



Waiver Guidelines and Information Standards for Basketball Maximum Contest Limitations and Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Events – Effective Immediately for the 2019-20 Basketball Season

On January 16, 2019, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a recommendation provided by the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Basketball Oversight Committees to adopt guidelines and information standards for the 2019-20 basketball season for legislative relief waivers of the maximum contest limitations in the sport of basketball and the multiple-team event legislation.

The newly adopted guidelines specify that for a waiver to be granted an institution must demonstrate the requested relief is due to documented mitigating circumstances outside the institution’s control and directly impacts the institution’s basketball team. If an institution fails to document unique, mitigating circumstances outside of the institution’s control, the waiver should be denied.

The most common assertions submitted as mitigation are outlined in the committee’s newly adopted guidelines and information standards and address the following circumstances:

1. Waivers involving assertions of an institutional error due to misinformation;
2. Waivers involving assertions of a financial hardship; and
3. Waivers involving two teams from the same conference participating in the same multiple-team event due to conference realignment.

Waiver assertions that are not addressed in the newly adopted guidelines and information standards will be reviewed by the committee on a case-by-case basis.

Institutions or conferences seeking waivers of the basketball maximum contest limitations and qualifying regular-season multiple-team event legislation are required to submit a legislative relief waiver to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff via Requests/Self-Reports Online for processing. Questions from event operators, coaches or athletics department staff regarding waiver requests should be directed to campus athletics compliance personnel.

The newly adopted guidelines and information standards for legislative relief waivers of the maximum contest limitations in the sport of basketball and the multiple-team event legislation have been included in the committee’s full Division I guidelines, information standards and directives document that can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief homepage (<http://www.ncaa.org/compliance/waivers/legislative-relief-waivers>).

This information is also being shared with Division I athletics directors, conference commissioners, men’s basketball conference administrators, conference senior woman administrators, CCACA, the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association and an announcement will be posted on LSDBi.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.3.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional) and 17.3.5.1.1 (qualifying regular-season multiple-team event)]