NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Previously Approved Request List

The goal in creating a previously approved request list is to reduce bureaucracy and permit the membership and the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to work more efficiently in limited circumstances. Similar to the administration of certain waivers by the NCAA Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief, institutions may self-apply on campus, any previously approved scenario specifically listed below without filing a formal student-athlete reinstatement application. 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 student-athlete reinstatement application to the NCAA national office for consideration.

An institution that applies relief of NCAA legislation based on the specific previously approved waiver circumstances must inform its conference office the previously approved waiver has been applied. An institution that reinstates a student-athlete based on the specific previously approved requests listed below must file the violation with the NCAA enforcement staff through Requests/Self-Report Online, indicating that the student-athlete has been reinstated pursuant to the circumstances outlined in this list. 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 Requests:

**NCAA Bylaw 14.2.2.4 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver.**

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 NCAA national office (one 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 NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement 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.


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 the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 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 institution.

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.
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 RSRO Case No. 1025128.