



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 20, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Approve Official Interpretation – Application of Outside Competition Legislation to non-NCAA Sports Used for Sports Sponsorship and archive the January 6, 1992, Item No. 3, Official Interpretation.**

- (1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation and archive the January 6, 1992, official interpretation:

Application of Outside Competition Legislation to non-NCAA Sports Used for Sports Sponsorship. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the outside competition prohibition during the playing and practice season only applies to a non-NCAA sport when the institution uses the non-NCAA sport for sports sponsorship (e.g., if the institution uses sailing for sports sponsorship, its sailing student-athletes could not compete on an outside sailing team during the institution's playing season).

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 14.7.1 (outside competition); Bylaw 14.7.2.5 (competition as individual/not representing institution)]

- (2) Rationale. During its February 2019 meeting, the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed whether Bylaw 14.7.1 (outside competition) prohibits a student-athlete, during the defined playing season, from competing on any outside team or just teams in the same sport. As part of that review, the committee reviewed an Official Interpretation [Reference: 1/6/92, Item No. 3] that prohibited student-athletes who participate in sports not sponsored by the NCAA from competing on outside teams in a sport during the institution's playing season. The committee confirmed that the application for this interpretation was limited to student-athletes that participate in sports not sponsored by the NCAA but were used for sports-sponsorship purposes and directed that a new interpretation be issued to clarify the intent of the outside competition legislation. Additionally, the committee noted the need to archive the NCAA Official Interpretation (Reference: 01/06/92, Item No. 3).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of May 16 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its May 16, 2019, teleconference.
2. **Providing medical expenses to student-athletes competing as individuals.** The committee continued consideration of a legislative concept that would permit a student-athlete competing as an individual/not representing the institution to receive medical expenses from their institution at the competition site. The committee directed staff to clarify the current parameters and issues associated with an institution providing medical expenses for a student-athlete who is competing as an individual/not representing their institution for review at its September in-person meeting.
3. **Athletics staff providing letters of recommendation for student-athletes.** The committee reviewed and offered feedback concerning an educational column that provides guidance to the membership when letters of recommendations may be provided to student-athletes.
4. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.
5. **Other business.** None.
6. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Angie Morenz, Blackburn College

Staff Liaisons: Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs

Kaitlyn Purcell, Academic and Membership Affairs

Bill Regan, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee June 20, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University.	
Jim Cranmer, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Annabelle Feist, Williams College (student-athlete).	
Gregg Kaye, Commonwealth Coast Conference.	
Allie Littlefox, Mills College.	
Angie Morenz, Blackburn College.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
Absentees:	
Mila C. Su, Plattsburgh State University of New York.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeff Myers, Kaitlyn Purcell and Bill Regan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	