



MEMORANDUM

September 20, 2017

VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Division II and III Football Conference Commissioners.

FROM: Steve Shaw
Secretary-Rules Editor, NCAA Football Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Halftime Extension – Limited Waiver Opportunity.

As you are likely aware, the Football Rules Committee reinforced its rule regarding halftime before this season (Rule 3-2-1-b) to more stringently enforce the 20-minute limitation that is in the rules book. The rationale for the more stringent enforcement is an attempt to limit overall game times, particularly in Division I competition, without removing playing time or impacting other rules more central to the game.

It is important to note that there is strong support for the 20-minute halftime overall in the membership and enforcement has generally been smooth. However, it was brought to the attention of the committee that this enforcement may have created a hardship for some institutions (e.g., halftime activities, facility concerns, etc.). After consideration and communication with others in the membership, waiver requests will be accepted by the committee from DII and DIII Commissioners and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Collecting these waiver requests will also help the committee as it considers adjustments to the rules in February 2018.

To request a waiver, please send an email to Ty Halpin (thalpin@ncaa.org) and include any information that would support the need for relief. Thank you for your time and attention to this communication. Good luck as the season progresses.

SS:as

cc: Selected NCAA Staff

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