



# COVID-19 Impact on Compliance

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# FLEXIBILITY

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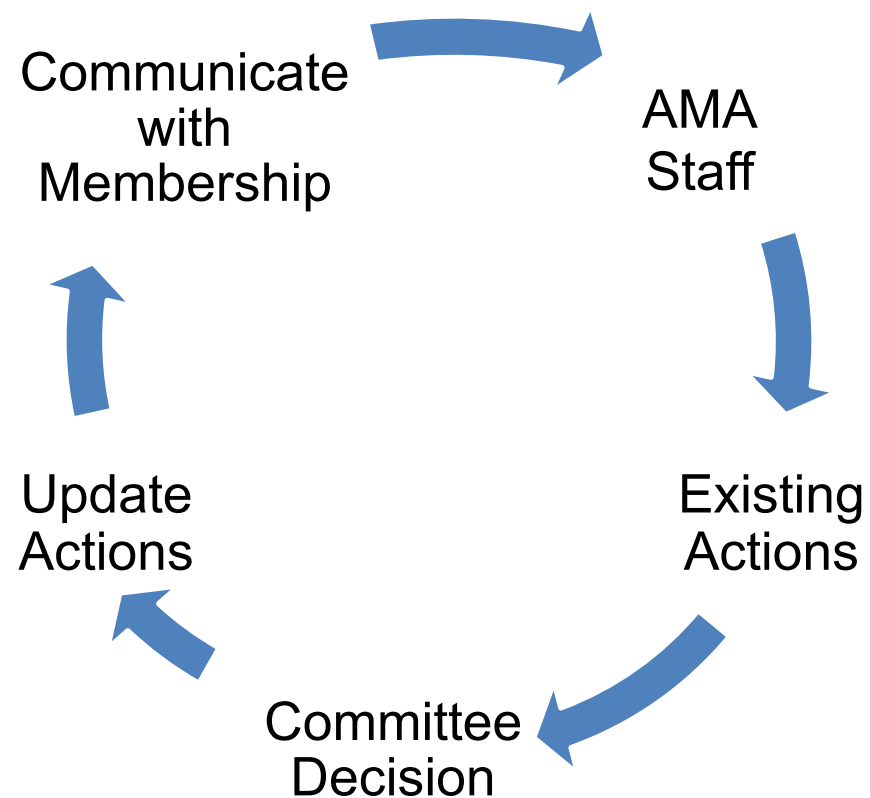
# Agenda

- The Process.
- Membership and Championship Requirements.
- Recruiting.
- Eligibility.
- Playing Seasons.

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# The Process



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# Resources for Committees

- NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel.
- Sport Science Institute.
- COVID-19 Internal Working Group.
- Division III Commissioners Survey.
- Membership Feedback.

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# MEMBERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# Membership Requirements

- Blanket waiver for 2019-20 academic year relieving institutions from sponsorship deficiencies due to cancellation of spring sports.
- Submission deadline of the 2019-20 Institutional Self Study Guide was extended to May 31, 2021.

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# Membership and Championship Requirements

## Contest Minimums

- Contest minimums required for sport sponsorship and championships eligibility are lowered for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Specifically, the contest minimums are decreased by one-third.

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# Recruiting

- Virtual recruiting involving multiple prospective student-athletes.
- Allowed via waiver issued by the Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (April 2, 2020) provided activity could otherwise occur on campus.
- Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee will continue to review whether a potential legislative recommendation for greater virtual recruiting flexibility is warranted.

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# ELIGIBILITY

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# Eligibility

## Use of Season and Semester

- Spring sport student-athletes will not be charged with the use of a season of participation or the use of a semester for the spring 2020 semester.
- Administrative Committee. (March 13, 2020)
- Additional review by Student-athlete Reinstatement Committee. (May 14, 2020)

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# Eligibility

## Additional Semester

- Previously approved waiver list: Extension waiver- COVID-19 Pandemic:
  - Institutions may self-apply without submitting a request through RSRO
  - The facts have to be the same as those on the list.
    - ([DIII SAR Previously Approved Request List](#))
  - The additional semester has to be used in the term immediately following expiration of the student's 10 semester/15 quarter period.

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# Eligibility

## Full-Time Enrollment

- Waivers for student-athlete to participate while enrolled less than full-time (that does not satisfy a legislative exception) will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Subcommittee for Legislative Relief advised the following for waiver submissions:
  - Detail the enrollment status of the student for the entire year and how the courses proposed to be taken, while less than full time, are in furtherance of an academic or career goal; and
  - Have an academic authority outside of athletics, certify that the proposed academic path is acceptable.

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# Eligibility

## Graduate Directive

- Graduate students that graduated from non-Division III institutions, will need a waiver to participate.
- Amended directive. (Spring 2019)
  - Graduated within four years.
  - Seasons of participation measured by Division III standards.
  - No breaks in enrollment.
  - 3.0 or better GPA.

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# PLAYING SEASONS

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# Playing Seasons Summer Period

- Institutional staff may interact with student-athletes virtually either individually or as a team. (Administrative Committee 5/13 and 5/26.)
- Purpose: To promote connectivity with the institution and teammates with the focus of fostering student-athlete mental and physical well being.

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# Playing Seasons

## Summer Period (cont.)

- Virtual interactions may include discussions regarding workouts; strategy related to the sport; and other athletics information that is typically not permitted outside the season.
- Institutional staff may not conduct or monitor virtual workouts.
- Interactions are for the benefit of the student-athlete. There should not be any adverse consequences for a student-athlete that does not engage in the interactions.

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# Playing Seasons

## Fall Semester

Administrative Committee approved a waiver allowing the following:

- First permissible practice date for all fall sports (including football) is August 10 or the first day of classes, whichever is earlier; and
- Unlimited administrative days (i.e. days when institution may pay expenses for student-athletes to be on campus but may not conduct athletically related activities)

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# Playing Seasons

## Fall Semester (cont.)

Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee will review the following for potential recommendations to the Administrative Committee:

- Length and structure of fall sport season.
  - Discuss appropriate flexibility if fall season is shortened to provide a positive student-athlete experience.

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# Playing Seasons

## Fall Semester (cont.)

- Non-traditional segment for spring sports.
  - Discuss appropriate flexibility for a more robust non-traditional segment (e.g. more competitions, more practices).
- Contest maximums
- Timeline: Ongoing through June.

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# Questions?

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