



**Actions Approved by the Division II Administrative Committee
Related to Regulations and Policies Impacted by COVID-19
Updated: May 6, 2020**

Recruiting Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Recruiting dead period affecting all sports.	Adopted emergency legislation to immediately implement a dead period in all sports through at least May 31. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.	3/13/20 Updated 4/1/20
Reimbursement of costs associated with previously planned official and unofficial visits.	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.	3/13/20
Offering of institutional athletics aid agreements.	Adopted a resolution to specify that institutional athletics aid agreements cannot be issued until April 15.	3/18/20 Updated 4/1/20, 4/8/20
Recruiting contacts with signed prospective student-athletes.	Although legislation provides flexibility, institutions are not encouraged to engage in in-person recruiting on or off campus.	3/18/20
Adjust the deadline for coaches certification.	Issued a blanket waiver to extend the 2019-20 certifications through August 31, 2020.	3/18/20
Institutional camps and clinics during the dead period.	Confirmed that institutional camps and clinics are not permitted during the dead period in place through at least May 31.	3/25/20 Updated 4/8/20
Student-athlete involvement in virtual recruitment.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to be involved in recruiting correspondence (e.g., phone call, videoconference) at the direction of a coaching staff member until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term with:	4/15/20 Updated 5/6/20

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	(1) High school prospective student-athletes graduating in spring/summer 2020; (2) Two-year college prospective student-athletes transferring for the fall 2020 term; and (3) Four-year college transfers who have been granted permission to contact.	
Prospective student-athlete involvement in team meetings.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit a committed prospective student-athlete (e.g., signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission) to participate in virtual team meetings that do not involve physical activity. Only current student-athletes and institutional staff members may be present (e.g., boosters, alumni cannot be present).	4/15/20 Updated 4/22/20
Transcript requirement prior to issuing National Letter of Intent or athletics aid agreement.	(1) Allowed institutions to provide a grade report in the event an unofficial transcript is unavailable; and (2) If a grade report is unavailable, institutions may submit a waiver for review on a case-by-case basis.	4/15/20
Advertisements and promotions (Bylaw 13.4.3.1)	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to produce any promotional material for purposes of recruiting, provided publicity legislation (Bylaw 13.10) is followed.	5/6/20

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Season-of-competition waivers – spring.	Allowed institutions to self-apply season-of-competition waivers for student-athletes whose 2019-20 spring season was canceled, provided all of the following criteria are met: (1) The student-athlete used a season of competition in a spring sport during the 2019-20 academic year;	3/13/20

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	(2) The student-athlete was eligible for competition when he or she competed during the 2019-20 academic year; and (3) The student-athlete's season was ultimately canceled for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak.	
Extension requests – spring.	Allowed institutions to self-apply extension of eligibility waivers for student-athletes whose 2019-20 spring season was canceled, provided all of the following criteria are met: (1) The student-athlete was eligible for competition during the 2019-20 academic year; (2) The student-athlete would have otherwise exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility after the spring 2020 term; and (3) The student-athlete's season was ultimately canceled for reasons related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The extension would be for the entire 2020-21 academic year, as opposed to one semester.	3/13/20 Criteria amended 3/18/20, 3/25/20
If blanket waiver is self-applied, discuss application of Bylaw 14.2.2.4.1.1 (application of waiver).	Issued blanket waiver to permit a student-athlete to enroll at any point during the 2020-21 academic year.	3/18/20
Application of season of competition waivers and extension of eligibility waivers for transfers.	Confirmed that the rules and decisions made by other divisions and organizations (e.g., NAIA, junior college) regarding use of a season regarding use of a season of competition or 10 semesters/15 quarters in spring 2020 would follow the student-athlete upon transfer.	3/25/20

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	A Division II student-athlete who transfers to another Division II institution for the 2020-21 academic year would also retain use of the self-applied waiver(s). (See financial aid section for application of equivalency relief.)	
Winter sports.	Did not provide relief for the season of competition or provide an extension of eligibility for winter sport season student-athletes.	4/1/20
Impact on student-athletes that were required to serve a drug testing penalty in spring 2020 but were unable to do so due to the institution's cancellation of spring 2020 sports.	Questions on the application of drug testing penalties should be submitted through RSRO for clarification on application of penalties.	4/22/20
Impact on student-athletes that were required to serve a reinstatement withholding condition in spring 2020 but were unable to do so due to the institution's cancellation of spring 2020 sports.	Questions on the application of reinstatement withholding conditions should be addressed on a case-by-case basis with the case manager.	4/22/20

Financial Aid Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Financial aid equivalency limits.	Issued a blanket waiver to allow student-athletes who would have used their fourth season of competition or exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility during the spring 2020 term to receive athletics aid for the 2020-21 academic year without counting toward team equivalency limits (i.e., treat these student-athletes as if they are receiving exhausted eligibility athletics aid).	3/13/20 Criteria amended 3/18/20 and 3/25/20

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	This relief only applies if the student-athlete remains at their original institution. If the student-athlete transfers, the athletics aid received at the new institution would count toward team equivalency limits.	
Providing room and board to a student-athlete on financial aid if the campus is closed for the spring term or the remainder of the spring term.	Flexibility already exists based on the current application of financial aid rules.	3/18/20
If an institution chooses to conduct practice and a student-athlete fails to report, does this constitute voluntary withdrawal and the institution can reduce/cancel athletics aid?	Flexibility already exists based on the current application of financial aid, but institution is encouraged to work with its legal counsel.	3/18/20
Degree-Completion Awards for 2020-21.	For spring sports student-athletes who were awarded an extension request, waived current requirements so they can participate in their last season during the 2020-21 academic year and still receive the award. Additionally, a student-athlete may still receive athletics aid.	3/25/20 Updated 3/30/20
Adjustments to tuition, fees, room and/or board costs and impact on student-athlete athletics aid.	Confirmed the following application of financial aid legislation: (1) Institutions are not required to adjust full grant-in-aid and equivalency calculations if refunds are provided. (2) Student-athletes may receive any refunds given to the general student body, even if athletics aid paid the initial cost through an athletics aid agreement. Such a refund is an institutional decision. (3) If an institution does not provide refunds for the spring 2020 term and instead applies a credit to costs for the 2020-21 academic year, the credit will not count toward 2020-21 equivalencies.	4/1/20
July 1 renewal deadline.	Kept the deadline as is. If needed, institutions can file individual waiver requests.	4/8/20

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2020-21 academic year athletics aid reductions or cancellations due to COVID-19	Confirmed it is permissible for an institution to include a nonathletically related condition [see Bylaw 15.5.4.1.1] in its 2020-21 financial aid agreements related to COVID-19 (e.g., reduction of room and board if an institution only conducts online courses for the fall 2020 term). Institutions are encouraged to consult with legal counsel and risk management.	5/6/20
2020-21 academic year athletics aid reductions or cancellations due to COVID-19	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to reissue athletics aid agreements for the 2020-21 academic year to include a COVID-19 related condition, even if the aid agreement has already been signed. Revised aid agreements must be sent by the July 1 deadline for renewals. Institutions are encouraged to consult with legal counsel and risk management.	5/6/20

Awards and Benefits Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Extra benefits (e.g., meals, lodging, travel).	Flexibility already exists for institutions to provide necessary housing and meals through the Committee for Legislative Relief incidental expense waiver list . Issued a blanket waiver to provide flexibility for institutions to provide any necessary transportation (e.g., flights to/from campus) to ensure the health and well-being of student-athletes.	3/13/20
Reimbursement of costs associated with a foreign tour.	Issued a blanket waiver to provide flexibility for institutions to reimburse student-athletes for any costs paid for a foreign tour that is cancelled.	4/15/20

Transfer Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Transfer portal/permission to contact issues.	Provided additional authority to the enforcement staff, as follows: (1) For violations of a failure to provide permission to contact within the legislated timeframe (i.e., 14 consecutive calendar days) due to COVID-related challenges, provide flexibility from normal enforcement penalties. Student-athlete would still be automatically granted permission to contact by default; and (2) For violations of contacting a student-athlete who does not have permission to contact, provide flexibility to apply enhanced enforcement penalties for tampering.	4/1/20
Impact on four-year college transfer legislation.	(1) Confirmed application of transfer legislation will remain the same; and (2) Referred review of the run-off guideline to the Committee for Legislative Relief for consideration of COVID-19 impact.	4/8/20

Academic Eligibility Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Progress-toward-degree requirements (e.g., term-by-term, academic year and annual credit hour requirements, GPA requirement).	Flexibility already exists for relief due to catastrophic events through the Academic Requirements Committee previously approved waiver checklist .	N/A
Full-time enrollment.	Issued a blanket waiver for the spring 2020 term to permit student-athletes to participate in countable athletically related activities while enrolled less than full-time, provided the student-athletes were initially enrolled full-time for the spring 2020 term.	3/13/20
Impact on student-athletes who utilized Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) during the 2020 spring semester and	Issued a blanket waiver to waive the application to permit student-athletes to retain their eligibility if they are not able to complete their	3/18/20

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implications for full-time enrollment in fall 2020.	graduation requirements in the spring 2020 term due to COVID-19 impact.	
Eligibility requirements for 2020-21 academic year.	Recommend that full-time enrollment and progress-toward-degree requirements for the 2020-21 academic year remain the same.	5/6/20
Two-year college transfer requirements for prospective student-athletes who are impacted by school closures.	Allowed institutions to self-apply a two-year college transfer waiver for prospective student-athletes transferring for the 2020-21 academic year provided all of the following criteria were met and the student-athlete was enrolled in the courses necessary entering the 2020 spring term: (1) The student-athlete was on track to complete at least two full-time semesters or three quarters at the two-year college; (2) The student-athlete was on track to satisfactorily complete an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit for each full-time term of attendance at the two-year college; (3) The student-athlete was on track to satisfactorily complete the following transferable credit-hour requirements: a) six semester or eight quarter hours of English; b) three semester or four quarter hours of Math; and c) three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science; and (4) The student-athlete has presented a minimum transferable grade-point average of 2.2. The institution is responsible for maintaining documentation on campus as is currently required for progress-toward-degree waivers in the previously approved waiver checklist.	5/6/20
Impact on student-athletes who were serving an academic year in residence for	Issued a blanket waiver to permit student-athletes to use the spring 2020 term toward meeting the academic year in residence requirement, even	4/8/20

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initial eligibility, transfer and organized competition.	if a student-athlete completes the spring 2020 term enrolled less than full-time after beginning the term full-time.	
Given the unique circumstances and cancellations (e.g., spring terms, leaving exams, ACT/SAT dates), will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students with an expected spring/summer 2020 graduation date who initially enroll full time in 2020-21?	Students will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver (athletics aid, practice and competition) in the academic certification process if they successfully complete at least 10 core-course units before starting the seventh semester and present a 2.2 or higher core GPA in such courses.	4/15/20
How will the Eligibility Center approach schools that issue pass/fail grades for core courses completed in spring/summer 2020?	Credits earned in pass/fail core courses in spring/summer 2020 will apply toward the core-course requirement, but quality points (2.3) for passed core units will only be included for GPA purposes if the student's core GPA would increase with their inclusion. Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who successfully complete NCAA-approved pass/fail courses in Spring/Summer 2020.	4/15/20
Due to school closures and international mail disruptions, will there be any flexibility in requiring official academic documents for students with an expected spring/summer 2020 graduation date who initially enroll full time in 2020-21?	If official documents are unavailable, unofficial documents may be used in the certification, provided such documents are submitted to the Eligibility Center directly from the email address associated with the student's Eligibility Center account.	4/15/20

Playing and Practice Seasons Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
Countable athletically related activity restrictions for student-athletes who remain on campus.	Directed institutions to follow applicable playing and practice seasons legislation based on Bylaw 17.	3/13/20
Extension of nonchampionship segment (e.g., waivers were approved for the fires in California in past years) and spring football practice.	Issued a blanket waiver to permit institutions to resume the nonchampionship segment and spring football practice by the number of days lost due to athletics activities being suspended once those activities resume. Nonchampionship segment cannot extend beyond the end of the playing season in the respective sport as outlined in Bylaw 17.	3/18/20
If institution is closed, is it considered a vacation period? In addition, what impact does this have on outside competition legislation in Bylaw 14 and 17 if spring sport season is cancelled?	Consider an institutional closure (e.g., no academic classes for the remainder of the term) to be an immediate vacation period and apply playing and practice seasons legislation accordingly. If an institution has cancelled the season, the outside competition restrictions would not apply. Institutions and student-athletes are encouraged to follow applicable public health guidance regarding activities.	3/18/20
Rescheduling a foreign tour during an otherwise impermissible period.	Kept the legislation as is. If needed, institutions can file individual waiver requests.	4/15/20
Summer activities	Adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit voluntary workouts at the request of the student-athlete for team sports until the start of the institution's fall 2020 term. These workouts are already permissible in individual sports.	5/6/20

Membership Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Sports sponsorship.	Issue a blanket waiver to provide relief of sports sponsorship requirements for institutions that cancel spring seasons.	3/13/20
Three-season requirement.	Issue a blanket waiver to provide relief of the three-season requirement for institutions that cancel spring seasons.	3/13/20
Reporting and other requirements for institutions in the membership process.	Issue a waiver to provide relief of the June 1 deadline for institutions in the membership process and other requirements, as needed.	3/13/20
Membership process visits. Explore conducting visits conducted in another manner (i.e., webinar or teleconference).	Cancel visits scheduled for spring 2020 and explore alternate methods for conducting visits.	3/13/20
Reporting requirements for active institutions (i.e., ASR, ISSG, sports sponsorship and demographic form, health and safety survey, APC, membership dues).	Issued a blanket waiver to provide relief of the various legislated deadlines for active institutions. Staff to work with appropriate committees or internal groups to determine extended deadlines.	3/18/20
Impact of furloughs on membership requirements (e.g., full-time compliance administrator, athletics healthcare administrator).	Legislation remains the same. Waivers to be submitted as needed.	4/8/20
Sports sponsorship requirements for 2020-21.	Referred review of these issues to the Membership Committee to provide a recommendation.	4/8/20

Championships Issues	Outcome	Decision Date
Championship selection requirements for 2020-21 academic year (e.g., contest requirements).	Referred review of these issues to the Championships Committee to provide a recommendation.	4/8/20
Terms of service for members serving on regional advisory committees for spring sports.	Authorized staff to act on the recommendation from the conference commissioners regarding extension of terms.	4/8/20
Terms of service for sport committee members.	Current terms will not be extended.	4/8/20

General Questions	Outcome	Decision Date
May 18 deadline for certification that institutions have in place a concussion management plan that meets requirements of settlement agreement.	Deadline will remain as is.	3/18/30
Impact on legislative process deadlines (e.g., July 15 membership sponsored deadline, publication releases).	Legislated dates will remain as is.	4/1/20
Board of Governors Policy on Attestation of Sexual Violence Prevention.	(1) Moved the deadline to June 15, 2020. (2) Changed the signatory requirement so that only the athletics director must sign the modified form to minimize cross-campus connections. (3) Made available online education for student-athletes, coaches and administrators.	4/3/20
Revenue and Expenditures Report	Deadline will remain as is.	4/9/20