selection committee member, evaluator) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball) and also applies to regional championships [current Bylaw 13.1.7.6.8-(a) and (b)] during quiet and dead periods without counting these events against the 10 days maximum.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This one-time waiver is effective immediately and is applicable through August 31, 2025;
2. This waiver provides flexibility for evaluations at elite and junior level equivalent competition (domestic and international) and national team activities;
3. The number of days recruiters may attend nonelite level competition/practice at certified events are still limited; however, this would provide coaches the flexibility to attend the most prestigious events without having to consider the impact on the number of institutional recruiting days;
4. Attendance at such events will continue to be subject to any restrictions put in place by the applicable governing body (e.g., space, health restrictions);
5. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports the waiver request; and
6. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will discuss this issue to determine if legislation in this area should be sponsored in the future.
7. As a reminder, coaches are not permitted to attend any events, including these specified events during a recruiting shutdown period.

See Case No. 1244746 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Legislative Relief Waivers homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.6.7 (international evaluations), 13.1.7.6.8 (national team activities and regional championships), 13.1.7.15 (coaches' attendance at elite and junior level international events), and 13.1.7.15.1 (associated practices)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Field Hockey and Men's Soccer – *Approved January 22, 2025.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief issued two blanket waivers impacting the sports of field hockey and men's soccer for the 2025 fall season.

Specifically, the blanket waivers permit the following:

Field hockey: Division I field hockey teams may begin preseason practice 21 calendar days before the first scheduled regular season contest for 2025 fall season. For the 2025-26 academic year, an institution may commence practice sessions beginning August 8, 2025.

Men's soccer: Division I men's soccer teams may engage in outside competition on the Thursday before the 13th weekend before the start of the 2025 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship. For the 2025-26 academic year, an institution may play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition in men's soccer beginning August 21, 2025.

Please reference Case No. 1233372 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab for additional information.

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee NCAA Certified Agents Providing Training Expenses to Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athletes "Testing the Waters" – *Approved January 14, 2025.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, and with the support of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit NCAA certified agents to provide a Division I men's basketball student-athlete with transportation, meals and lodging related to training expenses (e.g., cost of trainers, facility usage fees, nutrition) in preparation for the 2025 NBA Draft, provided:

1. The NCAA Division I men's basketball student-athlete has signed a 2025 Standard Player Agent Contract (SPAC) with the NCAA certified agent;
2. Relief is only provided from the conclusion of the student-athlete's playing season until the student-athlete withdraws from the draft or not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA Draft combine, whichever is earlier; and
3. A student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with such training activities.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. The Commission on College Basketball recommended that men's basketball student-athletes receive a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects and be able to receive assistance from certified agents;
2. After a Division I men's basketball student-athlete signs a SPAC, an NCAA certified agent can permissibly provide the student-athlete (and family members) with transportation, lodging and meal expenses associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team; and
3. Men's basketball student-athletes preparing for the NBA Draft and NBA Draft Combine regularly employ outside trainers to obtain a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects.

See Case No. 1237206 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Legislative Relief Waivers homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.3.1.2.3.2 (expenses after agreement), 12.2.4.2.1.1 (national basketball association) and 12.3.1.2.4 (no missed class time)]

NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision and Championship Oversight Committees – Elimination of Institutional Limit on Official Visits – ***Approved November 8, 2024, Updated November 11, 2024, to include FCS.***

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 RECRUITING CYCLE ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl and Football Championship Oversight Committees, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver request to permit institutions to provide an unlimited number of official visits in the sport of football during the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

The blanket waiver is effective immediately and allows institutions to exceed 70 institutional official visits during the current recruiting cycle (i.e., April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025).

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The Football Bowl and Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committees requested this waiver;
2. By removing the limit of 70 institutional official visits in the sport of football, the blanket waiver provides institutions additional flexibility to address the impact of recent changes in NCAA legislation (e.g., transfer immediate eligibility, unlimited official visits for prospective student-athletes) and the intercollegiate environment, allowing each institution to determine its recruiting philosophy based on institutional resources; and,
3. The FBSOC and FCSOC will continue to conduct a review of football official visits and the impact of official visits in the current intercollegiate athletics environment before determining whether to introduce a legislative solution.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.6.2.2.2 (football) [FBS/FCS] and 13.6.2.2.2.1 (national service academies) [FBS]]

UPDATE: June 2, 2025: Preseason Practice. *This update clarifies the first permissible preseason practice date in women's soccer for the 2025-26 academic year.*

Blanket Waiver – Women's Soccer First Contest or Date of Competition – ***October 11, 2024.***

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2025 PRESEASON AND CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver for the 2025-26 academic year to permit, in women's soccer, an institution to play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 13th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship during the 2025-26 academic year (one week prior to the current legislated start date).

For the 2025-26 academic year, the first permissible contest/date of competition in women's soccer will be August 14, 2025. Preseason practice may begin 16 days prior to the institution's first regularly scheduled intercollegiate contest.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is only applicable for the 2025-26 academic year;
2. The blanket waiver does not amend or extend the soccer playing season, the length of an institution's playing season in soccer remains limited to a 132-day season;
3. The women's soccer community identified match compression as a significant concern that detrimentally affects student-athlete health and well-being under the current playing season model;
4. The NCAA Division I Council introduced a proposal into the January 2025 legislative cycle to amend the women's soccer playing season, which would be effective beginning with the 2026-27 academic year;
5. A similar blanket waiver was issued for women's soccer for the 2024-25 academic year; and
6. The blanket waiver request does not represent a permanent legislative solution but serves as temporary relief to allow for the women's soccer playing season proposal to be reviewed through the council-governance legislative process.

See Case No. 1230630 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Legislative Relief Waivers homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.20.3 (first contest or date of competition)]

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball – Multiple-Team Events – *Approved October 9, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

In April 2024, the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees introduced NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-15 into the legislative process. Proposal No. 2024-15 would have provided flexibility to the current multiple-team event (MTE) criteria. During its June 2024 meetings, the oversight committees took action to table Proposal No. 2024-15 and recommended a comprehensive review occur of the MTE legislation in men's and women's basketball. On October 8, 2024, the oversight committees approved the timeline and process for conducting a comprehensive MTE review and requested the staff issue a blanket waiver of specific MTE criteria in men's and women's basketball for the 2024-25 season in order to give the oversight committees time to complete their comprehensive review. Additionally, the oversight committees will consider the timeline for anticipated completion of the MTE review and its impact on scheduling for the 2025-26 season in future oversight committee discussions, including whether to extend the blanket waiver for 2025-26.

At the request of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver providing relief of the following MTE criteria for the 2024-25 season:

- Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period.

Specifically, the blanket waiver permits NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball programs to participate in an MTE that does not meet the legislative MTE requirements outlined above during the 2024-25 season provided the remaining requirements are met:

1. The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (for men's basketball), or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (for women's basketball);
2. The event includes not more than three contests per institution. For men's basketball, an event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event. For women's basketball, the event concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
3. Each participating institution is using the same applicable option (i.e., 28 contests + a three-game MTE or 29 contests + a two-game MTE) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;
4. For men's basketball, each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and
5. For men's basketball, the event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees are conducting a comprehensive review of the MTE legislation and anticipate sponsoring a legislative proposal into the June 2025 legislative cycle that would alter the existing MTE legislation.

This blanket waiver is effective for the 2024-25 men's and women's basketball seasons. For additional information, please reference Case No. 1230522 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Legislative Relief Waivers homepage.

If an institution or event operator has questions about the blanket waiver in men's basketball, please reach out to Charnele Kemper, director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at ckemper@ncaa.org or 317-917-6153 or Abbie Markey, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at amarkey@ncaa.org or 317-917-6562.

If an institution or event operator has questions about the blanket waiver in women's basketball, please reach out to Binh Nguyen, director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at bnguyen@ncaa.org or 317-917-6613 or Jennifer Samble, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at jsamble@ncaa.org or 317-917-6675.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.4.5.1.1 (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event – men's basketball) and 17.4.5.2.1 (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event – women's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee – Women's Basketball – Student Managers Serving as Practice Players – *Approved September 26, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver to permit women's basketball student managers to also serve as practice players during the 2024-25 playing season.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. This waiver is effective immediately, and is an extension of previous blanket waivers which provided flexibility for women's basketball student managers to serve as practice players during the 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 playing seasons;
2. The student manager position(s) existed as of September 26, 2024;
3. This waiver does not permit women's basketball student managers not counted within the institution's coaching limitations that are performing practice player duties to engage in on-court coaching activities;
4. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff and practice players to assist in on-court activities and will provide continuity for teams to operate with the numbers of staff and practice players they have used in recent years;
5. This waiver is in effect until the conclusion of the institution's 2024-25 regular season schedule and is only applicable for the 2024-25 women's basketball regular season. Any future adjustments need to be discussed through the governance and legislative process;
6. This waiver does not apply to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship as it is under the purview of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, who will take up that discussion separately at a future meeting; and
7. This waiver does apply to other events (e.g., conference championships, WBIT, WNIT) unless these events have a rule that precludes this waiver from applying to the events.

This blanket waiver is effective beginning September 26, 2024, and will conclude at the end of the 2024-25 regular season. Please reference Case No. 1229005 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab for additional information.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.02.5]

NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee – Men's Golf – Participation in a Date of Competition without it Counting as an Institutional Date of Competition – *Approved August 28, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff issued a blanket waiver in men's golf, to permit up to four student-athletes to participate in a date of competition without it

counting as an institutional date of competition provided no student-athletes contribute to a team score on the particular date of competition.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The Competition Oversight Committee requested this waiver;
2. The Competition Oversight Committee notes the unintended consequences of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-39, specifically, on men's golf. If the amended sport sponsorship requirement remains in place, participation opportunities will be reduced for scores of men's golf student-athletes at several dozen institutions;
3. The Men's and Women's Golf Committees and the Competition Oversight Committee will assess potential legislative changes during the 2024-25 academic year; and
4. This waiver only applies to the 2024-25 academic year.

This blanket waiver is effective beginning August 28, 2024, and will conclude at the end of the 2024-25 academic year. Please reference Case No. 1229765 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab for additional information.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.12.5.1.2 and 20.9.6.3]

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committees – Football (FBS/FCS) – Exempt Postseason Football Participation from Counting Toward Use of a Season of Competition (I) – ***Approved August 26, 2024.***

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision and Championship Subdivision Oversight Committees, NCAA staff approved a blanket waiver request in football (FBS/FCS) to exempt postseason participation [conference championship game, bowl game, College Football Playoff contest(s), NCAA Division I Football Championship] from the limit of four contests a student-athlete may participate in without using a season of competition.

In granting this request, the staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is applicable to postseason football competition that occurs during the 2024-25 academic year;
2. The adoption of the notification of transfer window and the necessity of accelerated discussions and decisions for student-athletes and coaches regarding future participation opportunities;
3. The potential impact of student-athletes opting out of participation in postseason competition on participating football student-athletes; and
4. The blanket waiver allows the NCAA Division I governance structure additional time to consider legislative alternatives to football's season-of-competition legislation.

See Case No. 1226607 in Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Legislative Relief Waivers homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.8.3.1 (minimum amount of competition) and 12.8.3.1.6 (exception -- football)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Required Day Off During the Playing Season – ***Approved August 23, 2024.***

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief issued a blanket legislative relief waiver to permit a travel day associated with away from home competition to satisfy the day off requirement provided:

1. The institution's team will return home to campus from away from home competition before 8 a.m.

2. The return travel for institution's team is the only required athletically related activity that occurred between midnight and 8 a.m.
3. The institution's team travels across a time zone for an away from home competition.
4. The institution provides a continuous 24 hours off from all athletically related activities from the time the team is officially released following the return to campus.

In granting the request, the committee noted:

- The blanket waiver request was supported by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Executive Committee, Football Bowl Championship Oversight Committee (FBSOC), Men's Basketball Oversight Committee (MBOC), Women's Basketball Oversight Committee (WBOC) and the Student-Athlete Experience Committee (SAEC).

The blanket waiver is effective beginning August 23, 2024, through July 31, 2025, or until a legislation has been adopted, whichever occurs first. Please use Case No. 1226642 for additional information.

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee Blanket Waiver: Men's and Women's Ice Hockey 2024-25 First Contest Date and Out-of-Season Skill Instruction Prior to the First Permissible Contest – *Approved August 19, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver for the 2024-25 academic year to permit men's and women's ice hockey to:

1. Permit institutions to conduct the first permissible contest on the Friday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I (Men's or Women's) Ice Hockey Championship.
2. Permit up to 8 hours of skill instruction per week beginning two Mondays prior to the first permissible contest for institutions that elect to remain in an out-of-season segment (8 hours of CARA/week) prior to the first permissible contest.

In granting this request, the committee noted:

1. Institutions must include the first permissible contest conducted on Friday in the institution's 132-day playing season limit if the institution elects to conduct the preseason practice period as an out-of-season segment.
2. Approving the blanket waiver provides consistency in scheduling, allowing institutions to open the season with a two-game series similar to how contests are scheduled throughout the remainder of the season.
3. Approving the blanket waiver supports providing ice hockey student-athletes the proper amount of on-ice training prior to the first permissible contest to help prepare for the transition to the championship segment.
4. This is a one-time waiver request for the 2024-25 academic year and allows the Student-Athlete Experience Committee to collaborate with stakeholders in ice hockey to review and gather feedback on playing season legislation proposed by the Hockey Commissioners Association with support from the American Hockey Coaches Association.

See Case No. 1226403 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations – outside of the playing season); 17.14.2 (preseason practice); 17.14.3 (first contest)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Field Hockey – Preseason Practice – *Approved June 25, 2024, Updated July 10, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit member institutions to begin practice sessions in field hockey 21 days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest.

In granting the request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-82 transitioned multiple sports, including field hockey from practice units to preseason practice days to simplify the determination of when preseason practice can begin;
2. Proposal No. 2019-82 was effective beginning August 1, 2022;
3. Proposal No. 2019-82 was not intended to decrease the number of preseason practice days in any sport but in practice, it resulted in a reduction in preseason practice opportunities for Division I field hockey teams;
4. The blanket waiver provides one-time short-term relief to allow for additional discussion and review of a future legislative solution;
5. The blanket waiver does not change the length of an institution's playing season in field hockey, which is limited to a 132-day season; and
6. The National Field Hockey Coaches Association supported the blanket waiver request.

NOTE: The blanket waiver is effective for the 2024-25 academic year. This blanket waiver does not impact the legislated recruiting shutdown in field hockey from August 13 through 17.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.10.2 (preseason practice – women)]

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees Blanket Waiver: Men's and Women's Basketball Institutional Official Visit Limitations – Approval of Unlimited Official Visits – *Approved May 3, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: ADOPTION OF PROPOSAL NOS. 2024-11 AND 2024-18.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, NCAA staff approved a blanket waiver to allow institutions to provide an unlimited number of official visits in men's and women's basketball over the period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2025.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver addresses the impact of recent changes in NCAA legislation (e.g., one-time transfer exception, NCAA Transfer Portal windows, unlimited official visits for prospective student-athletes, multi-transfers being immediately eligible) by providing unlimited official visits to assist institutions in addressing the current challenges associated with roster depletion concerns;
2. The blanket waiver is effective immediately and applicable through July 31, 2025, and provides relief of the rolling two-year period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2025; and
3. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees introduced NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2024-11 (official (paid) visit – number of official visits – institutional limitations – men's basketball) and No. 2024-18 (official (paid) visit – number of official visits – institutional limitations – women's basketball) into the June 2024 pilot legislative cycle. During the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees joint meeting on May 3, the committees amended their respective proposals to permit unlimited official visits in men's and women's basketball in the future.

The staff noted the adoption of Proposal Nos. 2024-11 and 2024-18 would render the blanket waiver moot following the conclusion of the June 25-26, 2024, NCAA Division I Council meeting. However, if Proposal Nos. 2024-11 and 2024-18 are not adopted, then the rolling two-year period limit resets to 28 official visits for men's basketball and 24 for women's basketball for the ensuing rolling two-year period of August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2027.

This blanket waiver is effective through July 31, 2025.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.6.2.3.3 (men's basketball) and 13.6.2.3.4 (women's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Women's Volleyball – Five Additional Days of Preseason Practice – *Approved April 10, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit member institutions to begin practice sessions in women's volleyball 22 days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest.

In granting the request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-82 transitioned multiple sports, including women's volleyball, from practice units to preseason practice days to simplify the determination of when preseason practice can begin;
2. Proposal No. 2019-82 was effective beginning August 1, 2022;
3. Proposal No. 2019-82 was not intended to decrease the number of preseason practice days in any sport, but in practice, it resulted in a significant reduction in preseason practice opportunities for a majority of Division I women's volleyball teams;
4. The blanket waiver provides one-time short-term relief to allow for additional discussion and review of a future legislative solution;
5. The blanket waiver does not change the length of an institution's playing season in women's volleyball, which is limited to a 132-day season; and
6. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and the American Volleyball Coaches Association supported the blanket waiver request.

The blanket waiver is effective for the 2024-25 academic year. Please use Case No. 1213694 for additional information.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.27.2 (preseason practice – women)]

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee – Women's Basketball – Exemption of Institutional Coaching Staff Members' Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events and National Team Activities from Recruiting Person Days in June, July, and August 2024 – *Approved March 15, 2024, Updated June 14, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR SUMMER 2024 ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver to permit permissible off-campus recruiters in women's basketball to attend Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U17 & U19 World Cup) during June, July and August without utilizing any of the 10 international recruiting days. (Current NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.7.15) through August 2024.

Further, this blanket waiver would permit permissible off-campus recruiters in women's basketball to attend live organized athletics activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team), provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) or has a Division I coach involved (e.g., floor coach, selection committee member, evaluator) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball) and also applies to regional championships (current Bylaw 13.1.7.6.8.-a and b). during quiet and dead periods without counting these events against the 10 days maximum.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This one-time waiver is effective immediately, and is applicable through August 31, 2024;

2. This waiver provides flexibility for evaluations at elite and junior level equivalent competition (domestic and international) and national team activities during an Olympic year;
3. The number of days recruiters may attend nonelite level competition/practice at certified events are still limited; however, this would provide coaches the flexibility to attend the most prestigious events without having to consider the impact on the number of institutional recruiting days;
4. Attendance at such events will continue to be subject to any restrictions put in place by the applicable governing body (e.g., space, health restrictions);
5. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports the waiver request; and,
6. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will discuss this issue to determine if legislation in this area should be sponsored in the future, as part of the two-year evaluation of the current recruiting calendar.

See Case No. 1214855 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.6.7 (international evaluations), 13.1.7.6.8 (national team activities and regional championships), 13.1.7.15 (coaches' attendance at elite and junior level international events), and 13.1.7.15.1 (associated practices)]

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committees – Football – Limit on the Number of Preseason Practice Participants – *Approved March 13, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee (FBSOC) and Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee (FCSOC) Administrative Subcommittee, the NCAA staff issued a blanket waiver to permit Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions to increase the football preseason participant limit from 110 to 120 for the 2024-25 academic year.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver request was initiated by the FBSOC and FCSOC Administrative Subcommittee;
2. The FBSOC and FCSOC introduced legislation into the pilot legislative process to increase the limit of student-athletes who may engage in practice activities from 110 to 120 and remove the legislation that permits the replacement of a student-athlete;
3. The FBSOC and FCSOC will consider membership feedback received during the March 28 through May 11 initial feedback/comment period and vote during the week of May 12 on whether or not to adopt the legislation, subject to NCAA Division I Council action on June 25-26; and
4. The blanket waiver provides appropriate notice to student-athletes, coaches and administrators preparing for the 2024 fall preseason.

This blanket waiver is effective for the 2024 fall football preseason. Please reference Case No. 1214763 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab for additional information.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.11.3.1.2 (limit on number of participants)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Women's Gymnastics – Evaluation at National Championships During June 2024 Dead Period – *Approved March 12, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR SUMMER 2024 ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver permitting Division I women's gymnastics coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes at an established national championship during the upcoming dead period (June 1-15, 2024).

In granting the request, the Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. Due to the 2024 Olympic Games, women's gymnastics national championships meets (e.g., United States, Canada, Germany, France) are being held earlier in the year;
2. Division I women's gymnastics coaches can support current and former student-athletes by attending established national championship meets, which are typically qualifying meets for the 2024 Olympic Games;
3. This blanket waiver does not permit off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes or their family members during an established national championship meet;
4. The blanket waiver request was supported by the Women's Gymnastics Coaches Association; and
5. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee will consider whether a permanent legislative change is necessary.

The blanket waiver is effective during the women's gymnastics dead period from June 1-15, 2024.

See Case No. 1214033 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period) and 13.17.13.1.2 (women's gymnastics)]

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – Olympic Hopeful Student-Athletes Participation in Countable Activities – *Approved February 5, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver to permit men's and women's swimming and diving student-athletes with a realistic chance of competing for a spot on a 2024 Olympic Games team to continue to be coached by their collegiate coaches after the conclusion of the championship season. The request was granted based on student-athlete well-being and the elite and unique circumstances surrounding potential participation in the Olympic Games.

Specifically, in approving the blanket waiver, the administrative committee noted:

1. Men's and women's swimming and diving student-athletes who achieve a 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying time or qualifying score (or for Paralympic or international student-athletes, the equivalent standard) by March 24, 2024, for women or March 31, 2024, for men may continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through the respective U.S. Olympic Team Trials (or for Paralympic or international student-athletes through the date of the qualifying trials for their respective country);
2. Men's and women's swimming student-athletes who did not achieve a 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying time (or for Paralympic or international student-athletes, the equivalent standard) by March 24, 2024, for women and March 31, 2024, for men, may continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 30, 2024, provided the student-athlete achieves a time within 1% of the time standard in events that are 200 meters/yards or longer and within 2% for events that are 100 meters/yards and shorter for the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials (or for Paralympic or international student-athletes, the equivalent event); and
3. Men's and women's diving student-athletes who did not achieve a 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying score (or for Paralympic or international student-athletes, the equivalent standard) by March 24, 2024, for women or March 31, 2024, for men, may continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending on May 23, 2024, provided the student-athlete achieves a score within 3% of the minimum qualifying score in the relevant individual or synchronized diving event for the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials (or for Paralympic or international student-athletes, the equivalent event).

See Case No. 1211954 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.19 (voluntary athletically related activities), 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season) and 17.23.7 (safety exception)]

NCAA Division I Blanket Waiver Sport-Specific, Noncoaching Staff Members Participating in Limited On-Court or On-Field Activities Sports Other Than Football and Basketball – *Approved January 10, 2024.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee, NCAA staff approved a blanket waiver request, in sports other than football and basketball, to permit up to two sport-specific, noncoaching staff members to engage in limited activities during on-court and on-field practice and competition activities (e.g., throw batting practice, pass a ball, assist with drills). The noncoaching staff members designated to perform such limited on-court or on-field activities must be designated by the institution and their names kept on file in the athletics department. Finally, the sport-specific, noncoaching staff members in sports other than basketball and football are only permitted to participate in such activities until the conclusion of an institution's 2023-24 playing season.

In approving this request, the staff noted:

1. The NCAA Division I Council introduced a proposal into the June 2024 legislative cycle which would permit, in sports other than basketball and football, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities to participate in limited on-court or on-field activities;
2. Similar blanket waivers were issued for sports other than basketball and football during the 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years;
3. This blanket waiver provides relief to allow institutions the necessary flexibility to support student-athletes during practice and competition while the legislative proposal is reviewed during the June 2024 legislative cycle; and
4. This blanket waiver does not permit a noncoaching staff member to engage in coaching activities.

See Case No. 1210345 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.02.2 (countable coach) and 11.7.2 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Baseball 2024-25 Varsity Squad-Size and Annual-Counter Limit – *Approved November 21, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, staff approved a blanket waiver in baseball, for the 2024-25 academic year, to permit institutions to increase the varsity squad size from 35 to 40 and annual-counter limit from 27 to 32.

In granting this request, the staff noted:

1. The significant number of student-athletes returning to participate in NCAA Division I baseball due to a combination of unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances, which include, but are not limited to:
    a. The decrease in the number of opportunities to participate in Major League Baseball, including the decrease in the size of the draft from 40 rounds to 20 rounds and the decrease in the number of minor league teams

from 162 to 120, which will result in additional student-athletes returning to their respective institutions during the 2024-25 academic year; and

b. The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) indicated general support for a permanent legislative change to the overall roster and counter limits and have recommended the committee consider asking the NCAA Division I Council to introduce in a future legislative cycle.

2. The additional counters (up to five) must be included in the maximum team equivalency limit (11.7) and must be provided the minimum individual equivalency value (25%);
3. Approving the blanket waiver in November 2023 supports discussions and decisions for student-athletes and coaches regarding future participation opportunities before fall notification of transfer window opens for spring sports December 1 through 15, 2023; and
4. This is a one-time waiver request for the 2024-25 academic year and allows the Student-Athlete Experience Committee to collaborate with stakeholders in baseball to review the 2007 baseball academic enhancement package (NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2007-7, 2007-8 and 2007-9) and recommend potential legislative changes.

See Case No. 1207504 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.4 (baseball limitations) and 17.3.8.3 (varsity squad size limitation -- championship segment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Baseball 2024-25 Maximum Official Visit Limit – *Approved November 21, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2024-25 RECRUITING CYCLE ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, staff approved a blanket waiver in baseball, for the 2024-25 recruiting cycle, to permit institutions to provide up to 40 official visits.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request applicable August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025, (2024-25 recruiting cycle) and the committee will continue to engage with the baseball community on a long-term legislative solution;
2. An increase in the institutional official visit limit from 25 to 40 provides institutions additional flexibility to allocate official visits between high school junior, high school senior and transfer prospective student-athletes;
3. The waiver provides similar relief to previous blanket waivers issued, in baseball, following the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-111, which permitted institutions to provide junior prospective student-athletes official visits in sports other than basketball and football;
4. This is a one-time waiver request for the 2024-25 academic year and allows the Student-Athlete Experience Committee to collaborate with stakeholders in baseball to review the 2007 baseball academic enhancement package (Proposal Nos. 2007-7, 2007-8 and 2007-9) and recommend potential legislative changes; and
5. The American Baseball Coaches Association supported the blanket waiver request.

See Case No. 1207505 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.2.2 (baseball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee Blanket Waiver: Student-Athlete Participation in 2023 Major League Soccer College Showcase – *Approved November 8, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR DECEMBER 6-9, 2023.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver to permit men's soccer student-athletes to participate in the 2023 Major League Soccer (MLS) College Showcase for a period that exceeds 48 hours. Further, the blanket waiver permits participation in the showcase without considering it as the student-athletes one permissible tryout with a professional sports organization after initial full-time enrollment.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. MLS will conduct the College Showcase from December 6-9, 2023;
2. MLS will invite and provide expenses to approximately 44 draft eligible student-athletes;
3. Extending the tryout length beyond 48-hours supports student-athlete health and well-being by providing additional time for the professional teams to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the participating student-athletes without all necessary activities having to occur within a 48-hour time period;
4. A student athlete who is invited to participate in the College Showcase may miss class for such participation;
5. Similar relief exists in sport-specific legislation in basketball and ice hockey; and
6. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supports the blanket waiver request.

See Case No. 1205777 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: NCAA-Certified Agents Providing Training Expenses to Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athletes "Testing the Waters" – *Approved October 24, 2023*.

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and with the support of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit NCAA-certified agents to provide a Division I men's basketball student-athlete with transportation, meals and lodging related to training expenses (e.g., cost of trainers, facility usage fees, nutrition) in preparation for the 2024 NBA Draft, provided:

1. The NCAA Division I men's basketball student-athlete has signed a 2024 Standard Player Agent Contract (SPAC) with the NCAA-certified agent;
2. Relief is only provided from the conclusion of the student-athlete's playing season until the student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA Draft combine, whichever is earlier; and
3. A student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with such training activities.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. The Commission on College Basketball recommended that men's basketball student-athletes receive a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects and be able to receive assistance from certified agents;
2. After a Division I men's basketball student-athlete signs a SPAC, an NCAA-certified agent can permissibly provide the student-athlete (and family members) with transportation, lodging and meal expenses associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team; and
3. Men's basketball student-athletes preparing for the NBA Draft and NBA Draft Combine regularly employ outside trainers to obtain a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects.

See Case No. 1205372 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.3.1.2.3.2 (expenses after agreement), 12.2.4.2.1.1 (national basketball association) and 12.3.1.2.4 (no missed class time)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Men's and Women's Soccer First Contest or Date of Competition – *Approved October 18, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit, in soccer, an institution to play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 13th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championship during the 2024-25 academic year (one week prior to the current legislated start date).

For the 2024-25 academic year the first permissible contest/date of competition in soccer will be:
Men's Soccer: August 22, 2024.
Women's Soccer: August 15, 2024.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The blanket waiver is only applicable for the 2024-25 academic year;
2. The blanket waiver does not amend or extend the soccer playing season, the length of an institution's playing season in soccer remains limited to a 132-day season;
3. The men's and women's soccer communities have identified match compression as a significant concern that detrimentally affects student-athlete health and well-being under the current playing season model;
4. Both the men's and women's soccer communities intend to request the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee introduce legislation to amend the playing season, which would be effective beginning with the 2025-26 academic year;
5. The blanket waiver request does not represent a permanent legislative solution, but serves as one-time, temporary relief to allow permanent legislative solutions to be reviewed through the NCAA Division I Council-Governance legislative process; and
6. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee and United Soccer Coaches supported the blanket waiver request.

See Case No. 1195410 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.20.3 (first contest or date of competition)]

NCAA Division I Blanket Waiver Women's Basketball Student Managers and Noncoaching Sport-Specific Staff Members Serving as Practice Players During the 2023-24 Season – *Approved October 3, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THE 2023-24 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REGULAR SEASON.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request permitting women's basketball student managers and up to two women's basketball noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to also serve as practice players during the 2023-24 playing season.

In granting this request, staff noted:
1. This waiver is effective immediately, and is an extension of previous blanket waivers which provided flexibility for women's basketball student managers and noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to serve as practice players during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 playing seasons;
2. The student manager and noncoaching staff position(s) existed as of October 3, 2023;

3. The names of designated noncoaching staff positions that will be serving as practice players must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the institution's athletics department;
4. This waiver does not permit women's basketball student managers or noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities who are not counted within the institution's coaching limitations who are performing practice player duties to engage in on-court coaching activities;
5. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff and practice players to assist in on-court activities;
6. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association will study this issue and work with the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to determine if legislation in this area should be sponsored in the future;
7. This waiver is in effect until the conclusion of the institution's 2023-24 regular season schedule;
8. This waiver does not apply to the NCAA Division I Championship as it is under the purview of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, who will take up that discussion separately at a future meeting; and
9. This waiver does apply to other events (e.g., conference championships, WBIT, WNIT) unless these events have a rule that precludes this waiver from applying to the events.

Staff developed a question and answer document to assist the membership in understanding the application of the blanket waiver.

See Case No. 1203888 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Football Championship Subdivision – Exempt Postseason Participation from Counting Toward Use of a Season of Competition – *Approved October 3, 2023*.

ARCHIVED INFO: EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THE 2023-24 FOOTBALL POSTSEASON CONTESTS.

At the request of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs approved a blanket waiver request in championship subdivision football to exempt postseason participation (e.g., 2023-24 NCAA Division I Football Championship, 2023 Celebration Bowl) from the limit of four contests a student-athlete may participate in without using a season of competition.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is applicable to postseason competition that occurs during the 2023-24 academic year;
2. The recent adoption of the notification of transfer window and the necessity of accelerated discussions and decisions for student-athletes and coaches regarding future participation opportunities;
3. The potential impact of student-athletes opting out of participation in postseason competition on participating football student-athletes; and
4. The Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee (FCS) agreed that the newly created Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and the FCS Oversight Committees will continue to review football's season-of-competition rule.

See Case No. 1204153 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.8.3.1 (minimum amount of competition) and 12.8.3.1.6 (exception -- football)]

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislative Relief Waiver of the Contact when Classes are in Session Legislation – *Approved August 31, 2023*.

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-47 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2024.

At its August 24, 2023, meeting, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislative Subcommittee (acting on behalf of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee) requested a blanket waiver to permit contact to occur with a men's basketball prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution during the time of day when classes are in session when it is otherwise permissible to have contact during the academic year recruiting period. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee recently introduced legislation into the January 2024 legislative cycle to eliminate the prohibition in men's basketball on contact at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during the time of day when classes are in session; however, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee recognized that the new legislation would not be effective until January 2024 thus the blanket waiver was recommended to provide men's basketball coaches with an opportunity to engage in this form of contact during the entirety of the 2023-24 academic year recruiting period.

Pursuant to NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief policies and procedures, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved the waiver with conditions on August 30, 2023.

Waiver Conditions.

1. One-time waiver request; and
2. The blanket waiver will expire at the conclusion of the 2023-24 academic year recruiting period (e.g., currently scheduled to end on May 2, 2024).

Waiver Rationale.

1. In sports other than basketball, contact is permitted with prospective student-athletes at their educational institutions during the time of day when classes are in session;
2. Current legislation, in all sports, requires an educational institution's executive officer to provide permission for an institution's coaching staff member to have contact with a prospective student-athlete at the educational institution which provides an appropriate guardrail that ensures there is not a disruption to a prospective student-athlete's school day;
3. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-6 (Recruiting – Contract Restrictions at Specified Sites – Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution – No Contact When Classes Are in Session – Sports Other Than Basketball) would have extended the prohibition in basketball against recruiting contact at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during the time of day when classes are in session to all other sports. This proposal was tabled in April 2022 pending a review of recruiting legislation and defeated in April 2023 based on the application of the sunset provision;
4. The ability for Division I men's basketball coaches to meet with a prospective student-athlete at their educational institution alongside other academic stakeholders such as school administrators, teachers, counselors, and coaches supports the academic success of men's basketball prospective student-athletes;
5. The waiver maintains the goal of the NCAA and its members to increase the scholastic influence and minimize the involvement of outside third parties in the recruiting process;
6. Allows men's basketball coaches to travel to prospective student-athlete's educational institutions during times that do not impact their team's practice and competition schedules which allows for more time with their own student-athletes during the playing season and supports student-athlete well-being; and
7. The National Association of Basketball Coaches supports the waiver request.

Finally, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed this blanket waiver during its August 30 meeting and noted its support for maintaining the current legislation in women's basketball.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Football Bowl Subdivision – Limit on the Number of Preseason Practice Participants – *Approved July 21, 2023.*

ARCHIVED INFO: EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THE 2023 FOOTBALL PREASESON.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver to permit Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) institutions to increase the football preseason participant limit from 110 to 120 for the 2023-24 academic year.

The blanket waiver does not modify any current legislative exceptions to replace student-athletes who voluntarily withdraw or sustain an injury that prevents further participation in preseason activities.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. The waiver is only applicable for FBS institutions for the 2023-24 academic year;
2. The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee supported the request;
3. The current legislated limit did not contemplate the impact of the COVID-19 season-of- competition waiver on roster sizes; and
4. The Football Oversight Committee will continue to review the legislation and decide whether to introduce legislation for future academic years.

See Case No. 1196612 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab for additional information.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.11.3.1.2 (limit on number of participants); 17.11.3.1.2.1 (replacement of student-athlete who voluntarily withdraws); and 17.11.3.1.2.2 (replacement of student-athlete due to injury or illness)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Football Annual Signing (FBS) and Initial Counter (FBS/FCS) Limits – *Approved June 27, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-32 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2023.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, NCAA the academic and membership affairs staff extended, for an additional year (i.e., through the 2024-25 academic year), the May 18, 2022, blanket waiver that suspends the annual signing (FBS) and initial counter (FBS/FCS) limits.

The blanket waiver continues to permit institutions to award athletics aid (National Letter of Intent, institutional offer of athletics aid) based on the overall counter limit (85) and in championship subdivision football, the annual equivalency limit (63).

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. During the June 27-28, 2023, NCAA Division I Council meeting, the council introduced legislation to eliminate the annual signing and initial counter limits, based on a recommendation from the Football Oversight Committee; and,
2. The current blanket waiver expires before the 2024-25 academic year and institutions are already planning recruiting philosophies and distribution of athletics aid for the 2024-25 academic year. This extension provides institutions certainty when planning for the next recruiting class while the council considers a legislative solution.

See Case No. 1195681 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.9.3.3 (limitation on number of national letter of intent/offer of financial aid signings -- bowl subdivision football), 13.9.3.3.1 (application [FBS]), 15.5.6.1 (bowl subdivision football [FBS]) and 15.5.6.2 (championship subdivision football [FCS])]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Football – Number of Official Visits – Institutional Limits – *Approved June 27, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-44 EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request to permit Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions to increase the institutional official visits limit in the sport of football by 14 (e.g., 56 to 70) during the period of April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

The blanket waiver does not modify any current legislative exceptions for official visits. For example, an institution remains able to use up to six visits retained from April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, and NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.2.7 (head coaching change) remains available.

This blanket waiver is only effective through March 31, 2024. Once NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-44 goes into effect on April 1, 2024, the blanket waiver and exceptions listed below shall not be applied.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The waiver is applicable only for the April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, annual official visit cycle. This limited relief from the institutional official visit limit provides appropriate short-term flexibility and promotes responsible recruiting practices;
2. An institution may continue to provide additional official visits (up to 25% of the limitation for football) after a new head coach is hired, provided the previous head coach used 75% or more of the official visits permitted for the April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, recruiting cycle;
3. An institution may retain up to six unused visits from the April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, recruiting cycle for the next April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, recruiting cycle and the blanket waiver allows the Football Oversight Committee additional time to consider legislative solutions. The Football Oversight Committee will continue to review football's official visit rules, including the timing of the annual official visit cycle, and determine if exceptions to institutional official visit limitations (e.g., head coach change, unused visits) are necessary with a potential legislated increase. Institutions should remain aware of the Football Oversight Committee's review of football's official visit rules when planning for future recruiting cycles.

See Case No. 1195654 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.6.2.2.5 (football [FBS/FCS]), 13.6.2.2.5.1 (unused visits -- football) and 13.6.2.2.7 (head coaching change)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Football Bowl Subdivision Exempt Postseason Participation from Counting Toward Use of a Season of Competition – *Approved June 27, 2023*.

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR 2023-24 FOOTBALL POSTSEASON CONTESTS.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request in bowl subdivision football to exempt postseason participation (conference championship game, bowl game, College Football Playoff contest(s) from the limit of four contests a student-athlete may participate in without using a season of competition.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is applicable to postseason competition that occurs during the 2023-24 academic year;
2. The recent adoption of the notification of transfer window and the necessity of accelerated discussions and decisions for student-athletes and coaches regarding future participation opportunities;
3. The potential impact of football student-athletes opting out of participation in postseason competition on participating football student-athletes; and

4. The blanket waiver allows the Football Oversight Committee additional time to consider legislative alternatives to football's season-of-competition legislation.

See Case No. 1195655 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.8.3.1 (minimum amount of competition) and 12.8.3.1.6 (exception -- football)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Midyear Replacement of a Student-Athlete Who Graduated Prior to the Previous Academic Year – *Approved June 6, 2023*.

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver in football, women's volleyball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo for the 2023-24 academic year or until permanent legislation is adopted to permit an institution to replace at midyear the financial aid received by a student-athlete who graduated prior to the previous academic year provided:

1. The replaced student-athlete no longer participates as a member of the team in countable athletically related activities; and
2. In cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo, the counter who is replaced must have exhausted eligibility and must remain enrolled at the institution.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. The intent of midyear replacement legislation is to allow an institution to provide financial aid to another deserving student-athlete by replacing a graduated student-athlete who will no longer participate as a member of the team;
2. The impact of increased enrollment in summer school and participation in voluntary and required summer athletic activities on student-athlete eligibility and graduation timelines;
3. The impact of the NCAA Division I COVID-19 season of competition and extension of eligibility blanket waivers on student-athlete's eligibility and graduation timelines; and
4. The blanket waiver provides short-term relief to allow for additional discussion and review of a future legislative solution.

See Case No. 1181380 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.2.4 (midyear replacement -- women's volleyball), 15.5.3.1.4 (midyear replacement -- cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo) and 15.5.6.3.4 (midyear replacement)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Baseball 2023-24 Maximum Official Visit Limit – *Approved June 27, 2023*.

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, staff approved a blanket waiver request, in baseball, to permit institutions to provide up to 40 official visits during the 2023-24 academic year.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request applicable August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, (2023-24 recruiting cycle) and the committee will continue to engage with the baseball community on a long-term legislative solution;

2. A one-time increase in the institutional official visit limit from 25 to 40 provides institutions additional flexibility to allocate official visits between high school junior, high school senior and transfer prospective student-athletes;
3. The waiver provides similar relief to previous blanket waivers issued, in baseball, following the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-111, which permitted institutions to provide junior prospective student-athletes official visits in sports other than basketball and football; and
4. The American Baseball Coaches Association supported the blanket waiver request.

See Case No. 1195890 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.2.2 (baseball official visits)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Baseball 2022-23 Maximum Official Visit Limit – *Approved May 22, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved the blanket waiver in baseball, to permit institutions to provide up to 40 official visits during the 2022-23 academic year.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request applicable through July 31, 2023, (the conclusion of the 2022-23 official visit cycle) and the Committee for Legislative Relief encouraged the baseball community to pursue a legislative solution for future recruiting cycles;
2. A one-time increase in the institutional official visit limit from 25 to 40 provides institutions additional flexibility to allocate official visits between high school junior, high school senior and transfer prospective student-athletes;
3. The waiver provides similar relief to previous blanket waivers issued, in baseball, following the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-111, which permitted institutions to provide junior prospective student-athletes official visits in sports other than basketball and football; and
4. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and the American Baseball Coaches Association support the waiver request.

See Case No. 1190913 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.3.2 (baseball official visits)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Baseball Varsity Squad Size and Annual Counter Limit – *Approved March 9, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: EFFECTIVE FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver in baseball, for the 2023-24 academic year, to permit institutions to increase the varsity squad size from 35 to 40 and annual counter limit from 27 to 32.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The significant number of student-athletes returning to participate in Division I baseball due to a combination of unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances which include, but are not limited to:
    a. The recent decrease in the number of opportunities to participate in Major League Baseball including the decrease in the size of the draft from 40 rounds to 20 rounds and the decrease in the number of minor league

teams from 162 to 120 which will result in additional student-athletes returning to their respective institutions during the 2023-24 academic year; and

b. The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) indicated general support for a permanent legislative change to the overall roster and counter limits which may be introduced in a future legislative cycle.

2. The additional counters (up to five) must be included in the maximum team equivalency limit (11.7) and must be provided the minimum individual equivalency value (25%); and
3. This is a one-time waiver request for the 2023-24 academic year and the Committee for Legislative Relief encouraged the ABCA to consider recommending legislative proposals for the NCAA Division I Baseball Management Committee to review.

See Case No. 1186880 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.4 (baseball limitations) and 17.3.8.3 (varsity squad size limitation -- championship segment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Men's and Women's Basketball – Number of Official Visits – Institutional Limitations – *Approved March 8, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH JULY 31, 2023.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to allow institutions to provide 35 official visits (increase of 25%) in men's basketball and 30 official visits (increase of 25%) in women's basketball over the period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2023. This would be an increase of seven official visits in men's basketball and six official visits in women's basketball prior to July 31, 2023, and would capture the rolling two-year period of 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The blanket waiver does not modify any current legislative exceptions for official visits.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This addresses the impact of recent changes in NCAA legislation (e.g., one-time transfer exception, NCAA Transfer Portal windows) by providing additional official visits to help institutions address possible roster depletion.
2. The waiver is applicable through July 31, 2023, and provides relief of the rolling two-year period of August 1, 2021, through July 31, 2023. This one-time waiver gives limited relief from the institutional official visit limit, provides appropriate short-term flexibility, and promotes responsible recruiting practices.
3. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees will gather additional data on the use of official visits and consider whether to recommend a legislative change.

Finally, staff noted if legislation regarding the men's basketball and women's basketball official visit institutional limitations has not changed prior to August 1, 2023, then the rolling two-year period limit resets to 28 official visits for men's basketball and 24 for women's basketball for the ensuing rolling two-year period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2025.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.6.2.3.3 (men's basketball) and 13.6.2.3.4 (women's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Use of Spider Pads during the 2023 Football Spring Practice Period (FBS/FCS) – *Approved February 13, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-31 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2023.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit the use of spider pads during noncontact practices

for the 2023 football spring practice period. The blanket waiver permits FBS and FCS student-athletes to wear headgear and spider pads during any spring noncontact practice session.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. One-time waiver request for the 2023 football spring practice period;
2. Noncontact practice sessions during the spring practice period may involve only headgear and spider pads as protective equipment; and
3. The NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee and Football Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee supported a consistent approach to the use of headgear and spider pads during noncontact practice sessions throughout the football playing seasons model.

See Case No. 1187159 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Bylaw 17.11.7.5 (spring practice)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver – Student-Athlete Participation in 2023 USA Baseball/Major League Baseball Draft Combine – *Approved February 8, 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2023 USA BASEBALL/MLB DRAFT COMBINE.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit baseball student-athletes to participate in the 2023 USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine for a period that exceeds 48-hours. Further, the blanket waiver permits participation in the draft combine without considering it as the student-athlete's one permissible tryout with a professional sports organization after initial full-time enrollment.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. USA Baseball will conduct the third USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine;
2. USA Baseball and MLB will provide expenses to approximately 150 draft-eligible four-year college participants and approximately 150 high school participants to attend the event;
3. Extending the tryout length beyond 48 hours supports student-athlete health and well-being by providing additional time for the professional teams to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the participating student-athletes without all necessary activities having to occur within a 48-hour time period;
4. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supports the blanket waiver; and
5. The blanket waiver provides relief similar to existing sport-specific legislation in basketball and ice hockey.

See Case No. 1185546 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Certified Audit (FBS) – *Approved January 11, 2023*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA Division I Council approved a waiver of NCAA Bylaw 20.10.9.3.2 (certified audit) for the 2022-23 academic year. FBS institutions will not be required to undertake an annual certified audit verifying its football attendance for 2022-23.

NCAA Division I Blanket Waiver Football – Number of Official Visits – Institutional Limitations – *Approved December 22, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 FOOTBALL RECRUITING PERIOD.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request to permit Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions to increase the institutional limits on official visits by 14 (e.g., 56 to 70) during the period of April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

The blanket waiver does not modify any current legislative exceptions for official visits. For example, an institution remains able to use up to six visits retained from April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, and Bylaw 13.6.2.3.7 (head coaching change) remains available.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The impact of recent changes in NCAA legislation (e.g., one-time transfer exception, NCAA Transfer Portal windows, current blanket waiver of football's initial counter and annual signing limit rules) by providing additional official visits to help institutions address possible roster depletion;
2. The waiver is applicable only for the April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, annual official visit cycle. This one-time, limited relief from the institutional official visit limit provides appropriate short-term flexibility and promotes responsible recruiting practices;
3. The Football Oversight Committee will gather additional data on the use of official visits and consider whether to recommend a legislative change;
4. An institution may continue to provide additional official visits (up to 25% of the limitation for football) after a new head coach is hired, provided the previous head coach used 75% or more of the official visits permitted for the April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, recruiting cycle; and
5. An institution may retain up to six unused visits from the April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, recruiting cycle for the next April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, recruiting cycle. Institutions should remain aware of the Football Oversight Committee's review of institutional limits on official visits when planning for future recruiting cycles.

See Case No. 1182570 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.6.2.3.5 (football [FBS/FCS]), 13.6.2.3.5.1 (unused visits -- football) and 13.6.2.3.7 (head coaching change)]

NCAA Division I Blanket Waiver – Football Bowl Subdivision Exempt Postseason Participation from Counting Toward Use of a Season of Competition – *Approved December 15, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 FOOTBALL POSTSEASON CONTESTS.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request in bowl subdivision football to exempt postseason participation from the limit of four contests a student-athlete may participate in without using a season of competition.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is a one-time approval for the 2022-23 academic year and is applicable to postseason competition that occurs after December 15, 2022;
2. The recent adoption of the notification of transfer window and the necessity of accelerated discussions and decisions for student-athletes and coaches regarding future participation opportunities;
3. The impact of student-athletes opting out of participation in postseason competition.

4. A majority of FBS conferences support the blanket waiver request; and
5. This blanket waiver provides additional time for the Football Oversight Committee to review the impact of season-of-competition legislation in football and explore a future legislative concept.

See Case No. 1181511 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.8.3.1 (minimum amount of competition) and 12.8.3.1.6 (exception -- football)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Women's Rowing – Winter Training Trip – *Approved December 8, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit women's rowing teams to conduct a winter training trip on or off the institution's campus for a period of no more than two weeks during the 2022-23 academic year.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

- A waiver of this legislation is granted for the 2022-23 academic year only;
- The conference was not able to introduce legislation into the 2022-23 legislative cycle due to the legislative moratorium that was enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the conference intends to sponsor legislation at the next available opportunity; and
- Cost savings realized by institutions being able to conduct these training trips closer to and in the locale of the institution and greater ability to monitor/adhere to state, local and institutional COVID-19 safety protocols.

See Case No. 1180685 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.1.17.1.1 (winter training trip)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee Blanket Waiver Midyear Replacement of a Student-Athlete Who Graduated Prior to the Previous Academic Year – *Approved December 2, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver in football, women's volleyball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo for the 2022-23 academic year to permit an institution to replace at midyear the financial aid received by a student-athlete who graduated prior to the previous academic year provided:

1. The replaced student-athlete no longer participates as a member of the team in countable athletically related activities; and
2. In cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo, the counter who is replaced must have exhausted eligibility and must remain enrolled at the institution.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. The intent of midyear replacement legislation is to allow an institution to provide financial aid to another deserving student-athlete by replacing a graduated student-athlete who will no longer participate as a member of the team;
2. The impact of increased enrollment in summer school and participation in voluntary and required summer athletics activities on student-athlete eligibility and graduation timelines;

3. The impact of the NCAA Division I COVID-19 season-of-competition and extension-of-eligibility blanket waivers on student-athlete's eligibility and graduation timelines; and
4. The one-time blanket waiver provides short-term relief to allow for additional discussion and review of a future legislative solution.

See Case No. 1181380 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.2.4 (midyear replacement -- women's volleyball), 15.5.3.1.4 (midyear replacement -- cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo) and 15.5.6.3.4 (midyear replacement)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee Blanket Waiver Student-Athlete Participation in 2022 Major League Soccer College Showcase – ***Approved November 30, 2022.***

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER COLLEGE SHOWCASE DURING DECEMBER 9-12, 2022.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver to permit men's soccer student-athletes to participate in the 2022 Major League Soccer (MLS) College Showcase for a period that exceeds 48 hours. Further, the blanket waiver permits participation in the showcase without considering it as the student-athletes one permissible tryout with a professional sports organization after initial full-time enrollment.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. MLS will conduct the College Showcase from December 9-12, 2022;
2. MLS will invite and provide expenses to approximately 45 draft eligible student-athletes;
3. Extending the tryout length beyond 48-hours supports student-athlete health and well-being by providing additional time for the professional teams to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the participating student-athletes without all necessary activities having to occur within a 48-hour time period;
4. Similar relief exists in sport-specific legislation in basketball and ice hockey; and
5. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supports the blanket waiver request.

See Case No. 1180203 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Men's Lacrosse Recruiting Calendar 2022 Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Player's Summit – ***Approved November 9, 2022.***

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE MEN'S LACROSSE COACHES ASSOCIATION PLAYER'S SUMMIT.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver permitting NCAA Division I men's lacrosse coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes Saturday, December 10, 2022, and Sunday, December 11, 2022, at the 2022 Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Player's Summit.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The waiver is only applicable for the December 10 and 11, 2022, Men's Lacrosse Coaches Player Summit to permit coaches to engage in evaluations only;
2. The Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association supported the blanket waiver;

3. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supported one-time relief for the 2022-23 academic year only, due to the ongoing work of the Transformation Committee and NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee; and
4. The one-time waiver approval provides the Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association time to pursue a legislative solution in the future.

See Case No. 1176499 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.02.5.4 (quiet period)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: NCAA-Certified Agents Providing Training Expenses to Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athletes "Testing the Waters" – *Approved October 27, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2023 NBA DRAFT YEAR (2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR).

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and with the support of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit NCAA-certified agents to provide a Division I men's basketball student-athlete with transportation, meals and lodging related to training expenses (e.g., cost of trainers, facility usage fees, nutrition) in preparation for the 2023 NBA Draft, provided:

1. The NCAA Division I men's basketball student-athlete has signed a 2023 Standard Player Agent Contract (SPAC) with the NCAA-certified agent;
2. Relief is only provided from the conclusion of the student-athlete's playing season until the student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA Draft combine, whichever is earlier; and
3. A student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with such training activities.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The Commission on College Basketball recommended that men's basketball student-athletes receive a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects and be able to receive assistance from certified agents;
2. After a Division I men's basketball student-athlete signs a SPAC, an NCAA-certified agent can permissibly provide the student-athlete (and family members) with transportation, lodging and meal expenses associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team; and
3. Men's basketball student-athletes preparing for the NBA Draft and NBA Draft Combine regularly employ outside trainers to obtain a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects.

See Case No. 1176900 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.3.1.2.3.2 (expenses after agreement), 12.2.4.2.1.1 (national basketball association) and 12.3.1.2.4 (no missed class time)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Women's Lacrosse Recruiting Calendar – 2022 Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association President's Cup – *Approved September 7, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR INTERCOLLEGISATE WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACHES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S CUP ON NOVEMBER 18, 2022.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver request to permit Division I women's lacrosse coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern time Friday, November 18, 2022, at the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association President's Cup.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The evaluation period currently begins at 5 p.m. Eastern time Friday, November 18, 2022. The blanket waiver only advances the evaluation period to start three hours earlier at 2 p.m. Eastern time;
2. There is overwhelming support from the women's lacrosse head coaches and the coaches association;
3. Similar blanket waivers were issued for women's lacrosse during the 2019-20 (Requests/Self-Reports Online Case No. 1074845) and 2021-22 (RSRO Case No. 1146981) academic years; and
4. This blanket waiver provides additional time for the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association and NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to finalize and recommend legislative concepts related to recruiting calendars.

See Case No. 1173274 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.3.1 (evaluations during contact periods -- women's lacrosse) and 13.17.8 (women's lacrosse)]

Women's Beach Volleyball Student-Athlete's Participation in Multiple-Day Pairs Tournaments during the Nonchampionship Segment – *Approved August 30, 2022*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver to permit women's beach volleyball student-athletes to compete in up to four multiple-day pairs tournaments during the nonchampionship segment without counting the individual student-athlete's participation towards the maximum institutional dates of competition limit.

In granting the request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. The blanket waiver is applicable for the 2022-23 nonchampionship segment for women's beach volleyball only;
2. An individual student-athlete's participation in a multiple-day pair tournament must be counted against the student-athlete's maximum dates of competition limit for the nonchampionship segment;
3. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee will review women's beach volleyball individual and institutional dates of competition legislation at a future meeting; and
4. The American Volleyball Coaches Association supported the blanket waiver request.

See Case No. 1174190 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.5.5.1.2 (pairs tournament – institutional -- nonchampionship segment), 17.5.5.1.3 (participation in multiple tournaments on the same day or days -- nonchampionship segment), 17.5.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete) and 17.5.5.2.1 (pairs tournament -- student-athlete -- nonchampionship segment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Noncoaching staff members participation in managerial duties for sports other than basketball and football during 2022-23 playing season – *Approved August 4, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, the NCAA the academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request, in sports other than basketball and football, to permit up to two noncoaching staff

members to engage in managerial duties during on-court and on-field practice activities (e.g., throw batting practice, pass a ball, assist with drills) provided the noncoaching staff position existed as of July 15, 2022. The noncoaching staff member(s) designated to perform such on-court or on-field managerial duties must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the athletics department. Finally, the sport-specific noncoaching staff members in sports other than basketball and football are only permitted to perform these managerial duties until the conclusion of an institution's 2022-23 playing season.
In approving this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. A blanket waiver to expand noncoaching staff member duties in sports other than basketball and football for the 2022-23 academic year was supported by multiple conferences;
2. This blanket waiver does not permit a noncoaching staff member to engage in coaching activities;
3. Similar blanket waivers were issued for sports other than basketball and football during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years and this blanket waiver provides additional time for the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to develop personnel legislative concepts;
4. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees requested and the AMA staff approved, a blanket waiver on April 25, 2022, permitting up to two noncoaching staff members in basketball to engage in coaching (instructional) duties during the 2021-22 season. This waiver provides similar relief for other sport programs; and
5. This blanket waiver was supported by the Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee.

See Case No. 1169673 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.1 (countable coach) and 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Participation on Recruiting Calls – *Approved July 7, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2022-28 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee, the NCAA the academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request in sports other than women's basketball, to permit student-athletes to participate in recruiting calls (e.g., videoconference, telephone) initiated by an institution's coach, provided such participation does not occur on the student-athletes' day off from required athletically related activities.

In approving the blanket waiver, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is effective until the NCAA Division I Council or Board of Directors takes legislative action on a concept supported by the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to eliminate recruiting coordination functions legislation; and
2. The blanket waiver is supported by the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee.

See Case No. 1167382 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.2 (b) (recruiting coordinator functions -- telephone calls to prospective student-athletes) and 13.1.3.5.2 (nonpermissible callers -- enrolled student-athletes)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Permissible Callers – *Approved July 7, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2022-28 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee, the NCAA the academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request to permit all institutional staff to initiate recruiting calls (e.g., videoconference, telephone) with a prospective student-athlete.
In approving the blanket waiver, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is effective until the NCAA Division I Council or Board of Directors takes legislative action on a concept supported by the Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee to eliminate recruiting coordination functions legislation;
2. Institutional staff members must receive NCAA rules education prior to initiating calls with a prospective student-athlete;
3. The rules education requirement does not apply to individuals who may initiate or return telephone calls to prospective student-athletes pursuant to existing legislated exceptions (i.e., academic advisors and compliance administrators); and
4. The blanket waiver does not waive the legislated call limitations (e.g., frequency of calls, first opportunity).

See Case No. 1169961 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.2 (b) (recruiting coordinator functions -- telephone calls to prospective student-athletes) and 13.1.3.4 (permissible callers)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Basketball On-Campus Evaluations of Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes Through August 5 (Men's Basketball) and August 13, 2022 (Women's Basketball) – *Approved June 2, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2022, IN MEN'S BASKETBALL AND AUGUST 13, 2022, IN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative relief approved a blanket waiver allowing men's and women's basketball coaches to conduct on-campus evaluations with two-year college prospective student-athletes (PSAs) who have not yet exhausted their two-year college athletics eligibility provided the following conditions are met:

1. Two-year college PSA would have exhausted their two-year college athletics eligibility at the conclusion of the 2021-22 basketball season but for an additional year of two-year college eligibility provided during the 2020-21 basketball season due to COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Two-year college PSA must have graduated from a two-year college or will graduate from a two-year college at the conclusion of the 2022 summer term;
3. Two-year college PSA must meet all other criteria in the basketball on-campus evaluation legislation (see NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2.1); and
4. Relief is only provided when official and unofficial visits may occur through August 5, 2022, in men's basketball and through August 13, 2022, in women's basketball in order to assist Division I institutions in roster management decisions prior to the start of 2022 fall term.

In granting the request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted the following:

1. But for the additional year of two-year college eligibility provided during the 2020-21 basketball season as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, these two-year college PSAs would have exhausted their two-year college athletics eligibility at the conclusion of the 2021-22 basketball season and would have been able to participate in an on-campus basketball evaluation;
2. Blanket waiver allows two-year college PSAs and Division I institutions to make a more informed decisions in the recruiting process which may reduce the chance of transfer in the future; and

3. Cohort of two-year college PSAs who are eligible to use the blanket waiver relief have already graduated from a two-year college or are on track to graduate from a two-year college this summer and are seeking to move to the next step in their academic experience by pursuing a degree at a four-year institution.

See Case No. 1164679 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.11.2.1 (on-campus evaluations -- basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Annual Signing (FBS/FCS) and Initial Counter Limits (FCS) – *Approved May 18, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-32 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2023.

The NCAA Division I Council approved a blanket legislative relief waiver to waive the annual signing FBS and initial counter FBS/FCS limits for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years. The blanket waiver permits institutions to award athletics aid (National Letter of Intent, institutional offer of athletics aid) based on the overall counter limit (85) and in the championship subdivision football, the annual equivalency limit (63). The NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee noted that it would not support waiver requests of the transfer notification deadline in response to the approval of the blanket waiver.

Additional information on the blanket waiver is available in the committee reports located here and here.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: On-Campus Evaluations of Football (Football Championship Subdivision) Prospective Student-Athletes during June 2022 – *Approved May 16, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-14 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2023.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit FCS institutions to engage in on-campus evaluations from June 1 to 30, 2022. The blanket waiver does not permit Football Bowl Subdivision institutions to conduct on-campus evaluations.

In June 2022, an NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institution may conduct an on-campus evaluation with a high school junior (class of 2023), high school senior (class of 2022) and two-year college transfer or four-year college transfer prospective student-athlete (PSA), provided:

1. The on-campus evaluation must be conducted during a PSA's unofficial visit to the institution and after the PSA's scholastic season has concluded; and
2. Before participating in the on-campus evaluation, the PSA must undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered in accordance with the requirements in NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.11.2.10- (g) (on-campus evaluations -- basketball).

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. An institution may not conduct an on-campus evaluation with more than one PSA at the same time;
2. The on-campus evaluation activities (other than medical examination or evaluation) may not exceed one hour;
3. All activities must be noncontact and no protective equipment may be worn by the PSA;
4. The institution may not issue apparel or equipment to the PSA; and
5. Only countable coaches and graduate assistant coaches may conduct the on-campus evaluation with the PSA.

See Case No. 1165294 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information about the blanket waiver may be found in the question and answer document. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.11.1 (prohibited activities) and 13.11.2.10 (on-campus evaluations- basketball)]

NCAA Division I Basketball Blanket Waiver – Basketball-Specific Noncoaching Staff Member Participation in Instructional Duties Through June 30, 2023 – *Approved April 25, 2022, Updated January 2023.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2022-30 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved an extension of the noncoaching staff member participation in instructional duties blanket waiver permitting up to two noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities in men's and women's basketball to engage in instructional duties through June 30, 2023. The waiver has been effective since April 25, 2022, and will continue to apply until NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-30 goes into effect on July 1, 2023.

In granting this extension request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted relief may only be provided when:

1. One or more of the head and/or assistant coaches are not in attendance for countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film review);
2. The noncoaching staff position(s) existed as of April 1, 2022;
3. The names of designated noncoaching staff positions must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the institution's athletics department;
4. No more than four coaches and noncoaching staff members (six for the national service academies) combined engage in providing instruction to student-athletes at any one time; and
5. Relief expires on June 30, 2023.

Please note, this action also allows the designated noncoaching staff member(s) to participate in skill-instruction activities as practice players.

Finally, the academic and membership affairs staff developed an updated **question-and-answer document** to assist the membership in understanding the application of the blanket waiver.

See Case No. 1164110 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief **homepage**.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.1 (countable coach) and 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities)]

NCAA Division I Blanket Waiver Women's Basketball Managers Serving as Practice Players During the 2022-23 Season – *Approved April 22, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request permitting women's basketball student managers to also serve as practice players during the 2022-23 playing season.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This waiver is effective beginning April 25, 2022, and is an extension of a previous blanket waiver (Case No. 1109415) which provided flexibility for women's basketball student managers to serve as practice players during the 2021-22 playing season;

2. This waiver does not permit women's basketball student managers who are performing practice player duties to engage in on-court coaching activities; and
3. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff and practice players to assist in on-court activities.

See Case No. 1145484 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Recruiting Calendar – *Approved March 21, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH JULY 31, 2022.

NCAA Division I women's volleyball coaches may now recruit prospective student-athletes (PSAs) off-campus May 27 through June 2, 2022, during the recruiting quiet period due to an administrative error that previously indicated May 27 through June 2, 2022, as a recruiting contact period on the 2021-22 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Recruiting Calendar.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The American Volleyball Coaches Association and the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supports the waiver request;
2. PSAs committed to participate in events scheduled May 27 through June 2 with the understanding that college coaches will be in attendance;
3. College coaches committed to attend events scheduled for May 27 through June 2 for recruiting purposes;
4. The waiver permits off-campus evaluations and contact with PSAs and their family members May 27 through June 2; and
5. The waiver is a one-time waiver request for spring/summer 2022.

See Case No. 1158855 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage. For further information related to the women's volleyball recruiting calendar, please access the recruiting calendar at ncaa.org (click here).

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.4 (quiet period) and 13.17.11 (women's volleyball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Use of Spider Pads during the 2022 Football Spring Practice Period (FBS/FCS) – *Approved February 10, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH 2022 SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE. NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-31 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2023.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit the use of spider pads during noncontact practices for the 2022 football spring practice period. The blanket waiver permits FBS and FCS student-athletes to wear headgear and spider pads during any spring noncontact practice session.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. One-time waiver request for the 2022 football spring practice period;
2. Noncontact practice sessions during the spring practice period may involve only headgear and spider pads as protective equipment; and,
3. The Football Oversight Committee supported a consistent approach to the use of headgear and spider pads during noncontact practice sessions throughout the football playing seasons model.

See Case No. 1157801 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Bylaw 17.11.7.5 (spring practice)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Baseball 2021-22 Maximum Official Visit Limit – *Approved January 31, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH JULY 31, 2022.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved the blanket waiver in baseball to permit institutions to provide up to 40 official visits during the 2021-22 academic year.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request applicable through July 31, 2022, (the conclusion of the 2021-22 official visit cycle);
2. A one-time increase in the institutional official visit limit from 25 to 40 provides institutions additional flexibility to allocate official visits between junior and senior prospective student-athletes (PSAs) following the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period;
3. The waiver provides similar relief to a previous blanket waiver issued in baseball following the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-111, which permitted institutions to provide junior PSAs official visits in sports other than basketball and football; and
4. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and NCAA Division I Baseball Committee support the waiver request.

See Case No. 1141013 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.3.2 (baseball official visits)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Baseball Varsity Squad Size and Annual Counter Limit – *Approved January 31, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR THE 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver in baseball for the 2022-23 academic year, to permit institutions to increase the varsity squad size from 35 to 40 and annual counter limit from 27 to 32 provided the additional five student-athletes/counters would have exhausted eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year but for the application of the 2020 spring COVID-19 season-of-competition and extension-of-eligibility blanket waivers and return to the same institution during the 2022-23 academic year where the student-athlete participated during the 2021-22 academic year.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The combination of unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances resulting in a significant number of student-athletes returning to Division I baseball, a sport which carries a rigid roster and financial aid limits which include, but are not limited to:
    a. The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) indicated general support for a permanent legislative change to the overall roster and counter limits and the minimum equivalency value legislation which may be introduced in a future legislative cycle; and

b. The uncertainly surrounding the structure and timing of the 2022 Major League Baseball (MLB) draft due to ongoing collective bargaining agreement negotiations between the MLB and MLB Players Association which may result in additional student-athletes returning to their respective institutions during the 2022-23 academic year.

2. The additional counters (up to five) must be included in the maximum team equivalency limit (11.7) and must be provided the minimum individual equivalency value (25%);
3. The Baseball Committee supports the waiver request; and
4. This is a one-time waiver request for the 2022-23 academic year and the Committee for Legislative Relief encouraged the ABCA to consider recommending legislative proposals for the Student-Athlete Experience Committee to review.

See Case No. 1145312 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.4 (baseball limitations) and 17.2.8.3 (varsity squad size limitation -- championship segment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Student-Athlete Participation in 2022 USA Baseball/Major League Baseball Draft Combine – *Approved January 31, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022 USA BASEBALL/MLB DRAFT COMBINE.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit baseball student-athletes to participate in the 2022 USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine for a period that exceeds 48-hours. Further, the blanket waiver permits participation in the draft combine without considering it as the student-athlete's one permissible tryout with a professional sports organization after initial full-time enrollment.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. USA Baseball will conduct the second USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine;
2. USA Baseball and MLB will provide expenses to 100 draft-eligible four-year college participants and 100 high school participants to attend the event;
3. Extending the tryout length beyond 48-hours supports student-athlete health and well-being by providing additional time for the professional teams to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the participating student-athletes without all necessary activities having to occur within a 48-hour time period;
4. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and NCAA Division I Baseball Committee supports the blanket waiver; and
5. The blanket waiver provides relief similar to existing sport-specific legislation in basketball and ice hockey.

See Case No. 1154200 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Basketball – Required day off During the Playing Season – *Approved January 7, 2022.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver of the required day off during the playing season legislation beginning with any designated week that includes January 7, 2022. Specifically, the blanket waiver allows institutions to not

provide a required day off to its basketball teams during any week during the regular season in which one of the following scenarios occurs as a result of COVID-19 pandemic:

1. The institution's basketball team has a COVID-19 "shutdown period" that occurs during the regular season;
2. The institution's basketball team has less than seven student-athletes available for practice due to COVID-19 on one or more days during the impacted week; or
3. The institution's basketball team has a postponed contest rescheduled to the impacted week.

At the recommendation of the Men's and Women's Oversight Committees, staff noted if an institution's basketball team meets any of the criteria, it must apply one of the two conditions below to ensure the intent of the required day off during the playing season legislation is preserved:

1. The institution must provide its basketball student-athletes with two days off within the two weeks immediately preceding or following the impacted week; or
2. The institution's basketball team may use a travel day as a required day off during the impacted week. In utilizing this option, an institution must provide its basketball student-athletes with an additional required day off (e.g., increase from 14 to 15) before the end of the 2021-22 academic year. Please note, this option is only available to autonomy institutions and those nonautonomy institutions that have opted into NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.1.7.7.1.

Additionally, an institution's Faculty Athletics Representative, applicable medical personnel and student-athletes must participate in the development of any alternative schedule and support its implementation.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Because the nature of the request is intended to limit or change the timing of student-athlete access to discretionary time as allocated by the legislation, which has the potential to have material impact on student-athlete well-being, an institution's medical personnel must be properly consulted as to the overall impact on student-athlete well-being and have ultimate discretion as to the appropriateness on whether to apply the blanket waiver.

See Case No. 1153555 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.7.4 (required day off -- playing season), 17.1.7.7 (required day off -- playing season), and 17.1.7.7.1 (travel day)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Permissible Callers – All Sports – *Approved December 23, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH JULY 31, 2022.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief extended a blanket waiver to permit all institutional staff who have passed the NCAA Recruiting Certification Exam to initiate a call with a prospective student-athlete (PSA) through July 31, 2022. The recruiting exam requirement does not apply to individuals who may initiate or return telephone calls to PSAs pursuant to existing legislated exceptions (i.e., academic advisors and compliance administrators).

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted the blanket waiver does not waive the legislated call limitations (e.g., frequency of calls, first opportunity).

See Case No. 1151990 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.2 (b) (recruiting coordinator functions -- telephone calls to prospective student-athletes) and 13.1.3.5.2 (nonpermissible callers -- enrolled student-athletes)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Football – Insufficient Number of Deserving Teams Available for 2021-22 Postseason Bowl Games (FBS) – *Approved November 19, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY FOR THE 2021-22 FOOTBALL SEASON.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved the following blanket waiver of NCAA Division I Bylaw 18.7.2.1 in the event that an insufficient number of institutions meet the definition of a "deserving team" to participate in postseason bowl games during the 2021-22 season. An institution that meets a condition set forth below shall be eligible to participate as an alternate in a bowl game provided all available deserving teams have been selected.

The terms of participation in the postseason bowl game applicable to the originally contracted conference participant shall be the same for the alternate. All institutions that meet the first condition below must be selected before an institution that meets the second condition may be selected and so forth in descending order:

1. An institution that would have met the exception in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1 but for the fact that one victory was against a FCS opponent that had not averaged 90% of the permissible maximum number of grants-in-aid per year in football during a rolling two-year period and the institution's waiver request, per Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1.1, was denied.
2. An institution that participated in 13 regular-season contests and finished the season with a record of six wins that count toward meeting the definition of a "deserving team" and seven losses.
3. An institution that is in its final year of reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision and meets the definition of a "deserving team" pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 or the exception in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1.
4. An institution that finished its season with a minimum of five wins that count toward meeting the definition of a "deserving team" and a maximum of seven losses but achieved a multiyear NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) that permits postseason participation. Alternates identified pursuant to this condition shall be identified as eligible in descending order based on the institutions' multiyear APRs. If multiple institutions achieved the same multiyear rate, the institution with the highest single-year APR, beginning with the most recent reporting year and continuing until a higher rate is found, shall be identified as eligible first. An institution that is identified as an alternate must declare whether it will participate in a bowl game. An alternate institution that declares an intention to participate shall select an available bowl game in which to participate.

In approving the blanket waiver, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver is only applicable for the 2021-22 season; and
2. The Football Oversight Committee will examine data from the 2021-22 postseason and consider recommending a legislative change during the 2022-23 legislative cycle.

See Case No. 1150132 in Requests/Self Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Men's Lacrosse Recruiting Calendar 2021 Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Player's Summit – *Approved November 30, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021 INTERCOLLEGIATE MEN'S LACROSSE COACHES ASSOCIATION PLAYER'S SUMMIT ON DECEMBER 11 AND 12, 2021.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative relief approved a blanket waiver permitting Division I men's lacrosse coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes (PSAs) Saturday, December 11, 2021, and Sunday, December 12, 2021, at the 2021 Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Player's Summit in Orlando, Florida.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The extended COVID-19 recruiting dead period impacted the evaluation of PSAs for more than a year;
2. Cost savings and efficiencies realized by institutions for coaches evaluating at an event taking place in the locale of the annual men's lacrosse coaches' association convention;
3. The blanket waiver is supported by men's lacrosse head coaches and the men's lacrosse coaches' association;
4. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supported one-time relief for the 2021-22 academic year only and encouraged the men's lacrosse coaches' association to consider alternate legislative options in the future; and
5. The waiver provides the men's lacrosse coaches' association time to evaluate legislative options to make attendance at this event permissible in the future.

See Case No. 1148342 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.02.5.4 (quiet period)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: NCAA-Certified Agents Providing Training Expenses to Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athletes Testing the Waters – *Approved November 30, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2022 NBA DRAFT (2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR).

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and with the support of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit NCAA-certified agents to provide a Division I men's basketball student-athlete with transportation, meals and lodging related to training expenses (e.g., cost of trainers, facility usage fees, nutrition) in preparation of the 2022 NBA Draft, provided:

1. The NCAA Division I men's basketball student-athlete has signed a 2022 Standard Player Agent Contract (SPAC) with the NCAA-certified agent;
2. Relief is only provided from the conclusion of the student-athlete's playing season until the student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA Draft combine, whichever is earlier; and
3. A student-athlete shall not miss class in conjunction with such training activities.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The Commission on College Basketball recommended that men's basketball student-athletes receive a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects and be able to receive assistance from certified agents;
2. After a Division I men's basketball student-athlete signs a SPAC, an NCAA-certified agent can permissibly provide the student-athlete (and family members) with transportation, lodging and meal expenses associated with meeting with the agent or a professional team;
3. Men's basketball student-athletes preparing for the NBA Draft and NBA Draft Combine regularly employ outside trainers to obtain a meaningful assessment of their professional prospects; and
4. Legislation regarding the provision of benefits from NCAA certified agents to Division I men's basketball student-athletes (and their family members) is an area of autonomy and all five autonomy conferences support the waiver request.

See Case No. 1150965 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.3.1.2.3.2 (expenses after agreement) and 12.3.1.2.4 (no missed class time)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Student-Athlete Participation in 2021 Major League Soccer College Showcase – *Approved November 30, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER COLLEGE SHOWCASE.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit men's soccer student-athletes to participate in the 2021 Major League Soccer (MLS) College Showcase for a period that exceeds 48 hours. Further, the blanket waiver permits participation in the showcase without considering it as the student-athletes one permissible tryout with a professional sports organization after initial full-time enrollment.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. MLS will conduct the College Showcase from December 10-12, 2021;
2. MLS will invite and provide expenses to approximately 45 draft eligible student-athletes;
3. Extending the tryout length beyond 48-hours supports student-athlete health and well-being by providing additional time for the professional teams to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the participating student-athletes without all necessary activities having to occur within a 48-hour time period;
4. Similar relief exists in sport-specific legislation in basketball and ice hockey; and
5. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee supports the blanket waiver request.
6. See Case No. 1147786 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Winter Training Trip in Women's Rowing – *Approved November 30, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit women's rowing teams to conduct a winter training trip on or off the institution's campus for a period of no more than two weeks during the 2021-22 academic year.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The waiver allows the NCAA Division I governance structure and coaching association time to assess team training during the winter break period and the location of practice;
2. A waiver of this legislation was granted for the 2021-22 academic year only;
3. The conference was unable to sponsor legislation to address this issue during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 legislative cycles due to the legislative moratorium that was enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the conference noted its plans to submit a proposal into the next legislative cycle it is permitted.
4. Cost savings realized by institutions being able to conduct these training trips closer to and in the locale of the institution and greater ability to monitor/adhere to state, local and institutional COVID-19 safety protocols.

See Case No. 1149228 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.17.1.1 (winter training trip)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Critical Injury or Illness Insurance – *Approved August 11, 2020, Updated November 9, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 2023.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief extended through January 2023, a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to borrow against future earnings potential to secure a loan from an established, accredited commercial lending institution, for the purpose of purchasing critical injury or illness insurance (and other similar coverage). In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. Allowing student-athletes to secure a loan for the premium for critical injury or illness insurance under the same circumstances a student-athlete is permitted to obtain a loan for the premium for disabling injury or loss of value insurance remains a logical extension of a current practice to support student-athlete well-being; and
2. The intent of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2014-12 was to acknowledge that student-athletes should be able to borrow against earnings potential for purpose of buying career-related insurance products to assist in the decision-making process when deciding to remain in college and achieve, or get closer to achieving, the ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree.

See Case No. 1106572 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.1.2.4.4 (exception for insurance against disabling injury or illness, or loss of value) and 16.11.1.4 (insurance against disabling-injury or illness or loss of value)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Women's Lacrosse Recruiting Calendar – 2021 Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association President's Cup – *Approved November 11, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR INTERCOLLEGISATE WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACHCES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S CUP ON NOVEMBER 19, 2021.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit Division I women's lacrosse coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes (PSA) beginning at 2 p.m. Eastern Friday, November 19, 2021, at the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association President's Cup.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The evaluation period currently begins at 5 p.m. Eastern time on Friday November 19, 2021. This request is to start the period three hours earlier at 2 p.m.;
2. There is overwhelming support from the women's lacrosse head coaches and the Coaches Association; and
3. The Coaches Association is meeting later this month to consider a legislative change to the women's lacrosse recruiting calendar that would make attendance for the entirety of this event permissible in the future.

See Case No. 1146981 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1 (evaluations during contact periods -- women's lacrosse)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Noncoaching Staff Members Participation in Managerial Duties for Sports Other than Basketball and Football during 2021-22 Playing Season – *Approved October 22, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I sport programs in sports other than basketball and football may permit up to two Division I sport specific noncoaching staff members to engage in managerial duties during on-court and on-field practice activities (e.g., throw batting

practice, pass a ball, assist with drills) provided the noncoaching staff position existed as of October 1, 2021. The noncoaching staff member(s) designated to perform such on-court or on-field managerial duties must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the athletics department. The sport-specific noncoaching staff members in sports other than basketball and football are only permitted to perform these managerial duties until the conclusion of an institution's 2021-22 playing season.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. A reduction of managers due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19 pandemic continues to exist at many member institutions, this waiver provides flexibility for designated noncoaching staff members to participate in on-court or on-field practice activities while performing managerial duties.
2. This waiver does not permit a noncoaching staff member to engage in coaching activities;
3. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court or on-field countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff to assist in on-court or on-field activities;
4. Off-campus recruiting will have increased importance following the COVID dead period, the waiver would provide additional assistance to conduct practice during the time that one or more countable coaches are recruiting;
5. NCAA Division I Council approved on September 15, 2021, a blanket waiver permitting up to two noncoaching staff members in basketball to engage in coaching (instructional) duties during the 2021-22 season. This waiver provides similar but more limited relief for other sport programs; and
6. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee.

See Case No. 1146948 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Participation in Countable Athletically Related Activities During the Required Day Off for Civic Engagement for Postseason Practice and Competition – *Approved October 21, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR DURING THE CALENDAR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver request to permit student-athletes to engage in countable athletically related activities on November 2, 2021, while participating in postseason practice and competition provided:

1. Postseason practice or competition is scheduled to occur during the institution's declared week that includes November 2, 2021;
2. The institution must provide student-athletes with an additional day during the 2021-22 academic year dedicated to civic engagement;
3. The institution and conference must provide education or programming related to civic engagement to student-athletes on November 2, 2021; and
4. If student-athletes are participating in a postseason conference championship practice or competition on November 2, 2021, the conference must provide general education or programming related to civic engagement to the championship attendees (e.g., participants, fans, officials).

In approving this blanket waiver request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the sponsor of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-4, supported a one-time approval of the waiver request subject to the conditions outlined above;
2. Proposal No. 2020-4 was adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic, through a nontraditional legislative cycle; therefore, adequate education and tracking on the impact of the proposal may not have occurred;
3. Proposal No. 2020-4 was adopted to provide student-athletes additional opportunities to participate in civic engagement activities (e.g., voting, community service) on election day, including during non-presidential election years; therefore, future similar requests for relief may be denied; and

4. Generally, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with a required day off per week during participation in one conference and postseason championship.

See Case No. 1143843 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.1.7.6 (required day off -- civic engagement)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Football (FBS/FCS) Annual Signing Limit and Initial Counter Limit – *Approved October 7, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED THROUGH JULY 31, 2022. NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2023-32 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2023.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee and the NCAA Division I Council, the NCAA academic and membership affairs approved the following blanket waiver of the annual signing limit (FBS) and initial counter limit (FBS/FCS) legislation to permit the following to occur through July 31, 2022.

1. Football Bowl Subdivision: Waive the annual signing limit (NCAA Bylaw 13.9.3.3) and initial counter legislation (Bylaws 15.5.6.1 and 15.5.1.10.1) for 2022-23 enrollees to permit an institution to replace up to seven counters who depart on or after the end of the institution's fall term or the first date of the early National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period (December 15, 2021), whichever is earlier, provided the counters being replaced would have been academically eligible to compete in the institution's next regular academic term.
2. Football Championship Subdivision: Waive the initial counter legislation (Bylaw 15.5.6.2), for 2022-23 enrollees to permit an institution to replace up to seven counters who depart on or after the end of the institution's fall term or the first date of the early NLI signing period (December 15, 2021), whichever is earlier, provided the counters being replaced would have been academically eligible to compete in the institution's next regular academic term.

While the blanket waiver is effective immediately, relief is not available until the end of the fall term or the first date of the early National Letter of Intent signing period (December 15, 2021), whichever is earlier.

In approving the blanket waiver request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs noted:

1. The blanket waiver provides short-term relief to permit institutions to address roster depletion and attrition;
2. Relief provides institutions additional opportunities to use available football scholarships; and
3. The Football Oversight Committee requested the blanket waiver and the council supported the request.

See Case No. 1145462 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers (e.g., question and answer document) can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.9.3.3 (limitation on number of national letter of intent/offer of financial aid signings – bowl subdivision football (FBS)), 15.5.1.10.1 (limitation of number of national letter of intent/offer of financial aid signings – bowl subdivision football (FBS)), 15.5.6.1 (bowl subdivision football (FBS)) and 15.5.6.2 (championship subdivision football (FCS))]

NCAA Division I Blanket Waiver Women's Basketball Managers Serving as Practice Players for 2021-22 Season – *Approved October 6, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED DURING THE 2021-22 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYING SEASON ONLY.

Upon the recommendation from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver request permitting women's basketball student managers to also serve as practice players during the 2021-22 playing season.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. This waiver is effective beginning October 11, 2021, and is an extension of a previous blanket waiver (Case No. 1109415) which provided flexibility for student managers to serve as practice players during the 2020-21 playing season;
2. This waiver does not permit women's basketball student managers who are performing practice player duties to engage in on-court coaching activities;
3. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff and practice players to assist in on-court activities; and
4. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause uncertainty, and this waiver will allow for the creation of "bubbles" around the basketball team by including only those personnel essential to supporting the program.

See Case No. 1145484 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.01.7 (manager), 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities) and 12.7.5 (eligibility requirements for male students to practice with women's teams)]

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Blanket Waiver Sport-Specific Noncoaching Staff Member Participation in Instructional Duties 2021-22 Playing Season – *Approved September 15, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED DURING THE 2021-22 BASKETBALL PLAYING SEASON ONLY.

The NCAA Division I Council approved a blanket waiver permitting up to two noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities in men's and women's basketball to engage in instructional duties during required out-of-season activities and in-season practice activities for the 2021-22 playing season. The waiver is effective beginning September 20, 2021.

In granting this request, the council noted relief may only be provided when:

1. One or more of the head and/or assistant coaches are not in attendance for countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film review);
2. The noncoaching staff position(s) existed as of August 1, 2021;
3. The names of designated noncoaching staff positions must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the institution's athletics department;
4. No more than four coaches and noncoaching staff members (six for the national service academies) combined engage in providing instruction to student-athletes at any one time; and
5. Relief expires at the end of the institution's 2021-22 playing season (i.e., after the team's final contest of the season).

Please note, this action also allows the designated noncoaching staff member(s) to participate in skill-instruction activities as practice players.

Finally, staff developed a question and answer document to assist the membership in understanding the application of the waiver request.

Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.1 (countable coach) and 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Sports Other Than Basketball and Football Participation in One Season-Ending Tournament/Event – *Approved September 8, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2019-122 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2022.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver request to permit Division I institutions, in sports other than basketball and football, to participate in one season-ending tournament/event (e.g., NCAA championship, national invitational tournament) during the academic year without counting the contests within its institutional or student-athlete maximum limitations.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The ongoing discussion within the Division I governance structure surrounding exempt contests;
2. The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee supported similar blanket waiver relief (Case Nos. 966358, 989638, 1052262) during the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years;
3. The Competition Oversight Committee recommended Proposal No. 2019-122 into the 2019-20 legislative cycle as a mechanism to provide a consistent framework for postseason competition in all sports other than basketball and football;
4. Proposal No. 2019-122 was tabled in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be reviewed during the 2021-22 legislative cycle;
5. The unique opportunity to provide additional student-athletes with a postseason participation experience; and
6. This is a one-time waiver request for the 2021-22 academic year.

See Case No. 1134803 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.9 (general regulations for computing playing seasons), 17.3.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.3.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.5.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.5.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.6.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.6.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.7.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.7.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.8.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.8.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.9.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.9.5.1.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.10.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.10.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.12.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.12.5.1.4 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.13.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.13.5.1.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.14.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.14.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.15.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.15.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.16.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.16.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.17.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.17.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.18.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.18.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.19.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.19.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.20.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.20.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.21.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.21.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.22.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.22.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.23.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.23.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.24.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.24.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), 17.25.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional) and 17.25.5.2, (maximum limitations -- student-athlete)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Digital Complimentary Admissions to Individuals Designated by Student-Athletes – *Approved August 30, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2021-2 EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2021.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver request to permit Division I institutions to provide complimentary admissions to individuals designated by a student-athlete using digital ticketing.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. Digital ticketing technology has evolved to sufficiently address public safety concerns and the operational burden associated with hard ticket admissions procedures;
2. Each institution remains responsible for ensuring admission credentials are provided to the proper individuals and there is no ability for a designated individual to assign admission credentials to an individual not designated by the student-athlete;
3. The adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2021-2 permitted the provision of complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete or high school, preparatory school, or two-year college coach;
4. A similar proposal was not adopted for complimentary admissions provided to individuals designated by the student-athlete as the governing legislation is an area of autonomy; and
5. All five autonomy conferences support the waiver request.

See Case No. 1139763 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 16.2.1.2 (general regulations) and 16.2.1.2.1 (issuance procedures)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Maximum Contest Limitations – ***Approved August 27, 2021.***

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver for NCAA Division I men's and women's ice hockey teams to participate in one exhibition contest against any NCAA Division I, II or III institutions during the 2021-22 academic year that does not count against the team or individual maximum contest limitations if the team is unable to utilize the foreign team in the United States annual exemption in 2021-22.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The waiver is approved for the 2021-22 academic year only;
2. Competition opportunities for institutions to use the foreign team in the United States exempted contests legislation have diminished as a result of travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
3. The NCAA Hockey Commissioner's Association and the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee supported the waiver request.

See Case no. 1134690 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.14.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional), 17.14.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete), and 17.14.5.3 (annual exemptions)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Postgraduate Transfer Nonrecruited or Nonscholarship Student – ***Approved August 17, 2021.***

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver request to permit a student-athlete with remaining eligibility who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which the student-athlete previously

received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree to participate in intercollegiate athletics provided the student-athlete fulfills the conditions of the nonrecruited or nonscholarship student exception set forth in NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.2.9.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The application of the COVID-19 extension-of-eligibility and season-of-competition blanket waivers providing student-athletes additional competition opportunities on an extended timeline will result in an increase in student-athletes seeking to apply their postgraduate eligibility at a new institution;
2. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2018-103 was established to permit an undergraduate student-athlete who does not receive aid or attends an institution that does not offer athletics aid and was not recruited to explore other athletics and academic opportunities without being required to fulfill an academic year of residence at another institution; and
3. Similar relief should be provided to allow a postgraduate transfer student-athlete who did not receive aid at the previous institution or attended an institution that does not offer athletics aid in their sport and was not recruited to utilize their remaining eligibility at another Division I institution.

See Case No. 1140426 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.6.1 (one-time transfer exception) and 14.5.5.2.9 (nonrecruited or nonscholarship student exception)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Benefits Related to Education and Academic or Graduation Awards and Incentives – *Approved August 11, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2021-9 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 2021.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver request to permit a conference or an institution to provide the educational benefits specified in the Alston/Grant-in-Aid litigation injunction to student-athletes, in sports other than basketball and bowl subdivision football, and to specify that the NCAA, a conference or an institution may provide student-athletes, in sports other than basketball and bowl subdivision football, academic or graduation awards or incentives that have a value up to the maximum value of awards an individual student-athlete could receive in an academic year in participation, championship and special achievement awards (combined) listed in Figures 16-1, 16-2, and 16-3.

Specifically, this waiver extends the legislation adopted for basketball and bowl subdivision football per NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-3 to all other sports. The waiver applies through the 2021-22 academic year or until permanent legislation is adopted.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. Proposal No. 2020-3 was adopted, in basketball and bowl subdivision football, in response to an injunction entered against the NCAA and conference defendants in the Alston/Grant-In-Aid legislation;
2. Based on the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the *Alston* case, the benefits currently available to student-athletes in basketball and bowl subdivision football should be extended to all other sports; and
3. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee.

See Case No. 1139396 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.01.1.1 (exception -- scholarship to attend vocational school -- basketball and bowl subdivision football), 15.01.5.3 (exception -- former student-athletes -- basketball and bowl subdivision football), 15.01.6

(maximum institutional financial aid to individual), 16.1.4.5 (academic or graduation awards or incentives -- basketball and bowl subdivision)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief – Women's Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events – 2021-22 Season – *Approved July 19, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver of the qualifying regular-season multiple-team event legislation in women's basketball to permit the following maximum contest limit options during the 2021-22 season:

1. 27 (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed four contests (current legislation);
2. 28 (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed three contests;
3. 29 (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests; or
4. 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

Women's basketball programs are expected to meet all other MTE criteria included in Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1. These criteria include:

1. The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;
2. The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
3. Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period; and
4. Each participating institution is using Bylaw 17.5.5.3-(a) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

In granting this request, staff noted the blanket waiver provides women's basketball programs with similar scheduling options that currently exist in the men's basketball multiple-team event legislation. Additionally, the blanket waiver provides equitable avenues for women's basketball student-athletes to participate in the maximum number of permissible contests (31). Further, staff noted the lack of four-game MTE opportunities that currently exist for women's basketball teams to have the opportunity to schedule the maximum permissible number of contests. The blanket waiver is only for the 2021-22 women's basketball season and the additional flexibility encourages the creation of more MTE options for women's basketball teams in the future. Finally, the blanket waiver allows the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee time to collect additional data regarding the role of MTEs in women's basketball.

See Case No. 1128085 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Men's Basketball Permissible Recruiting Events During June 2021 Evaluation Period Blanket Waiver – *Approved June 17, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

NCAA Division I men's basketball coaches may evaluate at regularly scheduled 2020-21 academic year regular season and/or postseason high school contests that are still being played as a result of high school athletics associations delaying the start

of the high school basketball season due to the COVID-19 pandemic provided the contests occur during the prescribed June 18 (noon)-20 (6 p.m.) and June 25 (noon) -27 (6 p.m.) evaluation periods.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. Relief is provided for National Federation of State High School Associations,' non-NFHS or independent high school athletics associations' regularly scheduled 2020-21 academic year regular and/or postseason high school contests that are still being played as a result of the season being pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. The contest must be part of the high school's 2020-21 academic year regular basketball schedule in place as of June 15, 2021;
3. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, National Federation of State High School Associations and the National Association of Basketball Coaches support the blanket waiver request; and
4. The blanket waiver is only applicable for the June 2021 scholastic evaluation periods.

See Case No. 1134607 in NCAA Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.5.1 (academic year recruiting periods), 13.1.7.5.3 (June evaluation periods) and 13.17.2 (men's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Women's Gymnastics Recruiting Calendar 2021 U.S. Gymnastics Championships – *Approved May 24, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR U.S. GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS THAT OCCURS JUNE 1 THROUGH 15, 2021.

NCAA Division I women's gymnastics coaches may evaluate prospective student-athletes June 2, through June 6, 2021, at the 2021 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, which occurs during the recruiting dead period from June 1 through June 15, 2021. Note, USA Gymnastics has expanded the dates of the championships from June 3-6 to June 2-6 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. USA Gymnastics supports the extension of the waiver request;
2. The U.S. Gymnastics Championships are typically held in mid-August but the dates changed as a result of COVID-19 during summer 2020 and 2021 becoming an Olympic year;
3. This is the first time the U.S. Gymnastics Championships have occurred during the June 1-15 dead period since the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2017-47;
4. This waiver does not permit for off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes or their family members; and
5. This waiver is a one-time waiver request.

See Case No. 1070285 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period) and 13.17.13.1.2 (women's gymnastics)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Student-Athlete Participation in 2021 USA Baseball/Major League Baseball Draft Combine – *Approved May 12, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2021 USA BASEBALL/MLB DRAFT COMBINE.

The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit baseball student-athletes to participate in the 2021 USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine for a period that exceeds 48-hours. Further, the blanket waiver permits participation in the draft combine without considering it as the student-athlete's one permissible tryout with a professional sports organization after initial full-time enrollment.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, staff approved the blanket waiver on a one-time basis and noted:

1. USA Baseball will conduct the inaugural USA Baseball/MLB Draft Combine, June 20-28, 2021;
2. USA Baseball and MLB will provide expenses to 100 draft-eligible four-year college participants and 100 high school participants to attend the event;
3. Extending the tryout beyond 48 hours will ensure a quality experience and promote the health and safety of participating student-athletes completing on-field and off-field assessments while maintaining required social distancing, testing and other COVID-19 health and safety protocols;
4. The Baseball Committee supports the blanket waiver; and
5. The blanket waiver provides relief similar to existing sport-specific legislation in basketball and ice hockey.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case No. 1131765 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.2.1.3 (tryout after enrollment)]

Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver – Men's Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events – 2021-22 Season – *Approved May 7, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY DURING 2021-22 MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON.

During its May 7 meeting, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed the previous blanket waiver of the qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (MTE) legislation in men's basketball that was in place for the 2020-21 season and agreed that limited relief of the MTE legislation should be extended to the 2021-22 season due to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on the previous basketball season.

At the recommendation of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved the blanket waiver on May 10 to permit the following:

1. Two teams from the same conference may participate in the same MTE provided one or both teams signed a contract to participate in the same event during the 2020-21 season; and
2. A team may participate in the same MTE twice in a four-year period provided the team's first participation in the four-year period occurred during the 2020-21 season.

Staff noted the MTE blanket waiver that was in place for the 2020-21 season has expired. Therefore, institutions are expected to meet all other MTE criteria that were adopted April 30, 2020, during the 2021-22 men's basketball season. These criteria include:

1. The MTE is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;
2. The MTE includes not more than three contests per institution. An MTE in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An MTE in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event;
3. Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the MTE;

4. Each participating institution in the MTE must use the same maximum contest limitation for the 2021-22 basketball season; and
5. The MTE may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted the student-athlete experience in an MTE during the 2020-21 season.

The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee will continue to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2021-22 men's basketball season and determine if further relief of the MTE legislation is necessary in the future.

Finally, institutions seeking relief of the MTE legislation in women's basketball should file a legislative relief waiver request in RSRO. Those waivers will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and staff for the 2021-22 season.

See Case No. 1131637 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1 (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event – men's basketball)]

If an institution or event operator has questions about the blanket waiver or whether documentation constitutes a signed contract, please reach out to Abbie Markey, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at amarkey@ncaa.org or 317-917-6562 or PJ Hubert, assistant director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at phubert@ncaa.org or 317-917-6312.

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Men's Basketball use of Outside Trainers and Countable Athletically Related Activities in Preparation for the 2021 NBA Draft – *Approved May 4, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY DURING 2021 NBA DRAFT 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

*(*Updated May 11, 2021: Due to the updated NBA deadline for student-athletes to request NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee feedback, additional clarification regarding eligibility for the May 4 blanket waiver has been provided below.)*

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit a men's basketball student-athlete who has requested an NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee evaluation and declared for the 2021 NBA Draft to use institutional facilities while engaging in workout activities with an outside trainer.

Further, the blanket waiver permits a men's basketball student-athlete who has requested an Undergraduate Advisory Committee evaluation and declared for the 2021 NBA Draft to participate in countable athletically related activity (CARA) for up to four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

In granting this request for the 2021 NBA pre-draft process only, staff noted:

1. Relief is only provided until the men's basketball student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA Draft combine (July 7, 2021), whichever is earlier.
2. Due to the delayed 2021 NBA pre-draft process based on the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing an increased number of student-athletes with access to outside trainers and coaching staff members in preparation for the 2021 NBA Draft supports student-athletes in making informed decisions about their future collegiate and professional basketball opportunities.
3. An institution's coaching staff member may arrange the use of institutional facilities and observe workout activities with an outside trainer on- or off-campus; however, the coach may not conduct, supervise, or participate in these workout activities unless the time is included in daily and weekly CARA limitations.

4. The men's basketball student-athlete remains responsible for compensating the outside trainer at his or her normal rate.
5. Relief does not increase the current daily and weekly CARA limitations permitted by the men's basketball draft combine invitation exception.
6. Since the deadline has passed for student-athletes to request feedback from the NBA's Undergraduate Advisory Committee, this relief is limited to men's basketball student-athletes who have previously requested feedback within the established timeframe.

*On May 5, 2021, the NBA announced that the deadline for student-athletes to request feedback from the NBA's Undergraduate Advisory Committee would be extended from April 12 to May 15. Given that the intent of the blanket waiver was to limit relief to student-athletes who had previously requested feedback and that the blanket waiver was published prior to the newly established NBA deadline, student-athletes who requested feedback from the NBA's Undergraduate Advisory Committee prior to the May 4 blanket waiver publication date are eligible for relief pursuant to the blanket waiver. If a student-athlete requested or requests feedback from the NBA's Undergraduate Advisory Committee after the May 4 blanket waiver publication date and wishes to receive similar relief of the legislation, those circumstances will need to be reviewed by NCAA staff on an individual basis to determine whether relief should be provided. Please submit questions in RSRO.

See Case No. 1130311 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1 (designation of coaching category); 11.7.1.1 (countable coach); 12.1.2.1.6 (preferential treatment, benefits or services); 12.2.4.2.1.1 (national basketball association); 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season); 17.1.7.2.2 (institutional vacation period and summer); and 17.1.7.2.4 (exception -- draft combine invitation -- men's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver, Sports Other Than Basketball and Football, Participation In Required Virtual Nonphysical Countable Athletically Related Activities – *Approved April 30, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY THROUGH JULY 31, 2021, OR THE START OF THE INSTITUTION'S PRESEASON PRACTICE PERIOD, WHICHEVER WAS EARLIER.

The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes, in sports other than basketball and football, to participate in up to eight hours of required virtual nonphysical countable athletically related activities (e.g., film review, chalk talk, team meetings) per week beginning on the first date following the conclusion of the institution's final exam period for 2021 spring term. The waiver expires on the first day of classes for the institution's 2021 fall term or the start of the preseason practice period, whichever is earlier.

Further, the blanket waiver permits prospective student-athletes (e.g., incoming freshmen, transfers) to participate in up to eight hours of required virtual nonphysical countable athletically related activities per week provided the prospective student-athlete has completed all academic requirements for high school graduation or applicable transfer requirements.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, staff approved the blanket waiver on April 28 and noted the following:

1. The blanket waiver extends the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee action originally approved on April 20, 2020;
2. The blanket waiver permits sports other than basketball and football to require up to eight hours per week of virtual nonphysical countable activities (e.g., film review, chalk talk, team meetings) and, for each sport, requires an institution to provide student-athletes at least one day off per week (rather than the legislated two days outside the playing season);
3. Student-athletes do not need to be enrolled during any 2021 summer term in order to apply this waiver; and
4. After completing all academic requirements for high school graduation or all transfer academic requirements, a prospective student-athlete who participates in virtual nonphysical countable athletically related activity may be considered a student-athlete.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, because the nature of the request may decrease the amount of student-athlete discretionary time allocated by legislation, institutional medical staff should be properly consulted as to the impact on overall student-athlete well-being and have ultimate discretion as to the appropriateness of any supplemental required activities.

See Case No. 1117142 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.2.1 (requirement for practice), 17.1.1.1 (playing season -- athletically related activities), 17.1.7.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations -- playing season), 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside of the playing season), and 17.1.7.2.1 (institutional vacation period and summer)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Football (FBS/FCS) Recruiting Telephone Calls in June and July – *Approved April 28, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY THROUGH JULY 31, 2021.

Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions may initiate telephone calls at their discretion to an individual (or the individual's family members) beginning February 1 of the individual's junior year of high school through July 31, 2021.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved the blanket waiver on April 28 and noted the following:

1. A previous blanket waiver allowed FBS and FCS institutions to initiate telephone calls at their discretion to an individual (or the individual's family members) beginning February 1 of the individual's junior year of high school through the conclusion of the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period;
2. On April 15, 2021, the NCAA Division I Council agreed that the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period would expire on May 31, 2021, and all sports will return to their legislated recruiting calendars on June 1;
3. On April 15, 2021, the council also approved the following blanket waivers:
    a. A blanket waiver, effective June 1 through December 31, 2021, to permit an institutional staff member who has passed the NCAA recruiting certification exam to initiate telephone calls to prospective student-athletes; and
    b. A blanket waiver to permit on-campus evaluations of prospective student-athletes in football during June and July 2021 when institutional football camps and clinics are otherwise permissible;
4. NCAA legislation does not permit telephone calls to junior prospective student-athletes in football during the months of June and July; and
5. With the addition of on-campus evaluations during the months of June and July, the waiver will provide an appropriate opportunity for institutional staff members who have passed the NCAA recruiting certification exam to communicate with prospective student-athletes.

See Case No. 1130388 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.5.1 (annual certification requirement), 13.02.17 (telephone calls), 13.1.3.1.2 (exception – football [FBS/FCS], 13.1.3.1.2.1 (application of telephone call limitations)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Football (FBS/FCS) Graduate Assistant Coach Fourth Year – *Approved January 21, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY DURING 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit anyone that served as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) or NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) graduate assistant coach during the 2020-21 academic year, to qualify for a fourth year provided all other requirements of the graduate assistant coach legislation (NCAA Bylaw 11.01.3), including the existing academic requirements, are met. The limit on the number of football graduate assistant coaches still applies.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request;
2. The unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. Football graduate assistant coaches must satisfy all other requirements of the graduate assistant coach legislation, including academic enrollment;
4. The blanket waiver does not permit an individual to serve as a graduate assistant coach for a period of more than two years (e.g., third year, fourth year) unless the individual a successfully completes 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the initial two-year period; and
5. The blanket waiver applies to all football graduate assistant coaches serving in that capacity during the 2020-21 academic year, recognizing that a first, second- or third-year football graduate assistant coach may not have had the opportunity to gain experience due to a cancelled or shortened football season.

See Case No. 1118214 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.01.3 (coach, graduate assistant -- football)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Football (FBS/FCS) Telephone Calls During COVID-19 Recruiting Dead Period – *Approved January 21, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE COVID-19 DEAD PERIOD.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit football coaches, including volunteer coaches and full-time institutional staff members at Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions to initiate telephone calls at their discretion to an individual (or the individual's family members) beginning February 1 of the individual's junior year of high school through the conclusion of the COVID-19 recruiting dead period.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request, applicable during the COVID-19 recruiting dead period; and
2. The unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic including the prohibition on official and unofficial visits during the COVID-19 temporary recruiting dead period.

See Case Nos. 1120565 and 1116752 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.2 (b) (recruiting coordinator functions -- telephone calls to prospective student-athletes), 11.7.6 (limitations on number of coaches and off-campus recruiters), 13.1.3.1.2 (exception -- football. [FBS/FCS]), 13.1.3.1 (time period for telephone calls -- general rule.), and 13.1.3.5.2 (nonpermissible callers – enrolled student-athletes)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete [FBS] Relief for Individuals Employed at a Four-Year Institution – *Approved January 21, 2021.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2019-25-FBS EFFECTIVE MARCH 3, 2021.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academics and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver of the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) individual associated with a prospective student-athlete rules to exclude sport-specific, noncoaching staff members in FBS who maintained contact with prospective student-athletes only while employed in the athletics department at a four-year institution from the application of the legislation until council determines a resolution on Proposal No. 2019-25 for FBS.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request, applicable until the NCAA Division I Council determines a resolution on Proposal No. 2019-25 for FBS;
2. The virtual recruiting flexibility provided during the COVID-19 pandemic to permit sport-specific, noncoaching staff members to initiate virtual recruiting calls (e.g., telephone calls, video calls) to unsigned prospective student-athletes during the temporary recruiting dead period; and
3. The Football Oversight Committee supported Proposal No. 2019-25 before the proposal was tabled in April 2020.

Finally, the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees will consider whether to recommend a legislative relief blanket waiver of the individual associated with a prospective student-athlete legislation and the individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete legislation respectively during their upcoming meetings on February 12.

See Case No. 1120568 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.4.4 (individual associated with a prospective student-athlete -- bowl subdivision football [FBS]), 11.4.4.1 (application [FBS]), 11.4.4.2 (exception -- reassignment [FBS]), and NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2019-25]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver 2021-22 Academic Year Football (FBS/FCS) Limit on Number of Participants – *Approved January 21, 2021*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2021 FOOTBALL PRESEASON.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and NCAA Division Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions to exclude certain returning football student-athletes from counting in the 110-person preseason limit on the number of participants during the 2021-22 academic year.

For the 2021-22 academic year, an institution may exclude football student-athletes from counting in the 110-person preseason limit on the number of participants, provided:

1. The student-athlete would have exhausted eligibility during the 2020-21 academic year but for the August 21, 2020, NCAA Division I Board of Directors action to permit institutions to self-apply season-of-competition and extension of eligibility waivers during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,
2. The student-athlete returns to the same institution for the 2021-22 academic year.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request, applicable only for the 2021-22 academic year; and
2. The unique and extenuating circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case No. 1120567 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.11.2.1.2 (limit on number of participants [FBS/FCS])]

Financial Aid Limitations in Football or Basketball Recruited Student-Athlete Participation in Varsity Competition – *Approved December 18, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit Division I institutions to exempt nonathletically related institutional aid from the determination of counter status if a recruited student-athlete competes in basketball or football varsity competition. The waiver applies to currently enrolled student-athletes during the 2020-21 academic year only.

In granting the request, staff noted:

1. Receipt of nonathletically related financial aid should not prevent a student-athlete from competition during a season in which the council has granted institutions the flexibility to self-apply season of competition waivers for any student-athlete who competes while eligible;
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in extraordinary impacts on the financial need of student-athletes, regardless of their sport of participation;
3. Permitting currently enrolled student-athletes receiving institutional aid unrelated to athletics to compete during the 2020-21 academic year will not result in a recruiting or competitive advantage; and
4. The waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees and the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case Nos. 1115555 and 1117373 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.1.1 (football or basketball, varsity competition); 15.5.5.1 (men's basketball); 15.5.5.2 (women's basketball); 15.5.6.1 (bowl subdivision football); and 15.5.6.2 championship subdivision football)]

Outside Competition in Sports Other than Basketball and Football – *Approved December 18, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit, in sports other than basketball and football, a student-athlete to participate in noncollegiate, amateur competition on an outside team during the 2020-21 academic year if his or her institution will not engage in competition during the term. Regulations that apply to permissible outside competition (e.g., limit on number of student-athletes from any one institution) continue to apply under the application of the waiver. An institution or conference may not provide expenses for such competition and the student-athlete must be in good academic standing. A student-athlete who remains enrolled at the institution may not miss class to participate in outside competition. All competition should adhere to federal, state, local and other applicable guidelines related to COVID-19.

The NCAA Division I Committee on Academics action allow the missed term exception to apply to any term in which outside competition occurs under circumstances consistent with the blanket waiver.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver extends the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee and the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics action from August 5, 2020, for all sports other than basketball and football;
2. The extension of the blanket waiver provides flexibility and support of student-athlete well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee requested and supported an extension to of the Council action for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year; and
4. The Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported the waiver request.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case No. 1117123 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.4.3.6 (exceptions to progress-toward-degree rule) and 17.33.1 (outside competition – sports other than basketball)]

Participation in Required Virtual Nonphysical Countable Athletically Related Activities – *Approved December 16, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA academic and membership staff approved a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to participate in up to eight hours of required virtual nonphysical countable athletically related activities (e.g., film review, chalk talk, team meetings) per week beginning upon the student-athlete's return to campus for safety protocols (e.g., mandated testing activities, required quarantine period) or the opening day of classes of the institution's winter/spring 2021 term, whichever is earlier. The waiver applies until one week before the start of the final examination period of the institution's 2021 spring term.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The blanket waiver extends the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee action from April 20, 2020, that was previously extended on May 15, May 22, June 17, and July 22, 2020, for all sports;
2. The blanket waiver permits all sports to require up to eight hours per week of virtual nonphysical countable activities (e.g., film review, chalk talk, team meetings) and, for each sport, requires an institution to provide student-athletes at least one day off per week (rather than the legislated two days outside the season);
3. Allowing the July 22, 2020, Council Coordination Committee action to expire at the conclusion of the institution's fall 2020 term allows student-athletes a break from participation in countable athletically related activities between terms;
4. Student-athletes do not need to be enrolled full time during the during winter/spring 2021 terms in order to apply this waiver. This would include student-athletes who are not enrolled in any credits during the term;
5. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee; and
6. The Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supported the waiver request.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, because the nature of the request may decrease the amount of student-athlete discretionary time allocated by legislation, institutional medical staff should be properly consulted as to the impact on overall student-athlete well-being and have ultimate discretion as to the appropriateness of any supplemental required activities.

See Case No. 1117142 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.2.1 (requirement for practice), 17.1.1.1 (playing season -- athletically related activities), 17.1.7.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations -- playing season) and 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season)]

Transfer Year of Residence – Approved December 16, 2020.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

During its December 16 meeting, the NCAA Division I Council approved a blanket waiver request providing relief for four-year college transfer student-athletes currently serving a transfer year of residence during the 2020-21 academic year, provided the following criteria are met:

1. The student-athlete must have transferred from a Division I institution to the current Division I institution by the start of the 2020 fall term;
2. The student-athlete must have left the previous four-year institution academically eligible, in good standing and under no disciplinary suspension;
3. The student-athlete must have no previous four-year college transfer history (i.e., the blanket waiver is applicable to first-time 4-4 transfers only); and
4. The current institution's head coach and the student-athlete certify that no direct or indirect communication or contact occurred before the student-athlete's name was entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal (per NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.1.3). Note: A sample template may be accessed here.

Four-year college transfer student-athletes who qualify for the blanket waiver of Bylaw 14.5.5.1 must additionally be certified as academically eligible to compete, consistent with applicable progress-toward-degree requirements.

For more information, please contact Brandy Hataway (bhataway@ncaa.org), Emily Capehart (ecapehart@ncaa.org), or Jerry Vaughn (jvaughn@ncaa.org).

Required Athletically Related Activities Permitted During Basketball Three-Day Winter Break – *Approved November 19, 2020, Updated December 14, 2020, For Men's Basketball Only.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Upon further review of COVID-specific scheduling challenges and related circumstances impacting Division I autonomy men's basketball and its ability to accommodate the traditional three-day winter break period in basketball during the 2020-21 playing season, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and updated the November 19 blanket waiver on December 14 to provide an additional option for relief of the three-day winter break period legislation in men's basketball.

NCAA Division I autonomy men's basketball programs (and those Division I institutions opting into the legislation) may use one of the following options:

1. May participate in required athletically related activities during the three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break) as approved on November 19; OR
2. May provide three nonconsecutive days off from any required athletically related activities or countable athletically related activities during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break).
    - Consistent with the regular application of the three-day break legislation, institutions that choose Option B are required to provide the same total number of days off from countable athletically related activities (CARA) and required athletically related activities (RARA) during the winter break as had been scheduled prior to the waiver approval (i.e., an additional one, two or three days off beyond the required one day off

per week based on an institution's designation of week and when the three consecutive day break was scheduled to occur).

On November 19, at the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the NCAA academic and membership staff approved a blanket waiver to permit Division I men's and women's basketball student-athletes to engage in RARA only during the three-day winter break.

In granting the November 19 original request for RARA activities to occur during the consecutive three-day winter break period (Option A), staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and that many basketball student-athletes will remain on campus during the 2020-21 winter break. Permitting basketball student-athletes to engage in RARA during the three consecutive days off allows institutions to schedule activities that will discourage the potential for isolating behavior and encourage players to spend time with teammates while also providing them with an opportunity to physically rest and recover from countable athletically related activities during the season.

If an institution chooses to utilize the consecutive three-day winter break period (Option A), examples of permissible activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Team meal.
- Team entertainment.
- Voluntary shoot around (without the presence of a coaching staff member or a sport-specific staff member).
- Athletic training/injury prevention and treatment.
- Academic advising and study table.
- Team building activities.
- Promotional activities.
- Community service.

Use of Option A does not permit basketball student-athletes to engage in CARA during the three-day winter break period. CARA includes any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches), including, but not limited to the following types of activities: practice, film review, walk-through, and shoot around.

On December 14, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed the November 19 action and supported an additional option for relief in men's basketball to include three nonconsecutive days off to provide flexibility due to conference scheduling models.

In granting the December 14 request for days off from CARA and RARA to occur on nonconsecutive days during the winter break period (Option B), the staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the compression of conference scheduling framework that exists only because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of Option B is to permit schools to accommodate scheduling challenges while still requiring three nonconsecutive days off from RARA and CARA, providing a consistent amount of aggregate number of days off from CARA and RARA during the winter break as has been traditionally legislatively required.

Finally, because the nature of the request may decrease the amount of aggregate or consecutive student-athlete discretionary time allocated by legislation, institutional medical staff should be properly consulted as to the impact on overall student-athlete well-being and have ultimate discretion as to the appropriateness of the implementation of either waiver option.

The blanket waiver originally released on November 19, 2020, (Option A) remains applicable for women's basketball. While the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee considered the request for three nonconsecutive days off for CARA and RARA (Option B), it identified that similar scheduling challenges have not been reported to date in the women's game and it declined to take action at this time. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will revisit this in the future, if appropriate.

See Case No. 1116268 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities), 17.02.14 (required athletically related activities) and 17.1.7.10 (three-day period -- basketball)]

National Women's Soccer League Blanket Waiver – *Approved, December 15, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to allow Division I women's soccer student-athletes to enter the National Women's Soccer League's draft (and potentially be drafted), while maintaining collegiate eligibility to compete during the 2021 spring championship segment.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This is a one-time request for the 2020-21 academic year only;
2. The blanket waiver does not permit a student-athlete to sign with an agent or an agreement to join a team, if drafted;
3. Any use of a student-athletes name, image or likeness by the professional league must be informational in nature;
4. The unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of the pandemic on the 2020-21 soccer playing season; and
5. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee supported the waiver request.

See Case No. 1115007 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.1.2 (amateur status) and 12.2.4.2 (draft list)]

Permit Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Student-Athletes Who Have a Realistic Chance at Competing for an Olympic Team Spot to Continue to Train with Their Collegiate Coaches Once the Championship Season Concludes – *Approved December 10, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

- The request was granted based on student-athlete well-being and the elite and unique circumstances surrounding potential participation in the Olympic Games.

Specifically, the blanket waiver permits the following:

1. Women's swimming and diving student-athletes who achieve a 2021 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying time or qualifying score by March 21, 2021, to continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through the 2021 US Olympic Trials;
2. Men's swimming and diving student-athletes who achieve a 2021 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying time or qualifying score by March 28, 2021, to continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through the 2021 US Olympic Trials;
3. Women's swimming student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying time by March 21, 2021, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 16, 2021, provided the student-athlete achieves a time within one percent (of either the long-course meters or short-course yards time standards for the 2019 Senior National Championships) for events that are 200 meters/yards or longer and two percent for events that are 100 meters/yards and shorter;
4. Women's diving student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying score by March 21, 2020, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 4, 2021, provided the student-athlete achieves a score

within three percent of the minimum qualifying score in the relevant individual or synchronized diving event for the 2021 Olympic Trials;

5. Men's swimming student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying time by March 28, 2021, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 16, 2021, provided the student-athlete achieves a time within one percent (of either the long-course meters or short-course yards time standards for the 2019 Senior National Championships) for events that are 200 meters/yards or longer and two percent for events that are 100 meters/yards and shorter; and
6. Men's diving student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying score by March 28, 2021, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 4, 2021, provided the student-athlete achieves a score within three percent of the minimum qualifying score in the relevant individual or synchronized diving event for the 2021 Olympic Trials.

See Case No. 1080316 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.19 (voluntary athletically related activities), 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season) and 17.22.7 (safety exception)]

Baseball Blanket Waiver – *Approved, June 9, 2020; Updated December 4, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 AND 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEARS.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief granted a blanket waiver in baseball for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years only, to allow schools to:

1. Eliminate the varsity squad size limitation (i.e., 35-man roster) for the 2020-21 academic year and to increase the varsity size limitation from 35 to 40 for the 2021-22 academic year;
2. Increase the annual counter limit from 27 to 32; and
3. Renegotiate athletics aid agreements to provide less than 25 percent.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The extenuating and extraordinary circumstances surrounding and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. The significant reduction in the number of student-athletes and incoming signees selected in the Major League Baseball first-year player draft;
3. The combination of unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances resulting in a significant number of student-athletes returning to Division I baseball, a sport which carries a rigid roster and financial aid limits; and
4. The American Baseball Coaches Association, NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, Baseball Committee, NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and NCAA Gender Equity Task Force supported the blanket waiver for the 2020-21 academic year.
5. Staff approved an extension to the blanket waiver requested by Student-Athlete Experience Committee for the 2020-21 academic year, noting an increase in the varsity squad limitation from 35 to 40 for the 2021-22 academic year.

Additionally, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The blanket waiver only applies to the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years.
2. For the 2020-21 academic year:
    a. For student-athletes with multiyear financial aid agreements: Schools may provide less than a 25 percent equivalency during the 2020-21 academic year; however, the school must ensure that the total amount of aid provided over the period of the new amended agreement is equal to or greater than the total provided in the student-athlete's original aid agreement.
    b. For student-athlete with one-year financial aid agreements: Schools may provide less than a 25 percent equivalency during the 2020-21 academic year; however, the school must renew the student-athlete's

agreement for the 2021-22 academic year and provide at least a 25 percent equivalency or the average of the aid received during 2020-21 and the amount that would have been received by the student-athlete under the original aid agreement, whichever is greater.

3. For the 2021-22 academic year:
   a. The varsity squad size limitation is increased from 35 to 40;
   b. For student-athletes with multiyear financial aid agreements: Schools may provide less than a 25-percent equivalency during the 2021-22 academic year; however, the school must ensure that the total amount of aid provided over the period of the new amended agreement is equal to or greater than the total provided in the student-athlete's original aid agreement.
   c. For student-athletes with one-year financial aid agreements: Schools may provide less than a 25-percent equivalency during the 2021-22 academic year; however, the school must renew the student-athlete's agreement for the 2022-23 academic year and provide at least a 25-percent equivalency or the average of the aid received during 2021-22 and the amount that would have been received by the student-athlete under the original aid agreement, whichever is greater.

Frequently Asked Questions document.

See Case No. 1103146 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.4 (baseball limitations); 15.5.4.1 (minimum equivalency value) and 17.2.8.3 (varsity squad size limitation – championship segment)]

Final Date for Football Bowl Subdivision Regular Season and Conference Championship Contests for 2020-21 Season Only – *Approved November 25, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision programs may participate in regular season contests, including a conference championship game, as late as Saturday, December 19, 2020.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the academic and membership affairs staff approved the blanket waiver with the following condition:

- An institution shall limit its total regular season playing schedule to not more than 12 contests (games or scrimmages) unless a legislated exception is met.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case No. 1116877 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.9 (general regulations for computing playing seasons applicable to all sports); 17.11.4 (end of playing season); 17.11.5.1 (maximum limitations -- institutional) and 17.11.5.2.1 (bowl subdivision)]

Blanket Waiver Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Maximum Contest Limitations – *Approved November 25, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver for Division I men's and women's ice hockey teams to participate in one exhibition contest against any NCAA Division I, Division II, or Division III institutions during the 2020-21 academic year that does not count against the team or individual maximum contest limitations.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:
1. The waiver is approved for the 2020-21 academic year only;
2. Competition opportunities for institutions have diminished as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
3. The Hockey Commissioner's Association supported the waiver request.

See case no. 1103955 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.14.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional) and 17.14.5.2 (maximum limitations -- student-athlete)]

Virtual Recruiting Activities – Permissible Callers – *Approved December 2, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit all coaches, including volunteer coaches, full-time institutional staff members, and current students to initiate recruiting calls (e.g., telephone calls, video calls) involving prospective student-athletes who an institution is permitted to call. The flexibility applies for the remainder of the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The NCAA Division I Council approved a blanket waiver to expand the list of permissible callers for the sport of football on November 18, 2020;
2. The COVID-19 pandemic, specifically noting official and unofficial visits are not permissible during the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period. The blanket waiver is intended to provide institutions additional opportunities for engaging with prospective student-athletes to share as much information as possible to help the prospective student-athletes make informed decisions;
3. On November 18, 2020, the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period was extended by the council through at least April 15, 2021;
4. The Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees supported the waiver request; and
5. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee.

See Case No. 1116752 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.2 (b) (recruiting coordinator functions -- telephone calls to prospective student-athletes) and 13.1.3.5.2 (nonpermissible callers -- enrolled student-athletes)]

Men's Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events 2020-21 Season Only – *Updated November 25, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Upon further review of specific urgent circumstances impacting multiple-team events during the 2020-21 playing season, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and updated the previous blanket waiver on November 25 to provide additional relief of the qualifying regular-season multiple-team event legislation in the sport of men's basketball. The additional relief is noted below in bold text.

1. NCAA Division I men's basketball programs may participate in a multiple-team event that does not meet the legislated MTE requirements during the 2020-21 playing season provided:

2. The institution's original multiple-team event participation was impacted by an unforeseen circumstance caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., cancelled, rescheduled, an institution withdrew from the event due to state/local health and safety guidelines, institution is required to quarantine);
3. The circumstances were outside of the institution's control; and
4. One or more of the conditions outlined below is satisfied.

At the recommendation of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the academic and membership affairs staff approved the blanket waiver on October 25 to permit the following:

1. Two teams from the same conference may participate in the same MTE provided the teams do not play each other in the MTE, unless the contest occurs during the final round of a bracketed event;
2. A team may participate in the same MTE twice in a four-year period provided the team participates in the event during the 2020-21 season and the original location of the event was moved due to the pandemic;
3. An event in which each institution participates in three contests may conclude not later than 24 days after the first contest of the event;
4. An event in which each institution participates in two contests may conclude not later than 19 nine days after the first contest of the event;
5. One non-Division I team (that is not serving as the host of the MTE) may participate in an MTE provided the team is located within 450 400 miles of the sponsoring institution or conference;
6. Teams may participate in a different number of games in an MTE provided all teams were originally scheduled to participate in the same number of games in the event;
7. Teams in the same event may use different maximum contest limitations provided all teams were originally scheduled to use the same maximum contest limit;
8. A team may participate in two MTEs during the 2020-21 season provided the team does not exceed the maximum contest limitation of 27 games;
9. An event may only include one contest and still be considered an MTE; and
10. Two teams may compete against each other twice in the event and still be considered an MTE.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case No. 1113619 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1. (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event -- men's basketball)]

If an institution or event operator has questions about the blanket waiver, please reach out to Abbie Markey, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at amarkey@ncaa.org or 317-917-6562 or PJ Hubert, assistant director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at phubert@ncaa.org or 317-917-6312.

Countable Athletically Related Activities Following Competition in Sports Other Than Football – *Approved November 24, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit NCAA Division I sports other than football to participate in up to one hour of film review and/or team meetings following competition when the team is competing on the following day during the 2020-21 playing season provided:

1. Teams do not participate in any physical countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, strength/conditioning workouts, walk-through, shootaround) following competition; and
2. Time spent in film review and/or team meetings following competition be included in the daily (four) and weekly (20) hour limitations.

Finally, because the waiver creates the potential for increased required activity while potentially decreasing time that would be otherwise allocated at the discretion of student-athletes, an institution's medical staff should be properly consulted as to the impact on overall student-athlete well-being and have ultimate discretion consistent with independent medical care legislation, with respect to any required post competition activities that occur on the same calendar day.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of the pandemic on scheduling and competition during the 2020-21 playing season;
2. The Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators (CCACA) supports the waiver request; and
3. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees and Student-Athlete Experience Committee support the waiver request.

See Case No. 1114415 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.1.7.3.2.1 (countable athletically related activities prohibited after competition)]

Required Athletically Related Activities Permitted During Basketball Three-Day Winter Break – *Approved November 19, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I autonomy men's and women's basketball programs (and those Division I institutions opting into the legislation) may participate in required athletically related activities during the three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break).

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the academic and membership affairs staff approved a blanket waiver to permit Division I basketball student-athletes to engage in Required Athletically Related Activities (RARA) only during the three-day winter break.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and that many basketball student-athletes will remain on campus during the 2020-21 winter break. Permitting basketball student-athletes to engage in RARA allows institutions to schedule activities that will discourage the potential for isolating behavior and encourage players to spend time with teammates while also providing them with an opportunity to physically rest and recover from countable athletically related activities (CARA) during the season.

During the three-day winter break period, examples of permissible activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Team meal.
- Team entertainment.
- Voluntary shoot around (without the presence of a coaching staff member or a sport-specific staff member).
- Athletic training/injury prevention and treatment.
- Academic advising and study table.
- Team building activities.
- Promotional activities.
- Community service.

The blanket waiver does not permit men's and women's basketball student-athletes to engage in CARA during the three-day winter break period. CARA includes any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches), including, but not limited to the following types of activities: practice, film review, walk-through, and shoot around.

Finally, because the nature of the request may decrease the amount of student-athlete discretionary time allocated by legislation, institutional medical staff should be properly consulted as to the impact on overall student-athlete well-being and have ultimate discretion as to the appropriateness of any supplemental required activities.

See Case No. 1116268 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities), 17.02.14 (required athletically related activities) and 17.1.7.10 (three-day period -- basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Women's Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events 2020-21 Season Only – *Approved November 4, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 PLAYING SEASON.

NCAA Division I women's basketball programs may participate in a qualifying regular season multiple-team event that does not meet the legislated multiple-team event requirements during the 2020-21 playing season provided:

1. The institution's original multiple-team event participation was impacted by an unforeseen circumstance caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., cancelled, rescheduled, an institution withdrew from the event due to state/local health and safety guidelines, institution is required to quarantine);
2. The circumstances were outside of the institution's control; and
3. One or more of the conditions outlined below is satisfied.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the academic and membership affairs staff approved the blanket waiver to permit the following:

1. Two teams from the same conference may participate in the same multiple-team event provided the teams do not play each other in the multiple-team event, unless the contest occurs during the final round of a bracketed event;
2. A team may participate in the same multiple-team event twice in a four-year period provided the team participates in the event during the 2020-21 season and the original location of the event was moved due to the pandemic;
3. An event may conclude not later than 21 days after the first contest of the event;
4. Teams may participate in a different number of games in a multiple-team event provided all teams were originally scheduled to participate in the same number of games in the event;
5. Teams in the same event may use different maximum contest limitations provided all teams were originally scheduled to use the same maximum contest limit; and
6. A team may participate in two multiple-team events during the 2020-21 season provided the team does not exceed the maximum contest limitation of 27 games (23 and up to four contests within a multiple-team event(s) or 25 contests with no multiple-team event(s).

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

If an institution or event operator has questions about the blanket waiver, please reach out to Abbie Markey, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs (amarkey@ncaa.org; 317-917-6562) or Jenn Samble, assistant director of academic and membership affairs (jsamble@ncaa.org; 317-917-6675).

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1 (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event -- women's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Winter Training Trip in Women's Rowing – *Approved November 4, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit women's rowing teams to conduct a winter training trip on or off the institution's campus for a period of no more than two weeks during the 2020-21 academic year.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The waiver allows the NCAA Division I governance structure and coaching association time to assess team training during the winter break period and the location of practice;
2. A waiver of this legislation was granted for the 2020-21 academic year only;
3. The conference was unable to sponsor legislation to address this issue during the 2020-21 legislative cycle due to the legislative moratorium that was enacted in response to COVID- 19 pandemic. However, the conference is encouraged to sponsor legislation at the next available opportunity; and
4. Cost savings realized by institutions being able to conduct these training trips closer to and in the locale of the institution and greater ability to monitor/adhere to state, local and institutional COVID-19 safety protocols.

See Case No. 1109452 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.17.1.1 (winter training trip)]

Men's Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events 2020-21 Season Only – *Approved October 23, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I men's basketball programs may participate in a qualifying regular season multiple-team event that does not meet the legislated multiple-team event requirements during the 2020-21 playing season provided:

1. The institution's original multiple-team event participation was impacted by an unforeseen circumstance caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., cancelled, rescheduled and one institution withdrew from the event due to state/local health and safety guidelines, institution is required to quarantine);
2. The circumstances were outside of the institution's control; and
3. One or more of the conditions outlined below is satisfied.

At the recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff approved the blanket waiver to permit the following:

1. Two teams from the same conference may participate in the same multiple-team event provided the teams do not play each other in the multiple-team event, unless the contest occurs during the final round of a bracketed event;
2. A team may participate in the same multiple-team event twice in a four-year period provided the team participates in the event during the 2020-21 season and the original location of the event was moved due to the pandemic;
3. An event in which each institution participates in three contests may conclude not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
4. An event in which each institution participates in two contests may conclude not later than nine days after the first contest of the event;
5. One non-Division I team (that is not serving as the host of the multiple-team event) may participate in a multiple-team event provided the team is located within 400 miles of the sponsoring institution or conference;
6. Teams may participate in a different number of games in an multiple-team event provided all teams were originally scheduled to participate in the same number of games in the event;
7. Teams in the same event may use different maximum contest limitations provided all teams were originally scheduled to use the same maximum contest limit; and
8. A team may participate in two multiple-team events during the 2020-21 season provided the team does not exceed the maximum contest limitation of 27 games.

In granting this request, staff noted the unique and extenuating circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

See Case No. 1113619 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

Finally, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will consider whether to recommend a legislative relief blanket waiver of the women's basketball qualifying regular-season multiple-team event requirements for the 2020-21 season during its upcoming meeting on November 4.

If an institution or event operator has questions about the blanket waiver, please reach out to Abbie Markey, associate director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at amarkey@ncaa.org or 317-917-6562 or PJ Hubert, assistant director of NCAA academic and membership affairs, at phubert@ncaa.org or 317-917-6312.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1 (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event -- men's basketball)]

Noncoaching Staff Members Participation in Managerial Duties for Sports Other than Basketball and Football during 2020-21 Playing Season – *Approved September 9, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I sport programs in sports other than basketball and football may permit up to two Division I sport specific noncoaching staff members to engage in managerial duties during on-court and on-field practice activities (e.g., throw batting practice, pass a ball, assist with drills) provided the noncoaching staff position existed as of September 7, 2020, and the institution has prohibited some or all student managers from attending practice or other countable athletically related activities due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19 pandemic. The noncoaching staff member(s) designated to perform such on-court or on-field managerial duties must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the athletics department. The sport-specific noncoaching staff members in sports other than basketball and football are only permitted to perform these managerial duties until the conclusion of an institution's 2020-21 playing season or when the institution permits all student managers to attend practice or other countable athletically related activities, whichever is earlier.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. With the reduction of many managers due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19, this waiver provides flexibility for designated noncoaching staff members to participate in on-court or on-field practice activities while performing managerial duties.
2. This waiver does not permit a noncoaching staff member to engage in coaching activities;
3. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court or on-field countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff to assist in on-court or on-field activities;
4. This waiver assists institutional efforts to limit the individuals in contact with teams to those essential to supporting the programs; and
5. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and aligns with the blanket wavier approved on September 8, 2020, for noncoaching staff in the sport of basketball (See Case No. 1109415).

See Case No. 1109691 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.01.7 (manager) and 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities)]

Midyear Replacement for the 2021 Spring Term Blanket Waiver – *Approved September 8, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

In cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, track and field, women's volleyball and men's water polo, institutions may apply midyear replacement legislation to provide athletics aid to a new recipient without making the second student-athlete a counter for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year, provided the replaced student-athlete would have graduated in 2020 fall term but is returning in the 2021 spring or fall term to exhaust eligibility directly resulting from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors' action allowing institutions to self-apply season of competition and extension of eligibility waivers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In granting this request, academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student-athlete's decisions to return to exhaust eligibility;
2. The Board of Directors' August 21, 2020, actions regarding the NCAA Board of Governors' directives related to student-athlete well-being - financial aid limitations (exemptions); and
3. The blanket waiver only applies to the 2020-21 academic year.

See Case No. 1108714 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.2.4 (midyear replacement -- women's volleyball), 15.5.3.1.4 (midyear replacement -- cross country, field hockey, soccer, track and field and men's water polo), and 15.5.6.3.4 (midyear replacement)]

Blanket Waiver Basketball Noncoaching Staff Members Participation in Managerial Duties and Women's Basketball Practice Players for 2020-21 Season – *Approved September 8, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball programs may permit up to two Division I men's and women's basketball-specific noncoaching staff members to engage in managerial duties during on-court activities (e.g., rebound, pass, assist with drills) provided the noncoaching staff position existed as of September 7, 2020, and the institution has prohibited some or all student managers from attending practice or other countable athletically related activities due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19. The noncoaching staff member(s) designated to perform such on-court managerial duties must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the athletics department. The basketball-specific noncoaching staff members are only permitted to perform these managerial duties until the conclusion of an institution's 2020-21 playing season or when the institution permits all student managers to attend practice or other countable athletically related activities, whichever is earlier.

Additionally, in women's basketball, up to two basketball-specific noncoaching staff members permitted to engage in managerial duties during the 2020-21 playing season may also serve as practice players. For institutions still utilizing student managers, those student managers may also serve as practice players during the 2020-21 playing season. In both instances, the practice player duties may be performed by basketball-specific noncoaching staff members and student managers until the conclusion of the institution's 2020-21 playing season or when the institution permits practice players to attend practice, whichever is earlier.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. With the reduction of many managers due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19, this waiver provides flexibility for designated noncoaching staff members to participate in on-court practice activities while performing managerial duties. Additionally, in women's basketball only, this waiver provides similar flexibility for designated noncoaching staff members and managers to serve as practice players;

2. This waiver does not permit a noncoaching staff member and student managers performing practice player duties in women's basketball to engage in on-court coaching activities;
3. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff to assist in on-court activities;
4. This waiver assists institutional efforts to limit the individuals in contact with basketball teams to those essential to supporting the programs; and
5. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Oversight Committees.

See Case No. 1109415 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.01.7 (manager), 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities) and 12.7.5 (eligibility requirements for male students to practice with women's teams)]

Critical Injury or Illness Insurance Blanket Waiver – *Approved August 11, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED THROUGH JANUARY 2022.

Division I student-athletes may borrow against future earnings potential to secure a loan from an established, accredited commercial lending institution, for the purpose of purchasing critical injury or illness insurance (and other similar coverage).

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. Allowing student-athletes to secure a loan to pay for the premium for critical injury or illness insurance under the same circumstances that a student-athlete is permitted to obtain a loan to pay the premium for disabling injury or loss of value insurance is a logical extension of a current practice to a recently developed product and supports student-athlete well-being;
2. The intent of NCAA Proposal No. 2014-12 was to acknowledge that student-athletes should be able to borrow against earnings potential for purpose of buying career-related insurance products other than disability insurance to assist in the decision-making process when deciding to remain in college and achieve, or get closer to achieving, the ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree; and
3. The blanket waiver relief is effective through January 2022.

See Case No. 1106572 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 12.1.2.4.4 (exception for insurance against disabling injury or illness, or loss of value) and 16.11.1.4 (insurance against disabling-injury or illness or loss of value)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Football (FBS/FCS) Relief of First Contest Legislation – *Approved July 27, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR.

For the 2020 football season, Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions may play their first contest beginning on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. This allows an institution's first football contest to occur on Saturday, August 29, 2020.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. Relief is provided on a one-time basis for the 2020 football season due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically noting institutions should follow all applicable legislative, policy and institutional health and safety requirements;
2. The maximum contest limitations for the 2020 football season (12 for FBS and 11 for FCS) remain in effect. The FBS and FCS annual exemptions (NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.10.5.2) also remain in effect; and
3. The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee.

See Case No. 1106333 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.10.3 (first contest [FBS/FCS])]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Football (FBS/FCS) Telephone Calls During COVID-19 Recruiting Dead Period – *Approved May 08, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE COVID-19 DEAD PERIOD.

Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions may initiate telephone calls at their discretion to any individual (or the individual's family members) beginning April 15 of the individual's junior year of high school through the conclusion of the COVID-19 recruiting dead period.

This waiver permits an institutional coaching staff member to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school, two-year and four-year transfer student-athletes) at their discretion from May 2020, through the conclusion of the COVID-19 recruiting dead period.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. This is a one-time waiver request, applicable during the COVID-19 recruiting dead period.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic, specifically noting official and unofficial visits are not permissible during the COVID-19 recruiting dead period,
3. An institution may not make telephone calls to an individual prior to April 15 of their junior year of high school; and
4. The blanket waiver was reviewed and supported by the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee.

See Case No. 1098822 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.3.1.2 (exception -- football [FBS/FCS]), 13.1.3.1 (time period for telephone calls -- general rule) and 11.7.6 (limitations on number of coaches and off-campus recruiters)]

Financial Aid for Olympic Hopefuls Blanket Waiver – *Approved March 27, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2020 SPRING TERM.

Division I schools may honor athletics aid agreements and exempt the 2019-20 amount from financial aid limitations for student-athletes that took a leave of absence during the 2019-20 academic year to train for official national team tryouts and competition.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Administrative Committee noted:

1. The extenuating and extraordinary circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. The blanket waiver only applies to the 2020 spring term; and
3. The blanket waiver only applies to student-athletes who were awarded athletically related financial aid for the 2019-20 academic year and who have not yet enrolled full time during the 2019-20 academic year due to participation in:

a. Official Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Olympic and Paralympic training, tryouts and competition;
b. Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts; or
c. Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

See Case No. 1097345 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.5.1 (counters), 15.5.2 (head-count sports other than basketball and football) and 15.5.3 (equivalency sports)]

NCAA Division I Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Use of Outside Trainers – *Approved January 30, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2020 NBA DRAFT YEAR (2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR).

The academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit men's basketball student-athletes who receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 NBA Draft Combine or the NBA G-League Elite Camp to use institutional facilities while engaging in workout activities with an outside trainer.

The blanket waiver also permits institutions to arrange the use of institutional facilities for such workouts and allows coaches to observe the workouts without counting toward required and countable athletically related activity limits.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. Relief is only provided after the men's basketball student-athlete receives an NBA Draft Combine invitation (including a conditional Combine invitation), or a G League Elite Camp invitation until the men's basketball student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or June 3, 2020, whichever is earlier.
2. An institution's coaching staff may observe workout activities with an outside trainer; however, they may not conduct these workout activities unless the time is included in daily/weekly time limitations.
3. The men's basketball student-athlete remains responsible for compensating the outside trainer at his or her normal rate.
4. The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.

See Case No. 1091117 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1 (designation of coaching category); 11.7.1.1 (countable coach); 12.1.2.1.6 (preferential treatment, benefits or services); 12.2.4.2.1.1 (national basketball association); 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season); and 17.1.7.2.2 (institutional vacation period and summer)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Approved a Blanket Waiver to Permit Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Student-Athletes Who Have a Realistic Chance at Competing for an Olympic Team Spot to Continue to Train with Their Collegiate Coaches Once the Championship Season Concludes – *Approved January 15, 2020.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

- The request was granted based on student-athlete well-being and the elite and unique circumstances surround potential participation in the Olympic Games.

Specifically, the blanket waiver permits the following:

1. Women's swimming and diving student-athletes who achieve a 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying time or qualifying score by March 22, 2020, to continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through the June 21-28, 2020, Olympic Trials;
2. Men's swimming and diving student-athletes who achieve a 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifying time or qualifying score by March 29, 2020, to continue to be coached by their collegiate coach through the June 21-28, 2020, Olympic Trials;
3. Women's swimming student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying time by March 22, 2020, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 9, 2020, provided the student-athlete achieves a time within one percent (of either the long-course meters or short-course yards time standards for the 2019 Senior National Championships) for events that are 200 meters/yards or longer and two percent for events that are 100 meters/yards and shorter;
4. Women's diving student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying score by March 22, 2020, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending April 26, 2020, provided the student-athlete achieves a score within three percent of the minimum qualifying score in the relevant individual or synchronized diving event for the 2020 Olympic Trials;
5. Men's swimming student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying time by March 29, 2020, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending May 9, 2020, provided the student-athlete achieves a time within one percent (of either the long-course meters or short-course yards time standards for the 2019 Senior National Championships) for events that are 200 meters/yards or longer and two percent for events that are 100 meters/yards and shorter; and
6. Men's diving student-athletes who have not achieved an Olympic Trial qualifying score by March 29, 2020, to be coached by their collegiate coach through events ending April 26, 2020, provided the student-athlete achieves a score within three percent of the minimum qualifying score in the relevant individual or synchronized diving event for the 2020 Olympic Trials.

See Case No. 1080316 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.19 (voluntary athletically related activities), 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season) and 17.21.7 (safety exception)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Approves Blanket Waiver Participation of NCAA Division I Softball and Women's Volleyball Teams in National Invitational Championship Events Blanket Waiver – *Approved July 22, 2019.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I institutions that sponsor softball or women's volleyball may exclude participation in one postseason national invitational championship event from the maximum number of softball contests and women's volleyball dates of competition.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This is a one-time blanket waiver applicable through the conclusion of the 2019-20 academic year;
2. Competing in a postseason national invitational championship event provides more student-athletes with a postseason participation experience;
3. The ongoing discussion within the Division I governance structure surrounding exempt contests;
4. An annual contest exemption previously existed for softball and women's volleyball but was removed from the legislation due to changes in playing and practice season rules surrounding external championship events and the inactivity of the National Invitational Championship in both sports; and
5. The American Volleyball Coaches Association supports the waiver request.

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See Case No. 1052262 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.20.5.3 (annual exemptions) and 17.25.9 (annual exemptions)]

NCAA Division I Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Involving Outside Competition for 4-2-4 Women's Basketball Prospective Student-Athletes – *Approved April 25, 2019*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE INTERCOLLEGIATE EVENTS THAT OCCUR DURING THE WEEKENDS OF JUNE 21-23, 2019, AND JUNE 28-30, 2019.

The academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit a 4-2-4 women's basketball prospective student-athlete (currently enrolled at a two-year college) to engage in outside competition that occurs at a two-year college intercollegiate event during the weekends of June 21-23, 2019, and June 28-30, 2019, without jeopardizing her eligibility upon transfer to a new Division institution.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. Relief is only applicable to two-year college intercollegiate events that occur during the weekends of June 21-23, 2019, and June 28-30, 2019;
2. With the creation of two-year college June intercollegiate events in men's basketball, two-year college governing bodies created identical events in women's basketball during the same two weekends in June;
3. The waiver addresses an unforeseen consequence of 4-2-4 prospective student-athletes being subject to the outside competition legislation;
4. The waiver provides women's basketball prospective student-athletes the same opportunity as men's basketball prospective student-athletes to compete in June intercollegiate events that are approved by two-year college governing bodies; and
5. The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.

See Case No. 1055587 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.31.2 (outside competition -- basketball) and 17.31.2.2 (individual subject to outside-competition regulations)]

NCAA Division I Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver: Use of Outside Trainers – *Approved April 24, 2019*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2019 NBA DRAFT YEAR (2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR).

The academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit men's basketball student-athletes who receive an invitation to participate in the NBA Draft Combine or the NBA G-League Elite Camp to use institutional facilities while engaging in workout activities with an outside trainer.

The blanket waiver also permits institutions to arrange the use of institutional facilities for such workouts and allows coaches to observe the workouts without counting toward required and countable athletically related activity limits.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. Relief is only provided after the men's basketball student-athlete receives an NBA Draft Combine invitation (including a conditional Combine invitation), or a G League Elite Camp invitation until the men's basketball student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or May 29, 2019, whichever is earlier.
2. An institution's coaching staff may observe workout activities with an outside trainer; however, they may not conduct these workout activities unless the time is included in daily/weekly time limitations.

3. The men's basketball student-athlete remains responsible for compensating the outside trainer at his or her normal rate.
4. The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.

See Case No. 1055588 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1 (designation of coaching category), 11.7.1.1 (countable coach), 12.1.2.1.6 (preferential treatment, benefits or services), 12.2.4.2.1.1 (national basketball association), 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season), and 17.1.7.2.1 (institutional vacation period and summer)]

NCAA Division I Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver Involving Outside Competition For 4-2-4 Men's Basketball Prospective Student-Athletes – *Approved March 1, 2019.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE INTERCOLLEGIATE EVENTS THAT OCCUR DURING THE WEEKENDS OF JUNE 21-23, 2019, AND JUNE 28-30, 2019.

The academic and membership affairs staff approved a legislative relief blanket waiver to permit a 4-2-4 prospective student-athlete (currently enrolled at a two-year college) to engage in outside competition associated with participation in a two-year college scholastic event during the weekends of June 21-23 and June 28-30, 2019, without jeopardizing his eligibility upon transfer to a new Division I institution.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. Relief is only applicable to the weekends of June 21-23 and June 28-30, 2019;
2. With the creation of two-year college June scholastic events, the waiver addresses an unforeseen consequence on 4-2-4 prospective student-athletes being subject to the outside competition legislation upon transfer to a new Division I institution; and
3. The waiver provides a larger number of men's basketball prospective student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in two-year college June scholastic events.

See Case No. 1050894 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.7.5.3 (June evaluation periods), 17.31.2.2 (individual subject to outside-competition regulations, NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2018-23 (recruiting -- men's basketball recruiting calendar) and 2018-88 (recruiting -- evaluations -- men's basketball -- June evaluation periods -- two-year college scholastic events)]

NCAA Division I Staff and NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Approve Blanket Waiver: Staff Member Attendance at the Next Generation Showcase – *Approved February 2019.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR APRIL 6, 2019.

International NBA Academy representation will be from Africa, China, Europe, Global (Australia) and India. The International NBA Academy representation will attend the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship as part of Next Generation Saturday. The event is designed to give international high school participants the opportunity to experience the NCAA Final Four, receive educational programming and scrimmage in the Next Generation Showcase.

The NCAA Division I staff and NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver permitting NCAA Division I and Division II women's basketball coaches and basketball specific staff members to attend the Next Generation Showcase during the recruiting dead period on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The blanket waiver approval only permits attendance at Next Generation Showcase events occurring at the NCAA Final Four Tourney Town on Saturday, April 6, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time, at the Tampa Convention Center, and does not permit NCAA Division I or Division II women's

basketball coaches or basketball specific staff members to attend any other events involving prospective student-athletes during the dead period, including any events involving the USA Basketball National 3 on 3 Team.

Further, as part of the blanket waiver, NCAA Division I institutions should note attendance at the Next Generation Showcase does not count toward the institution's 112 recruiting person days. All other NCAA Division I and Division II recruiting legislation (e.g., contact with a prospective student-athlete) continues to apply.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I and Division II Committees for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The celebratory nature of the NCAA Final Four Tourney Town and Next Generation Saturday, including the Next Generation Showcase, will provide educational programming daily to its participants.
2. The blanket waiver was supported by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.
3. The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and supported by the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee.

See Case No. 1048959 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.9 (recruiting person days), 13.1.2.3 (general restrictions -- staff members and governing board), 13.1.2.5 (off campus contacts or evaluations), 13.1.7.6 (evaluations -- women's basketball), 13.1.7.6.1 (evaluation periods other than July) 13.17.3 (women's basketball), and NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.17.2 (women's basketball)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Men's Ice Hockey Recruiting Legislation Blanket Waiver – *Approved May 31, 2018, Updated November 30, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NOS. 2017-112 AND 2017-113 EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2018.

The academic and membership affairs staff updated the May 31, 2018, NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief blanket waiver to extend the effective date from September 1, 2018, until May 1, 2019. In extending the effective date of the waiver approval, staff noted ongoing collaboration between the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and the men's ice hockey coaching community, which resulted in the NCAA Division I Council introducing NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2018-94 into the 2018-19 legislative cycle.

NCAA Division I men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes may engage in recruiting conversations at institutional camps and clinics and participate in unofficial visits beginning January 1 of their sophomore year in high school until May 1, 2019.

In granting this request, staff noted:

1. The recent adoption of Proposal Nos. 2017-112 and 2017-113 established September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school as the first permissible date for an unofficial visit and recruiting conversations to occur at institutional camps and clinics.
2. The unique professional opportunities men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes encounter as early as the sophomore year of high school.
3. Approval of the blanket waiver allows the NCAA Division I Council governance structure time to further access early recruiting and the application to the sport of men's ice hockey.
4. The blanket waiver is supported by the Hockey Commissioners Association.
5. The blanket waiver was reviewed and supported by the Student-Athlete Experience Committee. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee will continue to evaluate early recruiting and consider future legislative solutions that relate to the sport of men's ice hockey.

See Committee for Legislative Relief Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab Case No. 1017308 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.7.1 (first opportunity to visit -- sports other than basketball and football) and 13.11.1.5.1 (exception -- recruiting conversations -- sports other than basketball and football)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Women's Volleyball Dead Period Waiver – *Approved November 13, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2018.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver permitting Division I women's volleyball coaches to attend and evaluate prospective student-athletes competing November 15, 2018, at the 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I and II Women's Volleyball Championship. The competition November 15 occurs during the recruiting dead period in the sport of women's volleyball.

In granting this request, the Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The NJCAA determines the dates of its women's volleyball championship.
2. The American Volleyball Coaches Association supports the waiver request.
3. Due to the way the calendar falls in 2018, the recruiting dead period surrounding the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent in the sport of women's volleyball occurs during the same week as the NJCAA Division I and II Women's Volleyball Championship. This situation will not occur again until 2029.
4. Division I women's volleyball coaches may not have in-person, off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes participating in the event.
5. This waiver is a one-time waiver request for the 2018 NJCAA Divisions I and II Women's Volleyball Championship event only.

See Case No. 1036474 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period) and 13.17.11 (recruiting periods -- women's volleyball)]

NCAA Division I Staff/Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Approve Blanket Waiver: Staff Member Attendance at the Next Generation Showcase – *Approved October 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR APRIL 7, 2019.

Four international NBA Academy teams from China, Africa, Latin America (Mexico) and Global (Australia) will attend the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship as part of Next Generation Sunday. The event is designed to give the high school participants the opportunity to experience the NCAA Final Four, receive educational programming and scrimmage in the Next Generation Showcase.

The NCAA Division I staff and Division II Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver permitting Division I and Division II men's basketball coaches and basketball specific staff members to attend the Next Generation Showcase during the recruiting dead period on Sunday, April 7, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central time inside the Minneapolis Convention Center in the Buick Arena. The blanket waiver approval only permits attendance at Next Generation Showcase events occurring in the NCAA Final Four Fan Fest on April 7, 2019, and does not permit Division I or Division II men's basketball coaches or basketball specific staff members to attend any other events involving prospective student-athletes during the dead period, including any events involving the USA Basketball Junior National Select Team.

Further, as part of the blanket waiver, Division I institutions should note that attendance at the Next Generation Showcase does not count toward the institution's 130 recruiting person days. All other Division I and Division II recruiting legislation (e.g., contact with a prospective student-athlete) continues to apply.

In granting this request, the Division I and Division II Committees for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The celebratory nature of the NCAA Final Four Fan Fest and Next Generation Sunday, including the Next Generation Showcase, will provide educational programming daily to its participants.
2. Approval of the blanket waiver allows the NCAA Division I and Division II governance structures time to assess the basketball recruiting dead period legislation and events held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships.
3. The blanket waiver was supported by the National Association for Basketball Coaches.
4. The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and supported by the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Committee.

See Case Nos. 1030030 (Division I) and 1033123 (Division II) in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.9 (recruiting person days), 13.1.2.3 (general restrictions -- staff members and governing board), 13.1.2.5 (off campus contacts or evaluations), 13.1.7.5 (evaluations -- men's basketball), 13.1.7.5.1 (academic year recruiting periods), 13.17.2 (men's basketball), and NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.17.1 (men's basketball)]

NCAA Divisions I and II Committees for Legislative Relief Approve Blanket Waiver Divisions I and II Men's and Women's Soccer Coaches Attendance at the 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championship – *Approved October 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR NOVEMBER 12-15, 2018, FOR DIVISION I INSTITUTIONS.

The NCAA Divisions I and II Committees for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver permitting Divisions I and II men's and women's soccer coaches to attend and evaluate prospective student-athletes competing in the 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championship during the recruiting dead periods occurring November 12-15, 2018, (for Division I) and November 12 (7 a.m.) - November 14 (7 a.m.), 2018, (for Division II).

In granting this request, the Divisions I and II Committees for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The NJCAA determines the dates of its soccer championship;
2. Recent changes to the National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing date in the sport of soccer makes this the first year soccer has a dead period surrounding the signing of the NLI in the fall;
3. United Soccer Coaches supports the waiver request;
4. Divisions I and II men's and women's soccer coaches may not have in-person, off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes participating in the event; and
5. This waiver is a one-time waiver request for the 2018 NJCAA Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championship event only.

See Case No. 1030682 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period), 13.17.13 (recruiting periods -- other sports), 13.17.13.1.1 (national letter of intent signing date), and NCAA Division II Bylaws 13.02.4.4 (dead period) and 13.17.4.1 (national letter of intent signing date)]

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief 2018 Baseball Official Visit Limit Waiver – *Approved October 24, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I baseball teams may provide up to 40 official visits during the 2018-19 academic year.

In approving the request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This one-time blanket waiver is applicable through July 31, 2019, (the conclusion of the 2018-19 official visit cycle);
2. The adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-111 permits sports other than basketball and football to provide a prospective student-athlete an official visit beginning September 1 of his or her junior year in high school.
3. Baseball is the only sport impacted by Proposal No. 2017-111 that limits the number of official visits an institution may provide;
4. A one-time increase in the institutional limit from 25 to 40 provides schools flexibility to manage the transition to the new rule, including the institution's approach to allocating official visits between junior and senior prospective student-athletes; and
5. The NCAA Division I Student Athlete Experience Committee supports the waiver request.

See Case No. 1031314 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.3.2 (baseball official visits)]

Football Official Visit Legislation Blanket Waiver – *Approved August 28, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions may provide official visits to football prospective student-athletes in conjunction with the institution's first home football contest (i.e., the contest occurs at some point during the 48 hours of the visit) immediately preceding the start of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.

In approving this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This is a one-time blanket waiver for the 2018-19 academic year;
2. The unique atmosphere surrounding an institution's first home football game of the season;
3. The ongoing legislative review surrounding early recruiting and official visits;
4. Applicant institution plans to work with its conference to submit legislation to address this issue in future years;
5. The chair and vice chair of the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee supports the waiver request; and
6. Multiple institutions and one conference provided written support for the waiver request.

See Committee for Legislative Relief Requests/Self-Reports Online Case No. 1021716 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.6.2.1.4 (first opportunity to visit -- football)]

General and Electronic Correspondence Preceding Official Visit Blanket Waiver – *Approved August 24, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Institutional staff members may send general and electronic correspondence during the five days immediately preceding a prospective student-athlete's scheduled official visit to the institution.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-111 was sponsored and adopted without consideration of an electronic correspondence exception;

2. General and electronic correspondence is the most efficient method of communication to send prospective student-athletes information related to the official visit (e.g., flight information, lodging arrangements and official visit logistics); and
3. The blanket waiver request applies to prospective student-athletes who have already scheduled their official visit to occur on or after September 1, 2018, thus no recruiting advantage will occur; and the blanket waiver is only applicable for the 2018-19 academic year (e.g., visits scheduled September 1-5, 2018).

See Case No.1027380 in NCAA Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.4.1 (recruiting materials and electronic correspondence -- general rule)]

Men's Golf Evaluation Days Blanket Waiver – *Approved August 7, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF ONLY PROVIDED FOR AUGUST 11-19, 2018.

NCAA Division I men's golf coaches may attend the 2018 United States Amateur Championship, held August 11-19, 2018, without counting attendance at the event toward the institution's 45 evaluation day limit in the sport of men's golf.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. The recent adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-43 established a recruiting calendar and 45 evaluation day limit per calendar year (measured August 1 – July 31);
2. Proposal No. 2017-43 was sponsored and adopted without consideration of coaches working with student-athletes at elite national championship events (e.g., U.S. Amateur Championship) and the unintended consequences of evaluation day limits;
3. All other recruiting rules continue to apply; and
4. The Golf Coaches Association of America supports the blanket waiver.

See Case No.1022655 in NCAA Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.7.12 (evaluation days -- men's golf)]

Men's Ice Hockey Recruiting Legislation Blanket Waiver – *Approved May 31, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NOS. 2017-112 AND 2017-113 EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2018.

NCAA Division I men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes may engage in recruiting conversations at institutional camps and clinics and participate in unofficial visits beginning January 1 of their sophomore year in high school until September 1, 2018.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. The recent adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2017-112 and 2017-113 established September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school as the first permissible date for an unofficial visit and recruiting conversations to occur at institutional camps and clinics;
2. The unique professional opportunities men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes encounter as early as the sophomore year of high school;
3. Approval of the blanket waiver allows the NCAA Division I Council governance structure time to further access early recruiting and the application to the sport of men's ice hockey;
4. The blanket waiver is supported by the hockey commissioners association; and

5. The blanket waiver was reviewed and supported by the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee will continue to evaluate early recruiting and consider future legislative solutions that relate to the sport of men's ice hockey.

See Committee for Legislative Relief Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab Case No. 1017308 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.7.1 (first opportunity to visit -- sports other than basketball and football) and 13.11.1.5.1 (exception -- recruiting conversations -- sports other than basketball and football)]

2018 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship Blanket Waiver – ***Approved April 27, 2018.***

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED THROUGH THE 2018 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

NCAA Division I women's beach volleyball coaching staff members may evaluate prospective student-athletes at one event held in conjunction with the 2018 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The blanket waiver is applicable through the conclusion of the 2018 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship;
2. Evaluations may only occur at one event, May 5-6 on the adjacent beach to the championship site;
3. The NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee and the American Volleyball Coaches Association support the waiver; and
4. This is a one-time waiver request.

See Case No. 1009226 in NCAA Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period) and 13.17.4 (women's beach volleyball)]

Summer Access Expenses Blanket Waiver – ***Approved April 27, 2018.***

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY DURING THE 2018 SUMMER TERM(S).

Basketball and football prospective and current student-athletes may receive actual and necessary expenses (e.g., housing, meals, medical services, other reasonable expenses) in conjunction with participation in required summer athletics activities during the 2018 summer term(s).

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The financial hardship that would be incurred by prospective and current student-athletes;
2. The confusion surrounding the proper process for legislative changes of the impacted legislation;
3. Multiple Division I institutions and conferences supported the waiver request; and
4. Division I conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 are committed to reviewing the impacted legislation during the 2018-19 legislative cycle.

Further, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This blanket waiver allows institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses to prospective student-athletes who have not yet triggered student-athlete status but are eligible to participate in summer athletics activities pursuant to

NCAA Bylaws 13.11.3.9 (required summer athletic activities -- basketball) or 13.11.3.10 (required summer athletics activities -- football);

2. This blanket waiver allows institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses to current, enrolled student-athletes during periods of time when the student-athlete is eligible to participate in summer athletics activities pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2.1.5.1 (basketball) or 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 (football), but is not enrolled in summer school (i.e., gaps in enrollment);
3. This blanket waiver allows institutions to provide expenses to student-athletes, including graduate transfers, who may participate in required summer athletics activities without being enrolled in summer school (i.e., satisfies a prong of Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5); and
4. This blanket waiver allows institutions that do not offer summer school courses to provide actual and necessary expenses, for up to eight weeks, to prospective and current student-athletes that are eligible to participate in required summer athletics activities pursuant to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-62.

See Case No. 1009145 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 15.2.8 (summer financial aid) and 16.5.2 (permissible)]

Participation in PGA Minority Collegiate Championship Blanket Waiver – *Approved, April 13, 2018*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2018 PGA MINORITY COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP THAT OCCURRED ON MAY 10-13, 2018.

Men's and women's golf student-athletes competing in the 2018 PGA Minority Collegiate Championship may participate in the event scheduled May 10-13, 2018, without counting it towards the institutional or individual competition limits.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. Due to the timing of participant selection for the event, institutions are not able to revise declared playing season to include the event in institutional and individual competition limits;
2. This is a unique opportunity for institutions and student-athletes to assist with growing the sport among ethnic minority communities and to embrace a prestigious event that supports the NCAA's mission of inclusion and diversity in sport;
3. The event does not affect NCAA championship selections; therefore, no competitive advantage will be gained by allowing institutions and student-athletes to participate in the event; and
4. The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee supported the blanket waiver for the 2017-18 academic year.

See Case No. 1006179 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.9 (general regulations for computing playing seasons applicable to all sports), 17.11.1 (length of playing season), and 17.11.5 (number of dates of competition)]

Women's Gymnastics Junior Olympic Regional Championships Blanket Waiver – *Approved April 6, 2018*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ON APRIL 12, 2018.

NCAA Division I women's gymnastics programs may attend the Junior Olympic Regional Championships on Thursday, April 12, 2018, which is the last day of the dead period surrounding the spring National Letter of Intent signing date.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. USA Gymnastics determined the dates of the regional championships;
2. This is the first time the regional championships are scheduled to start on the last day of the dead period surrounding the spring National Letter of Intent signing date;
3. NCAA Division I women's gymnastics coaches may not have in-person, off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes attending the event;
4. National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women supports the waiver request; and
5. This waiver is a one-time waiver request.

See Case No. 1005419 in Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period) and 13.17.12.1.1 (national letter of intent signing date)]

Basketball On-Court Preseason Practice Blanket Waiver – *Approved March 14, 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2018-19 BASKETBALL SEASON.

NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball programs may begin on-court preseason basketball practice September 25, 2018, which is 42 days prior to the new first permissible contest date of Tuesday, November 6.

In granting this request, the academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. NCAA Proposal No. 2017-73 was adopted in January 2018 with an immediate effective date;
2. At the time Proposal No. 2017-73 was adopted, many NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball teams had their schedules already set for the 2018-19 basketball season and are unable to move their first contest to occur prior to the former first permissible contest date (Friday, November 9, 2018) due to contractual obligations;
3. Allowing all Division I basketball programs to commence on-court basketball practice on September 25, 2018, eliminates any potential competitive advantage gained by those institutions who are able to schedule their first contest prior to November 9, 2018;
4. NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball teams shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before the institution's first regular-season contest;
5. National Association of Basketball Coaches and Women's Basketball Coaches Association support the waiver request; and
6. This waiver is only for the 2018-19 basketball season.

See Committee for Legislative Relief Request/Self-Reports Online via the search tab Case No. 1003372 in RSRO via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.3.2.1 (men's basketball) and 17.3.2.2 (women's basketball) and NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-73 (Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- First Contest -- Tuesday Before Second Friday of November)]

NCAA Division I/Division II Committees for Legislative Relief Approve Blanket Waiver: Staff Member Attendance at the Next Generation Showcase – *Approved January 2018.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR ATTENDANCE AT 2018 NEXT GENERATION SUNDAY.

Four international National Basketball Association Academy teams from China, Africa, Latin America (Mexico) and Global (Australia) will attend the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship as part of Next Generation Sunday. The event is designed to give the high school participants the opportunity to experience the NCAA Final Four, receive educational programming and scrimmage in the Next Generation Showcase.

The NCAA Division I and Division II Committees for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver permitting Division I and Division II men's basketball coaches and basketball specific staff members to attend the Next Generation Showcase during the recruiting dead period on April 1.

Further, as part of the blanket waiver, Division I institutions should note that attendance at the Next Generation Showcase does not count toward the institution's 130 recruiting person days. All other Division I and Division II recruiting legislation (e.g., contact with a prospective student-athlete) applies.

In granting this request, the Division I and Division II Committees for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The celebratory nature of the NCAA Final Four Fan Fest and Next Generation Sunday will provide educational programming daily to its participants;
2. Approval of the blanket waiver allows the NCAA Division I and Division II governance structures time to assess the basketball recruiting dead period legislation and events held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships;
3. The blanket waiver was supported by the National Association for Basketball Coaches; and
4. The blanket waiver was reviewed and supported by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Committee.

See Case Nos. 996150 (Division I) and 997350 (Division II) in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.9 (recruiting person days), 13.1.2.3 (general restrictions -- staff members and governing board), 13.1.2.5 (off campus contacts or evaluations), 13.1.7.5 (evaluations -- men's basketball), 13.1.7.5.1 (academic year recruiting periods), 13.17.2 (men's basketball), and NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.17.1 (men's basketball)]

Football Recruiting Dead Period Blanket Waiver – *Approved July 31, 2017.*

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR AUGUST 24-31, 2017.

Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions may conduct on-campus football recruiting activities (i.e., official and unofficial visits) August 24-31, 2017.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2016-116 created a recruiting dead period in the month of August. Twenty Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions' first contests are scheduled to occur between August 24 and August 31, 2017. Without the waiver, no on-campus recruiting activities would be permissible. This conflict was an unintended consequence of the newly adopted legislation;
2. Approval of the blanket waiver allows the NCAA Division I Council governance structure time to assess the new football recruiting dead period legislation;
3. The blanket waiver is supported by multiple Division I institutions representing FBS and FCS institutions; and
4. The blanket waiver was reviewed by the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee. The Football Oversight Committee will continue to evaluate the issue and consider whether to propose a legislative solution.

See Case No. 976358 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.5.5 (dead period) and 13.17.5 (football)]

Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Preseason Practice Blanket Waiver – *Approved May 4, 2017*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2017 FOOTBALL PRESEASON ONLY.

Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions may use footballs during walk-throughs that occur during preseason practice after the five-day acclimatization period.

At the request of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) and supported by the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief granted this request and noted:

1. The waiver applies to the 2017 football preseason only;
2. NCAA Proposal No. 2017-2 eliminated multiple practice sessions on the same day and the use of footballs during walk-throughs will help replace lost instructional time;
3. The use of footballs during walk-throughs may only occur after the five-day acclimatization period and during the preseason;
4. The Football Oversight Committee supports the waiver request; and
5. The Division I governance structure will assess potential legislative changes during the 2017-18 legislative cycle.

See Case No. 973452 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.02.19 (walk-through -- football) and 17.10.2.5.1 (exception -- "walk-throughs")]

Women's Ice Hockey Contest Against a Team That Has Qualified For The 2018 Winter Olympics – *Approved May 3, 2017*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver in the sport of women's ice hockey to permit teams to exempt one contest in the United States during the 2017-18 academic year against an international team that has qualified for the 2018 Winter Olympics and is training in the U.S.

In granting this request, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The intent of the legislation to allow an institution to exempt one contest against the U.S. Olympic team during that team's training for participation in the Winter Olympics from its annual ice hockey contest limitations, is to allow Team USA to compete against as many Division I institutions as possible.
2. The women's U.S. National Team is not competing against any collegiate institutions leading up to the 2018 Winter Olympics.
3. Approving the blanket waiver request does not allow an institution to exempt an additional contest.
4. The unique competition opportunity for women's ice hockey student-athletes.

See Case No. 968867 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.13.5.3 (annual exemption)]

Participation of NCAA Division I Softball and Women's Volleyball Teams in National Invitational Championship Events Blanket Waiver – *Approved April 18, 2017*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR.

NCAA Division I institutions that sponsor softball or women's volleyball may exclude participation in one postseason national invitational championship event from the maximum number of softball contests and women's volleyball dates of competition.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. This is a one-time blanket waiver applicable through the conclusion of the 2018 NCAA Division I Softball Championship. Future similar requests may be denied;
2. Competing in a postseason national invitational championship event provides more student-athletes with a postseason participation experience;
3. An annual contest exemption previously existed for softball and women's volleyball but was removed from the legislation due to changes in playing and practice season rules surrounding external championship events and the inactivity of the National Invitational Championship in both sports;
4. Applicant conference must work with applicable bodies to sponsor legislation to address similar issues in future years;
5. The American Volleyball Coaches Association supports the waiver request; and
6. Due to the circumstances addressed in the request, (i.e., postseason championship competition), the academic and membership affairs staff received feedback from the NCAA Division I Committee on Women's Athletics and the NCAA Division I Softball Committee.

See Case No. 966358 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.20.5.3 (annual exemptions) and 17.25.9 (annual exemptions)]

Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Preseason Practice Blanket Waiver – Approved March 2, 2017.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE 2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision institutions may begin preseason football practice up to seven days prior to the permissible first date of practice.

At the request of the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee and supported by the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief granted this request and noted:

1. The Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations include a recommendation to discontinue two-a-day practices;
2. Allowing institutions to start up to seven calendar days before the legislated first practice date will allow institutions to adhere to the recommendations and ensure their student-athletes are properly prepared for the season;
3. The Football Oversight Committee supports the waiver request. In its support, the Football Oversight Committee noted that any future legislative recommendations should fully account for the impact on student-athlete time demands; and
4. The Division I governance structure will assess potential legislative changes during the 2017-18 legislative cycle.

See Case No. 968507 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.10.2.1 (first practice date)]

Participation in High School All-Star Contests in the Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment – Basketball, Blanket Waiver – *Approved May 22, 2014, Updated May 5, 2016*.

ARCHIVE INFO: BLANKET RELIEF PROVIDED THROUGH THE 2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Incoming student-athletes whom, per NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.02.12, are no longer considered prospective student-athletes as a result of attending classes during the summer term, may participate in high school or two-year college all-star contests in the summer prior to initial full time enrollment.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief noted:

1. The celebratory nature of all-star contests as a culmination of a high school or two-year college athletics career;
2. The minimal competitive advantage gained as a result of participation in a high school or two-year college all-star contest; and
3. Given the timing of these all-star events, incoming student-athletes would potentially be otherwise required to forego the opportunity to participate in an all-star contest or delay summer school enrollment in order to participate in the event.

See Case No. 675651 in Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.12 (prospective student-athlete), 17.31.2 (outside competition -- basketball), 17.31.2.2 (individual subject to outside-competition regulations), 17.31.4 (exceptions -- basketball), 17.31.4.1 (summer basketball leagues)]