



# Regional Rules

# Division I Academic COVID-19 Q&A

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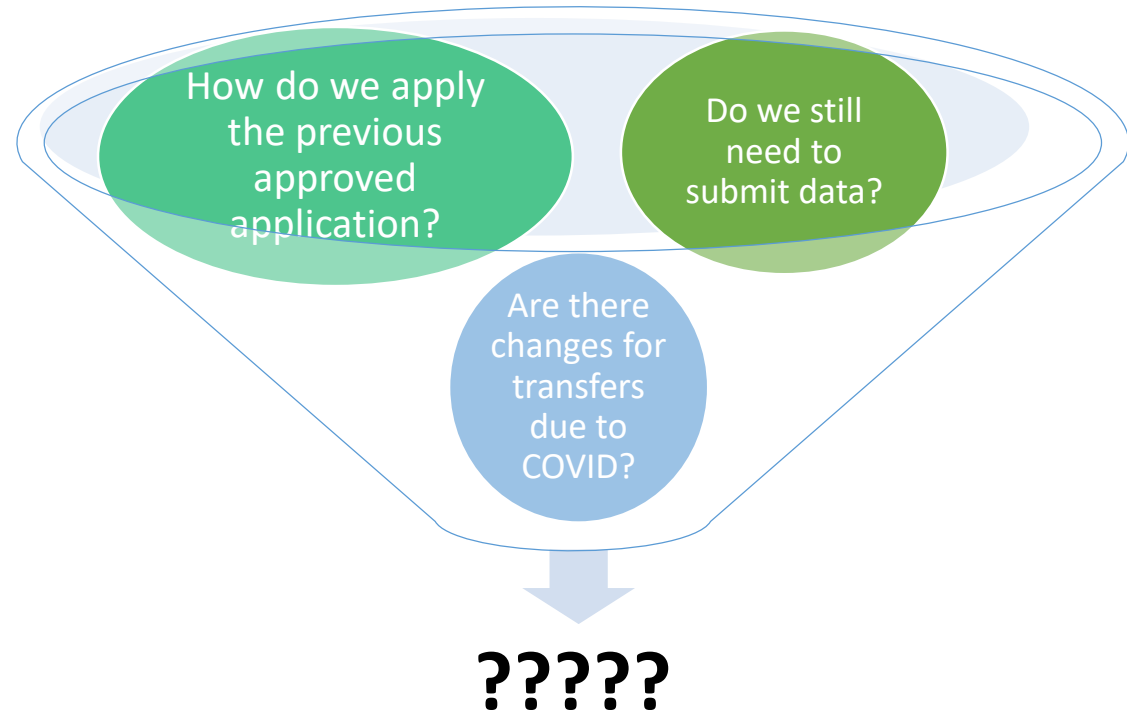
# Overview

COVID-19

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# COVID-19 & PTD



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# Enrollment & PTD

- Full-time enrollment/Enrollment Options
- Progress-Toward Degree for Continuing Students
- Applying the Previously Approved Waivers Checklist
- 2-4/4-4 Transfers



# MEMBERSHIP PTD QUESTIONS

1. What are the expectations on depth and details to have when we provide covid19 PTD waivers to insure its not blanketed and abused?
2. What are the plans for relief if the fall semester starts in-person and goes to all virtual instruction? Will the same information for Spring 2020 apply, or will there be new standards pushed out?
3. If another outbreak occurs prior to a vaccine being implemented will there be an extension for certification between the fall and spring semesters if operations on campus are slowed?
4. Do we need to be prepared to file a waiver for a student-athlete that does not return in the Fall semester, but comes back in the spring?
5. Will the same rules regarding practice apply if a student-athlete starts the semester full-time then must drop to part-time?



# MEMBERSHIP PTD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- COVID-related PTD waivers: specifically in regard to the Catastrophic Events and High Achieving Students parts of the Previously Approved Waivers document.
  - The Catastrophic Events section talks about the student-athletes experiencing “a loss” and the High Achieving Students section references mitigating factors from the current directive. Guidance in both areas would be appreciated.



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# 2-4 Requirements

- No blanket or self-applied relief available.
- SAs who fall short of 2-4 transfer requirements due to COVID-19 may file a waiver request via RSRO.



# 4-4 Year in Residence

- Existing transfer waiver guidelines (e.g., student-athlete injury/illness, financial hardship) will continue to be used in evaluating cases for student-athletes transferring to a new Division I institution due to COVID-19; however, staff will also exercise discretion and sensitivity when the prescribed outcome of the guidelines or case precedent impacts the health or safety of the student-athlete or an immediate family member.



# COVID-19 & APP



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# APP OVERVIEW

- Institutions are still required to submit data.
- All students that meet the cohort definition must be included in the team cohort.
- Lost eligibility points that cannot be addressed through a previously approved waiver (no pending competition), may be addressed through the normal adjustment request process.



# MEMBERSHIP APP QUESTIONS

1. What criteria is being used to determine whether or not a student-athlete can receive an adjustment for the retention (“R”) point, if they don’t return due to COVID-19 concerns?
  - Current APP policy requires all adjustment requests be accompanied by contemporaneous supporting documentation for lost point(s):
    - Letters from SA/family members explaining inability to return;
    - Evidence of employment/termination/financial difficulties;
    - Contemporaneous medical documentation from the treating physician
    - Letters from the appropriate institutional official.



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2. With the NBA draft moved to October 2020, how will the professional departure be handled?

- The COA subcommittee on data is reviewing the professional adjustment related to the NBA. Additional information will be provided to the membership once available.
- Other professional leagues:
  - Current APP policy requires a SA to establish participation as a professional athlete prior to the fifth week of class or census date, whichever is earlier, of the next academic year to qualify for the adjustment (in addition to earning the E point).
  - The following do not meet APP policy as established participation as a professional: signing a contract with an agent; signing a commercial endorsement agreement; declaring for a professional sports draft; or participating in professional sports tryouts.

