



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
AUGUST 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The subcommittee's chair, Jason Fein, welcomed its members at 9:02 a.m. and requested members review the subcommittee roster for accuracy.
2. **Approval of March 2020 report.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved its March 25, 2020, teleconference report.
  - a. **Review cases decided from February 1 through July 31, 2020, by NCAA staff and the subcommittee.** From February 1 through July 31, the subcommittee and/or staff received a total of 66 waiver requests, 55 of which were decided, 10 of which were cancelled and one of which was withdrawn. The following is a summary of the decisions made by the staff and subcommittee: **Staff approved 42 waivers, 14 of which were approved with conditions. Of the 42 waivers approved, 17 waivers were approved based on totality of circumstances and/or student-athlete well-being and the remaining 24 waivers were approved based on the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives.**
  - b. Staff denied five waivers. None of the waivers were appealed to the subcommittee.
  - c. Eight waivers were directly reviewed by the subcommittee. Of the eight waivers decided by the subcommittee, five were approved and three were denied.
3. **Review of Division III previously approved waivers list.** The subcommittee reviewed the Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Previously Approved Waivers Checklist [Reference: October 5, 2016, Item Ref: 2 Educational Column], which provides flexibility for an institution to grant relief of NCAA legislation and submit a report to its conference office rather than filing a formal legislative relief waiver request. The subcommittee determined one item for removal or modernization and will review the proposed edits during its March 2021 videoconference.
4. **Review of subcommittee's policies and procedures.** Staff provided the subcommittee with its policies and procedures for review. The subcommittee reviewed the document and approved editorial revisions reflecting the increase in subcommittee members from six to eight.

5. **Review of Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives.** Staff provided the subcommittee with its information standards, guidelines and directives for review. The subcommittee approved making a series of formatting changes to the document to provide ease and user-friendly navigation for the membership and staff. Further, the subcommittee approved a definitions section, intended to provide clarity on the types of guidance contained within this document regarding legislative relief waivers.
6. **Review of Division I legislative relief waiver guidelines for transfer legislation.** The subcommittee reviewed two Division I legislative relief waiver guidelines for transfer student-athletes. Specifically, the subcommittee discussed the appropriateness of a mental health and an egregious behavior guideline at the Division III level. The subcommittee instructed staff to monitor legislative relief waiver requests with assertions of student-athlete mental health and/or egregious behavior over the next six months, at which time, the subcommittee will revisit the discussion.
7. **Update on Bylaw 14.1.9 directive for compelling and exemplary academic success.** Staff provided the subcommittee with an update on the case volume for Bylaw 14.1.9 and the directive for compelling and exemplary academic success for graduate or postbaccalaureate student-athletes. In April 2019, after approving an amended version of the directive, the NCAA Division III Presidents Council advised staff to continue to provide temporary relief of the legislation using the 2015 directive's criteria. The subcommittee instructed staff to continue using both versions of the directive through at least the 2020-21 academic year.
8. **COVID-19 and name, image and likeness updates.** Staff provided the subcommittee with an update on recent actions pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic and to the 2021 NCAA Convention legislation. The subcommittee took no action.
9. **Future meetings.** The chair reminded the subcommittee that as of August 28, the weekly videoconference will change from Thursday afternoon to Friday morning and of its upcoming March 2021 meeting.
10. **Other business.** Staff informed the subcommittee that it will be asked to review two proposed amendments to the alternate playing season model for the 2020-21 academic year.
11. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 10:37 a.m. Eastern time.

*Subcommittee Chair: Jason Fein, Bates College*

*Staff Liaisons: Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Kaitlyn Purcell, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief August 17, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Cheryl Aaron, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Charles Brown, Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Lori Mazza, Western Connecticut State University.	
Scott McGuinness, William and Jefferson College.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Corey Berg.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lauren Frost, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.	