



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MARCH 30, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative items.**
 - **None.**
- **Nonlegislative items.**
 - **Summer 2021 Athletics Aid and Benefits for Women's Basketball Student-Athletes.**
 - (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Council adopt a blanket waiver of the NCAA Division I Bylaw 16 benefits and expenses legislation to allow additional flexibility to provide a women's basketball student-athlete with funds up to the amount they would have received to cover meals, lodging and expenses (other than tuition/fees and books) through a summer athletics scholarship.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate, for summer 2021 only.
 - (3) Rationale. Due to the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student-athletes, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee recommends returning to the flexible approach that was used for summer 2020; however, the committee notes that this flexible approach should not result in a permanent legislative change.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. Will vary based on institutional decisions.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. Reduction in student-athlete time demands.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on items related to transfer activity in NCAA Division I women's basketball.** The WBOC received an update from the NCAA Division I Transfer Working Group, including discussions on the notification date component of the proposal. The WBOC affirmed support for the May 1 notification date for women's basketball. The WBOC also received an update on data from the NCAA Transfer Portal, including the current number of Division I women's basketball student-athletes in the portal.
2. **Concepts from the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum sustainability review and the comprehensive recruiting review.** The WBOC reviewed and approved the recommendations and feedback from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee (See Attachments A and B). The WBOC noted that the Women's Basketball Coaches Association will also be providing additional feedback.

3. **Blanket waiver request to extend the delayed-enrollment relief for an additional year for prospective student-athletes.** The WBOC reviewed the 2020-21 delayed-enrollment flexibility and discussed extending the waiver for the 2021-22 academic year. Extending the waiver would provide a prospective student-athlete who has not previously enrolled full time at a collegiate institution, and whose legislated grace period concluded prior to or during the 2020-21 or 2021-22 academic year, to engage in organized competition during the 2021-22 academic year without losing a season of competition. The WBOC requested additional data on the number of international women's basketball prospective student-athletes and international prospective student-athletes in all sports who have received the current relief. The WBOC noted support for some flexibility, but a desire to control for potential abuse (i.e., prospective student-athletes choosing to delay enrollment because of the flexibility).
4. **Initial review of permissible summer access activities for summer 2021.** The WBOC reviewed summer access countable athletically related activities for women's basketball and the potential to increase CARA hours beyond the legislated eight hours per week during 2021 summer access. The WBOC was not supportive of increasing CARA hours for 2021 summer access and elected to remain with the existing legislated eight hours of CARA per week during summer access.
5. **Blanket waiver request from the Southeastern Conference for additional financial aid exemptions.** The WBOC reviewed a blanket waiver request from the Southeastern Conference to extend, for one year, the previous Council action permitting an institution to exempt the athletics aid of a student-athlete during the student-athlete's final season of eligibility while enrolled at the same institution if the student-athlete received a COVID-19 related season-of-competition waiver or eligibility extension. The WBOC was not supportive of the blanket waiver request, noting the long-term impact on sustainability and budget planning. However, the WBOC did note that schools may still submit individual waivers and assert relief from the financial aid limits for the staff to consider through the normal waiver process.
6. **Update on the 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.** The WBOC received an update on the championship operations, including actions taken to enhance the student-athlete experience and next steps in the external equity review of championships in all three divisions.
7. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. Monday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time – Joint NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' videoconference.
 - b. Wednesday, April 21 at 1 p.m. Eastern time videoconference – WBOC videoconference.

- c. May and June 2021 – to be scheduled.

Committee Chair: Lisa Campos, University of Texas, San Antonio
Staff Liaisons Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances
Lynn Holzman, Championships and Alliances
Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Meeting March 30, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Jamie Boggs, Grand Canyon University.	
Lisa Campos, University of Texas, San Antonio.	
Jackie Carson, Furman University.	
Cori Close, University of California, Los Angeles.	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Rich Ensor, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Irma Garcia, St. Francis College Brooklyn.	
Darrice Griffin, University of Georgia.	
Alyson Hagy, University of Wyoming.	
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa.	
Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University.	
Kathy Meehan, St. John's University (New York).	
Debbie Richardson, Atlantic-10 Conference (nonvoting member).	
Jennifer Strawley, University of Miami (Florida).	
Elizabeth Wood, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.	
Absentees:	
Zipporah Broughton, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.	
Guest(s) in Attendance:	
Nina King, Duke University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Emily Capehart, Zandria Conyers, Meghan Durham, Jenn Fraser, Kelsey Gurganus, PJ Hubert, Jess Kerr, Cindi Merrill, Mike Massa, Sherika Montgomery, Susan Peal, Ta'Shia Phillips, Alyssa Rice, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Alex Smith, Shelby Sonnefeldt and Ashley Thornburg and Karen Wolf.	



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Area of Review	Appropriate for short-term review?	Additional groups that should review?	When is a final decision necessary in order to implement 2021-22 year?	Recommended mechanism for change (e.g., waiver, legislation), if any?	Other areas that should be included in short-term list?
RECRUITING					
Comprehensive review of recruiting legislation and leveraging of virtual tools (e.g., off-campus recruiting, campus visits, virtual recruiting restrictions, recruiting calendars).	Yes.		As soon as possible. Two classes of PSAs have been significantly impacted due to COVID-19.	Waiver may provide additional time to assess appropriate long-term legislative changes. Potential legislation for the 2022-23 academic year once items can be finalized.	
Review the maximum number of official visits each prospective student-athlete is permitted to take.	Yes.		As soon as possible. Two classes of PSAs have been significantly impacted due to COVID-19.	Waiver may provide additional time to assess appropriate long-term legislative changes. Potential legislation for the 2022-23 academic year once items can be finalized.	
Review whether it is appropriate to establish limits (or reduced limits) on number of official visits an institution is permitted to provide each year.	Yes.		As soon as possible. Two classes of PSAs have been significantly impacted due to COVID-19.	Waiver may provide additional time to assess appropriate long-term legislative changes. Potential legislation for the 2022-23 academic year once items can be finalized	



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Review the permissible duration of official visits (e.g., is it appropriate to reduce from 48 hours to 36 or 24 hours).	Yes. Many variables here, particularly with international students. The cost savings may be minimal and could cause additional confusion.		As soon as possible. Two classes of PSAs have been significantly impacted due to COVID-19.	Waiver may provide additional time to assess appropriate long-term legislative changes. Potential legislation for the 2022-23 academic year once items can be finalized.	
STUDENT-ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY					
Review summer school enrollment requirement for summer access in football and men’s and women’s basketball.	Already recommended a waiver for Summer 2021. Continue to include in short-term review. Impact on financial obligations of department. Limits internship opportunities for student-athletes (if non-credit).	N4A/academic advisor input	No later than the start of summer school enrollment (typically mid-spring semester, end of winter quarter). Earlier would be better from a budget standpoint.	Legislation.	
STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS AND OTHER EXPENSES					
Review student-athlete award limitations (Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3).	No. Other variables potentially impact this review (NIL, Alston case).				
Review whether it is appropriate to establish limitations on actual and necessary expenses	No position. Resolution would be helpful as it impacts	None.	As soon as possible. Spring 2022 for budget purposes is preferable, but certainly by July 1 for start of fiscal years.	Legislation.	



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associated with practice and competition (e.g., prohibit overnight lodging, meal and transportation expenses for student-athletes with home contests).	budget planning, but does not seem urgent. Seems this should be left to institutional discretion. Less common in women's basketball.				
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS					
Review the maximum permitted number of contests/dates of competition in each sport, including contest exemptions.	No. 2020-21 was a challenging year in terms of getting in contests. Reductions for 2021-22 would impact schedules under development, especially for MTEs. Potential negative impact on institutions that rely on guarantee game money and TV contracts.				
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS					
Review regular season conference competition requirements.	No. Some leagues are looking to add more conference games to save money bringing in non-conference opponents. Results in challenges with other institutions				



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	scheduling non-conference games.				
Review sports sponsorship requirements (e.g., minimum number of contests required for sports sponsorship, three-season requirement, scheduling requirements).	No. Standards exist to establishing a minimum expectation of a Division I member.				Division I membership requirements for transitioning institutions (e.g., Cal Baptist).
CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION					
Review automatic qualification requirements.	*Recommend referring this item to the Women’s Basketball Committee for feedback by August 2021.				



NCAA DIVISION I COMPREHENSIVE RECRUITING REGULATIONS REVIEW

BACKGROUND: The NCAA Division I Presidential Forum identified issues to be reviewed in the short term to enhance the sustainability of Division I. Those issues have been referred to the NCAA Division I Council for review by the appropriate standing committees. One of the key items included in the short-term referrals is a comprehensive review of recruiting regulations considering the change in landscape and the availability of virtual tools due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee directed the following Division I standing committees to conduct the comprehensive recruiting review: Student-Athlete Experience Committee, Football Oversight Committee, Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the student-athlete connection groups in football and basketball. The Division I Legislative Committee will review the feedback from each of the committees and groups to determine final recommendations to be forwarded on to the Council for review during their April 14 meeting.

This chart lists items that have been initially identified for inclusion in the comprehensive review. Each committee is asked to provide its position and any additional feedback on the outlined concepts by Friday, April 2. Committees are also encouraged to include any additional recommendations that are supported during their discussion of these concepts. If additional time is required for a particular element of the review, that should be noted in the committee's feedback.

The COVID-19 Action Chart can be found [here](#).

Note: Unless specified each concept listed below is intended to apply to all sports.

Telephone Calls				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
1. Permit any institutional staff member to initiate a telephone/video call with a prospective student-athlete.	Only countable coaches may participate on a telephone/video call initiated by a countable coach to a PSA. <i>See NCAA Bylaw 13.1.3.4.</i>	Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators COVID-19 Action Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support, provided any institutional staff members may be on a video call, but a countable coach must initiate and remain on the call.Could expand direct access for academic advisor, athletic trainer, and athletics performance coaches.	

2. Permit any number of uncommitted PSAs (and their family members) to participate on a telephone/video call with the institution.	To ensure institution is not publicizing recruitment, conversations between institutional staff and uncommitted PSAs must be private (e.g., only one PSA). <i>See Bylaw 13.10.2.1.</i>	COVID-19 Action Chart	Do not support. • Also, not in favor of having any group calls with PSAs (regardless of who initiates the call) who are not of the proper age to be contacted.	
3. Permit student-athletes to participate in recruiting telephone/video calls with a coach and PSA or at the direction of a coach.	SAs shall not make or participate in telephone calls to PSAs at the direction of a coaching staff member. <i>See Bylaw 13.1.3.5.2.</i>	COVID-19 Action Chart	• Support provided calls are considered countable athletically related activities.	
4. Football Bowl Subdivision/Football Championship Subdivision -- Permit phone calls to be made at the institution's discretion to PSAs beginning September 1 of PSA's junior year.	One call may be made to a PSA from April 15- May 31 of the PSA's junior year. Unlimited calls permitted beginning Sept. 1 of PSA's senior year. <i>See Bylaw 13.1.3.1.2</i>	Membership	• N/A to Women's Basketball	
5. FBS/FCS-- Permit phone calls to be made at the institution's discretion to PSAs beginning February 1 of PSA's junior year.	One call may be made to a PSA from April 15- May 31 of the PSA's junior year. Unlimited calls permitted beginning Sept. 1 of PSA's senior year. <i>See Bylaw 13.1.3.1.2</i>	CCACA COVID-19 Action Chart	• N/A to WBB	

Contacts/Evaluations				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
6. Permit contact with any PSA when an institutional coaching staff member visits a PSA's educational institution during a permissible recruiting period.	An institutional coaching staff member may not have off-campus contact with a PSA until he or she is of contactable age based on sport specific legislation. <i>See Bylaw 13.1.5</i>	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not support. 	
7. Men's basketball -- Prohibit an institutional coaching staff member from attending a nonscholastic event during the summer.	An institutional coaching staff member may attend NCAA certified nonscholastic events during one weekend in July. (i.e., July 8-11, 2021) <i>See Bylaw 13.17.2</i>	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A to WBB 	
8. FBS-- Permit in-person off-campus contact with a PSA to occur beginning on January 15 of the PSA's junior year.	In-person off-campus contact with a PSA may not occur until July 1 following the PSA's junior year. <i>See Bylaw 13.1.1.1.1.</i>	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A to WBB 	

Recruiting Calendar				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
9. Recruiting Quiet Period – April 16-June 30 Sport-Specific Recruiting Calendars beginning July 1, 2021.	R-2020-23 adopted to extend the temporary recruiting dead period in all sports through April 15, 2021. <i>See</i> Bylaw 13.02.5.5	Championship Coordination Committee and Division I Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women’s Basketball Coaching Association Working group to discuss pending review of future recruiting calendars. 	
10. Establish more stringent off-campus recruiting restrictions (e.g., additional dead and/or quiet periods.).	Sport-Specific <i>See</i> Bylaw 13.17.	Presidential Forum Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working group to discuss pending review of future recruiting calendars. 	
11. Recruiting Person Days – Reduce the number of in-person recruiting days, evaluations and/or number of recruiting opportunities (e.g., seven) based on sport-specific recruiting models. MBB - Reduce recruiting person days during the academic year from 130 to 80-90.	Sport-Specific <i>See</i> Bylaws 13.1.5 –13.1.7 for sport-specific limitations.	PF Sustainability National Association of Basketball Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a reduction of days. Working Group to discuss actual days recommendation pending review of future recruiting calendars. 	
12. MBB- Reduce number of evaluation days from 16 to 15 during the June-July evaluation period.	Current evaluation periods in June/July allow for 16 evaluation days. June scholastic events – six days. NCAA certified nonscholastic events – four days. NCAA College Basketball Academy – six days. <i>See</i> Bylaw 13.17.2.	NABC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A to WBB 	

13. FBS-- Adjust the recruiting calendar in FBS football as follows: a. Change the April 15 – May 31 Evaluation Period to a Contact Period; b. In-person contact during the April 15 – May 31 contact period may only occur at the PSA’s educational institution when class is not in session; c. Establish a limit of three recruiting opportunities (contact or evaluation) for PSA’s junior year; d. Eliminate Bylaw 13.1.7.4.1 Head Coach Restriction -- Spring Evaluation Period; and e. Increase the number of recruiting person days during the spring recruiting periods from 168 to 252.	See Bylaws 13.1.7.4, 13.1.7.4.1, 13.1.7.4.4 and 13.17.5.	Membership	• N/A to WBB	
Visits				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
14. Reduce the maximum number of official visits each PSA (high school and transfer) is permitted to take from five to three.	Maximum of five official visits at varying periods. See Bylaws 13.6.2.2.1 and 13.6.2.2.2 (MBB only).	PF Sustainability NABC	• Support reducing the number of official visits to 3. • Provides institutional cost-savings opportunity.	

15. Establish limits (or reduced limits in sports with current limits) on number of official visits an institution is permitted to conduct each year.	Baseball - 25 MBB- 28 in rolling two-year period WBB - 24 in rolling two-year period.	PF Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not supportive at current time due to lack of knowledge of how the transfer legislation may affect the environment. 	
16. Reduce time permitted for official visits from 48 hours to 36 hours with a two-night maximum for lodging paid by institutions.	Visit may not exceed 48 hours. Institution may not pay expenses after 48-hour time period expires. <i>See Bylaw 13.6.4.</i>	PF Sustainability NABC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support a 36-hour maximum for an official visit, but still permit up to two nights to be provided on the official visit. Potential waivers may be considered due to lack of flights/time zones due to geographic issues. 	
17. Permit institutions to use discretion to reimburse PSAs for personal expenses incurred as a result of cancellation of official and unofficial visits.	Institutions are not permitted to reimburse a PSA for personal expenses incurred as a result of cancellation of official and unofficial visits. <i>See Bylaw 13.2.</i>	COVID-19 Action Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support institutional discretion for actual expenses incurred. 	
Complimentary Admissions				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
18. Permit institutions to provide complimentary admissions to PSAs and individuals on SAs pass list using digital ticketing.	Tickets must be provided via pass list to ensure no "hard tickets" are provided. <i>See Bylaws 13.6.7.2, 13.7.3.1 and 16.2.1.2.</i>	CCACA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support. Technology has advanced to this being customary. 	

Meetings, Banquets and Speaking Engagements				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
19. Permit an institution's coaching staff member to provide a prerecorded message to meetings/banquets involving PSAs provided the request is initiated outside the institution and there is no recruiting presentation.	Sport-specific restrictions regarding speaking engagements. <i>See</i> Bylaw 13.1.8.	CCACA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not support. Potential recruiting advantage for more high-profile coaches. 	
Virtual Camps and Clinics				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
20. Permit an institution's coaching staff member to participate in institutional and noninstitutional virtual camps and clinics that do not include PSAs.	Sport-specific restrictions regarding telephone calls. <i>See</i> Bylaw 13.1.3.1	CCACA COVID-19 Action Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support, provided no recruiting activities occur. COVID-19 has caused a lack of opportunities for younger individuals and flexibility may encourage participation growth at the youth level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to promote the sport to youths outweighs the possible abuse at this time.
Electronic Correspondence and Publicity				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
21. Revise the current recruiting/scouting service rules to include a vetting process and regulation on digital and live content providers.	An institution may purchase various types of video (e.g., "live" feed, game tap, practice film) involving a PSA from third party without certification from NCAA that is required for institutions to subscribe to such entities in basketball and football. <i>See</i> Bylaw 13.14.3.	Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially re-evaluate video-only services being considered recruiting/scouting services and requiring certification for institutions to subscribe. 	

Virtual Team Activities				
Concept(s)	Normal Application of Rule	Source	Committee Position/Feedback	Notes
22. Permit a committed PSA to participate in virtual team activities after completion of high school graduation or transfer academic requirements.	Committed PSAs may not observe or participate in a virtual team activity. <i>See</i> Bylaws 13.1.3.5.2 and 14.2.1.1.1	CCACA COVID-19 Action Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for a maximum of one hour per week virtually. 	
23. Permit an uncommitted PSA to observe but not participate in virtual team activities on a limited basis.	Uncommitted PSAs may not observe or participate in a virtual team activity. <i>See</i> Bylaws 13.1.3.5.2 and 14.2.1.1.1	CCACA COVID-19 Action Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not support outside of the COVID-19 dead period restriction on each campus. 	