



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review April report.** The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the report from its April 16, 2020, videoconference.
2. **Review of recruiting communication.** The Interpretations and Legislation Committee initiated its review of the recruiting legislation for Division III. Considering the blanket waiver provided by the Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief, in response to COVID-19, that permitted institutions to use virtual platforms to conduct recruiting events with multiple prospective student-athletes that it could have permissibly conducted on-campus. The Interpretations and Legislation Committee started its review with recruiting communication. After receiving an overview of the current legislation regarding recruiting communication, the committee discussed the role of virtual recruiting and reviewed whether virtual recruiting would be a beneficial alternative means of recruiting communication with prospective student-athletes. The committee noted that through these virtual recruiting events have permitted, coaches and other institutional representatives to deliver recruiting presentations in a more cost-effective manner to a greater number of prospective student-athletes and their families at one time.

The committee recognized the potential benefit virtual recruiting has for coaches and institutions and how virtual recruiting through the blanket waiver has been helpful for driving enrollment during a time of institutional budgetary constraints, travel restrictions and closures. Additionally, the committee discussed the role of student-athletes in virtual recruiting both for athletics and the institutions generally, and the need to consider the student-athletes' time commitment to these efforts.

As the committee continues to consider the role of virtual recruiting for Division III, the committee asked staff to (1) gather feedback from the membership and National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on the pros and cons of virtual recruiting through the subcommittee's blanket waiver; and (2) presenting the patterns of questions asked by the membership in the virtual recruiting space. The committee will discuss the feedback and findings as it considers legislative concepts for the 2022 legislative cycle and appropriate steps for the 2020-21 academic year.

3. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and videoconferences.

4. **Other business.** Staff provided an update re the 2020-21 NCAA Division III Compliance Forms.
5. **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 May 21, 2020, Videoconference	
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.	