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The Division II Administrative Committee met this afternoon to continue to take action on Division II regulations and policies impacted by COVID-19. The committee discussed sports sponsorship and the five-sport/three-season requirement; financial aid equivalencies; and season-of-competition waivers.

The committee **approved a recommendation from the Division II Membership Committee for a blanket waiver to provide relief of NCAA Division II Constitution 3.4.3.3.3 (sports sponsorship requirement) and Constitution 3.4.3.3.1 (three-season requirement), Bylaw 20.10.3 (sports sponsorship) and Bylaw 20.10.4.1 (five-sport/three-season requirement) for the 2020-21 academic year only.** The committee acknowledged that institutions and conferences have postponed their declared championship segments for fall sports from fall 2020 to spring 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19. In addition, there is continued uncertainty amongst the membership surrounding the winter and spring sport seasons and the ability to participate in the minimum number of contests (and participants in individual sports) required for sports sponsorship. It is important to note that this action does not impact the [current minimum number of contests for selections](#) for Division II championship eligibility that were previously approved by the Administrative Committee.

The committee also **approved a recommendation from the Division II Legislation Committee for a blanket waiver to exempt athletics aid received by:**

- a. A fall sport student-athlete whose 10th semester/14th and 15th quarter is fall 2020 term (or for a student-athlete who previously qualified for an extension of eligibility waiver) and qualifies for a one-semester/two-quarter extension to permit participation during the 2021 spring season from 2020-21 team equivalency limits (i.e., treat these student-athletes as if they are receiving exhausted eligibility athletics aid); and
- b. A student-athlete, regardless of sport, who would have used their fourth season of competition or exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility during the 2020-21 academic year to receive athletics aid for the 2021-22 academic year (i.e., treat these student-athletes as if they are receiving exhausted eligibility athletics aid). This relief only applies if the student-athlete remains at their original institution. If the student-athlete transfers for the 2021-22 academic year, the athletics aid received at the new institution will count toward team equivalency limits.

Finally, the committee **approved a recommendation from the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement to provide a season-of-competition waiver that institutions can self-apply for fall sport student-athletes who compete in up to the maximum permissible amount of competition during the 2020-21 academic year** as a result of the disruption and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The season-of-competition relief that was [previously approved](#) by the Administrative Committee will remain in place for winter and spring sport student-athletes. If circumstances change for winter and/or spring sport student-athletes, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement will revisit the discussion.

View the action items [here](#). A list of the committee's actions can also be found on the [Division II compliance page](#) on NCAA.org.

A document containing common questions and answers related to the Administrative Committee's COVID-19 action continues to be updated on the [DII compliance page](#).

Please work with your compliance administrator on any questions you have.

We continue to encourage institutions to make decisions and act in the best interest of your student-athletes and communities.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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