



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I INTERPRETATIONS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 20, 2020 MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of 2019-20 year.** The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff provided a summary on the work the committee accomplished during the 2019-20 academic year. The number of interpretations published and interpretive appeals that have come to the committee have remained consistent over the last year.
- 2. Review of policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed its policies and procedures. As part of this review, the committee updated the policy to include specific duties and selection process for the chair and vice-chair. The committee also modified the language regarding its decision-making process.
- 3. Review of educational column and staff interpretation regarding recertification of academic honor awards at midyear.** The committee reviewed a previous staff interpretation regarding the re-awarding of academic honor awards at midyear. The committee previously determined that the award exemption of the award could not be renewed at midyear based on the record at the certifying institution. The committee charged the staff to update the current interpretation to ensure clarity on this issue. The committee also charged the staff to update the current education column. The committee reviewed and approved those updates.
- 4. Review of 2020-21 legislative proposals.** The committee reviewed NCAA Division I Council-governance conference-submitted legislative concepts and provided feedback to the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee regarding interpretive issues that might arise with these concepts.

Specifically, the committee reviewed the universal transfer exception proposal and the initial draft of the accompanying Question and Answer document as well as the name, image and likeness proposals.

- 5. Review of NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2.2 (supplemental pay) decisions.** The committee decided to review the decisions it has made regarding Bylaw 11.3.2.2 at a future meeting.
- 6. Review of interpretive issue regarding student-athlete complimentary admissions.** The committee reviewed an issue related to whether student-athletes can provide his or her complimentary admissions to prospective student-athletes during the current COVID-19 dead period. The committee agreed with the appealing conference that student-athletes can provide the complimentary admissions they have access to as a student-athlete to

prospective student-athletes. Specifically, the committee concluded current legislation does not prohibit student-athletes from providing prospective student-athletes complimentary admissions and that the analysis is not dependent upon the type of recruiting period of a sport. The committee noted that all applicable recruiting legislation must be followed and that institutional staff members cannot direct student-athletes to place prospective student-athletes on their complimentary admissions list.

- Review of interpretive issue regarding Division I coaches being employed as scouts for the national governing body team. The committee agreed with the appealing institution that coaches could work as scouts for the national team provided they also have some sort of coaching responsibilities within the national team program.

*Committee Chair:* Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Andy Louthain, Academic and Membership Affairs  
 Kris Richardson, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee November 20, 2020, Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
David Agard, Northern Kentucky University.
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.
Kristina Giddings, George Mason University.
Lori Hammond, University of Texas at Austin.
Elizabeth Heinrich, University of Michigan.
Rob Heuer, Southern Methodist University.
Syed Moinuddin, Northern Arizona University.
Michele Osborne, Florida State University.
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.
Thomas Samuel, Southland Conference.
Erlease Wagner, Morgan State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Andy Louthain and Kris Richardson.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Geoff Bentzel, Emily Capehart, Maison Haines, Brandy Hataway, Ty Medd, Karen Metzger, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Alex Smith and Jerry Vaughn