



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
FEBRUARY 28, 2018, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Modification of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.5.5.1 Four-Year College Transfers Directive.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed its four-year college undergraduate transfer directive and determined that the directive should be modified to include an academic analysis and permit immediate eligibility to be provided, in limited circumstances, for student-athletes who are not eligible to use the one-time transfer exception. The Committee for Legislative Relief agreed to forward the following to the NCAA Division I Council Transfer Working Group, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and the NCAA Division I Council.
 - a. Recommendation. Amend the Committee for Legislative Relief policies to specify that immediate eligibility may be provided to student-athletes seeking eligibility for the 2018-19 academic year, as follows:
 - (1) The transfer is due to documented mitigating circumstances that are outside the student-athlete's control and directly impact the health, safety and well-being of the student-athlete;
 - (2) At the time of transfer to the certifying institution, the student-athlete would have been athletically and academically eligible and in good standing on the team had he or she remained at the previous institution;
 - (3) The certifying institution must certify that the student-athlete meets percentage-of-degree requirements; and
 - (4) The previous institution's athletics administration does not oppose the transfer.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate, for student-athletes seeking eligibility for the 2018-19 academic year.
 - c. Rationale. The Committee for Legislative Relief discussed transfer year-of-residence waivers since the new directive became effective for student-athletes transferring for the 2015-16 academic year and thereafter. The Committee for Legislative Relief noted that while the overall undergraduate transfer waiver volume has decreased due to the implementation of the transfer directive, since the adoption of the "egregious behavior" modification to the transfer directive, the committee has noticed an increase in transfer requests, many of which are submitted with questionable rationales to support immediate eligibility. Additionally, the Committee for Legislative Relief and NCAA staff have received increased feedback over the last several months from the membership at all positional levels (e.g., director of athletics, president, compliance, coach, faculty) and all Division I membership levels regarding the perceived harsh outcome of waivers under the current transfer directive. Lastly, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted that while the Transfer Working Group is conducting an ongoing review of the transfer legislation, it is unlikely the Transfer Working Group

will recommend any potential solutions to these waiver issues prior to the 2018-19 academic year. Further, the strict application of the transfer directive is resulting in outcomes that are seemingly inconsistent with the working group's concepts, charge and guiding principles.

- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. The proposed changes to the directive for four-year college undergraduate transfer student-athletes will reduce outcomes that do not support student-athlete well-being.

2. Additions to Committee for Legislative Relief Previously Approved Waivers List. The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed the list of previously approved waivers and agreed to incorporate additional scenarios to reduce bureaucracy and permit the membership and staff to work more efficiently in limited circumstances. The additions to the list include the following:

- a. Nonathletically related promotional activities involving a commercial product;
- b. Coaching or noncoaching staff member attending and/or speaking at a high school or two-year college award ceremony;
- c. Official visit transportation expenses to individuals in addition to a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians in basketball and football;
- d. Official visit transportation expenses to a prospective student-athlete's nonprospect aged siblings in basketball and football;
- e. Complimentary admissions to a neutral site contest in the locale of the institution;
- f. Donation of equipment and/or apparel to a high school that has suffered a catastrophic incident;
- g. Graduate student transfer participation;
- h. Receipt of financial aid to attend another institution;
- i. Family member(s) attendance at senior night;
- j. Expenses for travel during vacation periods;
- k. Incoming student-athlete participation on a foreign tour;
- l. Coach presence during rehabilitation activities;

- m. Summer access participation for institutions that do not offer summer school; and
- n. Varsity squad size limitation in baseball.

The Committee for Legislative Relief agreed the updated previously approved waiver list should be made available on the legislative relief homepage, the resource tab within Requests/Self-Reports Online and Legislative Services Database for the Internet and be provided to the NCAA Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators. [Attachment]

3. **Modification of Committee for Legislative Relief policies and procedures.** The Committee for Legislative Relief modified its policies and procedures to grant staff limited authority to grant blanket waivers in the following situations: (1) Blanket waiver requests resulting from newly adopted legislation; and (2) Blanket waiver requests from the Council, NCAA Division I Board of Directors or the NCAA Board of Governors. In these cases, staff will consult the Committee for Legislative Relief's administrative committee during its initial review.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- **Committee Composition.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee recommend the adoption of noncontroversial legislation to specify that the Committee for Legislative Relief shall include a student-athlete member to serve in an advisory, nonvoting capacity and that he or she shall attend in-person meetings and participate on conference calls not associated with an appeal of a legislative relief waiver case; further, to specify that the student-athlete member may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. A student-athlete would provide valuable insight and input when evaluating and establishing general policies and procedures. Additionally, the student-athlete will be expected to discuss legislative relief issues and policies with the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which will help with educational efforts. As a result of the high-profile nature of the committee work, the addition of a student-athlete will assist in setting general policy. Due to the nature of the weekly appeal work, the time commitment and urgency associated with some appeals, the student-athlete will not participate on appeals.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Travel and expenses for the student-athlete member to attend one in-person meeting per year.
- (5) Impact on student-athlete's time (academics and athletics). Time associated with in-person meetings and teleconferences.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Referrals. The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed several previously approved waivers and issued the following recommendations:

a. Prospective Student-Athlete Transportation on Official Visit Referral.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Student-Athlete Experience Committee and NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee review Bylaw 13.5.2.6.2 and consider recommending that the NCAA Division I Council introduce legislation, in bowl subdivision football, to allow an institution to pay the actual round-trip costs for the following individuals to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit:
 - (a) Prospective student-athlete's spouse;
 - (b) Prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians' legally married spouse; and
 - (c) Prospective student-athlete's nonprospect aged sibling(s).
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, institutions must submit legislative relief waivers if a prospective student-athlete is seeking to bring his or her spouse in addition to his or her parents or legal guardians or would like to bring an individual who is legally married to the prospective student-athlete's parent or legal guardian and both of the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians will also accompany the prospective student-athlete on the official visit. Due to the changing dynamics of families it is unfair to put a prospective student-athlete in the position to choose who will accompany him or her on the official visit and play a greater role in the prospective student-athlete's college decision making process. Further, many prospective student-athletes have siblings who are nonprospect aged who the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians would like to bring on the official visit but the family does not have

the financial means to pay for the transportation costs. Families are faced with leaving the nonprospect aged sibling at home without childcare or one of the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians not participating on the prospective student-athlete's official visit. These are prospective student-athlete well-being issues as the prospective student-athlete should have the opportunity for family members who will play an important role in the prospective student-athlete's college decision-making process accompanying the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit. The proposed modification will provide prospective student-athletes with greater involvement from important family members in the college decision-making process.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Potential increase in official visit costs for institutions.
- (5) Impact on student-athlete's time (academics and athletics). None.

b. Coach Presence During Rehabilitation Activities Referral.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Student-Athlete Experience Committee review Bylaws 17.02.1, 17.1.2 and 17.1.7.2.1 and consider recommending that the Council introduce legislation to allow a coaching staff member to be present during a student-athlete's rehabilitation activities during the academic year without it counting toward the student-athlete's permissible countable athletically related activities limits during the playing and practice season and during a vacation period when countable athletically related activities may not occur.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, institutions must submit legislative relief waivers if a coaching staff member is seeking to provide safety related instruction to a student-athlete during his or her rehabilitation sessions and the rehabilitation session does not meet legislative requirements for countable athletically related activities. Coaching staff members are being asked by medical professionals and athletic trainers to assist with the student-athlete's rehabilitation sessions to prevent future injuries from occurring as the coaching staff member is in the best position to give instruction regarding the proper mechanics of the sport. This is a student-athlete well-being issue in that an institution's coaching staff member should be permitted to be present when a student-athlete in engaging in the sport specific portion of rehabilitation to assist the student-athlete in his or her recovery. This modification will permit student-athletes to better recover from injuries by receiving safety related instruction from a coaching staff member during rehabilitation sessions.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Impact on student-athlete's time (academics and athletics). None.

c. Transfer Student Exception to Delayed Enrollment Referral.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Student-Athlete Experience Committee consider recommending that the Council introduce legislation to specify that a student-athlete who initially enrolls at a Division I institution as a transfer student and is subjected to the delayed enrollment legislation is not required to fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible for competition in the applicable sport, provided the student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or 12 quarter hours of transferable degree credit for each full-time academic term of attendance at a two-year or four-year collegiate institution.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation requires individuals who delay initial collegiate enrollment, and trigger the delayed enrollment legislation, to serve an academic year of residence. A student who has attended a collegiate institution for at least two full-time semesters and who completes an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit per term of attendance demonstrates the requisite commitment to academics. For the past several years, relief has been provided through the NCAA Division I Council-Approved Review Process and the legislative relief waiver process. This proposal would eliminate the administrative burden associated with submitting a waiver.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Impact on student-athlete's time (academics and athletics). None.

2. Review of Case Write Up Process. The Committee for Legislative Relief received an update from the staff regarding the new legislative relief waiver write up process. The Committee for Legislative Relief supported the new process and indicated it will provide the most recent and relevant cases that will best inform the membership on waiver outcomes.

3. Discussion on Amateurism Certification Process and Council Approved Review Process Guidelines for 2018-19 Certification Cycle. The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed the NCAA Eligibility Center amateurism certification process guidelines regarding the application of the Council-Approved Review Process in amateurism certification decisions. The Committee for Legislative Relief approved the guidelines as presented.

- 4. Discussion on Amateurism Certification Process Policies and Procedures.** The Committee for Legislative Relief received a brief historical review of Eligibility Center policies governing the process of determining a prospective student-athlete's expected date of high school graduation. The Committee for Legislative Relief supported a modification to the policies and procedures. The current process results in lengthy reviews when the Eligibility Center staff and the institution are unable to retrieve documentation, at that time, that would affect the outcome of the prospective student-athlete's amateurism certification. Generally, the potential impact is a penalty affecting the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. Modifying the process and allowing an institution to provide documentation from the prospective student-athlete's secondary school will move cases through the certification process in a more efficient manner and supports resolution before pending competition.
- 5. Review of Committee for Legislative Relief Cases Decided from October 1, 2017, Through January 31, 2018, by the NCAA Staff and the Committee.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed cases decided by the staff and committee from February 1, 2017, through April 30, 2017. A total of 657 cases were reviewed by the staff and committee in Division I. Staff approved 611 cases either fully or with conditions. The staff denied 46 cases, 17 of which were appealed to the committee. The Committee for Legislative Relief affirmed the staff decision in 11 cases and overturned the staff decision on six occasions. Eighty-five waivers were granted by the staff under the Council-approved review process analysis. Two cases involved NCAA Bylaw 11 (personnel), 47 cases involved Bylaw 12 (amateurism), 14 cases involved Bylaw 13 (recruiting), nine cases involved Bylaw 15 (financial aid), 10 cases involved Bylaw 16 (awards and benefits) and 11 cases involved Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons). The staff used the "totality of the circumstances" rationale to approve 59 cases during this period.
- 6. Legislative Committee Update.** The Committee for Legislative Relief received an update on key items from the February 2018 meeting of the Legislative Committee.
- 7. Review of the November 8, 2017, Committee for Legislative Relief Report to the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed and approved the report of the November 8, 2017, meeting.
- 8. Future Meeting Dates.**

 - a. May 24, 2018 via teleconference;
 - b. August 2018 via teleconference;
 - c. October 2018 via teleconference; and

- d. February 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Kaity McKittrick, Lafayette College, Patriot League
Staff Liaisons: Abigail Markey, Academic and Membership Affairs
Jerry Vaughn, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief February 28, 2018, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Stephen Aley, University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.	
David Flores, Big 12 Conference.	
Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University; Colonial Athletic Conference.	
Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University; Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Erin Kido, Eastern Michigan University; Mid-American Conference.	
Kaity McKittrick, Lafayette College; Patriot League.	
Tim Parker, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Abigail Markey and Jerry Vaughn.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
DJ Brown, Jennifer Fraser, Brandy Hataway, Charnele Kemper, Jobrina Marques, Eric Mayes, Kris Richardson, Geoff Silver and Naima Stevenson.	



**NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAIVERS CHECKLIST
*UPDATED FEBRUARY 2018***

The previously approved waiver process was approved with an immediate effective date by the NCAA Division I Legislative Council during its April 2009 meeting. The intent behind this process is to reduce bureaucracy and permit the membership and NCAA staff to work more efficiently in limited circumstances.

Similar to previously approved incidental expense waivers in NCAA Division I Bylaw 16.12, institutions may self-apply, on campus, any previously approved waiver specifically listed below without filing a formal Committee for Legislative Relief waiver request to the NCAA national office. An institution is only permitted to self-apply relief (approve a waiver request) if the institution's circumstances appear on the list of designated previously approved waivers, and the circumstances satisfy the specified criteria established for the particular previously approved waiver. If an institution's circumstances do not appear on the list of previously approved waivers, or if the circumstances do not satisfy all of the established criteria for a particular previously approved waiver, the institution must submit a formal legislative relief waiver application to the national office for consideration.

An institution that grants relief of NCAA legislation based on the specific previously approved waiver circumstances listed below, must submit a report to its conference office on a quarterly basis each year. Institutions are encouraged to call the national office at 317-917-6144 with any questions related to the administration of the previously approved waiver process. The list of previously approved waivers will be updated on an annual basis by staff.

Bylaws 11.7.1.1, 11.7.1.1.1, 11.7.6 and 13.1.3.4.1: Replacement of Departing Coaching Staff Member(s) Prior to Conclusion of Postseason Competition.

1. Institution would like to replace a departing coaching staff member(s), (e.g., head coach, assistant coach, entire staff), with a new coaching staff member(s) prior to the conclusion of the institution's postseason, (e.g., bowl competition).
2. Institution would like the departing coaching staff member to participate in on-field coaching activities through the conclusion of the institution's postseason competition while allowing the incoming coaching staff member(s) to participate in recruiting activities.
3. Departing coaching staff member(s) will immediately cease all recruiting activity.
4. While exceeding the number of permissible countable coaches, the institution will not exceed the number of permissible coaches participating in recruiting, or on-field coaching activities at any given time.

5. Relief is effective through the conclusion of the institution's postseason competition.
6. See Committee for Legislative Relief Requests/Self-Reports Online Relief Case Nos. 152525, 828952 and 856388.

Bylaws 12.4.4 and 12.5.2.1: Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities Involving a Commercial Product.

1. Student-athlete would like to use his/her name, image or likeness to promote his/her business.
2. Student-athlete became involved in the business for reasons unrelated to athletics and the vocation is not athletically related.
3. Institution will not have any involvement with promotional activities related to the business, unless it is part of a class project or program and that benefit is extended to all participating students in the class/program.
4. No reference shall be made to the student-athlete involvement in intercollegiate athletics.
5. Student-athlete's remuneration must be at a rate commensurate with his/her skills and experience related to the vocation and not be based in any way on his/her athletics ability or reputation.
6. Direct sales/marketing, independent contractor or family businesses do not meet the previously approved waiver criteria.
 - a. If a student-athlete is a product distributor for a commercial entity, the certifying institution must submit a legislative relief waiver in RSRO.
 - b. If a student-athlete is an independent contractor selling commercial products, the certifying institution must submit a legislative relief waiver in RSRO.
7. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 846059, 844910, 838596 and 836555.

Bylaw 12.5.1.1: Missed Class Time in Conjunction with a Promotional Activity.

1. Institution would like student-athlete(s) to miss class to participate in an institutional, charitable, education or nonprofit promotional activity.
2. All other requirements of the promotional activities legislation are satisfied.

3. The institution's faculty athletics representative supports and has approved the request.
4. Institution has obtained written permission from each professor of the classes that each student-athlete(s) will miss due to the activity.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 732676, 827110, 828182 and 828437.
6. Note: Per NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2016-136 (Autonomy Legislation effective August 1, 2017), participation in promotional activities must be counted as required athletically related activities and this previously approved waiver does not waive that requirement.

Bylaws 13.02.5.5, 13.1.2.3 and 13.1.8.1: Coaching or Noncoaching Staff Member Attending and/or Speaking at a High School or Two-year College Award Ceremony.

1. Institution would like its coaching or noncoaching staff member be permitted to attend or speak at a high school or two-year college award ceremony at any time.
2. Institution's coaching or noncoaching staff member is being honored at the ceremony or the coaching or noncoaching staff member's former team or student-athlete is being honored at the ceremony.
3. Coaching or noncoaching staff member may not make a recruiting presentation and may not engage in any recruiting contacts beyond the exchange of a greeting with any prospective student-athlete, or parents of prospective student-athletes in attendance at the event.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 914821, 852657, 312545, and 208165.

Bylaws 13.02.13, 13.2.1, 13.2.7, 16.4: Medical Expenses for Committed Prospective Student-Athletes Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment.

1. Institution is seeking to provide medical expenses for a prospective student-athlete who has committed to the institution, (i.e., signed a written offer of admission and/or financial aid or submitted a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission), prior to initial full-time enrollment.
2. Prospective student-athlete has been admitted to the institution.
3. Prospective student-athlete's injury occurred after his or her written commitment to the institution.

4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 523741 and 644931.

Bylaws 13.02.13, 13.11.3.9.1, 17.31.2, 17.31.2.2, 17.31.4, 17.31.4.1: Participation in High School All-Star Contests in the Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment. [Basketball]

1. Institution would like an incoming student-athlete, who is no longer considered a prospective student-athlete as a result of attending classes during the summer term or participating in required summer athletic activities to participate in a high school or two-year college all-star contest.
2. All-star contest must occur during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment.
3. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case No. 675651.

Bylaw 13.1.9: Funeral/Memorial Services: Death Involving Prospective Student-Athlete or Prospective Student-Athlete's Immediate Family Member.

1. Institution's coaching staff would like to attend the funeral or memorial service of a prospective student-athlete or a member of the prospective student-athlete's family (see Bylaw 13.02.8 for examples), at which prospective student-athletes also may be in attendance.
2. Applicant institution must be recruiting prospective student-athlete.
3. No recruiting contact may occur at funeral or memorial service.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 394805, 423449, 540175, 859976, 860083 and 885316.

Bylaw 13.2.1: Institutional Recognition of a Former Student-Athlete Who Has Prospective Student-Athlete Aged Children.

1. Institution is recognizing a former student-athlete for his or her outstanding achievements, (e.g., hall of fame induction, member of a national championship team, distinguished alumni award).
2. Institution would like to provide actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, hotel accommodations) and other reasonable benefits (e.g., tickets to an athletics contest, special seating at the contest), to the former student-athlete's family but one or more of the former student-athlete's children are prospective student-athlete age.

3. Institution provides same or similar expenses/benefits to any former student-athlete who is being recognized for a special achievement.
4. Institution is not recruiting the former student-athlete's prospective student-athlete aged child/children at the time of the recognition.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case No. 126185.

Bylaws 13.2.1, 13.5.1 and 13.5.2.6: Reimbursement of Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents'/Legal Guardians' Official Visit Travel Expenses When Institution is Responsible for Cancelling Visit.

1. Institution must have formally scheduled the official visit with prospective student-athlete and his or her family.
2. Prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians must have purchased travel accommodations based on the agreed date for the visit.
3. Institution must have been responsible for the cancellation of prospective student-athlete's visit, (e.g., coaching staff change, illness of coaching staff member, institution ceased recruiting prospective student-athlete).
4. In cases in which the visit is cancelled and will not be rescheduled, the institution is permitted to reimburse prospective student-athlete's parents/guardians the actual original cost of the travel expense.
5. In cases in which the visit is cancelled and will be rescheduled, the institution is permitted to reimburse prospective student-athlete's parents or guardians the cost to change the travel accommodations to the rescheduled date (e.g., flight change fees), but not the original cost of the travel expense.
6. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case No. 295265.

Bylaw 13.2.10: Death Involving Prospective Student-Athlete or Prospective Student-Athlete's Immediate Family Member.

1. Institution is seeking to provide flowers or a reasonable token of support to a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's family when a prospective student-athlete and/or a member of his or her family (see Bylaw 13.02.8 for examples) dies or suffers a severe or life-threatening injury or illness. Applicant institution must be recruiting prospective student-athlete.
2. Flowers or reasonable tokens of support may not exceed \$100 in value.

3. Institution may not receive publicity if a financial donation is made.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 123765, 471170 and 682931.
5. Note: When the circumstances involve the death of a prospective student-athlete, a waiver is only necessary to provide flowers/tokens of support if the deceased prospective student-athlete has a prospective student-athlete aged sibling.
6. Note: This waiver does not permit members of the coaching staff to attend the funeral of the deceased. See previously approved waiver criteria for Bylaw 13.1.9 or, if criteria is not satisfied, an institution may file a Committee for Legislative Relief waiver to request permission to attend the funeral.

Bylaw 13.2.10: Death or Severe or Life-Threatening Injury or Illness Involving Prospective Student-Athlete.

1. Institution is seeking to provide flowers or a reasonable token of support to a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's family (see Bylaw 13.02.8 for examples), when a prospective student-athlete dies or suffers a severe or life-threatening injury or illness.
2. Prospective student-athlete must live in the locale of applicant institution (e.g., 30-mile radius).
3. Applicant institution is not recruiting prospective student-athlete.
4. Flowers or reasonable tokens of support may not exceed \$100 in value.
5. Institution may not receive publicity if a financial donation is made.
6. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 844429 and 858897.
7. Note: When the circumstances involve the death of a prospective student-athlete, a waiver is only necessary to provide flowers/tokens of support if the deceased prospective student-athlete has a prospective student-athlete aged sibling.

Bylaws 13.5.1, 13.5.3, 13.6.2.4 and 13.7.2.1: Contact with a Prospective Student-Athlete at an Off-Campus Facility Being Used to Host Home Contests.

1. Institution would like to provide prospective student-athletes with transportation and complimentary tickets to an off-campus home contest and would like the recruiting contact with the prospective student-athletes considered on-campus contacts.
2. Institution's regular or future home facility is under construction at the time of the prospective student-athlete's visit.
3. The alternative off-campus facility is being used as the institution's home facility until the construction of the regular home facility is available.
4. The alternative off-campus facility is the nearest facility with comparable accommodations, (e.g., seating, press boxes, locker rooms).
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 196465, 245405, 330745, 352947, 433670 and 600091.

Bylaws 13.5.2.6.1 and 13.5.2.6.2: Official Visit Transportation to Individuals Other Than a Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents or Legal Guardians. [Basketball and Football]

1. Institution would like to provide transportation expenses for up to two individuals other than a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians.
2. One or both of the prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are not involved in the prospective student-athlete's life, or are unable to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit.
3. Individual accompanying the prospective student-athlete is a family member (e.g., sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent), who is not prospective student-athlete age or is a member of the prospective student-athlete's host family.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 831188, 837306 and 931144.

Bylaws 13.5.2.6.1 [Autonomy] and 13.5.2.6.2: Official Visit Transportation to Individuals in Addition to a Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents or Legal Guardians. [Basketball and Football]

1. Institution would like to provide transportation expenses to a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians and spouses of one or both parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
2. Only legally married spouses of the prospective student-athlete's parent or legal guardian may receive transportation expenses.
3. An institution may provide lodging, meals and entertainment for up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete. (See Bylaws 13.6.4.1.2, 13.6.7.1 and 13.6.7.7.) The prospective student-athlete will be responsible for any lodging, entertainment or meal expenses for any additional family members over the permissible four.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case No. 997519.

Bylaws 13.5.2.6.1 [Autonomy] and 13.5.2.6.2: Official Visit Transportation to Individuals Other Than a Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents or Legal Guardians. [Basketball and Football]

1. Institution would like to provide transportation expenses to a prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and nonprospect aged sibling(s).
2. Prospective student-athlete's family does not have childcare available for a prospective student-athlete's nonprospect aged sibling(s) during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.
3. Prospective student-athlete's family has demonstrated they do not have the financial means (e.g., Pell eligible, receives free or reduced lunch, ACT/SAT fee waiver recipient, NCAA Eligibility Center fee waiver recipient), to provide transportation to the younger sibling(s).
4. An institution may provide lodging, meals and entertainment for up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete. (See Bylaws 13.6.4.1.2, 13.6.7.1 and 13.6.7.7.) The prospective student-athlete will be responsible for any lodging, entertainment or meal expenses for any additional family members over the permissible four.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 956678 and 929682.

Bylaws 13.5.2.6.1 [Autonomy], 13.5.2.6.2 and 13.8.1: Official Visit Transportation to Prospective Student-Athlete's Scholastic Coach. s[Basketball and Football]

1. Institution would like to provide transportation expenses for prospective student-athlete's scholastic coach.
2. Both of the prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are not involved in the prospective student-athlete's life, or are unable to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit. Please note if one or both of the prospective student-athlete's parent or legal guardian is accompanying the prospective student-athlete, the previously approved waiver may not be applied.
3. Institution's coaching staff may not engage in any recruiting conversations with the scholastic coach about other prospective student-athletes during the official visit.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 933942, 939301, 969863 and 971822.

Bylaws 13.6.6.1, 13.6.7.1 and 13.6.7.7: Providing Meals, Lodging and Entertainment to Individuals Other Than a Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents or Legal Guardians.

1. Institution would like to provide meals, lodging and entertainment for up to two individuals other than a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians.
2. One or both of the prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are not involved in the prospective student-athlete's life, or are unable to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit.
3. Individual accompanying the prospective student-athlete is a family member (e.g., sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent), who is not of prospective student-athlete age or is a member of the prospective student-athlete's host family.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 157185, 173685, 179707 and 260347.
5. Note: NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2015-21 (Autonomy Legislation effective August 1, 2016), permits an institution to provide meals, lodging and entertainment for up to four family members accompanying a prospective student-athlete on an official visit and permits an institution to provide up to six complimentary admissions to a home athletics event for the use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying him or her.

Bylaws 13.6.6.1, 13.6.7.1, 13.6.7.7 and 13.8.1: Providing Meals, Lodging and Entertainment to Prospective Student-Athlete's Scholastic Coach.

1. Institution would like to provide meals, lodging and entertainment for prospective student-athlete's scholastic coach.
2. Both of the prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are not involved in the prospective student-athlete's life, or are unable to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit. Please note if one or both of the prospective student-athlete's parent or legal guardian is accompanying the prospective student-athlete, the previous approved waiver may not be applied.
3. Institution's coaching staff may not engage in any recruiting conversations with the scholastic coach about other prospective student-athletes during the official visit.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 937136, 939301 and 956117.
5. Note: NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2015-21 (Autonomy Legislation effective August 1, 2016), permits an institution to provide up to six complimentary admissions to a home athletics event for the use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying him or her.

Bylaws 13.7.2.1 and 13.7.2.2: Providing Complimentary Admission to a Neutral Site Contest in Locale of the Institution.

1. Institution wishes to provide complimentary admissions to prospective student-athletes for an away contest held at a neutral site that is within 30 miles of institution's campus.
2. Both institutions are in the locale of the neutral facility.
4. The contest between both institutions is played on an annual basis and the designation of the home and away team alternates from year to year.
4. Both institutions support the waiver.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 754415, 854778, 955981, and 987891.

Bylaw 13.8.1: Providing Entertainment to a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach.

1. Institution would like to provide entertainment to a former student-athlete who is a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach.
2. Entertainment provided to the individual is in conjunction with a celebratory event, (e.g., honoring a championship team, introduction into institution's hall of fame).
3. Entertainment provided to the individual is consistent with the entertainment provided to all honorees.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 108867, 118605, 133605, 153386 and 327045.

Bylaw 13.8.2: Death or Severe or Life-Threatening Injury or Illness Involving a High School Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach.

1. Institution would like to provide flowers, a donation (e.g., monetary, memorabilia), or a reasonable token of support to benefit a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach and/or coach's family due to extreme circumstances (e.g., death, life-threatening injury or illness).
2. The high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach lives in the locale of the institution and the institution does not receive publicity for making the donation.
3. Flowers, donation or token of support may not exceed \$100 in value. Institution may not receive publicity if a financial donation is made.
4. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 149585, 331025, 333645, 330725, 366245, 862816 and 938308.

Bylaw 13.15.1.6: Donation of Equipment and /or Apparel to a High School that has Suffered a Catastrophic Incident.

1. Institution would like to donate equipment and/or apparel from its inventory to a high school.
2. The high school suffered a catastrophic incident (e.g., flood, fire, tornado).
3. The equipment or apparel do not contain the institution's name, logo or other identifiable markings.
4. Institution may not publicize the donation.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 927045, 934298, 935613, and 938288.

Bylaw 14.6.1: Graduate Student Transfer Participation.

1. Institution would like a student-athlete to be immediately eligible for competition as a graduate student transfer.
2. Student-athlete does not meet the one-time transfer exception for graduate student transfers (e.g., student-athlete has previously transferred from a four-year institution, previous institution renewed student-athlete's athletically related financial aid for the following academic year, student-athlete did not receive athletically related financial aid at the previous institution).
3. Student-athlete graduated from the previous institution with eligibility remaining. (NOTE: A student-athlete who has met degree requirements, but not yet graduated from the previous institution does not meet this prong of the previously approved waiver criteria and the certifying institution must submit a legislative relief waiver in RSRO.)
4. Student-athlete has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student in a specific graduate degree program. (NOTE: The certifying institution must submit a legislative relief waiver in RSRO for a student-athlete who is enrolled in a certificate program).
5. Student-athlete's previous institution does not offer the student-athlete's graduate degree program.
 - a. For example, if a student-athlete has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student into the certifying institution's master of business administration program, and the previous institution does not offer a master of business administration program, this scenario meets this prong of the previously approved waiver criteria.
 - b. However, if a student-athlete has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student into the certifying institution's master of business administration program with a concentration in finance, and the previous institution also offers a master of business administration program, this scenario would not meet this prong of the previously approved waiver criteria and the certifying institution must submit a legislative relief waiver in RSRO.

6. Institution has on file a written statement from the administration (e.g., director of athletics, compliance staff) at the previous institution stating that the student-athlete would have been athletically eligible to return to the team had he/she remained (e.g., the student-athlete was not dismissed from the team for a violation of team rules).
7. Institution has on file a written statement from that administration (e.g., director of athletics, compliance staff) at the previous institution stating that it does not object to the student-athlete being immediately eligible for competition.
8. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 835766, 840369, 927660, 928116 and 932377.

Bylaw 15.01.1.1: Receipt of Financial Aid for Study-Abroad Program.

1. Institution would like to provide athletics aid to a student-athlete who is enrolled in a study-abroad program through his or her institution.
2. If the study-abroad program occurs during the regular academic year, the institution must consider the student-athlete enrolled full time.
3. Student-athlete could use institutional financial aid to participate in the study-abroad program.
4. Study-abroad program is affiliated with the institution.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 121605, 229745 and 367485.

Bylaw 15.01.1.1: Receipt of Financial Aid to Attend Another Institution.

1. Institution would like to provide athletics aid to a student-athlete to attend another institution.
2. Student-athlete needs a course offered at another institution to satisfy a required prerequisite for course in the student-athlete's designated major or to remain on track to graduate on time, and the course is not offered at the applicant institution in the semester the student-athlete is seeking to take the course.
3. Student-athlete would otherwise be able to use financial aid for the course had the student-athlete taken it at the applicant institution.

4. Institution's registrar has approved the course at the other institution to be used to fulfill the prerequisite requirement or to remain on track to graduate on time.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 932884, 831861, 761646 and 746688.

Bylaws 16.6.1 [Autonomy] and 16.11.2.1 [Autonomy]: Family Member(s) Attendance at Senior Night.

1. Institution would like to provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's family member(s) to attend senior night activities.
2. Student-athlete's family member(s) are unable to attend the event due to documented financial constraints.
3. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 968540, 856393, 853881 and 822187.

Bylaw 16.8.1 [Autonomy]: Expenses for Travel During Vacation-Periods.

1. Institution would like to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to travel with the team to an away-from-home competition over a vacation period while the student-athlete is serving an academic year of residence.
2. Student-athlete departed the previous institution academically eligible, is academically eligible at the institution and is otherwise eligible.
3. Institution's housing and dining facilities are not accessible over the vacation period.
4. Student-athlete will not miss any class while traveling for the away-from-home competition.
5. Student-athlete is not permitted to engage in any game-related activities while attending the away-from-home competition.
6. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 994223, 991605, 991446 and 955799.

Bylaw 16.8.1 [Autonomy] and 17.29.1.4.1: Incoming Student Participation on a Foreign Tour.

1. Institution would like an incoming student-athlete to travel on a foreign tour during the summer before initial full-time enrollment.
2. Incoming student-athlete has been admitted to the institution.
3. Incoming student-athlete is registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center but has not yet received final amateurism certification or final academic certification.
4. Incoming student-athlete is permitted to receive actual and necessary expenses associated with travel during the foreign tour.
1. Incoming student-athlete is permitted to engage in practice activities associated with the foreign tour.
2. Practice activities must be included in the student-athlete's temporary certification limit of 45 practice days pursuant to Bylaws 12.1.1.1.3.1 or 14.3.5.1.
7. Incoming student-athlete is not permitted to engage competition during the foreign tour until incoming student-athlete's amateurism status or academic status is certified as a qualifier.
8. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 980585 and 980469.

Bylaw 17.02.1, 17.1.7.2 and 17.1.7.2.1: Permit a Coach to be Present During Rehabilitation Activities.

1. Institution would like to permit a coach to be present during rehabilitation sessions held during the academic year or a vacation period.
2. If conducted during the playing and practice season, the hours do not need to be considered countable athletically related activity.
3. All rehabilitation activities are being conducted by a certified athletic trainer or other member of the medical staff.
4. The coach may provide safety-related instruction only.
5. The medical staff has documented specifically when the coach should be present to provide safety-related instruction.
6. Institution's coach may be present only when the student-athlete is engaged in the

sport-specific portion of the rehabilitation session.

7. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 920819, 928978, 959642, 960396, 965076, 977178 and 993961.

Bylaws 17.1.7.2.1.5.3: Exception for Summer School Enrollment for Student-Athlete in Basketball and Football.

1. Institution would like to permit a basketball or football student-athlete to engage in required summer activities.
2. Institution does not offer any summer school courses.
3. Student-athlete does not meet the academic exception.
4. Student-athlete is meeting progress-toward-degree requirements and is otherwise eligible for competition during the upcoming academic year.
5. Student-athlete is responsible for his/her own housing, meals and transportation during the summer.
6. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 922770, 917718, and 831993.

Bylaws 17.1.7.2.1.5.3: Exception for Summer School Enrollment for Prospective Student-Athlete in Basketball and Football.

1. Institution would like to permit a basketball or football prospective student-athlete to engage in required summer activities the summer before initial full-time enrollment.
2. Institution does not offer any summer school courses.
3. Prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or a financial aid agreement to attend applicant institution.
4. Prospective student-athlete must meet all NCAA Division I initial-eligibility requirements for competition in the upcoming fall term.
5. Prospective student-athlete is responsible for his/her own housing, meals and transportation during the summer.
6. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 828998, 831993, 917718 and 922770.

Bylaw 17.1.7.6 [Autonomy]: Required Day Off While Away From Campus for Seven or More Days.

1. Institution would like to permit student-athletes to take their required days off while away from campus (e.g., training trip, travel for competition).
2. Institution's team will be away from camps for at least seven consecutive days.
3. Institution's classes are not in session (e.g., spring/winter break, summer, other vacation period) during the team's trip.
4. Time away from campus spans institution's entire declared playing week (e.g., seven-day trip is Monday-Sunday and declared playing week is Monday-Sunday).
5. While away from campus, institution must provide student-athletes with a day off from all required and countable athletically related activities for each week the team is away.
6. Institution must include the trip and day(s) off while away from campus in its student-athlete time management plan.
7. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 980909, 981482 and 982272.

Bylaw 17.2.8.3: Varsity Squad-Size Limitation – Championship Segment. [Baseball]

1. Institution would like to replace a student-athlete within its 35-man roster limitation, prior to the first scheduled contest in its championship segment, due to a student-athlete's withdrawal from the institution.
2. Institution has documentation to verify the student-athlete, who withdrew, was otherwise academically eligible to represent the institution in competition during the championship segment.
3. Institution must replace the student-athlete, who withdrew, with a nonscholarship student-athlete who participated with the institution's baseball team in the previous nonchampionship segment.
4. If student-athlete who withdrew from the institution is a counter, the institution may not re-award the student-athlete's athletics aid to the newly added nonscholarship student-athlete or any other participants.
5. Relief only applies to the institution's varsity squad-size limitation and does not impact the institution's maximum equivalency limits in baseball.

6. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 841280, 882076 and 956521.

Bylaw 17.29.1.3: Time Lapse Between Tours. [Basketball]

1. A basketball student-athlete would like to participate in a second foreign tour for the institution.
2. The student-athlete has eligibility remaining and is otherwise eligible to participate in an institutional foreign tour.
3. Institution may provide expenses for student-athlete to participate in an institutional foreign tour.
4. Student-athlete is permitted to engage in practice and competition associated with the institutional foreign tour.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 803446, 825474 and 850939.

Bylaw 17.31: Outside Competition During Study-Abroad Program.

1. Student-athlete is enrolled in a study-abroad program through his or her institution and would like to participate on a team in outside competition that is normally precluded under Bylaw 17.31.
2. Institution must verify that the competition is amateur in nature (see Bylaw 12).
3. Institution must certify that the purpose of the study-abroad program is unrelated to athletics participation.

Bylaw 17.31: Wheelchair Contests for Fundraiser Events.

Members of an institution's athletics team (any sport) may participate in competition involving an organized wheelchair sporting event provided:

1. The wheelchair contest is designated as a charity fundraiser event.
2. All components of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 (promotional activities) must be satisfied.

3. Participation by student-athletes must be on a volunteer basis. Student-athletes may not be required to participate.
4. Note: Per NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2016-136 (Autonomy Legislation effective August 1, 2017), participation in promotional activities must be counted as required athletically related activities and this previously approved waiver does not waive that requirement.