



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The chair, Rob Larson, welcomed the subcommittee and introduced new members at 11:30 a.m., Eastern time and requested members review the roster for accuracy.
2. **Review of NCAA Division III Philosophy Statement.** NCAA staff provided the subcommittee with the Division III Philosophy Statement for review and the subcommittee took no action.
3. **Approval of March 2025 report.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved its March 14 and 21 videoconference reports.
4. **Review of Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures.** Staff provided the subcommittee with its policies and procedures for review and the subcommittee took no action.
5. **Review of Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives.** Staff provided the subcommittee with its information standards, guidelines and directives for review. The subcommittee reviewed the document and agreed to editorial revisions.
6. **Discussion of Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment.** The subcommittee reviewed legislation and recent case precedent, specific to violations of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment. The subcommittee requested the Interpretations and Legislation Committee review the Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment legislation, with the recommendation of removing the requirement of sitting the academic year in residence penalty and maintaining charging the use of a season of participation.
7. **Review Division III previously approved wavier checklist.** The subcommittee reviewed its previously approved waivers checklist, 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 took no action.
8. **Cases decided from February 1 through July 31, 2025, at the staff and subcommittee level.** From February 1 through July 31, 2025, the subcommittee and/or staff received a total of 51 Division III waiver requests, 46 of which were decided and five of which were cancelled. The following is a summary of the decisions made by the staff and subcommittee:

- a. Staff decided on 45 waivers, of which 26 were approved with conditions. Of the 26 waivers approved, 23 waivers were approved based on totality of circumstances and/or student-athlete well-being and 12 waivers were approved based on the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives;
 - b. Staff denied six waivers that were not appealed. Additionally, institutions appealed four staff denials and the subcommittee affirmed the staff positions.
 - c. One waiver was a blanket waiver reviewed directly by the subcommittee.
9. **Future meetings.** The chair confirmed the standing weekly meeting time for the 2025-26 academic year.
 10. **Other business.** The subcommittee elected Patrick Summers to serve as subcommittee chair beginning January 2026.
 11. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 10:46 a.m. Eastern time.

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

NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief September 19, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Peter Bothner, Nazareth University.	
Kristie Bowers, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.	
Ryan Erwin, East Texas Baptist University.	
Rob Larson, Luther College.	
Heather MacCulloch, Baruch College.	
Keiko Price, Emory University.	
Meghan Roman, Illinois College.	
Patrick Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Becca Trovato and Julie Zike.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Will Morrison and Joan Nissen.	