



**NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement**  
**Previously Approved Request List**  
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**Educational Column:**

Institutions may self-apply on campus, any previously approved scenario specifically listed below without filing a formal request through NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online. An institution is only permitted to approve a request if the institution's circumstances appear on the list of designated previously approved requests and the circumstances satisfy the specified criteria established for the previously approved request. If an institution's circumstances do not appear on the list of previously approved requests or if the circumstances do not satisfy all the established criteria for a previously approved request, the institution must submit a request to the NCAA national office through RSRO.

Institutions are encouraged to call the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff at 317-917-6102 with any questions related to the administration of the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list process. The list of previously approved requests will be reviewed and updated on a biannual basis by the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

**Previously Approved Waiver Requests:**

An institution that applies relief of NCAA legislation based on the specific previously approved waiver circumstances must inform its conference office of the self-applied relief.

**NCAA Bylaw 14.2.2.4: Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – Two Approved Hardship Waivers.**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a two-semester/three-quarter extension to the student-athlete's ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in four seasons of competition in his or her sport within his or her ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility;
2. The student-athlete received two approved hardship waivers from the conference office(s) or national office for each year in which the student-athlete was unable to complete the season;
3. The certifying institution obtains copies of hardship waiver approval letters from conference office(s) or the national office and confirms the student-athlete engaged in intercollegiate competition that constituted use of a season of competition during the academic years for which the hardship waivers were approved; and
4. In accordance with Bylaw 14.2.2.4.1.4.1, if the waiver is approved, it must be used during the next available opportunity.

Notes:

1. See committee's RSRO Case Nos. 1018744, 983506 and 979373.
2. The certifying institution must inform the conference office it applied an extension to the student-athletes ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.
3. An institution is only permitted to approve a request as addressed in the following committee guideline:
  - For cases in which a student-athlete has two-denied participation opportunities, the committee indicated the reinstatement staff may consider an extension request as early as when the student-athlete has entered his or her eighth full-time semester/12th full-time quarter of enrollment conditioned on the student-athlete maintaining full-time enrollment in his or her ninth and 10th semesters or 13th, 14th and 15th quarter. (May 2010).

**Bylaw 14.2.2.4.1.4: Waiver – Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment.**

- **Extension requests meeting redshirt exception, combined with approved hardship waiver.**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a two-semester/three-quarter extension to the student-athlete's ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in four seasons of competition in his or her sport within his or her ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility;
2. The student-athlete did not compete during his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment at an NCAA institution;
3. The student-athlete received an approved hardship waiver from the conference office(s) or the national office for another year during his or her ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility in which the student-athlete was unable to complete the season;
4. The certifying institution obtains: (1) A copy of the eligibility list from the student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment at an NCAA institution which clearly demonstrates the student-athlete was both academically and athletically eligible to compete; and (2) A copy of the hardship waiver approval letter from the conference office(s) or the national office which confirms the student-athlete engaged in intercollegiate competition that constituted

the use of a season of competition during the academic years for which the hardship waiver was approved; and

5. In accordance with Bylaw 14.2.2.4.1.4.1, if the waiver is approved, it must be used during the next available opportunity.

Notes:

1. See committee's RSRO Case Nos. 1063775, 1061067, 1056199 and 1052203.
2. If the student-athlete's "redshirt" year occurred at a previous NCAA institution, the student-athlete's previous NCAA institution may send a redacted eligibility list to the certifying institution.
3. If the "redshirt" year occurred at a non-NCAA institution, the certifying institution should file the ten-semester/15-quarter rule waiver request to the student-athlete reinstatement staff through RSRO.
4. The certifying institution must inform the conference office it applied an extension to the student-athlete's ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.
5. An institution is only permitted to approve a request as addressed in the following committee guideline:
  - For cases in which a student-athlete has two-denied participation opportunities, the committee indicated the reinstatement staff may consider an extension request as early as when the student-athlete has entered his or her eighth full-time semester/12th full-time quarter of enrollment conditioned on the student-athlete maintaining full-time enrollment in his or her ninth and 10th semesters or 13th, 14th and 15th quarter. (May 2010).

**Bylaw 14.2.2.4: Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – COVID-19 Year.**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a two-semester/three-quarter extension to the student-athletes ten-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in a spring sport during the 2020 spring semester/quarter, due to COVID-19 or the student-athlete received a self-applied season of competition waiver – competition while eligible during the 2020 spring semester/quarter, due to COVID-19; and

2. The student-athlete was otherwise eligible for competition during the 2020 spring semester/quarter.
3. This shall apply to any student-athlete who was enrolled during the 2020 spring semester, regardless of year of enrollment (i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior).

Notes:

1. See committee's RSRO Case No. 1099497.
2. Spring sports: Baseball, men's golf, women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's lacrosse, women's rowing, softball, men's tennis, women's tennis, men's outdoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's national collegiate beach volleyball, women's national collegiate beach volleyball, women's national collegiate volleyball, and men's national collegiate water polo.

**Bylaw 14.2.2.4: Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – COVID-19 Year, Student-Athletes Enrolled in Their 10th Full-Time Semester/14th or 15th Quarter During Fall 2020.**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-semester/two-quarter extension to the student-athlete's 10-semester/14th or 15<sup>th</sup>-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete enrolled in their 10<sup>th</sup> full-time semester/14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> full-time quarter during the 2020 fall semester or the student-athlete received an extension of eligibility from the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to participate in their final season of competition during fall 2020;
2. The student-athlete's traditional fall championship season (cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, women's volleyball, men's water polo and, for institutions that declare the alternate playing season, golf or tennis) was moved to the 2021 spring semester/2021 winter/spring quarter(s) due to COVID-19; and
3. The student-athlete was otherwise eligible for competition during the 2020 fall semester/quarter.

Notes:

1. See committee's RSRO Case Nos. 1106725 and 1106942.
2. If the student-athlete meets all previously stated criteria, the one-semester/two-quarter extension must be used during the 2021 spring semester/2021 winter/spring quarter(s).

### **Previously Approved Reinstatement Requests:**

For eligibility-impacting violations, this list does not absolve the institution of the requirement that it files the violation with the NCAA enforcement staff. Additionally, this list is not intended to suggest that a particular violation no longer impacts a student-athlete's eligibility. Rather, this list allows an institution to itself reinstate a student-athlete based on the specific previously approved requests listed below. In its violation self-report (submitted through RSRO) the institution must indicate that the student-athlete has been reinstated pursuant to the circumstances outlined in this list.

### **Bylaw 12.5.2.1: Advertisements and Promotions Following Enrollment.**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may immediately reinstate the student-athlete for competition:

1. The student-athlete permitted the use of his or her name or picture to endorse, advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind (e.g., provides testimonial, posts promotional item on his or her personal social media account);
2. The certifying institution verifies the student-athlete did not receive payment or material benefit (e.g., apparel) of any kind in exchange for the use of his or her name or picture; and
3. The impermissible endorsement, advertisement, recommendation or promotion has been deleted or removed and/or a cease and desist letter was sent to the commercial entity.

### **Notes:**

1. The certifying institution must report the violation to the NCAA enforcement staff and indicate the student-athlete was reinstated via the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list.
2. See committee's RSRO Case Nos. 1069738, 1058826, 1054765, 1043924 and 1013114.