



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
JULY 8, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. General Eligibility Requirements – Season of Participation Waiver – Participation While Eligible – Administrative Criteria -- 14.2.7. and 14.2.7.1**

- (1) Recommendation. The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved a recommendation from the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR) and waived the existing criteria for season-of-participation waivers – participation while eligible and approved a blanket waiver permitting student-athletes whose teams complete 50% or less of the sport's maximum contests/dates of competition during the 2020-21 season due to ongoing impact from COVID-19 to receive a season-of-participation waiver – participation while eligible. Student-athletes whose teams complete more than 50% of the sport's maximum contests/dates of competition during the 2020-21 season would not be eligible for the blanket waiver regardless of whether the student-athlete competed in 50% or less of the season.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate and would apply for all sports during the 2020-21 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. The committee seeks to provide institutions and student-athletes appropriate flexibility given the current uncertainty surrounding the 2020-21 academic year due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. The committee noted institutions may be forced to provide a reduced athletics experience due to health and safety concerns and amending the criteria for a season-of-participation waiver – participation while eligible to allow participation in up to 50% of the sport's maximum contests/dates of competition would ensure student-athletes have four meaningful participation opportunities within their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility. Finally, the committee noted that issuing a proactive blanket waiver allows student-athletes to make informed enrollment decisions prior to the 2020-21 academic year.
- (4) Budget Impact. None.

- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Student-athletes will not be charged with the use of a season of participation if the institution's team is unable to complete more than 50% of the sport's contest/dates of competition maximum, thereby, providing them the option to extend their participation opportunities.

**b. General Eligibility Requirements – Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver -- 14.2.2. and 14.2.2.4**

- (1) Recommendation. The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved a recommendation from SAR and issued a blanket waiver permitting student-athletes to receive a two-semester/three-quarter extension of eligibility if the following conditions are met:
- The student-athlete was unable to participate in their sport during the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19, or the student-athlete's team completed 50% or less of the sport's maximum contests/dates of competition during the 2020-21 season due to the ongoing impact from COVID-19; and
  - The student-athlete was otherwise eligible for competition during the 2020-21 academic year.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate and would apply for all sports during the 2020-21 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. SAR's guideline related to extension of eligibility waivers permits staff to approve a two-semester/three-quarter extension when extraordinary circumstances exist. The committee noted the circumstances surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis are extraordinary and, therefore, satisfy the committee's guideline. Further, by approving a two-semester/three-quarter extension, institutions would no longer need to file an additional extension of eligibility waiver if a student-athlete seeks to maintain full-time enrollment.
- (4) Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. If the conditions are met, student-athletes will receive a two-semester/three-quarter extension providing them the option to extend their participation opportunities.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.***

1. **Welcome.** The videoconference commenced at 10:02 a.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
2. **June 24, 2020, Report.** The committee approved the June 24, 2020, report with no changes.
3. **COVID-19 Impacts and Updates.**

- a. Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS) meeting. The Administrative Committee discussed a possible blanket waiver allowing institutions to declare alternate playing and practice seasons for fall sports (including football) – Bylaws 17.1.1.1 and 17.1.1.2. The blanket waiver would allow institutions the discretion to designate the spring as the traditional segment for fall sports. Since NCAA fall championships would remain as scheduled, institutions declaring a traditional segment in the spring for a sport(s) would not be eligible for that fall championship(s).

The Administrative Committee charged PPSS with developing an alternative playing seasons model or models for consideration by the Management Council. Even though there has been encouragement from the membership to act quickly, the committee felt this waiver merited additional discussion by PPSS, and the Management and Presidents Councils.

- b. Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. Due to time constraints, the committee did not receive an update during this videoconference.
4. **Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Updated Risk Considerations.** Dr. Hainline, chief medical officer at the NCAA, shared updates to the Resocialization of Collegiate Sports. This updated document will serve as a resource for member schools to use in coordination with applicable government agencies, and related institutional personnel, policies and guidelines. In addition, it remains subject to further revision as available COVID-19 data and information continues to emerge.

The committee noted the importance of the document in light of the significant discussions underway at the campus and conference levels, as well as at the NCAA national office, and the goal to distribute the document to the membership as soon as possible.

5. **Other Business.** The committee had no other business.
6. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. EST.

*Committee Chair: Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University*  
*Staff Liaisons: Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance*  
*Debbie Kresge, Division III Governance*  
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<b>NCAA Division III Administrative Committee</b>
<b>July 8, 2020, Teleconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.
Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University
Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.
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Dan Dutcher, Brian Hainline, Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Adam Skaggs, Ali Spungen and Liz Suscha.