



**NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Blanket Waiver  
Basketball-Specific Noncoaching Staff Member Participation in Instructional Duties  
Through June 30, 2023  
Question and Answer Document [Updated January 20, 2023]**

On January 10, 2023, 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 following information is designed to provide clarification to institutional and conference staff members and basketball coaches regarding the application of the blanket waiver.

**Question No. 1:** The blanket waiver requires that the institution's sport-specific noncoaching staff member position must have existed as of April 1, 2022. Is it required that the individual was hired in the position as of April 1, 2022?

**Answer:** No. The sport-specific noncoaching staff position must have existed prior to April 1, 2022. However, the individual could be hired into the position after April 1, 2022.

**Question No. 2:** Does the blanket waiver extend to voluntary athletically related activities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 3:** Does the blanket waiver also apply during a team's out-of-season segment, summer athletics activities and preseason practice period?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 4:** Does the blanket waiver permit an undergraduate or graduate basketball student manager to be designated as one of the up to two noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** What do "instructional" duties entail for purposes of applying the blanket waiver?

**Answer:** Instructional duties include providing technical and tactical instruction and making or assisting in making tactical decisions during countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film review), including participation in such activities as a practice player.

**Question No. 6:** Does the blanket waiver permit noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities to engage in instructional duties?

**Answer:** Yes, provided a countable coach is not in attendance at countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film review). However, if four countable coaches are present, then a noncoaching staff member cannot engage in instructional duties in any manner including, but not limited to, providing instruction or participation as a practice player.

**Question No. 7:** Does the blanket waiver permit more than a total of four coaches and noncoaching staff members (six for the national service academies) combined to provide instruction at any one time?

**Answer:** No. The blanket waiver is intended to address situations where a countable coach is not in attendance at countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film review). The blanket waiver permits no more than four countable coaches and noncoaching staff members (six for the national service academies) combined to engage in providing instruction, including participation in such activities as a practice player at any one time.

For example, if one coach is absent from countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice, film review), then one noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may engage in instructional duties during that countable athletically related activity.

**Question No. 8:** If an institution's countable coach attends and observes a countable athletically related activity (e.g., practice, film review) from the sideline, can a noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities provide instruction to student-athletes or participate as a practice player?

**Answer:** No. The blanket waiver is intended to address situations where a countable coach is not in attendance at countable athletically related activities.

**Question No. 9:** Once an institution's sport-specific noncoaching staff member is designated for instructional duties, may the designation switch to another sport-specific noncoaching staff member for any reason?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 10:** When does the blanket waiver expire?

**Answer:** The blanket waiver expires on June 30, 2023, as NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-30 goes into effect on July 1, 2023.