



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
OCTOBER 6, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Considerations related to impact of COVID-19.** The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief provided guidance to NCAA academic and membership affairs staff to ensure staff is exercising appropriate flexibility for member institutions on issues arising as a result of COVID-19.

- a. **Withholdings.** The committee discussed its policies and procedures related to delayed enrollment withholding conditions. The committee agreed staff should provide flexibility in permitting spring sport student-athletes with unfulfilled withholding conditions from 2020 spring term to count the number of contests or dates of competition withheld during the 2019-20 academic year toward the number of contests or dates of competition required by the withholding condition, provided the student-athlete was otherwise eligible to compete, and:

- 1) The institution completed a portion of the season in the student-athlete's spring sport during the 2019-20 academic year;
- 2) The institution withheld the student-athlete from all competition in that sport during the 2019-20 season; and
- 3) The student-athlete did not have an opportunity to use a season of competition during the 2019-20 academic year because the remainder of the institution's season was canceled due to COVID-19.

Further, the committee agreed that, absent extenuating or extraordinary circumstances, it is not appropriate to reduce a student-athlete's withholding condition during the 2020-21 academic year due to institutional or conference decision to truncate playing season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- b. **Midyear enrollees.** The committee discussed the temporary emergency legislation (i.e., NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. R-2020-17 and R-2020-18) adopted by the NCAA Division I Council during its September 16, 2020, meeting. In light of the recent Council action, the committee agreed that it was inappropriate to issue a blanket waiver or approve any modification to the previously approved waiver checklist that would contradict or supersede the Council's guidance.

- 2. Future meeting dates.**

- a. February 2021 via teleconference;
- b. May 2021 via teleconference;
- c. August 2021, via teleconference; and

d. October 2021, via teleconference.

Committee Chair: Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University

Staff Liaisons: DJ Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs

Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief October 6, 2020, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Stephen Aley, University of Texas at El Paso.	
Meredith Eaker, ASUN Conference.	
Megan Klavitter, Chicago State University.	
Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University.	
Kristina Minor, Northwestern University.	
Julie Owen, University of Mississippi.	
Eric Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
Jason Cable, Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
DJ Brown and Jerry Vaughn.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Brandy Hataway and Chris Johnson.	