



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT  
JUNE 5, 2024, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review and discuss sports wagering legislation.** The NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement received an update on the current review of sports wagering legislation and was supportive of deregulating wagering on professional sports, given it does not impact the integrity of college athletics.
2. **Review of pre-enrollment amateurism certification guideline when prospective student-athletes receive compensation from a professional team.** The committee reviewed amateurism certification process (ACP) cases the reinstatement staff has processed since August 1, 2023, where prospective student-athletes received compensation from a professional team, and the prospective student-athletes were charged with the use of one season of participation in accordance with the committee's ACP guidelines. The committee amended its guideline to align like violations pre-enrollment with the starting point post-enrollment.
3. **Review of extra benefit cases involving student-athletes who are compensated for work performed for coaching.** The committee reviewed cases where staff has provided relief for student-athletes who were employed as coaches and received payment which constitutes an extra benefit. The committee agreed with staff relief from withholding and repayment of the value received should be provided if: (a) the student-athlete received payment for work they actually performed; (b) the student-athlete was not provided rules education specific to the employment arrangement constituting an extra benefit; and (c) the student-athlete's career/educational plans changed and the student-athlete had additional eligibility due to the COVID-19 season-of-participation relief provided by the Division III President's Council. Furthermore, the committee agreed when the staff identifies culpability on the part of the student-athlete, the starting point should be the current guideline related to extra benefits.
4. **Review of NCAA Divisions I, II, and III Committees on Student-Athlete Reinstatement policies and procedures.** The committee provided initial feedback on a comprehensive review of the committee's policies and procedures. Based on the committee's initial feedback, staff will draft updated policies and procedures for review during a future meeting.
5. **Legal affairs update.** The committee received an update from the managing director of office of legal affairs.

6. **Review of mental health hardship waiver.** The committee received an update specific to the mental health hardship waiver pilot program and data surrounding the pilot program.
7. **Review of Division III philosophy statement.** The NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reviewed the Division III philosophy statement.
8. **Review Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement December 2023 report.** The committee reviewed, made editorial changes and approved the report from its December 2023 meeting.
9. **Review and discussion of NCAA Division III Summary of Legislative Actions.** The committee received a summary of legislative proposals voted on at 2024 NCAA Convention.
10. **Review of reinstatement guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved editorial revisions to the Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Guidelines.
11. **Review of flexible student-athlete reinstatement decisions.** The committee reviewed and accepted all recent staff decisions that provided relief from established case precedent and/or committee guidelines. All cases will remain available as precedent within RSRO, consistent with NCAA Divisions I, II and III Committees on Student-Athlete Reinstatement policies and procedures.
12. **Governance update.** The committee received a governance update from the managing director of NCAA Division III governance.
13. **Other business.** The committee will conduct a holistic review of its guidelines over the course of the next six months to ensure the guidelines support the modern student-athlete and the division's philosophy.
14. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:
  - a. November/December 2024 (exact date TBD) videoconference.
  - b. May/June 2025 (exact date TBD), Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair:* Abigail Van Vlerah, Manchester University.  
*Staff Liaisons:* Maison Hubbard, Academic and Membership Affairs.  
Liz Perry, Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement June 5, 2024, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Christopher Brown, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Kaitlin Leach, Vassar College.	
Morgan Shaw, Willamette University.	
Abigail Van Vlerah, Manchester University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
George Nazario, The College of New Jersey	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:</b>	
Cynthia Alanis, Connor Bush, Tianna Hill, Jess Rigler and Jerry Vaughn.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Jeff Myers, Greg Pottorff, Bill Regan and Julie Zike.	