



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
MAY 12, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Guidelines for Review of Requests Seeking Relief of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5 – Assertions That a Student-Athlete was “Run Off” by Previous Institution – COVID-19 Impact.**
 - (1) Recommendation. Approve new guidelines for review of requests seeking relief of NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5.5 (four-year college transfer) for assertions of “run off” by previous institution due to the impact of COVID-19, as outlined [Attachment].
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate, for student-athletes transferring in the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter, in response to COVID-19.
 - (3) Rationale. In April 2020, the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee requested that the committee review the current “run off” guideline to address assertions where a student-athlete was “run off” by the previous institution due to the impact of COVID-19. The committee believed the attached guideline would provide NCAA staff with discretion when reviewing requests when a student-athlete decides to transfer due to the impact of COVID-19.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

- **Future Meeting Dates.**
 - a. May 27, 2020, videoconference.
 - b. September 2020, videoconference.

Committee Chair: *Audra Kedy, Great American Conference*
Staff Liaisons: *Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs*
 Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief May 12, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Josh Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University.	
Larry Earnesty, Millersville University of Pennsylvania.	
Ellen Fagerstrom, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Matthew Finley, Anderson University (South Carolina).	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Chelsea Hooks and Jordan Lysiak.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Stephanie Quigg and Angela Red.	

Assertions that a Student-Athlete was "Run Off" by Previous Institution.

a-b. Unchanged.

c. Information Standards for Assertions of "Run Off" due to COVID-19.

During its May 12, 2020, videoconference, the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief established guidelines to provide relief for waivers involving Bylaw 14.5.5 (transfer regulations) in which an institution asserts that the student-athlete was "run off" by his or her previous institution for reasons related to COVID-19.

(1) Information Standards for Assertions of "Run Off" Related to COVID-19. The committee adopted the following information standards for transfers asserting run off related to COVID-19:

- a. Documentation demonstrating that athletically related financial aid was either reduced or not renewed for reasons related to COVID-19. (Effective immediately, for student-athletes transferring in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.)
- b. Written statement from the student-athlete's previous institution indicating that the previous institution supports the waiver request and that the student-athlete departed the previous institution in good academic standing and meeting progress-toward-degree requirements. Please note, for Division II transfer student-athletes, the Division II Administrative Committee approved a blanket waiver of the progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2019-20 academic year.
- c. If the student has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport, or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, the institution must provide documentation demonstrating that the student-athlete was enrolled in the courses necessary entering spring 2020 (spring 2020 semester or winter/spring 2020 quarter) to satisfactorily complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferrable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in transferable degree credits. (Effective immediately, for student-athletes transferring in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.)

(2) Guidelines for Assertions of "Run Off" Related to COVID-19.

- If applicant institution is able to demonstrate that the student-athlete would have had the opportunity to return to the previous institution, and was otherwise eligible for use of the one-time transfer exception but could not use the exception due to a previous transfer (e.g., 4-4-4 transfer) and the student-athlete was unable to return for reasons related to COVID-19, the case should be approved.