



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 25, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of sports sponsorship waivers.** The NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee (SVPC) reviewed waiver requests for institutions that fell below the overall sports sponsorship minimums or for institutions seeking sports sponsorship waivers to gain access to revenue distribution related to a particular sport. Each of the below waivers were approved as a one-time waiver where future similar requests may be denied. The committee's rationale in approving these waivers was that the circumstances were beyond the control of the institution. The committee specifically noted relief was granted of the sports sponsorship legislation due to the effects of COVID-19 that directly impacted the institution's ability to meet the minimum requirements in the 2021-22 academic year.
 - a. American University. SVPC approved a sports sponsorship waiver request from American University as the institution fell below the overall requirements for sports sponsorship minimums. The institution specifically failed to meet the minimum participant requirement in Men's Indoor Track, Men's Outdoor Track and Women's Outdoor Track. American's request for Men's Indoor Track fit squarely in the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution. American's requests for Men's and Women's Outdoor Track did not meet the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution because that relief was limited to winter sports. In order for the institution to receive revenue distribution for Men's and Women's Outdoor Track, the Division I Finance Committee will need to review American's request.
 - b. Grambling State University. SVPC approved a sports sponsorship waiver request from Grambling State University as the institution fell below the overall sports sponsorship minimums. The institution specifically failed to meet the minimum participant requirements in Men's Indoor Track, Men's Outdoor Track, Women's Indoor Track and Women's Outdoor Track. Grambling State's request for Men's and Women's Indoor Track fit squarely in the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution. Grambling's requests for Men's and Women's Outdoor Track did not meet the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution because that relief was limited to winter sports. Because the institution needs both men's and women's outdoor track to meet minimum sports sponsorship requirements, in order for the institution to

receive any revenue distribution related to sports sponsorship, the Division I Finance Committee will need to review Grambling's request.

- c. Brown University. SVPC was supportive of providing sports sponsorship relief to Brown University for Equestrian for purposes of revenue distribution. Brown's request did not meet the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution because that relief was limited to winter sports. For the institution to receive revenue distribution for Equestrian the Division I Finance Committee will need to review Brown's request.
 - d. University of North Florida. SVPC was supportive of providing sports sponsorship relief to University of North Florida for Women's Indoor Track for purposes of revenue distribution. University of North Florida's request fit squarely in the requirements for relief that was previous approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution.
 - e. University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley. SVPC was supportive of providing sports sponsorship relief to University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) for purposes of revenue distribution. UTRGV's request for Women's Indoor Track fit squarely in the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution. UTRGV's request for Women's Outdoor Track did not meet the requirements for relief that was previously approved by the Division I Finance Committee for purposes of revenue distribution because that relief was limited to winter sports. In order for the institution to receive revenue distribution for Women's Outdoor Track, the Division I Finance Committee will need to review UTRGV's request.
2. **Feedback on Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver regarding NCAA-certified agents providing training expenses.** SVPC supported a potential legislative relief blanket waiver to permit NCAA-certified agents to provide training expenses to a Division I men's basketball client without negatively impacting the student-athlete's eligibility. SVPC's support is contingent upon the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee also supporting the request. A similar waiver was approved for the 2021-22 academic year.
 3. **Review of scheduling requirements waiver.** SVPC approved a scheduling requirements waiver request from Texas A&M University, Commerce, a reclassifying institution, to allow less than one-third of the men's basketball contests to be played at the team's home arena. This is a one-time waiver, where similar future requests may be denied. The committee's rationale in approving this waiver was that the circumstances were beyond the control of the institution. The committee noted the late changes in the conference schedule in August that prevented the institution from scheduling an additional home opponent to meet the legislation due to signed contracts with all non-conference opponents.

4. **Review of future meeting schedule.**

- October 3; 4 to 7 p.m. Eastern time and October 4; 8 a.m. to noon Eastern time, Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference
Staff Liaisons: Troy Arthur, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance
 Jennifer Samble, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee August 25, 2022, Videoconference
Attendees:
Nicole Arrighi, Tennessee State University.
Patrick Chun, Washington State University.
Timothy Coffey, Longwood University.
Mark Jackson, Villanova University.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
Cody Shimp, NCAA National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Absentees:
Jason Cable, Alabama State University.
Robin Harris, Ivy League.
Kristin Williams, Mid-American Conference.
Guest in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Troy Arthur, Jenn Samble and Amanda Conklin.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Cathy Morton, Stephanie Quigg, Geoff Silver, Sara Thurber, Angela Tressel and Dan Van Vlerah.