



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 1, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.2 -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment -- Standardized Dates for End of Grace Period.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) to permit the use of a standard date (October 1 for fall enrollees; March 1 for winter/spring enrollees) to determine the end of a prospective student-athlete's grace period.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, during the amateurism certification process, the NCAA Eligibility Center staff are required to utilize varying dates to identify the conclusion of an individual's grace period, creating confusion and lack of uniformity. Because of this, the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief issued a blanket waiver in February 2022 to permit the Eligibility Center staff to use October 1 for fall enrollees and March 1 for winter/spring enrollees as the end date of a prospective student-athlete's grace period for the 2022-23 academic year. The utilization of a standard date through the blanket waiver created more consistency and flexibility and helped to ensure simplified messaging was provided to all prospects regarding when competition prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment must end. By permitting the Eligibility Center staff to utilize a standard date (October 1 for fall enrollees and March 1 for winter/spring enrollees) in determining the end of a prospective student-athlete's grace period, will provide more consistency and flexibility for prospective student-athletes and ensure consistent educational messaging related to the amateurism certification process.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee priority two and three items.** The Legislation Committee continued its discussion on the Implementation Committee's Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee's priority two and three items. Specifically, the committee continued its discussion regarding Bylaw 13 (recruiting). The committee will continue this discussion at its March meeting.
2. **Discussion regarding delayed enrollment and a standardized date for prospective student-athletes.** The committee discussed the recent blanket waiver relief issued by the Committee for Legislative Relief in February 2022, which permitted the Eligibility Center to use a standard date (October 1 for fall enrollees and March 1 for winter/spring enrollees) to determine the conclusion of a prospective student-athlete's grace period for those individuals enrolling during the 2022-23 academic year. The committee also received an update from the Eligibility Center staff on the successful use of the standard date during the 2022-23 academic year. As a result, the committee agreed to recommend noncontroversial legislation to permit the use of a standard date to determine the end of a prospective student-athlete's grace period [See Legislative Action Item].
3. **Review of November 1-2, 2022, in-person meeting and December 13, 2022, teleconference reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 1-2, 2022, in-person meeting and December 13, 2022, teleconference reports.
4. **Future meeting dates.**
 - a. March 21-22, videoconference.
 - b. June 28-29, 2023, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - c. September 2023; to be determined.
 - d. November 2023; to be determined.

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Staff Liaison(s): Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs
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NCAA Division II Legislation Committee February 1, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive.	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Molly Hansen, University of Montevallo.	
Matt Green, Flagler College.	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
Kara Lindaman, Winona State University.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University.	
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University.	
Jason Stock, California State University, San Marcos.	
Melinda Terry, St. Edward's University.	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Susan Britsch, Rachel Denton and Jordan Lysiak.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Olivia Beach, Mike DeCesare, Erika Klages, Angela Red and Olivia Sappington.	