



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Paralympic sport references.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee recommends to specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes. Additionally, the committee recommends to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games.
- (2) Effective date. 2020-21 academic year.
- (3) Rationale. In June 2019, the United States Olympic Committee announced that it had formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee to further support and include Paralympic athletes. The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee recommends legislative changes to support and include Paralympic athletes in a similar manner. Currently, there is no reference to the Paralympics or Paralympic athletes in NCAA legislation. The changes would make clear that NCAA rules, waivers and opportunities are afforded to both Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes. References to the USOC will be revised to USOPC as an editorial revision based on the change to the committee's name.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Currently, consideration for student-athletes competing in Paralympic competition is handled through a legislative waiver process. The changes would make clear that NCAA rules, waivers and opportunities are afforded to both Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **November 13, 2018, teleconference report.** The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee approved the report as presented.

2. **United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Legislative Task Force request.** The committee reviewed the request from the USOPC Legislative Task Force to specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes [Attachment]. Additionally, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games. The committee voted to recommend the legislative changes.
3. **Legislative update.** NCAA staff provided an update on 2018-19 legislative outcomes and highlighted the legislative cycle and timelines for the 2019-20 year. The committee expressed an interest to further review Division I Proposal No. C-2019-90 (playing and practice seasons – men’s soccer – academic year playing and practice season model) if the legislation is ultimately introduced.
4. **Committee charge and discussion.** The committee reviewed its charge, composition and duties. Further, the committee discussed areas of success over the past several years in relation to the charge and recognized the agenda and ongoing work of the USOPC Collegiate Advisory Council. The committee agreed that it should maintain an Association-wide scope with a collaborative approach with USOPC staff and representatives from national governing bodies that express issues and strategies relevant to collegiate athletics. Given its legislative impact over time, the committee affirmed a commitment to evaluate ways that NCAA legislation can support Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes and established a quarterly teleconference schedule to coincide with key times in the legislative cycle. Some related concepts and ideas for further committee discussion are as follows:
  - a. Evaluating whether resources are appropriately accessible by student-athletes as they pursue elite-level opportunities;
  - b. Supporting national governing bodies in efforts to educate schools on their sport development pipelines; and
  - c. Supporting international student-athletes to work effectively with the Olympic and Paralympic structure within their countries to pursue elite-level opportunities.
5. **Other business.** The committee agreed to schedule quarterly teleconferences to discuss legislative issues relevant to the committee’s work and stay up to date on USOPC Collegiate Advisory Committee business for continued collaboration.

*Committee Chair:* James Siedliski, American Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Alex Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee September 5, 2019, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Mikayla Costello, Willamette University.	
Sarah Fraser, Quinnipiac University.	
Bruce Gillman, Vassar College.	
Jill Hollembeak, DePaul University.	
Craig McPhail, Lees-McRae College.	
Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University, NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (alternate).	
Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference.	
Rosemary Shea, College of the Holy Cross.	
James Siedliski, American Athletic Conference.	
Steven Winter, Sonoma State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Nick Ely, Notre Dame College (Ohio).	
Khadejah Jackson, University of Oregon.	
Joe Walsh, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Alex Smith and Liz Turner Suscha.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Jenn Fraser.	



**USOPC Legislative Task Force**  
**Legislative Recommendation to Paralympic Games, Teams and Athletes**  
**June 20, 2019**

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### **Recommendations**

1. The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Legislative Task Force requests that the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee recommend that the applicable NCAA divisional governance entities introduce legislation to specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes. Additionally, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games.
2. The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Legislative Task Force requests that the NCAA Division I Autonomy conferences consider sponsoring legislation to specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes. Additionally, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games.
3. The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Legislative Task Force requests that the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee consider recommending to the applicable NCAA divisional governance entities adopt noncontroversial legislation to change the name of the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee to the NCAA Olympic and Paralympic Sports Liaison Committee.

### **Rationale**

In June 2019, the United States Olympic Committee announced that it had formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The change represents the USOPC's continued support and inclusion of Paralympic athletes. In partnership with the USOPC, NCAA legislation should be updated to reflect its similar support and inclusion of Paralympic athletes. Currently, there is no reference to the Paralympics or Paralympic athletes in NCAA legislation. Paralympic student-athletes have voiced the need to include Paralympic references throughout NCAA legislation to make clear that NCAA rules, waivers and opportunities are afforded to both Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes. References to the United States Olympic Committee will be revised to United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee as an editorial revision based on the change to the committee's name.

**Applicable Division I Legislation** (Recommendations apply to corresponding and additional references in Division II and Division II legislation.)

**11.7.1.1.3 Replacement for National or Olympic/Paralympic Team Coaches. [A]** An institution may replace a coach temporarily or on a limited basis when that coach takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team or Olympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the coach who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution.

**12.1.2.1.4.1.3 Incentive Programs for International Athletes.** An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body

(equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

**12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic Games.** Members of an Olympic team may receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic team or the specific sport Olympic team.

**12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance.**

**12.1.2.1.5.1 Operation Gold Grant.**

An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program.

**12.1.2.1.5.2 Incentive Programs for International Athletes.** An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

**12.1.2.4.12 Expenses for Participation in Olympic Exhibitions.** An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), national governing body or the nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic team members and/or members of the national team, provided that if the individual is a student-athlete, he or she misses no class time, and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition.

**12.1.2.4.13 Commemorative Items for Student-Athletes Participating in Olympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events.** It is permissible for student-athletes to receive commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event.

**12.2.3.2.5 Exception—Olympic/National Teams.** It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses).

**12.5.1.1.4.1 Exception—Olympic/National Team.** A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic/national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic/national team.

**12.5.1.9 Olympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships.** A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Pan American, American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section.

**12.8.1.6 Athletics Activity Waiver.** The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or a committee designated by it, shall have the authority to waive this provision by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting to permit student-athletes to participate in:

- (a) Official Pan American, American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and Olympic training, tryouts and competition;
- (b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or
- (c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

**12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment—Seasons of Competition.**

**12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis.**

**12.8.3.2.1.1 Exception—National/International Competition.** For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1:

- (a) Official Olympic Games, Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);
- (b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or
- (c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).

**12.8.3.2.2 Tennis.**

**12.8.3.2.2.1 Exception—National/International Competition.** For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the six-month time

period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2:

- (a) Official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);
- (b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalent (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or
- (c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation.)

#### **12.8.3.2.2.3 Matriculation After 20th Birthday—Tennis.**

**12.8.3.2.2.3.2 Exception—Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships Participation.** Participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.3.

**13.1.7.15 Coaches' Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events.** Coaching staff members may attend Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. However, attendance at qualifying competition for such events, including tryouts, remains subject to the applicable recruiting calendars.

**13.1.7.15.1 Associated Practices.** A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods (or recruiting periods in men's basketball), provided such practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer.

**13.10.2.2.1 Announcer for Broadcast of Prospective Student-Athlete's Athletics Contest.** A member of the athletics staff of a member institution may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest in which a prospective student-athlete is participating, or appear (in person or by means of film, audio tape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. [D]

**14.2.1.8 Exception—U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Practice.** A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The practice sessions take place at the institution the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended;
- (b) In the case of a former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport or women's rowing;
- (c) In the case of a current student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the practice sessions involve an individual or team sport;
- (d) The institution receives confirmation that the U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;
- (e) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;
- (f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic Games; and
- (g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever occurs earlier. A former student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

**14.2.3.2 Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships—Competition.** The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships (including junior levels of such events) who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sports.

**14.4.3.7 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.**

**International Competition.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of participation in the Pan American Games, Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic/Paralympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. Credits earned by the

student during the term or terms to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24-/36-hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which an international competition waiver applies does not count as a term of full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.

**14.4.3.8 Waiver—Olympic Games.** The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee may waive this general progress-toward-degree requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games who because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

**16.8.1.2 Other Competition. [A]** During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

- (a) Established regional (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) and national championship events (including junior regional and national championships);
- (b) The Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) and specific competition (e.g., Olympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for such events; and
- (c) National team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships or the junior level equivalent competition.

**17.02.9 National Team.** A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

**17.\_\_ Olympic and National Team Development Program.** There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one institution, selects the involved participants.

**17.3.8.2 Maximum Number of Student-Athletes on Outside Team.** Following is the maximum number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may compete on an outside team:

- (a) State or national multisport events—2.
- (b) Foreign tour (outside team or all-star team)—2.
- (c) Olympic and national team development programs and competition—No limitations.
- (d) Summer basketball team in certified league—2 [see Bylaw 17.31.4.1-(e)].

**17.13.5.3 Annual Exemptions.**

U.S. Olympic Team. One ice hockey contest each year against the U.S. Olympic ice hockey team during that team's training for participation in the Winter Olympics;

**17.13.8.1.1.2 Exception—Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team.**

**17.31.3 Exceptions—All Sports.**

**(a) High School Alumni Game.**

**(b) Olympic Games.**

A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic Games, and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic Games tryouts.

**(c) Official Pan American Games Tryouts and Competition.**

A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American Games tryouts and competition.

**(d) U.S. National Teams.**

A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams and junior national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

**(e) Official World Championships, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and World Cup Tryouts and Competition.**

A student-athlete may participate in official World Championships, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition.

**(f) Multisport Events.**

A student-athlete may participate in officially recognized state and national multisport events.

**17.31.3.1 National-Team Criteria.**

In applying the regulation permitting exceptions for student-athletes to participate during the institution's intercollegiate season in international competition involving national teams represented in the competition, a national team is defined as one that meets the following criteria: (Revised: 7/30/10, 4/12/13)

- (a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the

equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);

- (b) Selection for such a team is made on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts, publicly announced; and
- (c) The international competition in question requires that the entries officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

#### **21.2.5 Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [#]**

**21.2.5.1 Composition. [#]** The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall consist of 14 members, including at least one from each division. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athletes may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of his or her athletics eligibility.

**21.2.5.2 Duties. [#]** The committee shall:

- (a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic Committee and national governing bodies; and
- (b) Study and make recommendations concerning the Association's appropriate role in the involvement of student-athletes in international athletics.

**21.7.6.3.2 Association-Wide Committees.** The following committees shall report to the Competition Oversight Committee regarding issues related to Division I:

- (a) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee; and
- (b) Playing Rules Oversight Panel (for informational purposes only).

#### **31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics.**

Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic fund.