



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Approve Official Interpretation – Outside Competition During Permissible Break Periods.**

- (1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation:

Outside Competition During Permissible Break Periods. The NCAA Division III Legislation and Interpretations Committee confirmed that a student-athlete may participate in outside competition during any week that is not part of the institution's defined playing season or part of preparation for a post-season championship (e.g. NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA).

[Reference: Bylaws 14.7.1 (Outside Competition).]

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.

Rationale. At its September 2019 meeting, the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the outside competition prohibition only applies during the defined weeks of the season and during the exempted weeks of the season when preparing for postseason championships; therefore, it is permissible for student-athletes to compete during any week that is not part of the declared season. In response, staff issued a staff interpretation consistent with the committee's position in October 2019. The committee believes that elevation of the staff interpretation to an official interpretation will help ensure that the membership is broadly aware of and understands the application of the legislation.

- (3) Budget impact. None.

- (4) Student-athlete impact. Provides greater participation opportunities for student-athletes during the academic year during weeks not included in the playing and practice season.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of Division I staff interpretations.** The committee reviewed staff interpretations issued in Division I between September 1, 2019, and January 31, 2020. There were no staff interpretations issued for Division II during this period.
2. **Review of Divisions I, II and III official interpretations.** The committee reviewed official interpretations issued in Divisions I, II and III between September 1, 2019, and January 31, 2020.
3. **Review of Divisions I and II legislative actions.** The committee started its review of legislative actions in Divisions I and II between September 2019 and January 2020. The committee requested the staff to develop the legislative concepts in Division I Proposal Nos. 2019-107 and 2019-121 for review at a future meeting once Division I completes its additional review with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Lastly, the committee will continue its review of the remaining Divisions I and II legislative actions and Division III editorial revisions on its next teleconference.
4. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.
5. **Other business.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Division III Administrative Committee's recent actions in response to COVID-19.
6. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 2:00 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 March 19, 2020, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University.	
Matt Hill, University of Northwestern – St. Paul.	
Allie Littlefox, Mills College.	
Angie Morenz, Blackburn College.	
Joseph Pavlow, Rosemont College.	
Patrick B. Summers, New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference.	
Mila C. Su, Plattsburgh State University of New York.	
Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeff Myers, Kaitlyn Purcell and Bill Regan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Anyssa Barbosa and Louise McCleary.	