



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT
MAY 22, 2025, IN-PERSON MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of waiver requests when a student-athlete competes during postseason competition.** The NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reviewed hardship and season-of-competition waivers for student-athletes who participated in postseason competitions (e.g., conference championships, NCAA tournaments). The committee noted participation in postseason competition, in and of itself, generally constitutes a meaningful participation opportunity. Therefore, waivers related to postseason competition, regardless of how minor, should likely be denied absent extraordinary circumstances.
2. **Review of Division I NCAA Bylaw 12.8.3.1.6 (Exception – Football) and Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines and policies related to football.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the application of its current guidelines and policies when a football student-athlete does not compete in more than four contests and, thus, does not trigger use of a season of competition. The committee discussed the application of its withholding policy, which requires student-athletes to fulfill their reinstatement condition during one of their four seasons of competition. The committee discussed this policy's specific application in football, given the sport's exception to minimum competition legislation (e.g., four-contest rule, blanket waiver for postseason competition) and determined no changes were warranted. Additionally, the committee discussed potential additions to the Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement's Previously Approved Request List (PAL) related to extension-of-eligibility requests where a student-athlete is redshirted during one year of full-time collegiate enrollment and has another year they are injured and do not trigger use of a season of competition. Due to the disparate application and review of medical documentation across conferences, the committee declined to add such scenarios to the Previously Approved Request List. Further, the committee reviewed its current extension-of-eligibility waiver guidelines to address scenarios when a football student-athlete is injured before the season and is subsequently medically cleared and returns to competition with less than four regular season contests (30% of a season) remaining, plus any available postseason competition. The committee determined that relief is not appropriate if the student-athlete returns to competition, regardless of whether the student-athlete uses a season of competition (i.e., competes in more than four contests).
3. **Review of NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines.** The committee reviewed their guideline related to waivers involving legal issues and allegations. The committee instructed the student-athlete reinstatement staff to review waivers where a student-athlete is involved in a legal issue and/or an institutional code of conduct investigation and no action is taken on the student-athlete (legally or through the institutional code of conduct process) on a case-by-case basis. Furthermore, the committee instructed staff

to consider providing relief in all waiver types where student-athletes are ultimately found not responsible for the actions alleged. Additionally, the committee reviewed its guidelines related to coach's documented misunderstanding and coach's error. Furthermore, the committee reviewed its guidelines related to community service. The committee instructed staff to provide flexibility in the types of cases that have access to community service in lieu of repayment when repayment is a condition of reinstatement and to consider a reasonable cap on the number of hours a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete must complete. Finally, the committee discussed eligibility waiver cases where misadvisement is asserted. The committee instructed staff to review on a case-by-case basis and to consider factors such as the presence of contemporaneous documentation of the misadvisement, the misadvisement was from an appropriate source (e.g., compliance office), and the student-athlete detrimentally relied on the misadvisement. The committee emphasized the importance of the timing of the misadvisement in relation to detrimental reliance.

4. **Review of athletics activity waiver documentation.** The committee reviewed its documentation standard for athletics activity waivers, noting the difficulty in obtaining the requisite documentation from national/international governing bodies. To better facilitate the administration of this waiver, the committee directed staff to create a standardized form to be used by institutions and national governing body representatives to attest that the legislative requirements were satisfied. The committee noted that using a standardized form for this type of waiver will minimize administrative inefficiencies.
5. **Review of flexible case decisions.** The committee reviewed staff decisions issued June 1, 2020, through April 29, 2025, for which the staff provided relief from established case precedent and/or committee guidelines or where no case precedent existed. The committee supported and agreed to publish all staff decisions.
6. **Division I governance update.** The committee received a governance update from the managing director of Division I governance. The Division I governance structure and strategic priorities are being re-evaluated to best address critical issues in intercollegiate athletics. Similarly, the association's eligibility review will primarily focus on student-athlete experience and well-being, the ability for institutions to govern themselves and to recognize the inherent differences amongst Division I institutions.
7. **Legal affairs update.** The committee received an update from the director and managing director of office of legal affairs.
8. **Review Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement December 2024 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its December 2024 meeting.
9. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:
 - To be determined.

Committee Chair: Marielle vanGelder, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
Staff Liaisons: Connor Bush, Academic and Membership Affairs
Maison Hubbard, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs.

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Attendees:	
Jason Greco, University of Utah.	
Laura Hue, Indiana University at Indianapolis.	
Kevin Kendrick, Florida International University.	
Braeden Pratt, St. John's University. [NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representative]	
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, Tianna Hill, Maison Hubbard, Liz Perry, Jess Rigler and Sean Tuttle.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Henderson, Greg Pottorff and Jared Tideman.	