



**Actions Approved Related to Regulations and Policies
Impacted by COVID-19 for the for the 2021-22 Academic Year
Update: June 2, 2021**

Bylaw 13: Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
<p>Reimbursement of costs associated with canceled official or unofficial visits.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Blanket waiver ends on January 22, 2022 (date of the Division II Business Session at the 2022 NCAA Convention). [Note: Legislation Committee also recommended 2022 Convention legislation, to be reviewed by the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council at summer 2021 meetings.]</p>	<p>3/13/20</p> <p>Updated 6/2/21</p>
Bylaw 14.2: Seasons of Competition Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
<p>Organized competition legislation.</p>	<p>Issued a blanket waiver of the organized competition legislation to permit a prospective student-athlete, who has not previously enrolled full- time at a collegiate institution and whose legislated grace period concluded prior to or during the 2021-22 academic year, to engage in organized competition during the 2021-22 academic year without using a season of competition, provided the prospective student-athlete did not utilize the previous COVID-19 relief in the 2020-21 academic year.</p> <p>A prospective student-athlete may use the approved COVID-19 relief to waive only one season of competition for participation in organized competition before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.</p>	<p>5/6/21</p>

Bylaw 14.2: Seasons of Competition Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	The waiver will be applied by the NCAA staff during the NCAA Eligibility Center amateurism certification process and reflected in the student-athlete's certification.	

Bylaw 14.3: Initial Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Given continued uncertainty due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full-time in <u>2022-23</u> ?	Students who initially enroll full-time in 2022-23 will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver if they meet legislated requirements (qualifier, early academic qualifier, partial qualifier) without test scores.	4/13/21
Should current policies regarding pass/fail grades and unofficial documents be extended for students who initially enroll full-time in <u>2022-23</u> ?	Students who successfully complete pass/fail courses will receive 2.3 quality points for such courses, and unofficial documents may be used in the certification for students who initially enroll full-time in 2022-23.	4/13/21

Bylaws 14.1/14.4: Full-Time Enrollment and Progress-Toward-Degree Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Full-time enrollment for 2021-22 academic year.	Issued a blanket waiver of the full-time enrollment legislation for student-athletes who during the 2021-22 academic year use the previously approved self-applied COVID relief of an additional season of competition and/or extension of eligibility relief, and will exhaust their eligibility following the 2021-22 academic year, as follows:	5/6/21

Bylaws 14.1/14.4: Full-Time Enrollment and Progress-Toward-Degree Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	<p>a. For student-athletes who have graduated, they may participate in practice and competition provided they are enrolled in a minimum of six-semester or six-quarter hours in a second baccalaureate or graduate program.</p> <p>b. For student-athletes who will graduate during the 2021-22 academic year, they may participate in practice or competition provided they are enrolled in a minimum of nine-semester or eight-quarter hours.</p> <p>(Note: student-athletes who practice or compete while enrolled less than full-time would use a semester/quarter.)</p>	
Progress-toward-degree certifications for the 2021 fall term.	Approved an addition to the ARC previously approved waiver checklist to allow institutions to utilize the impact of COVID-19 as a catastrophic event for purposes of self-application of the checklist for fall 2021 certifications.	6/2/21

Bylaw 14.5: Transfer Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Application of the discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception as a result of COVID-19 cancellations.	<p>Adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaws 14.5.4.6.1 and 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/ nonsponsored sport exception) to specify that, if an institution does not participate in competition during the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19, a student-athlete does not have access to the discontinued/ nonsponsored sport exception to be immediately eligible for competition.</p> <p>This legislation applies to student-athletes transferring on or after January 7, 2021, except for those student-athletes who signed a written commitment prior to that date.</p>	1/6/21

Bylaw 15: Financial Aid Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Financial aid equivalency limits for the 2021-22 academic year.	<p>Issued a blanket waiver to permit a student-athlete, regardless of sport, who would have used their fourth season of competition or exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility during the 2020-21 academic year to receive athletics aid for the 2021-22 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 for the 2021-22 academic year, the athletics aid received at the new institution will count toward team equivalency limits.</p>	9/2/20

Bylaw 16: Awards and Benefits Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
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
Student-athlete housing blocks.	Issued a blanket waiver for the 2021-22 academic year to permit institutions to make housing arrangements as determined to be necessary with COVID-19 considerations, including student-athlete specific housing blocks.	6/2/21

Bylaw 20: Membership Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Reporting deadline for ISSG Class 1 institutions.	Issued a blanket waiver to extend the deadline for institutions in ISSG Class 1 from June 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, due to COVID-19. Institutions in ISSG	12/7/20

Bylaw 20: Membership Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
	<p>Class 1 will not move to a new class and shall submit their next ISSG by June 1, 2026.</p> <p>Note: This relief does not apply to Provisional Year One institutions in the membership process.</p>	