



**NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement  
Previously Approved Request List  
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**Educational Column.**

Institutions may self-apply on campus, any previously approved scenario specifically listed below without filing a formal request through NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO). An institution is only permitted to approve a request if the institution's circumstances appear on the list of designated previously approved requests and the circumstances satisfy the specified criteria established for the particular previously approved request. If an institution's circumstances do not appear on the list of previously approved requests or if the circumstances do not satisfy all of the established criteria for a particular previously approved request, the institution must submit a formal request to the NCAA national office through RSRO for consideration.

Institutions are encouraged to call the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff at 317-917-6102 with any questions related to the administration of the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list process. The list of previously approved requests will be reviewed and updated on a biannual basis by the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

**Previously Approved Waiver Requests:**

An institution that applies relief of NCAA legislation, based on the specific previously approved waiver circumstances, must inform its conference office of the self-applied relief.

**NCAA Bylaw 12.8.1.7: Five-Year Rule Waiver – Two Approved Hardship Waivers.**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-academic year extension to the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in four seasons of competition in their sport within the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility;
2. The student-athlete received two approved hardship waivers from the conference office(s) or the national office for each year in which the student-athlete was unable to complete the season; and
3. The certifying institution obtains copies of hardship waiver approval letters from conference office(s) or the national office and confirms the student-athlete engaged in intercollegiate competition that constituted use of a season of competition during the academic years for which the hardship waivers were approved.

NOTES:

1. See NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement RSRO Case No. 1017729.
2. The certifying institution must inform the conference office it applied an extension to the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.

**Bylaw 12.8.1.7: Five-Year Rule Waiver – Redshirt Year and Approved Hardship Waiver.**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-academic year extension to the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility:

1. The student-athlete was unable to participate in four seasons of competition in their sport within the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility;
2. The student-athlete attended an NCAA institution and did not compete during one of the student-athlete's years of collegiate enrollment;
3. The student-athlete received an approved hardship waiver from the conference office or the national office for another year during their five-year period of eligibility in which the student-athlete was unable to complete the season; and
4. The certifying institution obtains a copy of (1) the squad list from the student-athlete's year of collegiate enrollment occurring at an NCAA institution which clearly demonstrates the student-athlete was both academically and athletically eligible to compete during the asserted redshirt year; and (2) hardship waiver approval letter from conference office or the national office, and confirms the student-athlete engaged in intercollegiate competition that constituted use of a season of competition during the academic year for which the hardship waiver was approved.

NOTES:

1. See Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement RSRO Case Nos. 1166750 and 1165464.
2. See the July 13, 2018, Educational Column in LSDBi for guidance on application of NCAA Division I Bylaw 12.8.1.7.1-(a) (redshirt provision).
3. If the student-athlete's redshirt year occurred at a previous NCAA institution, the student-athlete's previous NCAA institution may send a redacted squad list to the certifying institution.

4. If the redshirt year occurred at a non-NCAA institution, the certifying institution must file the five-year rule waiver request to the student-athlete reinstatement staff through RSRO.
5. NCAA legislation specific to the redshirt provision of a five-year rule waiver “is limited to one time in a student-athlete’s period of eligibility”; therefore, the certifying institution cannot use more than one redshirt year to extend a student-athlete’s period of eligibility.
6. The certifying institution must inform the conference office it applied an extension to the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.

**Previously Approved COVID-19 Waiver Requests:**

An institution that applies relief of NCAA legislation, based on the specific previously approved waiver circumstances, must inform its conference office of the self-applied relief.

**Bylaw 12.8.1.7: Five-Year Rule Waiver – Non-NCAA Institution.**

**Spring Sports -- 2020**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-academic year extension to the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility:

1. Student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at non-NCAA institution during spring 2020;
2. Student-athlete participated in a sport that is considered to be a spring sport by NCAA legislation; and
3. Spring 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

**Fall Sports -- 2020-21**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-academic year extension to the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility:

1. Student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at non-NCAA institution: (1) During fall 2020; or (2) During a term in which the institution reasonably intended to conduct competition;
2. Student-athlete participated in a sport that is considered to be a fall sport by NCAA legislation; and
3. Student-athlete was unable to compete, elected not to compete, or qualified for a season-of-competition waiver -- competition while eligible.

### **Winter 2020-21**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may apply a one-academic year extension to the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility:

1. Student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at non-NCAA institution: (1) During winter 2020-21; or (2) During a term in which the institution reasonably intended to conduct competition;
2. Student-athlete participated in a sport that is considered to be a winter sport by NCAA legislation; and
3. Student-athlete was unable to compete, elected not to compete, or qualified for a season-of-competition waiver -- competition while eligible.

#### **NOTES:**

1. See Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement RSRO Case Nos. 1101397 and 1103310.
2. See the April 1, 2020, Educational Column on NCAA.org for what is considered a spring sport, a fall sport and a winter sport.
3. The certifying institution must inform its conference office it applied an extension to the student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.

#### **Bylaw 12.8.6: Season-of-Competition Waiver – Competition While Eligible – Non-NCAA Institution.**

### **Spring Sports -- 2020**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may self- apply a season-of-competition waiver – competition while eligible for the 2019-20 academic year:

1. Student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at non-NCAA institution during spring 2020;
2. Student-athlete triggered use of a season in a sport that is considered to be an NCAA spring sport; and
3. Spring 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

### **Fall Sports -- 2020-21**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may self-apply a season-of-competition waiver – competition while eligible for the 2020-21 academic year:

1. Student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at non-NCAA institution during fall sport's 2020-21 season; and
2. Student-athlete triggered use of a season in a sport that is considered to be an NCAA fall sport.

### **Winter Sports -- 2020-21**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may self-apply a season-of-competition waiver – competition while eligible for the 2020-21 academic year:

1. Student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible to compete at non-NCAA institution during winter sport's 2020-21 season; and
2. Student-athlete triggered use of a season in a sport that is considered to be an NCAA winter sport.

### **NOTES:**

1. See Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement RSRO Case Nos. 1102237, 1099683, 1099681, 1099499, 1099496, 1099494, 1099489 and 1101863.
2. See the April 1, 2020, Educational Column on NCAA.org for what is considered a spring sport, fall sport and a winter sport.
3. The certifying institution must inform its conference office it applied a season-of-competition waiver – competition while eligible, pursuant to conference office policies and procedures.

### **Previously Approved Reinstatement Requests:**

For eligibility impacting violations, this list does not absolve the institution of the requirement that it must file the violation with the NCAA enforcement staff. Additionally, this list is not intended to suggest that a particular violation no longer impacts a student-athlete's eligibility. Rather, this list allows an institution, itself, to reinstate a student-athlete based on the specific previously approved requests listed below. In its violation self-report (submitted through RSRO), the institution must indicate that the student-athlete has been reinstated pursuant to the circumstances outlined in this list.

**Bylaws 13.6.7.9 and 13.7.4: Activities During Official/Unofficial Visit.**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may reinstate the student-athlete for competition:

1. The certifying institution arranged a miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aid or permitted the prospective student-athlete to engage in game-day simulations during their official/unofficial visit; and
2. The recruiting aid or game-day simulation did not contain any personalized tangible benefit (e.g., personalized food items).

**NOTES:**

1. See Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement RSRO Case Nos. 1045203 and 1054545.
2. The certifying institution must report the violation to the enforcement staff and indicate the prospective student-athlete was reinstated via the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list.

**Bylaw 15.1: Maximum Limit on Financial Aid – Individual.**

If **all** of the following are satisfied, the institution may reinstate the student-athlete for competition **after** they have fully repaid the excess financial aid to a charity of the student-athlete's choice, or the certifying institution:

1. The student-athlete received financial aid in excess of the maximum individual limit;
2. The student-athlete received the financial aid through appropriate channels and overaward was as a result of institutional error; and
3. The student-athlete was unaware they were overawarded.

**NOTES:**

1. See Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement RSRO Case Nos. 1004561 and 1045650.
2. The certifying institution must report the violation to the enforcement staff and indicate the student-athlete was reinstated via the student-athlete reinstatement previously approved request list.

3. If the certifying institution is seeking relief from repayment or flexibility from immediate repayment afforded through repayment or community service agreement(s), the institution must submit a formal student-athlete reinstatement request through RSRO.