

## REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF NOVEMBER 06, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### ACTION ITEMS.

None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures. The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed and took action to amend its policies and procedures. Specifically, the committee revised the procedures to appeal a NCAA Legislative Relief staff decision to the committee and implemented a policy that prohibits waiver requests of institutional policies.
  - **a. Appeal Language.** An institution must provide a letter in support of the appeal from an individual who has primary responsibilities outside of athletics (i.e., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative). Further, in the request for an appeal, the institution's letter from the individual outside of athletics should contain rationale that demonstrates either:
    - (1) The legislative relief staff's decision goes against to the intent of the legislation or the Committee for Legislative Relief's Directives; or,
    - (2) The extraordinary circumstances presented in the legislative relief request were not considered in the adoption of the legislation or the development of directives.

Waiver requests that involve institutional disagreement with the application of the legislation should be resolved through the appropriate legislative process.

- b. Appeal of Institutional Policy. A waiver is unavailable in situations where an applicant institution requests legislative relief of NCAA Division I Bylaws due to its own institutional policies that necessitate a legislative relief waiver. The committee and staff will not waive circumstances where the necessity for legislative relief is directly tied to institutional policies and procedures (e.g., enrollment requirements impacted by admissions deadlines). If an institution requests legislative relief of NCAA legislation due to its own institutional policies, the institution must use institutional processes to address institutional policies that impact the student-athlete or institution instead of seeking NCAA legislative relief.
- 2. Review of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief's July 29, 2024, Report. The committee reviewed and approved its July 29, 2024, report. The committee sent an email and approved its April 2024 report.
- 3. Review of Committee for Legislative Relief cases decided from July 1 through September 30, 2024, by staff and the committee. The committee received an update on

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the number of legislative relief waiver requests decided by the staff and the committee from July 1 through September 30, 2024.

- a. 243 NCAA Division I legislative relief waivers were submitted during the July 1 through September 30, 2024, period.
- b. 178 cases were approved by the staff and/or the Committee for Legislative Relief during the July 1 through September 30, 2024, period.

Committee Chair: Amanda Richardson, Clemson University.

Staff Liaisons: Chris Johnson, Academic and Membership Affairs

Khadian Kelly, Academic and Membership Affairs

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## **Attendees:**

Ashley Bynum, University of Tennessee at Martin.

Kevin Melendrez, New Mexico State University.

Bud Pough, ASUN Conference.

Amanda Richardson, Clemson University.

#### Absentees:

Kristy Lee Bannon, Temple University.

Katy McNay, Davidson College.

## **Other Attendees:**

None.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Brandy Hataway, Chris Johnson and Khadian Kelly.