Division III August Webinar
COVID-19 and Waiver Updates

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We will begin at promptly 1 p.m. (EST).
Agenda

• Student-Athlete Reinstatement Previously Approved Waiver List.
• Full-Time Enrollment.
• 2020-21 Academic Year Proactive Blanket Waivers: Season of Participation and Eligibility Extension.
• Virtual Recruiting Waiver.
• Membership Waiver.
• Alternative Playing Seasons Model.
• Questions and Answers.
SAR Previously Approved Waiver List: Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver - COVID-19 Pandemic Year

• COVID-19 Pandemic Year - SAR previously approved waiver provides additional one-semester extension if the following conditions are met:
  o Student-athletes (SAs) unable to participate in a spring sport during the 2020 spring semester/quarter due to COVID-19 or received season-of-participation waiver during 2020 spring semester/quarter.
  o SA was otherwise eligible for competition during the 2020 spring semester/quarter.
  o Only applies to 2020 spring sport SAs.
  o Extension must be used in term immediately following expiration of SA’s 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility.

• See RSRO Case Nos. 1097134 and 1099566.
Full-Time Enrollment

• All current full-time enrollment requirements and exceptions continue to apply for the 2020-21 academic year.

• For spring sport SAs who would have completed their eligibility in spring 2020, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief will review requests for less than full-time enrollment on a case by case basis.

• Criteria for such requests include:
  o Student-athletes must remain students while participating.
  o Course work furthers an academic or career goal.
  o Proposed academic plan is approved by an academic authority outside of athletics.
2020-21 Academic Year – Blanket Waivers

• Season-of-Participation Waiver.
  o 50% or less of contest/dates of competition maximums.
  o If team completes more than 50% of contest/date of competition maximum, SA does not qualify for blanket waiver regardless of SA’s competition count.

• Extension of Eligibility Waiver.
  o Two-semester extension if SA was unable to participate in their sport during the 2020-21 academic year due to the impact of COVID-19 or SA qualified for blanket season-of-participation waiver.
  o SA otherwise eligible.

• As things develop, NCAA staff will provide further clarification regarding blanket waivers.
Virtual Recruiting

• Current blanket waiver expires August 1, 2020.

• SLR has approved a new waiver, effective August 1, 2020, that permits virtual recruiting with multiple prospective student-athletes with the following parameters:
  o Chat function is permissible.
  o May involve PSAs, including outside groups, regardless of age or grade level.
  o Not limited by who initiates the event.
  o Using student-athlete is permissible if their involvement is voluntary, occurs during the academic year and no class is missed.
  o May publicize the event but may not publicize/promote the participation of an individual or group of PSAs.
Membership Waivers

• The Division III Membership Committee reduced the minimum number of contests required for sport sponsorship by 33% for the 2020-21 academic year.

• Committee is reviewing other membership requirements during their August meeting (e.g. one all-male and all-female sport per season).
  
  o A waiver of membership requirements should only be submitted when an institution is certain that it will not meet a requirement(s).
Alternative Playing Seasons Model

Optional

Primary Differences

The playing and practice seasons are defined by days;
Days do not have to occur consecutively or in consecutive weeks;
There is not a distinction between the traditional and nontraditional segments.
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<td><strong>First permissible practice date</strong></td>
<td>The earlier of Aug. 10 or the first day of class.</td>
<td>Oct. 1 for basketball, bowling, ice hockey and wrestling. For all other sports, the earlier of Sept. 7 or the first day of class.</td>
<td>The earlier of Aug. 10 or the first day of class for golf, tennis and rowing. For all other sports, the earlier of Sept. 7 or the first day of class.</td>
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<td><strong>First permissible contest date</strong></td>
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<td><strong>End of season</strong></td>
<td>Five weekdays before the 1st day of the institution's final exam period for the regular academic year.</td>
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<td>Conclusion of NCAA championships.</td>
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*144 days if sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field.
Alternative Playing and Practice Seasons Model

• Additional Considerations.
  o Contest limit.
  o Eligibility.
  o Male practice players.
  o Out of season athletically related activities.
  o Outside competition.
  o Designation of the playing season.
Questions?

• All questions, must be submitted via your computer, using the following instructions:
  o Click on the Q&A icon – in the middle of your screen. It will open a text box on the right side of your computer screen.
  o Type in message and click on send.