



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
MARCH 8, 2017, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 15.4.1.1.3 – Financial Aid – Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations By Sport – Counters – Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill – Waiver – Committee for Legislative Relief Waiver Authority.**
 - (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 15.4.1.1.3 (waiver) to specify that the Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to waive the change in circumstances legislation for medical noncounters.
 - (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. This change clarifies the legislated authority to review waivers of the change in circumstances legislation for medical noncounters. Under current legislation, the Division II Management Council has the authority to waive Bylaw 15.4.1.1.2 (change in circumstances), when a student-athlete, who was determined to be a medical noncounter, subsequently returns to participation.. Transferring authority to the Committee for Legislative Relief (CLR), provides consistency in the Division II waiver process.
 - (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
 - (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of the October 2016 NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Report to the NCAA Division II Management Council.** The committee reviewed the October 2016 report and approved it as written.
2. **Review of January 2017 Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the Management Council and Presidents Council January 2017 meetings.
3. **Review of Committee for Legislative Relief policies and procedures.** The staff referenced the committee's policies and procedures and noted the conflict of interest policy, reiterating the importance of committee members recusing themselves if a conflict exists.
4. **Review of the Strategic Plan and NCAA.org website.** The committee reviewed a progress report on the implementation of the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan and corresponding educational materials on NCAA.org.
5. **Review Committee for Legislative Relief cases decided from August 1, 2016, through January 31, 2017, by the NCAA staff and committee.** The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed cases decided by the NCAA staff and the committee from August 1, 2016, through January 31, 2017. A total of 128 cases were submitted in Division II, and 112 cases were decided by the staff during this time period. Of the 112 cases decided, staff approved 69 cases, 20 of which were approved with conditions. One of the 112 cases was approved based on the totality of the circumstances. The committee reviewed the case approved based on totality of the circumstances and noted that the case should be archived. Additionally, the staff denied 19 cases, 17 of which were appealed to the committee. The committee affirmed the staff decision in 11 cases.
6. **Review of newly adopted legislation.** The committee reviewed NCAA Division II Proposal Nos. 2017-1 (amateurism – competition-related expenses from an outside sponsor), 2017-2 (amateurism – payment based on performance – from amateur team or event sponsor in individual sports), 2017-5 (recruiting – contacts and evaluations – contactable prospective student-athletes – four-year college prospective student-athletes – removal of requirement to obtain permission from NAIA institution), 2017-12 (financial aid – maximum limits on financial aid– team limits – institutional athletics aid only), 2017-13 (financial aid – terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid award – one-year limit – requirement to provide athletically related financial aid for one academic year) and 2017-14 (financial aid – terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid – reduction and cancellation during period of award – increase permitted – increase for any reason at any time) and discussed the impact each proposal would have on legislative relief waivers. Specifically, it was noted that Proposal No. 2017-13 may result in an increase in

waiver requests and Proposal Nos. 2017-1, 2017-2, 2017-4, 2017-5, 2017-12 and 2017-14 may result in a reduction in waiver requests in the respective areas.

7. **Discussion Regarding Competition in Year of Transfer Guideline.** The committee reviewed a draft of the competition in year of transfer guideline, and instructed staff to adjust the guideline to reflect the need to review circumstances outside of the student-athlete's control. The committee will review an updated version of the guideline on the September 2017, teleconference.
8. **Review of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment guideline.** Stemming from the September 2016 teleconference, the committee approved the updated minimal threshold guidelines for organized competition (see Attachment). The guideline has an immediate effective date for prospective student-athletes requesting final amateurism certification on or after April 1, 2017.
9. **Discussion regarding the change in circumstances waiver for medical noncounter.** The committee discussed the change in circumstances waiver for medical noncounter legislation. Specifically, the committee recommended noncontroversial legislation to transition waiver authority from Management Council to the committee. [See Legislative Action Item No. 1]
10. **Discussion regarding Committee for Legislative Relief term limits.** The committee engaged in a discussion regarding term limits for service on the committee. The committee directed staff to gather information regarding case volume, committee turnover and composition of the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief to review during the September 2017, teleconference.
11. **Update on discussion regarding one-time transfer exception.** The committee received an update on the Academic Requirements Committee's review of four-year college transfer legislation, and provided feedback to staff.
12. **Professional development session on unconscious bias.** The committee engaged in a professional development session on unconscious bias provided by representatives from the Impact Network, LLC. The training will assist the committee in processing institutional waiver requests.

Committee Chair: Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Staff Liaison(s): Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
	Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
	Laura Clayton Eady, University of West Georgia, Gulf South Conference.
	Josh Doody, Notre Dame De Namur University, Pacific West Conference.
	Brian Martinek, St. Mary's University (Texas), Heartland Conference.
	Hayley Ross-Treadway, University of Illinois-Springfield, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
Absentees:	
	None.
Guests in Attendance:	
	Amanda Bonilla and Alice Jones, Impact Network, LLC.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Chris Brown and Chelsea Crawford.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	Geoff Bentzel, Susan Britsch, Jada Buckner, Amanda Conklin, Maritza Jones, Stephanie Quigg Smith and Karen Wolf.



NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.2 – 20 Percent Calculation of Contests and Dates of Competition (See Figure 17-1 in the NCAA Manual for Maximum Numbers of Contests and Dates of Competition for Each Sport)

Sport	Contests*	Dates of Competition*
Baseball	10	
Basketball	6	
Beach Volleyball		4
Bowling, Women's		7
Cross Country		2
Equestrian		3
Fencing		3
Field Hockey	5	
Football	3	
Golf		5
Gymnastics		3
Ice Hockey, Men's	7	
Ice Hockey, Women's	7	
Lacrosse		4
Rifle		4
Rowing, Women's		4
Rugby, Women's		4
Skiing		4 (Alpine) 4 (Nordic)
Soccer	5	
Softball	12	
Swimming and Diving		4
Tennis		5
Track and Field (Indoor and Outdoor)		4
Triathlon, Women's		2
Volleyball, Men's		7
Volleyball, Women's		6
Water Polo		5
Wrestling		4

* When calculating the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for purposes of these guidelines, the totals have been rounded up to the next whole number.