NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Previously Approved Request List

Institutions may self-apply on campus, any previously approved scenario specifically listed below without filing a formal request through Requests/Self-Reports Online. An institution is only permitted to approve a request if the institution’s circumstances appear on the list of designated previously approved requests, and the circumstances satisfy the specified criteria established for the particular previously approved request. If an institution’s circumstances do not appear on the list of previously approved requests, or if the circumstances do not satisfy all of the established criteria for a particular previously approved request, the institution must submit a formal request to the NCAA national office through Requests/Self-Reports Online for consideration.

Institutions are encouraged to call the student-athlete reinstatement staff at 317-917-6102 with any questions related to the administration of the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list process. This list of previously approved requests will be reviewed and updated on a bi-annual basis by the NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

Previously Approved Waiver Requests:

An institution that applies relief of NCAA legislation based on the specific previously approved waiver requests must inform its conference office of the self-applied relief.

NCAA Bylaw 14.2.2.4 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – Two Approved Hardship Waivers.

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-academic year extension to the student-athlete’s 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility.

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in four seasons of participation in his or her sport within his or her 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility;

2. The student-athlete received two approved hardship waivers from the conference office(s) or the NCAA national office for each year in which the student-athlete was unable to complete the season; and

3. The certifying institution obtains copies of hardship waiver approval letters from conference office(s) or the national office and confirms the student-athlete engaged in intercollegiate participation that constituted use of a season of participation during the academic years for which the hardship waivers were approved.
Notes:

1. See committee’s RSRO Case No. 1084909.

2. The certifying institution must inform the conference office it applied an extension to the student-athlete's 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.

**NCAA Bylaw 14.2.2.4 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – COVID-19 Year – NCAA Institutions.**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply an additional one-semester/one-quarter extension to the student-athlete's 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in a spring sport during 2020 spring semester/quarter due to COVID-19, or the student-athlete received a self-applied season-of-participation waiver -- participation while eligible during 2020 spring semester/quarter due to COVID-19, and the student-athlete was not charged with the use of a semester/quarter during 2020 spring semester/quarter.

2. The student-athlete was otherwise eligible for competition during 2020 spring semester/quarter.

**Notes:**

1. Spring sports: Baseball, men's golf, men's lacrosse, men's outdoor track and field, men's tennis, men's national collegiate beach volleyball, men's national collegiate water polo softball, women's golf, women's lacrosse, women's outdoor track and field, women's rowing, women's tennis, women's national collegiate beach volleyball and women's national collegiate volleyball.

2. See committee's RSRO No. 1097134.

**Bylaw 14.2.2.4: Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – COVID-19 Year – Two-Year Institutions.**

**Spring Sports – 2020**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a two-semester/three-quarter extension to the student-athlete's 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at the two-year institution during spring 2020;
2. The student-athlete participated in a sport that is considered a spring sport by NCAA legislation;

3. The student-athlete received a season-of-competition waiver from the two-year institution or was unable to compete due to COVID-19; and

4. Spring 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

**Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports 2020-21**

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a two-semester/three-quarter extension to the student-athlete's 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible at any point during the academic year;

2. The student-athlete participated in a sport that is considered a fall, winter, or spring sport by NCAA legislation; and

3. Student-athlete was unable to compete due to COVID-19, opted out of participating due to COVID-19 or qualified for a season-of-competition waiver from two-year

Notes:

1. See Committee's RSRO Case Nos. 1185136, 1178812, and 1164975.

2. Certifying institution should obtain in writing confirmation (e.g., email, transfer tracer) from two-year institution the student-athlete was otherwise academically and athletically eligible to compete and either was unable to participate, opted out of participating or received a season-of-competition waiver.

**Previously Approved Reinstatement Requests:**

For eligibility-impacting violations, this list does not absolve the institution of the requirement that it files the violation with the NCAA enforcement staff. Additionally, this list is not intended to suggest that a particular violation no longer impacts a student-athlete's eligibility. Rather, this list allows an institution to itself reinstate a student-athlete based on the specific previously approved requests listed below. In its violation self-report (submitted through RSRO) the institution must indicate that the student-athlete has been reinstated pursuant to the circumstances outlined in this list.
Violations of Bylaw 12.5.1 Promotional Activities--Permissible.

If all of the following are satisfied, the institution may immediately reinstate the student-athlete for competition:

1. The student-athlete permitted the use of his or her name or picture to endorse, advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind (e.g., provides testimonial, posts promotional item on his or her personal social media account);

2. The certifying institution verifies the student-athlete did not receive payment or material benefit (e.g., apparel) of any kind in exchange for the use of his or her name or picture; and

3. The impermissible endorsement, advertisement, recommendation or promotion has been deleted or removed.

Notes:

1. The certifying institution must report the violation to the NCAA enforcement staff through the RSRO system and indicate the student-athlete was reinstated via the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list.

2. See committee's RSRO Case No. 1025128.