



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
MARCH 14, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The chair, Rob Larson, welcomed the subcommittee and at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time.
2. **RSRO Case No. 1239473 – Legislative Relief Waiver Appeal Request of Bylaw 14.1.8.1, Graduates of a non-NCAA Division III Institution.** The subcommittee reviewed an appeal of a legislative relief waiver of Bylaw 14.1.8.1 to permit a non-Division III graduate men's lacrosse student-athlete to be eligible during the 2025 men's lacrosse season. Specifically, the student-athlete did not meet the requirement of completing their undergraduate degree within four academic years. The subcommittee upheld staff's decision citing a lack of mitigation to warrant relief.
3. **Update on Referral of Convention Proposal.** The subcommittee received an update pertaining to the referral of the proposal that sought to establish eligibility opportunities for graduate-level student-athletes enrolled at a non-member institution with a formal academic agreement with the certifying institution. The subcommittee was asked by the Division III Membership Committee for its input on a proposed pilot program, in which institutions would submit student-athlete eligibility waivers directly to the subcommittee for review. The subcommittee discussed the proposed pilot program and provided the following:
 - a. The subcommittee recommended the criteria for the pilot program should initially be more restrictive. As data is collected, the subcommittee should review the criteria regularly to determine if adjustments are necessary.
 - b. The subcommittee requested the criteria restricting the partner institution from sponsoring varsity athletics remain to emphasize the academic focus.
 - c. The subcommittee supported removing the provision from the original proposal which required the student-athlete having to be a graduate of the certifying Division III institution.
 - d. The subcommittee did not have agreement on whether conference approval for participation was necessary. The subcommittee expressed concern about a lack of consistency and accountability without monitoring or guidelines.

The subcommittee's review will be provided to the Division III Membership Committee at its March meeting.

4. **RSRO Case No. 1240014 – Blanket Waiver Request for Playing and Practice Season in the Sport of Water Polo.** The subcommittee reviewed a blanket legislative relief waiver request for men's water polo to apply current Division III fall playing and practice season rules for the 2025-26 academic year. The subcommittee approved the waiver.
5. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 11:14 a.m. Eastern time.

Subcommittee Chair: Rob Larson, Luther College
Staff Liaisons: Becca Trovato, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Julie Zike, Academic and Membership Affairs.

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Attendees:	
Peter Bothner, Nazareth University.	
Kristie Bowers, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.	
Ryan Erwin, East Texas Baptist University.	
Rob Larson, Luther College.	
Heather MacCulloch, Baruch College.	
Patrick Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	
Absentees:	
Keiko Price, Emory University.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Becca Trovato.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Corey Berg, Brittany Higgins, Eric Hartung, Jeff Myers and Sarah Turner.	