



Waiver Guidelines for Basketball Exhibition Games to Raise Funds for Catastrophic Events - Effective for the 2019-20 Basketball Season.

At its January 2019 in-person meetings, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee confirmed its support for the continued use of the 2018-19 NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief's guidelines for basketball exhibition game waivers to raise funds for catastrophic events for the 2019-20 basketball season.

The guidelines permit an institution to conduct one of its two permissible exhibition games in the sport of basketball against a Division I institution to raise funds for relief efforts for catastrophic events, as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 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 the 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 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.

The guidelines also note that waivers seeking to permit an institution to participate in an additional exhibition game or scrimmage in the sport of basketball will be denied and previously signed contracts will not be considered mitigating circumstances.

Institutions or conferences seeking waivers to conduct a basketball exhibition game against a Division I institution for the purpose of raising funds for victims of a catastrophic event 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 coaches or athletics department staff regarding waiver requests should be directed to campus athletics compliance personnel.

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 17.3.3.1(b) (exhibition against a non-NCAA Division I four-year collegiate institution), 17.3.5.1 (maximum limitations – institutional) and 17.3.5.3 (annual exemptions)]