



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 3, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Blanket Waiver for Financial Aid – Postgraduate Scholarships Awarded by a Conference Office.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approve a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes with remaining eligibility to receive a postgraduate scholarship from a conference office during the 2020-21 academic year and exempt the aid from institutional team equivalency limits.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Many conferences awarded postgraduate scholarships to student-athletes who planned to exhaust their eligibility at the end of the 2019-20 academic year. However, due to the impact of COVID-19, these individuals now have eligibility remaining to use their final season of competition due to the blanket waiver approved for spring sport student-athletes. Due to this unforeseen circumstance, there is no competitive advantage gained by permitting these student-athletes to receive the award while completing their final season of eligibility, so exempting the aid remains appropriate as well.

(Note: Recipients of the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship have been informed that they must defer the award if they plan to compete during the 2020-21 academic year.)

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes who were awarded a postgraduate scholarship from a conference office will be permitted to receive the award without impacting their eligibility status.

b. Blanket Waiver for Playing and Practice Seasons – Voluntary Workouts for Prospective Student-Athletes Prior to the Start of the 2020-21 Academic Year.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee approve a blanket waiver to permit incoming prospective student-athletes to participate in voluntary workouts prior to the start of the 2020-21 academic year, as follows:
 - (a) Incoming fall sport prospective student-athletes who have moved into the dorms (or, for individuals living off-campus, in the locale of the institution) on/after the move-in date for all students may request voluntary workouts with their sport coaches prior to the start of the 2020-21 academic year (Note: fall sport prospective student-athletes are already permitted to request voluntary workouts with strength and conditioning coaches during the summer vacation period after June 1); and
 - (b) Incoming winter or spring sport prospective student-athletes who have moved into the dorms (or, for individuals living off-campus, in the locale of the institution) on/after the move-in date for all students may request voluntary workouts with their sport coaches and/or strength and conditioning coaches prior to the start of the 2020-21 academic year.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Due to the impact of COVID-19, some institutions are having new students, including prospective student-athletes, move into the dorms several weeks before the start of the academic year as a COVID-19 quarantine/acclimatization period. This flexibility will allow prospective student-athletes to request workouts with their sport coaches and/or strength and conditioning coaches once they have been required to return to campus as part of the return-to-campus plan for all incoming student-athletes, subject to institutional policy on such activities. While prospective student-athletes in fall sports are permitted to request voluntary workouts with strength and conditioning coaches during the summer, the same opportunity is not provided to winter and spring sport prospective student-athletes.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding impact of COVID-19 on the 2020-21 academic year – outside competition and unattached competition.** The committee discussed the application of

the outside competition legislation, including unattached competition, and agreed that no changes are necessary for the 2020-21 academic year. It will remain impermissible for a student-athlete to participate as a member of an outside team during the intercollegiate team's championship or nonchampionship segment. Additionally, student-athletes must be both academically and athletically eligible to participate unattached during the 2020-21 academic year. The committee confirmed that a student-athlete whose intercollegiate team is not competing due to an institutional and/or conference decision is athletically eligible, provided all other legislated requirements are met.

2. Future meeting dates.

- a. August 10, 2020, 2 p.m. Eastern time, videoconference;
- b. August 17, 2020, 2 p.m. Eastern time, videoconference (if needed);
- c. August 24, 2020, 2 p.m. Eastern time, videoconference (if needed);
- d. November 2-3, 2020, videoconference; and
- e. March 1-2, 2021, videoconference.

Committee Chair: Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs
Michael Woo, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee August 3, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.	
Kara Lindaman, Winona State University.	
Christine Lowthert, Assumption College.	
David Marsh, Northwood University.	
Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University.	
Absentees:	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Chelsea Hooks, Karen Wolf and Michael Woo.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Roxann Frankel, Haydyn Gibson, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mckenzie Maneggia, Stephanie Quigg and Angela Red.	