



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
MAY 24, 2018, TELECONFERENCE**

**KEY ITEMS.**

1. **Update to Committee for Legislative Relief Guidelines.** The NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed and approved a recommendation issued by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to permit an institution to conduct one of its possible two exhibition games against a Division I institution for the purpose of raising funds for a catastrophic event, as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, via the waiver process provided the following guidelines are met:
  - a. Exhibition game must occur prior to the first permissible contest date;
  - b. Exhibition game may occur at any location, other than other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution or a facility that is regularly used by prospective student-athletes for practice or competition;
  - c. No relief provided of time demands legislation (e.g., required day off, return time of 5 a.m. on day following competition);
  - d. All net proceeds from exhibition game must go to a 501(c)3 to support humanitarian efforts for the catastrophic event;
  - e. The catastrophic event must have occurred after the previous basketball season's NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game; and
  - f. Institutions must report back to the NCAA the amount of money raised from the exhibition game and the name of the 501(c)3 within 30 days following the date of the exhibition game.

Further, the Committee for Legislative Relief noted that waivers to permit an institution's team to participate in an additional exhibition game or scrimmages will be denied and previously signed contracts will not be considered mitigating circumstances.

2. **Modification of NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief policies and procedures.** The Committee for Legislative Relief modified its policies and procedures to specify that waivers may be elevated directly to the committee without a staff decision and that decisions in such cases are final and are not subject to appeal to the Division I Council or any other NCAA body.
3. **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. Coaching staff member's involvement in coaching activities with a student-athlete in elite level competition during a quiet or dead period; and
- b. Receipt of financial aid to attend another institution.

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]

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of Committee for Legislative Relief Cases Decided from February 1, 2018, Through April 30, 2018, by the NCAA Staff and the Committee.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed cases decided by the staff and committee from February 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018. A total of 341 cases were reviewed by the staff and committee in Division I. Staff approved 305 cases either fully or with conditions. The staff denied 36 cases, 17 of which were appealed to the committee. The Committee for Legislative Relief affirmed the staff decision in seven cases and overturned the staff decision on two occasions. Thirty-four waivers were granted by the staff under the Council-approved review process analysis. Two cases involved NCAA Bylaw 11 (personnel), 16 cases involved Bylaw 12 (amateurism), eight cases involved Bylaw 13 (recruiting), four cases involved Bylaw 15 (financial aid), four cases involved Bylaw 16 (awards and benefits) and six cases involved Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons). The staff used the “totality of the circumstances” rationale to approve 17 cases during this period.
2. **Legislative Committee Update.** The committee received an update on key items from the April 2018 meeting of the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee.
3. **Review of the February 28, 2018, Committee for Legislative Relief Report to the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed and approved the report of the February 28, 2018, meeting.

**4. Future Meeting Dates.**

- a. August 2018 via teleconference;
- b. October 2018 via teleconference;
- c. February 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis; and
- d. May 2019 via teleconference.

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

<b>NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief May 24, 2018, Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Stephen Aley, University of Texas at El Paso.
David Flores, Big 12 Conference.
Erin Kido, Eastern Michigan University.
Stephen LaPorta, James Madison University.
Jennifer Lawlor, Monmouth University.
Kaity McKittrick, Lafayette College.
Tim Parker, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Jeffrey Hathaway, Hofstra University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Abigail Markey and Jerry Vaughn.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Brandy Hataway.



**NCAA DIVISION I COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAIVERS CHECKLIST  
(Updated May 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 RSRO 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 13.02.5.4, 13.02.5.5 and 13.1.7.14: Coaching Staff Member's Involvement in Coaching Activities with a Student-Athlete in Elite Level Competition during a Quiet or Dead Period.**

1. Institution would like its coaching staff member(s) to coach a student-athlete engaging in elite level competition, including qualifying competition and practices in preparation for a student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 (a) and 16.8.1.2 (b).
2. The competition occurs during a quiet period or dead period and prospective student-athletes will be present.
3. Coaching staff member may only attend the event during the day(s) when the student-athlete is engaging in elite level competition, qualifying competition or practice in preparation for participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 (a) or 16.8.1.2 (b).
4. Coaching staff member may not engage in any in-person, off-campus recruiting contact with prospective student-athletes or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) attending the competition.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case Nos. 881757, 897676 and 899397.

**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. [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 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. 937136, 939301 and 956117.

6. 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.
3. 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.
  4. Institution may not receive publicity if a financial donation is made.
  5. 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 may 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 and 15.2.8.2: Receipt of Financial Aid to Attend Another Institution.**

1. Institution would like to provide athletics aid to a student-athlete to attend another institution, including a branch campus, during a regular academic term or a summer session.
2. Student-athlete needs a course, including elective credits, 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.
1. 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.
5. Incoming student-athlete is permitted to engage in practice activities associated with the foreign tour.
6. 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 and 17.1.7.2.1.5.1: Required Summer Athletically Related Activities [Basketball].**

1. Institution would like a student-athlete to participate in required summer athletically related activities; however, he or she is not enrolled in summer school and does not meet the legislated academic exception.

2. Student-athlete has completed eight semesters of full-time enrollment and has less than nine credit hours remaining to meet undergraduate degree requirements.
3. Student-athlete has at least a cumulative grade-point average of 2.200.
4. Institution is able to document student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree applicable hours in the subsequent fall term.
5. See Committee for Legislative Relief RSRO Case No. 833541 and 685351.

**Bylaws 17.1.7.2.1.5: 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 17.1.7.2.1.5.1, 13.11.3.9 and 13.11.3.10: 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 campus 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.