



**Actions Approved by the Division II Administrative Committee
Related to Regulations and Policies Impacted by COVID-19
Updated: June 10, 2020**

For more information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the following resources on the [NCAA's COVID-19 webpage](#):

1. Resources on the resocialization of collegiate sport: [Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport](#), [Action Plan Considerations](#) and [FAQ](#).
2. Interpretative guidance on existing Division II legislation and action taken based on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: [Division II COVID-19 Question and Answer Guide](#).

Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Recruiting dead period affecting all sports.	<p>Adopted emergency legislation to immediately implement a dead period in all sports through May 31. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.</p> <p>Adopted emergency legislation to implement a quiet period June 1 through July 31, 2020. It is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.</p>	<p align="center">3/13/20</p> <p align="center">Updated 4/1/20, 5/13/20, 6/10/20</p>
Reimbursement of costs associated with previously planned official and unofficial visits.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to reimburse prospective student-athletes with any costs associated with canceled official or unofficial visits. Such reimbursement would not trigger use of a prospective student-athlete's one permissible official visit.	3/13/20
Offering of institutional athletics aid agreements.	Adopted emergency legislation to specify that institutional athletics aid agreements cannot be issued until April 15.	3/18/20

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		Updated 4/1/20, 4/8/20
Recruiting contacts with signed prospective student-athletes.	Although legislation provides flexibility, institutions are not encouraged to engage in in-person recruiting on or off campus.	3/18/20
Adjust the deadline for coaches certification.	Issued a blanket waiver to extend the 2019-20 certifications through August 31, 2020.	3/18/20
Institutional camps and clinics.	<p>Confirmed that institutional camps and clinics are not permitted during the dead period in place through May 31.</p> <p>Institutional camps and clinics can be held during the quiet period effective June 1 through July 31, subject to applicable public health guidance and institutional and conference decisions.</p> <p>Confirmed institutional camps and clinics can take place at any location, subject to applicable public health guidance and institutional and conference decisions.</p> <p>Confirmed coaching staff members are permitted to be employed at a noninstitutional camp or clinic during the quiet period.</p>	<p>3/25/20</p> <p>Updated 4/8/20, 5/13/20, 5/20/20, 6/10/20</p>
Student-athlete involvement in virtual recruitment.	<p>Issued a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to be involved in recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) at the direction of a coaching staff member until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term with:</p> <p>(1) High school prospective student-athletes graduating in spring/summer 2020;</p>	<p>4/15/20</p> <p>Updated 5/6/20</p>

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	(2) Two-year college prospective student-athletes transferring for the fall 2020 term; and (3) Four-year college transfers who have been granted permission to contact.	
Prospective student-athlete involvement in team meetings and activities.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit a committed prospective student-athlete (e.g., signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission) to participate in virtual team meetings that do not involve physical activity. Only current student-athletes and institutional staff members may be present (e.g., boosters, alumni cannot be present).	4/15/20 Updated 4/22/20
Transcript requirement prior to issuing National Letter of Intent or athletics aid agreement.	(1) Allowed institutions to provide a grade report in the event an unofficial transcript is unavailable; and (2) If a grade report is unavailable, institutions may submit a waiver for review on a case-by-case basis.	4/15/20
Advertisements and promotions (Bylaw 13.4.3.1)	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to produce any promotional material for purposes of recruiting, provided publicity legislation (Bylaw 13.10) is followed.	5/6/20
Recruiting activity with multiple uncommitted prospective student-athletes.	Adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit coaching staff members and current student-athletes to participate on a telephone/video call with any number of uncommitted prospective student-athletes (and their family members) until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term. All other publicity restrictions (Bylaw 13.10) apply. Current student-athletes may only be involved in recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) with:	5/20/20

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Reinstatement Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Season-of-competition waivers – spring.	Allowed institutions to self-apply season-of-competition waivers for student-athletes whose 2019-20 spring season was canceled, provided all of the following criteria are met: (1) The student-athlete used a season of competition in a spring sport during the 2019-20 academic year; (2) The student-athlete was eligible for competition when he or she competed during the 2019-20 academic year; and (3) The student-athlete’s season was ultimately canceled for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak.	3/13/20
Extension requests – spring.	Allowed institutions to self-apply extension of eligibility waivers for student-athletes whose 2019-20 spring season was canceled, provided all of the following criteria are met: (1) The student-athlete was eligible for competition during the 2019-20 academic year; (2) The student-athlete would have otherwise exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility after the spring 2020 term; and	3/13/20 Criteria amended 3/18/20, 3/25/20

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	<p>(3) The student-athlete’s season was ultimately canceled for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>The extension would be for the entire 2020-21 academic year, as opposed to one semester.</p>	
<p>If blanket waiver is self-applied, discuss application of Bylaw 14.2.2.4.1.1 (application of waiver).</p>	<p>Issued blanket waiver to permit a student-athlete to enroll at any point during the 2020-21 academic year.</p>	<p>3/18/20</p>
<p>Application of season of competition waivers and extension of eligibility waivers for transfers.</p>	<p>Confirmed that the rules and decisions made by other divisions and organizations (e.g., NAIA, junior college) regarding use of a season regarding use of a season of competition or 10 semesters/15 quarters in spring 2020 would follow the student-athlete upon transfer.</p> <p>A Division II student-athlete who transfers to another Division II institution for the 2020-21 academic year would also retain use of the self-applied waiver(s). (See financial aid section for application of equivalency relief.)</p>	<p>3/25/20</p>
<p>Winter sports.</p>	<p>Did not provide relief for the season of competition or provide an extension of eligibility for winter sport season student-athletes.</p>	<p>4/1/20</p>
<p>Impact on student-athletes that were required to serve a drug testing penalty in spring 2020 but were unable to do so due to the institution’s cancellation of spring 2020 sports.</p>	<p>Questions on the application of drug testing penalties should be submitted through RSRO for clarification on application of penalties.</p>	<p>4/22/20</p>
<p>Impact on student-athletes that were required to serve a reinstatement withholding condition in spring 2020 but</p>	<p>Questions on the application of reinstatement withholding conditions should be addressed on a case-by-case basis with the case manager.</p>	<p>4/22/20</p>

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were unable to do so due to the institution's cancellation of spring 2020 sports.		

Financial Aid Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Financial aid equivalency limits.	<p>Issued a blanket waiver to allow student-athletes who would have used their fourth season of competition or exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility during the spring 2020 term to receive athletics aid for the 2020-21 academic year without counting toward team equivalency limits (i.e., treat these student-athletes as if they are receiving exhausted eligibility athletics aid).</p> <p>This relief only applies if the student-athlete remains at their original institution. If the student-athlete transfers, the athletics aid received at the new institution would count toward team equivalency limits.</p>	<p>3/13/20</p> <p>Criteria amended 3/18/20 and 3/25/20</p>
Providing room and board to a student-athlete on financial aid if the campus is closed for the spring term or the remainder of the spring term.	Flexibility already exists based on the current application of financial aid rules.	3/18/20
If an institution chooses to conduct practice and a student-athlete fails to report, does this constitute voluntary withdrawal and the institution can reduce/cancel athletics aid?	Flexibility already exists based on the current application of financial aid, but institution is encouraged to work with its legal counsel.	3/18/20
Degree-Completion Awards for 2020-21.	For spring sports student-athletes who were awarded an extension request, waived current requirements so they can participate in their	3/25/20

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	last season during the 2020-21 academic year and still receive the award. Additionally, a student-athlete may still receive athletics aid.	Updated 3/30/20
Adjustments to tuition, fees, room and/or board costs and impact on student-athlete athletics aid.	Confirmed the following application of financial aid legislation: (1) Institutions are not required to adjust full grant-in-aid and equivalency calculations if refunds are provided. (2) Student-athletes may receive any refunds given to the general student body, even if athletics aid paid the initial cost through an athletics aid agreement. Such a refund is an institutional decision. (3) If an institution does not provide refunds for the spring 2020 term and instead applies a credit to costs for the 2020-21 academic year, the credit will not count toward 2020-21 equivalencies.	4/1/20
July 1 renewal deadline.	Kept the deadline as is. If needed, institutions can file individual waiver requests.	4/8/20
2020-21 academic year athletics aid reductions or cancellations due to COVID-19	Confirmed it is permissible for an institution to include a nonathletically related condition [see Bylaw 15.5.4.1.1] in its 2020-21 financial aid agreements related to COVID-19 (e.g., reduction of room and board if an institution only conducts online courses for the fall 2020 term). Institutions are encouraged to consult with legal counsel and risk management.	5/6/20
2020-21 academic year athletics aid reductions or cancellations due to COVID-19	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to reissue athletics aid agreements for the 2020-21 academic year to include a COVID-19 related condition, even if the aid agreement has already been signed. Revised aid agreements must be sent by the July 1 deadline for renewals. Institutions are encouraged to consult with legal counsel and risk management.	5/6/20

Awards and Benefits Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Extra benefits (e.g., meals, lodging, travel).	Flexibility already exists for institutions to provide necessary housing and meals through the Committee for Legislative Relief incidental expense waiver list . Issued a blanket waiver to provide flexibility for institutions to provide any necessary transportation (e.g., flights to/from campus) to ensure the health and well-being of student-athletes.	3/13/20
Reimbursement of costs associated with a foreign tour.	Issued a blanket waiver to provide flexibility for institutions to reimburse student-athletes for any costs paid for a foreign tour that is cancelled.	4/15/20
Student-athlete housing blocks.	Issued a blanket waiver for the 2020-21 academic year to permit institutions to make housing arrangements as determined to be necessary with COVID-19 considerations, including student-athlete specific housing blocks.	6/10/20
Providing benefits (e.g., housing and meals) prior to the first permissible date of preseason practice.	Confirmed that it is permissible per Bylaw 16.4 (medical expenses) to provide benefits (e.g., housing and meals) to a student-athlete who needs to return to campus for medical reasons (e.g., COVID-19 testing, quarantine) prior to the start of preseason practice, as the institution has determined that an earlier return to campus is medically necessary.	6/10/20

Transfer Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Transfer portal/permission to contact issues.	Provided additional authority to the enforcement staff, as follows: (1) For violations of a failure to provide permission to contact within the legislated timeframe (i.e., 14 consecutive calendar days) due to COVID-related challenges, provide flexibility from normal	4/1/20

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	<p>enforcement penalties. Student-athlete would still be automatically granted permission to contact by default; and</p> <p>(2) For violations of contacting a student-athlete who does not have permission to contact, provide flexibility to apply enhanced enforcement penalties for tampering.</p>	
Impact on four-year college transfer legislation.	<p>(1) Confirmed application of transfer legislation will remain the same; and</p> <p>(2) Referred review of the run-off guideline to the Committee for Legislative Relief for consideration of COVID-19 impact.</p>	4/8/20

Academic Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Progress-toward-degree requirements (term-by-term, academic year and annual credit hour requirements, GPA requirement).	<p>Issued a blanket waiver of the following progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2019-20 academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term-by-term (Bylaw 14.4.3.2), academic year (Bylaw 14.4.3.3) and annual credit hour requirements (Bylaw 14.4.3.4); • GPA requirement (Bylaw 14.4.3.5); • Transferrable nine-semester/eight-quarter hours for student-athletes whose last full-time term of attendance was spring 2020 (Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1); and • Average of 12-transferrable credit hour requirement for transfers with one season or two-semester/three-quarters remaining, provided the student-athlete was on track to meet that requirement prior to the spring 2020 term (Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9-d). <p>Student-athletes must be in good academic standing to be eligible for competition in the fall 2020 term.</p>	5/13/20

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	<p>Institutions are still required to complete an eligibility list for the 2020-21 academic year (see Bylaw 14.11.2).</p> <p>Student-athletes must meet all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements during the 2020-21 academic year.</p>	
Full-time enrollment.	Issued a blanket waiver for the spring 2020 term to permit student-athletes to participate in countable athletically related activities while enrolled less than full-time, provided the student-athletes were initially enrolled full-time for the spring 2020 term.	3/13/20
Impact on student-athletes who utilized Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) during the 2020 spring semester and implications for full-time enrollment in fall 2020.	Issued a blanket waiver to waive the application to permit student-athletes to retain their eligibility if they are not able to complete their graduation requirements in the spring 2020 term due to COVID-19 impact.	3/18/20
Eligibility requirements for 2020-21 academic year.	Confirmed that full-time enrollment and progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2020-21 academic year remain the same.	5/6/20
Two-year college transfer requirements for prospective student-athletes who are impacted by COVID-19 related issues (e.g., certifying institution does not accept pass/fail grades, two-year college ceased operations, two-year college transitioned to remote learning).	<p>Allowed institutions to self-apply a two-year college transfer waiver for prospective student-athletes transferring for the 2020-21 academic year provided all of the following criteria were met and the student-athlete was enrolled in the courses necessary entering the 2020 spring term:</p> <p>(1) The student-athlete was on track to complete at least two full-time semesters or three quarters at the two-year college;</p> <p>(2) The student-athlete was on track to satisfactorily complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit for each full-time term of attendance at the two-year college;</p>	<p>5/6/20</p> <p>Updated 5/13/20</p>

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	<p>(3) The student-athlete was on track to satisfactorily complete the following transferable credit-hour requirements: a) six semester or eight quarter hours of English; b) three semester or four quarter hours of Math; and c) three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science; and</p> <p>(4) The student-athlete has presented a minimum transferable grade-point average of 2.2.</p> <p>The institution is responsible for maintaining documentation on campus as is currently required for progress-toward-degree waivers in the previously approved waiver checklist.</p>	
<p>Impact on student-athletes who were serving an academic year in residence for initial eligibility, transfer and organized competition.</p>	<p>Issued a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to use the spring 2020 term toward meeting the academic year in residence requirement, even if a student-athlete completes the spring 2020 term enrolled less than full-time after beginning the term full-time.</p>	<p>4/8/20</p>
<p>Given the unique circumstances and cancellations (e.g., spring terms, leaving exams, ACT/SAT dates), will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students with an expected spring/summer 2020 graduation date who initially enroll full time in 2020-21?</p>	<p>Students will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver (athletics aid, practice and competition) in the academic certification process if they successfully complete at least 10 core-course units before starting the seventh semester and present a 2.2 or higher core GPA in such courses.</p> <p>Students will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver for athletics aid and practice (i.e., partial qualifier) relief of initial-eligibility requirements for expected Spring/Summer 2020 graduates who present at least 10 core units with a 2.000 GPA before starting the seventh semester of high school.</p>	<p>4/15/20, 5/20/20</p>

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How will the Eligibility Center approach schools that issue pass/fail grades for core courses completed in spring/summer 2020?	Credits earned in pass/fail core courses in spring/summer 2020 will apply toward the core-course requirement, but quality points (2.3) for passed core units will only be included for GPA purposes if the student's core GPA would increase with their inclusion. Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved pass/fail courses in Spring/Summer 2020.	4/15/20
Due to school closures and international mail disruptions, will there be any flexibility in requiring official academic documents for students with an expected spring/summer 2020 graduation date who initially enroll full time in 2020-21?	If official documents are unavailable, unofficial documents may be used in the certification, provided such documents are submitted to the Eligibility Center directly from the email address associated with the student's Eligibility Center account.	4/15/20

Playing and Practice Seasons Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
Countable athletically related activity restrictions for student-athletes who remain on campus.	Directed institutions to follow applicable playing and practice seasons legislation based on Bylaw 17.	3/13/20
Extension of nonchampionship segment (e.g., waivers were approved for the fires in California in past years) and spring football practice.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to resume the nonchampionship segment and spring football practice by the number of days lost due to athletics activities being suspended once those activities resume. Nonchampionship segment cannot extend beyond the end of the playing season in the respective sport as outlined in Bylaw 17.	3/18/20

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If institution is closed, is it considered a vacation period? In addition, what impact does this have on outside competition legislation in Bylaw 14 and 17 if spring sport season is cancelled?	<p>Consider an institutional closure (e.g., no academic classes for the remainder of the term) to be an immediate vacation period and apply playing and practice seasons legislation accordingly.</p> <p>If an institution has cancelled the season, the outside competition restrictions would not apply. Institutions and student-athletes are encouraged to follow applicable public health guidance regarding activities.</p>	3/18/20
Rescheduling a foreign tour during an otherwise impermissible period.	Kept the legislation as is. If needed, institutions can file individual waiver requests.	4/15/20
Summer activities.	Adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit voluntary workouts at the request of the student-athlete for team sports until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term. These workouts are already permissible in individual sports.	5/6/20
Team entertainment activities in the summer at the direction of the coaching staff	Issued a blanket waiver to permit a committed prospective student-athlete (e.g., signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission) and student-athletes to participate in voluntary team entertainment activities (excluding physical activities) at the direction of a coaching staff member until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term.	5/13/20

Membership Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Sports sponsorship.	Issue a blanket waiver to provide relief of sports sponsorship requirements for institutions that cancel spring seasons.	3/13/20

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Three-season requirement.	Issue a blanket waiver to provide relief of the three-season requirement for institutions that cancel spring seasons.	3/13/20
Reporting and other requirements for institutions in the membership process.	Issue a waiver to provide relief of the June 1 deadline for institutions in the membership process and other requirements, as needed.	3/13/20
Membership process visits. Explore conducting visits conducted in another manner (i.e., webinar or teleconference).	Cancel visits scheduled for spring 2020 and explore alternate methods for conducting visits.	3/13/20
Reporting requirements for active institutions (i.e., ASR, ISSG, sports sponsorship and demographic form, health and safety survey, APC, membership dues).	Issued a blanket waiver to provide relief of the various legislated deadlines for active institutions. Staff to work with appropriate committees or internal groups to determine extended deadlines.	3/18/20
Impact of furloughs on membership requirements (e.g., full-time compliance administrator, athletics healthcare administrator).	Legislation remains the same. Waivers to be submitted as needed.	4/8/20
Sports sponsorship requirements for 2020-21.	Referred review of these issues to the Membership Committee to provide a recommendation.	4/8/20

Championships Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Championship selection requirements for 2020-21 academic year (e.g., contest requirements).	Referred review of these issues to the Championships Committee to provide a recommendation.	4/8/20

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Delay of implementation of new playing rules requirements (e.g., bat testing, three-point line).	<u>Baseball</u> : Regular-season baseball bat testing delayed until Spring 2022 season (although a visual inspection of bats required for the 2021 season). <u>Men's Basketball</u> : New three-point line delayed until 2021-22 season. <u>Men's Lacrosse</u> : Second visible shot clock delayed until Spring 2022 season. <u>Swimming and Diving</u> : Required minimum number of officials (depending on the size of the meet) delayed until 2021-22 season.	4/30/20
Terms of service for members serving on regional advisory committees for spring sports.	Authorized staff to act on the recommendation from the conference commissioners regarding extension of terms.	4/8/20
Terms of service for sport committee members.	Current terms will not be extended.	4/8/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
May 18 deadline for certification that institutions have in place a concussion management plan that meets requirements of settlement agreement.	Deadline will remain as is.	3/18/30
Impact on legislative process deadlines (e.g., July 15 membership sponsored deadline, publication releases).	Legislated dates will remain as is.	4/1/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
Board of Governors Policy on Attestation of Sexual Violence Prevention.	(1) Moved the deadline to June 15, 2020. (2) Changed the signatory requirement so that only the athletics director must sign the modified form to minimize cross-campus connections. (3) Made available online education for student-athletes, coaches and administrators.	4/3/20
Revenue and Expenditures Report	Deadline will remain as is.	4/9/20
Conference Grant Program reporting requirements for 2019-20 grants.	Planning and Finance Committee adopted the following changes to the 2019-20 and 2020-21 conference grant reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences will not be required to spend a minimum 10% in each of the five strategic positioning outcome areas. Conferences are encouraged to meet the minimum 10%, but the Planning and Finance Committee will provide flexibility if conferences cannot meet the requirements due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. • There will be no limit on the amount a conference can carry over to the following academic year. • The Planning and Finance Committee will review the annual conference audit management letters that have been conducted for this reporting cycle but will provide flexibility when the Board/ Presidents Group of a conference has decided to not conduct an audit. If the Board/Presidents Group of a conference decides to not conduct an audit, the committee requests that the conference attaches the management letter from the previous year and notes such decision in the text box where the auditor’s name and contact information should be entered. The committee will revisit this requirement and provide additional flexibility for the 2020-21 report, as needed. 	4/28/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other requirements for the conference grant program still apply (e.g., June 30 deadline, fines for late submission, complete reporting on initiatives/subgrants that have taken place, permissible uses.) 	
Enhancement Fund – sports sponsorship calculation for 2022 distribution.	Planning and Finance Committee agreed to use the sports that institutions in each conference reported as intending to sponsor in spring 2020 (as part of their 2019 Sports Sponsorship and Demographic submission) for purposes of determining each conference’s sports sponsorship distribution for the March 2021 allocation.	4/28/20