

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 30, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

#### **ACTION ITEMS.**

None.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Women's Basketball Coaches Association recommendation for immediate eligibility for 4-4 transfers during the 2020-21 season. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed a blanket waiver recommendation from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to allow immediate eligibility for 4-4 basketball transfer student-athletes who are currently serving their academic year in residence during the 2020-21 season. The committee noted that feedback from the National Association of Basketball Coaches Congress, which includes one head coach representative per conference, supported the blanket waiver by a simple majority.

The committee supported approving a blanket waiver to allow 4-4 basketball transfer student-athletes serving an academic year in residence to be immediately eligible for the 2020-21 academic year under the following conditions:

- a. This was the student-athlete's first transfer from a four-year institution (i.e., 4-4 transfer only);
- b. The student-athlete left the previous institution academically eligible and in good standing with no disciplinary suspension; and
- c. The head coach and student-athlete must certify that no impermissible recruiting occurred.

In support of the blanket waiver, the committee noted: (1) student-athletes who compete during the 2020-21 season have already been granted an additional season of competition; (2) availability of these student-athletes for competition may help teams whose rosters may be suddenly depleted by positive tests and/or contact tracing; and (3) the positive impact on the mental well-being of the transfer student-athlete sitting a year in residence. Finally, given the 2020-21 men's basketball season has started, the committee requested that the NCAA Division I Council expedite a review of this blanket waiver request.

2. Eligibility of midyear enrollees during the 2020-21 season. The committee discussed whether men's basketball midyear enrollees should be immediately eligible during the 2020-21 season. The Council adopted emergency temporary legislation in championship subdivision football and fall sports other than football to permit some midyear enrollees to be eligible for competition in the 2020-21 academic year, provided specific

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criteria is met. The committee did not support the adoption of emergency legislation to allow immediate eligibility for men's basketball midyear enrollees during the 2020-21 season and noted the limited amount of midyear enrollees in the sport of men's basketball and the opportunity to seek a legislative relief waiver based on the student-athlete's specific circumstances. Finally, the committee recommended that staff continue to apply the current standards to waiver requests for student-athletes who enroll midyear and seek immediate eligibility.

- 3. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 (one-time transfer exception uniform application). The committee received an update on Proposal No. 2020-11 and continued to note its strong support of a May 1 notification of transfer date.
- **4. Approval of reports.** The committee approved its October 23 report. Further, the committee approved the November 5 report of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee.

Committee Chair: Judy MacLeod, Conference USA

Staff Liaisons: Dan Gavitt, Basketball Championships

Charnele Kemper, Academic and Membership Affairs

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#### **Attendees:**

Scott Barnes, Oregon State University.

Lindsey Blom, Ball State University.

Barry Collier, Butler University.

Kery Davis, Howard University.

Jeff Jackson, Big 12 Conference.

Judy MacLeod, Conference USA.

Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference.

Martin Newton, Samford University.

Matt Painter, Purdue University.

Jim Phillips, Northwestern University.

Craig Robinson, National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield University.

John Williams, Southland Conference.

### **Absentees:**

Jared Butler, Baylor University.

Cuonzo Martin, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Malcolm Wilson, Georgetown University.

### NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Dan Gavitt.

## **Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

Lauren Fife, Curtis Franks, Brandy Hataway, Ken Huber, PJ Hubert, Greg Johnson, Jess Kerr, Jobrina Marques, Binh Nguyen, Jerry Vaughn and Leeland Zeller.