



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT  
MAY 14, 2020, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement November 2019 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its November 2019 in-person meeting.
- 2. Consideration of COVID-19-related student-athlete reinstatement issues.** The committee reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on issues related to student-athlete reinstatement.
  - a.** The committee instructed NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to prepare additions to the committee's Previously Approved Request List specific to COVID-19-related season-of-competition waivers and extension-of-eligibility requests, which will be reviewed during a future meeting.
  - b.** The committee reviewed circumstances where a student-athlete uses both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years to prepare for the 2020 Summer Olympics, which were postponed until summer 2021 due to COVID-19. The committee directed staff to approve extension of eligibility waivers where the 2020-21 academic year is an asserted denied-participation opportunity based on the student-athlete's preparation for the postponed 2020 Summer Olympics, provided the student-athlete has already received an approved athletics waiver for the 2019-20 academic year.
  - c.** The committee noted staff should continue to request contemporaneous medical documentation, as required by the legislation, when processing requests involving an injury or illness. The committee noted in circumstances where an institution asserts required documentation is unavailable or cannot be obtained due to the impact of COVID-19, staff may provide flexibility where appropriate. The committee will review and revisit the challenges associated with obtaining contemporaneous medical documentation due to COVID-19 during its December 2020 meeting.
  - d.** The committee agreed staff should provide flexibility in permitting spring sport student-athletes with unfulfilled withholding conditions from spring 2020 to count the number of contests/dates of competition withheld during the 2019-20 season

toward the number of contests/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.

3. **Previously approved waivers and reinstatement requests.** The committee approved editorial revisions to its Previously Approved Request List and clarified that violations of Bylaw 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions after becoming a student-athlete), which also include a violation of Bylaw 12.4.4 (self-employment), are not eligible to be processed via the Previously Approved Request List and must be processed via a student-athlete reinstatement request in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online.
4. **Review of student-athlete reinstatement withholding decisions and spectrum of withholding.** The committee reviewed data specific to withholding conditions imposed in reinstatement requests during the past five years. The committee requested staff prepare data specific to contest-for-contest withholding conditions and how often staff applies those guidelines as written or provides some measure of relief.
5. **Review of hardship waiver legislated criteria.** The committee reviewed initial concepts for potential hardship waiver legislation modernization. The committee requested staff prepare models for a chart of standard legislative limits and season midpoints, similar to those in the NCAA Divisions II and III Manuals, for review at its December 2020 meeting. The committee also requested further discussion during December 2020 of scenarios where a student-athlete is medically incapacitated for at least 70% of the season.
6. **Review of reinstatement guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved editorial revisions to the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Guidelines.
7. **Enforcement update.** The committee received an update on the agent certification program from NCAA associate director of enforcement.
8. **Governance update.** The committee received a governance update from NCAA director of Division I governance.

9. **Other business.** The committee selected Rick Christensen as its next chair and Paia LaPalombara as its vice chair.
10. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:
  - a. December 1-2, Indianapolis; and
  - b. May/June 2021, virtual meeting to be determined.

*Committee Chair:* Loretta Lamar, U.S. Naval Academy.

*Vice Chair:* Rick Christensen, Duquesne University.

*Staff Liaisons:* Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs.

Brad Rochman, Academic and Membership Affairs.

<b>NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement May 14, 2020, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Michael Bitter, Stetson University.	
Rick Christensen, Duquesne University.	
Loretta Lamar, U.S. Naval Academy.	
Paia LaPalombara, The Ohio State University.	
Ava Lawson, Northern Kentucky University; student-athlete.	
Marielle vanGelder, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:</b>	
Cynthia Alanis, Etta Billon, Stephanie Grace, Maison Haines, Sarah Otey, Liz Perry, Ta'Shia Phillips, Adam Replogle, Jess Rigler, Brad Rochman, Zach Romash, Julie Sargent and Danielle Teetzel.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Henderson, and Darin Van Vlerah.	