

Division I COVID-19 Self-Applied Waiver Relief for Season of Competition and Extension of Eligibility

	2019-20 SPRING SPORTS	2020-21 FALL/WINTER SPORTS	2020-21 SPRING SPORTS*
<p style="text-align: center;">Season of Competition</p> <p><i>(Restores season used; does not provide bonus/extra season)</i></p>	<p>1) Student-athlete (SA) used season;</p> <p>2) SA was eligible for competition during spring 2020;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">–AND–</p> <p>3) Season was canceled due to COVID-19.</p> <p>RESULT: SA’s season of competition for spring 2020 restored.</p>	<p>1) SA used season;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">–AND–</p> <p>2) SA was otherwise eligible to compete.</p> <p>RESULT: SA’s season of competition for fall 2020/ winter 2021 restored.</p> <p><i>Note: Applies regardless of the amount of competition.</i></p>	<p>* Spring 2021 SAs who compete are generally charged with use of a season <u>unless</u>:</p> <p>1) Institution or conference canceled or suspended season due to COVID-19;</p> <p>2) SA used season;</p> <p>3) SA did not compete in more than 30% of maximum permissible contests/dates of competition;</p> <p>4) SA was eligible for competition;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">–AND–</p> <p>5) SA and team end competition by selection date for NCAA championship and do not compete in postseason competition.</p> <p><i>Note: If all elements listed above are <u>not</u> present, school may submit season of competition waiver via RSRO if it believes relief is warranted.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Extension of Eligibility</p> <p><i>(Applies on a sport-by-sport basis)</i></p>	<p>SA was eligible for competition during spring 2020.</p> <p>RESULT: Extends SA’s period of eligibility in spring 2020 sport by one year.</p> <p>Must be used at first available opportunity.</p> <p><i>Note: Although NCAA Division I legislation provides every SA with five-year period of eligibility, school and conference policies may be more restrictive.</i></p>	<p>1) SA was otherwise eligible to compete either when season: (a) occurred, or (b) was reasonably expected to take place;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">–AND– <i>(either No. 2 or 3 apply)</i></p> <p>2) SA qualifies for season of competition waiver;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">–OR–</p> <p>3) SA unable/elects not to compete.</p> <p>RESULT: Extends SA’s period of eligibility in fall 2020/winter 2021 sport by one year.</p> <p>Must be used at first available opportunity.</p>	<p><i>No self-applied extensions for 2021 spring sports; must submit extension of eligibility waiver via RSRO.</i></p>



APPLICATION NOTES: COVID-19 SELF-APPLIED WAIVER RELIEF

- Impacted COVID year(s)* are restored if SA competed, rather than providing “extra” year(s)* of competition to SAs who were eligible but did not compete during impacted COVID term(s).
- Extensions of eligibility are sport-specific. For example, outdoor track period of eligibility is different from indoor track period of eligibility. Similarly, if SA attended school that did not sponsor sport during term impacted by COVID-19, schools may not self-apply a COVID-19 extension of eligibility if SA subsequently transfers to a school that sponsors their sport.
- For purposes of 2020-21 fall and winter sport SAs, “otherwise eligible” does not necessarily require that SA be enrolled full time during the relevant term; however, school must verify: (a) SA’s reason for not enrolling full time is due to impact of COVID-19, and (b) SA meets all other eligibility requirements to have competed (e.g., Progress Toward Degree, member of team).
- Self-applied season of competition or extension of eligibility waivers from other NCAA schools (even between divisions) apply at subsequent school. (See [COVID-19 Q&A](#) and [SAR Policies and Procedures](#)).
- Institutions may self-apply season of competition or extension of eligibility waivers from other organizations (e.g., NAIA, NJCAA), provided SA’s enrollment and participation satisfy all listed criteria in [SAR Previously Approved Request List](#).
- If SA does not qualify for self-applied relief, school should determine whether circumstances satisfy [SAR Previously Approved Request List](#) or may submit waiver via RSRO.
- For additional questions, please reference [COVID-19 Q&A](#).

Season of Competition Self-Applied Waiver

2019-20 SPRING SPORTS ONLY

Scenario	SA Used Season in Spring 2019-20	SA Was Eligible to Compete	Season Canceled Due to COVID-19	RESULT: SA Recovers Season Used
1	✓	✓	✓	yes
2	✓	✗	✓	no
3	✓	✓	✗	no

2020-21 FALL/WINTER SPORTS ONLY

Scenario	SA Used Season in Fall/Winter 2020-21	SA Was Eligible to Compete	RESULT: SA Recovers Season Used
1	✓	✓	yes
2	✓	✗	no

2020-21 SPRING SPORTS ONLY



Scenario	Season Canceled or Suspended Due to COVID-19	SA Used Season in Spring 2020-21	SA Did Not Compete in More Than 30% of Bylaw 17 Max Limit	SA Was Eligible to Compete	SA and Team End Competition by NCAA Championship Selection Date and No Postseason Competition	RESULT: SA Recovers Season Used
1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	yes
2	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	no
3	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	no
4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	no

Note: If SA did not compete or season did not commence, SA will not be charged with use of season of competition; therefore, self-applied season of competition relief not available. Move to analysis of self-applied extension of eligibility waiver to determine time remaining on SA’s period of eligibility.

*Indicates possibility of SA receiving self-applied season of competition waiver for spring 2020 and spring 2021 terms.



Extension of Eligibility Scenarios

	SCENARIO 	ANSWER 
1	Baseball SA is on roster and is eligible to compete during 2020 spring semester. Although season commenced, it was ultimately canceled due to COVID-19 and did not resume for remainder of 2019-20 academic year. SA did not compete. Can SA receive self-applied extension of eligibility waiver?	<p>Yes. Since SA was otherwise eligible for competition during 2020 spring semester (e.g., enrolled, on roster, eligible), SA can receive self-applied extension waiver. Note that extension must be used at next available opportunity.</p> <p>Note: Since SA did not compete during 2019-20, season of competition waiver is not applicable, and SA does not receive “extra” season.</p>
2	Women’s swimming and diving SA completed 2019-20 academic year in good academic standing and satisfied PTD requirements. SA elected not to enroll at school during 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19 concerns. Can SA receive self-applied extension relief?	<p>Yes. So long as the school verifies the SA’s reason for not enrolling full-time is due to the impact of COVID-19 and SA meets all other eligibility requirements to have competed, school may self-apply an extension of eligibility. Again, extension must be used at next available opportunity.</p>
3	Men’s soccer SA was enrolled at four-year, international school during 2019-20 academic year. SA was recruited by an NCAA Division I school for 2020 fall enrollment; however, SA did not enroll at any school during 2020-21 academic year. SA subsequently enrolled at an NCAA Division I school 2021 fall semester. Can SA receive self-applied extension relief?	<p>No. Institution cannot self-apply an extension of eligibility given SA was not otherwise eligible to compete during 2020-21 soccer season. Institution may submit waiver via RSRO if mitigation exists.</p>
4	Women’s outdoor track and field SA initially enrolls full-time 2017 fall semester. SA was eligible for competition during 2019-20 outdoor track season; however, season was canceled as a result of COVID-19. SA’s original five-year period of eligibility set to expire 2021-22 academic year; however, with self-applied extension of eligibility in outdoor track, SA’s period of eligibility now expires at conclusion of 2022-23 academic year. Following 2020 spring semester, SA did not satisfy PTD requirements for subsequent 2020 fall and 2021 spring semesters. SA remained on indoor and outdoor track and field rosters; however, SA was ineligible for competition in indoor and outdoor track and field during 2020-21 academic year. When will SA’s period of eligibility expire specific to <u>indoor</u> track and field?	<p>SA’s period of eligibility for indoor track will expire at the end of the 2021-22 academic year (original five-year period of eligibility). Although SA received self-applied extension, extension is specific to outdoor track and field and periods of eligibility are sport-specific. It is important to monitor periods of eligibility for multisport athletes (e.g., women’s volleyball and women’s beach volleyball) separately.</p>
5	Third-year student tries out for and makes football team during 2021 fall semester, therefore, triggering SA status. Student was enrolled full-time at school during 2020-21 academic year and was approached multiple times by football staff to try out for team in 2020-21 season. Prior to COVID-19, SA intended to try out and join team for 2020-21 season. As a result of COVID-19, however, school’s athletic department prohibited tryouts for all programs during 2020-21 academic year. SA would have otherwise satisfied initial and continuing eligibility requirements for 2020-21 academic year. Can SA receive self-applied extension relief?	<p>No. Institution cannot self-apply an extension of eligibility given SA was not otherwise eligible to compete. Institution may submit waiver via RSRO if mitigation exists.</p>