



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE
MARCH 15, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Student-Athlete Well-Being Survey – February 2021 update.** The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee received an update from NCAA research staff on recent surveys of student-athlete well-being, activism and racial justice engagement.
2. **COVID-19: Outside competition feedback.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee discussed various outside competition waiver scenarios filed on behalf of student-athletes who do not qualify for the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee outside competition blanket waiver. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee supported relief to permit international student-athletes unable to enter the country due to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement restrictions to engage in outside amateur competition on an amateur team. The Student-Athlete Experience Committee did not support relief for student-athletes unable to compete in intercollegiate competition based on the adoption of NCAA Resolution 2020-22 by the NCAA Division I Council.
3. **Financial aid exemption for student-athletes who received COVID-19 waivers.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee discussed the application of the COVID-19 financial aid exemption for student-athletes who, prior to the Council's October COVID-19 action, received a season-of-competition waiver extending eligibility through at least the 2021-22 academic year. The committee supported staff's interpretive analysis and expressed general support for waiver outcomes that promote access to athletics aid.
4. **COVID-19 recruiting dead period/recruiting calendars.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee reaffirmed the recommendation that the Council commit to the return of certain recruiting activities beginning June 1, 2021, following the conclusion of the current temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period. The committee continues to support providing all prospective student-athletes a consistent and uniform model for the return to recruiting activities. The committee will request feedback from the Council at its March 17 meeting regarding the transition to recruiting activities beginning June 1, 2021 and whether:
 - a. All sports should return to their sport-specific recruiting calendar;
 - b. All sports should follow a uniform recruiting model until August 1, 2021, (if applicable, follow more restrictive sport-specific recruiting periods); or

- c. All sports other than basketball and football should follow a uniform recruiting model until August 1, 2021, (basketball and football develop their own sport-specific models).
- 5. **Division I Council March 17 videoconference – key items.** The Student-Athlete Experience Committee received an update from staff regarding the key agenda items for the Council’s March 17, 2021, videoconference.
- 6. **Report of the March 8 Student-Athlete Experience Committee videoconference.** The committee approved the report of its March 8 videoconference.
- 7. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, March 22.
 - b. 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, March 29.
 - c. 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, April 5.
 - d. 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, April 12.
 - e. 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, April 19.

Committee Chair: Justin Sell, South Dakota State University
Staff Liaisons: D.J. Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
Brandy Hataway, Academic and Membership Affairs
Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs
Quintin Wright, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee March 15, 2021 Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Ross Bjork, Texas A&M University, College Station.	
Kim Capriotti, Jacksonville University.	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.	
Blake James, University of Miami (Florida).	
Chris May, St. Louis University.	
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University.	
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.	
Katie Willett, Big East Conference.	
Absentees:	
Vedika Anand, Wagner College (Student-Athlete).	
Alicia Cooperman, James Madison University (Student-Athlete).	
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
D.J. Brown, Brandy Hataway, Karen Metzger and Quintin Wright.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lydia Bell, Amanda Conklin, Kelsey Gurganus, Corbin McGuire and Ty Medd	

Return to Recruiting Activities – Background

- The Student-Athlete Experience Committee has developed models for a return to recruiting activities after the temporary recruiting dead period is set to expire on May 31.
- The committee supports consistency in the recruiting process for all prospective student-athletes and uniformity across all sports until August 1, 2021, when sport-specific recruiting calendars would resume.
- The model was shared with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Division I Football Oversight Committee, Division I Legislative Committee and Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for consideration and feedback.

Return to Recruiting Activities - Background

- The committee acknowledges that there will be differences in what institutions are able to do based on campus, local and state requirements; however, the committee is focused more on the national perspective and the impact on prospective student-athletes, student-athletes and coaches.
- Health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and prospective student-athletes should maintain paramount importance in return to recruiting activities discussions.

Return to Recruiting Activities - Feedback

The committee **requests confirmation** from the NCAA Division I Council that a transition to recruiting activities should begin on June 1, 2021.

The committee **requests feedback** from the Council regarding the transition to recruiting activities beginning June 1, 2021:

- (1) All sports should return to their sport-specific recruiting calendar;
- (2) All sports should follow a uniform recruiting model until August 1, 2021 (if applicable, follow more restrictive sport specific recruiting periods); or
- (3) All sports other than basketball and football should follow a uniform recruiting model until August 1, 2021 (basketball and football develop their own sport-specific models);

Return to Recruiting Activities - Models

Model A for Consideration: *Return to sport-specific calendars on June 1.*

Model B for Consideration: *Temporary COVID dead period ends May 31.*

- **Present – May 31:** *Temporary COVID recruiting dead period.*
- **June 1 – July 31:** *Quiet period.*
- **August 1 – Beyond:** *Return to sport-specific recruiting calendars.*

Return to Recruiting Activities – Model B

June 1 – July 31 – Quiet Period*

Permissible.

- Telephone/video calls.
- Virtual evaluations.
- Official and unofficial visits.
- Virtual and in-person banquets and meetings.
- *Camps on any Division I campus.**
- *On-campus evaluations for juniors and seniors.**

Not Permissible.

- On- or off-campus contacts or evaluations.
- *Private, noninstitutional camps.**

**Modifications to current legislation.*

Return to Recruiting Activities – On-Campus Evaluations

- The Student-Athlete Experience Committee recommends the Council consider a waiver extending on-campus evaluations in all sports for high school seniors and juniors for the 2021 summer only (i.e., 2021 and 2022 graduates only).
 - This modification is intended to balance the recommended camps and clinics restrictions (i.e., camps and clinics on Division I campuses only). It will provide opportunities to evaluate prospective student-athletes but would limit a coach's need to travel and engage in noninstitutional camps.

Return to Recruiting Activities – Camps and Clinics

- The Student-Athlete Experience Committee recommends the Council consider action restricting employment to institutional camps and clinics during June and July.
 - The recommendation would not permit employment at private, noninstitutional camps during June and July.
 - A location restriction for all sports would indicate that camps and clinics must be conducted on the campus of the institution, in a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition or on the campus of another NCAA Division I institution.
 - This recommendation attempts to address differences in what institutions are able to do based on campus, local and state requirements and permit institutions that are not able to conduct camps and clinics on its own campus to work the camp of another Division I institution on their campus.