



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT
MAY 1-2, 2023, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Sports Wagering Guidelines.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee ratify amendments to the sports wagering guidelines, as specified. [Attachment]
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for violations reported on or after May 2, 2023.
- (3) Rationale. The legislative codification of the prohibition on sports wagering dates back over 30 years. Over time, the NCAA Division I membership incrementally modernized the legislation to better reflect the nature of the sports betting landscape, including the elimination of the legislated sports wagering sanctions in 2017. Since that time there has been an unprecedented proliferation of legal and regulated sports wagering in the United States, including drastic changes in the Internet-based nature of the majority of that wagering (e.g., through Internet sportsbooks, daily fantasy sites). There have also been changes to NCAA sports wagering championships hosting policy which now allows states that have single-game sports betting the opportunity to host NCAA championship events. Further signaling an evolving landscape in this area, institutions and conferences have entered official partnerships with gaming companies. The amended guidelines offer the opportunity for the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances while recognizing the Association's continued emphasis on the severity of sports wagering violations.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will be provided the benefit of additional consideration of mitigating factors, as appropriate.

b. Referral to the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics review legislation that permits student-athletes to compete while enrolled

less than full time in their final or penultimate term and are carrying the necessary courses to complete their designated program of studies.

- (2) Rationale. The student-athlete reinstatement staff processes a number of reinstatement requests for student-athletes involved in violations where they compete while enrolled less than full time in the final or penultimate term, but do not complete the requirements and, as a result, render themselves permanently ineligible under the applicable legislation. Oftentimes, student-athletes are able to complete the requirements prior to the next competition season, and the staff reinstates these student-athletes without any condition. In situations where student-athletes do not have the opportunity to complete the legislated requirements prior to the next competition, the staff imposes a withholding condition generally ranging from 10% to 30% of a season. Through its review of these cases, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement believes a review of the legislation is appropriate in light of the practical ramifications of the eligibility impact.
- (3) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (4) Student-athlete impact. Varies.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of sports wagering dollar-value based withholding guidelines.** The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reviewed its guidelines for sports wagering violations which fall under the dollar-value based withholding category. The committee instructed staff to continue reviewing cases on a case-by-case basis. The committee also noted staff should continue acknowledging the evolving landscape specific to sports wagering while underscoring the severity of activities designed to influence the integrity of competitions and addressing the growing need to re-center student-athlete health and well-being as a primary focus within sports wagering policy. Further, in violations that present well-being concerns, the committee will continue discussing opportunities to prioritize treatment and education over sanction.
2. **Review of cases involving institutional misapplication of COVID-19 self-applied relief.** The committee reviewed cases where institutions misapplied COVID-19 self-applied relief and supported staff continuing to review these on a case-by-case basis. The committee noted that an element of the self-applied relief requires student-athletes be otherwise eligible to compete, which includes, in part, being enrolled at an institution that sponsors the student-athlete's sport and the student-athlete's presence on the squad list and/or roster during the relevant season.

3. **Review of cases involving practice and/or competition during final or penultimate term while enrolled less than full time.** The committee reviewed violations where student-athletes are involved in violations where they compete while enrolled less than full time in the final or penultimate term, but do not complete the requirements and, as a result, render themselves permanently ineligible under the applicable legislation. The committee noted that generally, where student-athletes complete the requirements prior to next competing, complete relief from withholding may be appropriate. In circumstances where the student-athlete is unable to complete all required coursework prior to next competing, and has forfeited remaining eligibility, staff should review those on a case-by-case basis to determine if relief from the starting point of permanent ineligibility is appropriate.
4. **Review Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement December 2022 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its December 2022 videoconference meeting.
5. **Review of reinstatement guidelines and previously approved request list.** The committee reviewed and approved editorial revisions to the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Guidelines, as well as the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement Previously Approved Request List and the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Amateurism Certification Process Guidelines.
6. **Governance update.** The committee received a governance update from director of NCAA Division I governance.
7. **Name, image and likeness update.** The committee received an update on name, image and likeness from vice president of NCAA academic and membership affairs.
8. **Government relations and legal affairs update.** The committee received a government relations and legal affairs update from two directors of NCAA law, policy and governance.
9. **NCAA Eligibility Center update.** The committee received an update on the NCAA Eligibility Center released certification error policy from associate director of the NCAA Eligibility Center.
10. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:
 - November/December 2023 (exact date TBD) videoconference; and
 - May/June 2024 (exact date TBD), Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Rick Christensen, Duquesne University.
Vice Chair: Paia LaPalombara, The Ohio State University.
Staff Liaisons: Brad Rochman, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement May 1-2, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Rick Christensen, Duquesne University.	
Ashley Cozad, University of North Florida (student-athlete).	
Jason Greco, University of Utah.	
Paia LaPalombara, The Ohio State University.	
Terry Porter, Towson University.	
Marielle vanGelder, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:	
Cynthia Alanis, James Bullock, Connor Bush, Karlee Curtis, Maison Haines, Liz Perry, Jess Rigler, Brad Rochman, Jerry Vaughn and Julie Zike.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dawn Buth, Mike DeCesare, Jennifer Henderson, Mark Hicks, Michele Osborne, Dave Schnase and Leeland Zeller.	

- a. Guidelines for violations reported on or after May 2, 2023:
- (1) In situations where a student-athlete engages in activities designed to influence the outcome or integrity of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins ("point shaving"), who participates in any sports wagering activity involving the student-athlete's institution, or who knowingly provides information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to begin its withholding analysis at permanent loss of eligibility in all sports. *(May 2018, updated May 2023)*
 - (2) In situations where a student-athlete participates in any sports wagering activity on their own sport at another collegiate institution, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to require the student-athlete participate in sports wagering rules and prevention education and begin its withholding analysis at 50% of a season. *(May 2018, updated May 2023)*
 - (3) For all other violations of Bylaw 10.3 (e.g., in-game betting, person-to-person wagers), the following guidelines shall apply (dollar value is cumulative amount wagered or risked):
 - (a) \$200 or less = participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (b) Greater than \$200 to \$500 = 10% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (c) Greater than \$500 to \$800 = 20% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (d) Greater than \$800 = 30% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.

In cases where the impermissible sports wagering activity greatly exceeds \$800, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to consider whether additional withholding, including permanent ineligibility, may be appropriate. *(December 2011, affirmed May 2013, updated May 2023)*
 - (4) In addition, for any violation where a student-athlete receives winnings associated with any sports wagering activity, the student-athlete must make repayment of full value received. *(December 2011, affirmed May 2013, affirmed May 2023)*
 - (5) If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a later violation of any portion of Bylaw 10.3, the committee directed staff to begin its withholding analysis at permanent loss of eligibility in all sports. *(affirmed May 2023)*