



**Waiver Guidelines for Basketball Exhibition Games to Raise Funds for Catastrophic Events -  
Effective Immediately for the 2018-19 Basketball Season.**

The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff has received multiple inquiries related to waivers in the sport of basketball to conduct an exhibition game against a Division I institution for the purpose of raising funds for Hurricane Florence relief efforts. The staff is reissuing this announcement that was posted earlier this spring due to the questions received.

On May 24, 2018, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief approved a recommendation issued by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees to 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 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 Committee for Legislative Relief noted waivers 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.

Division I institutions seeking to participate in an exhibition contest against another Division I institution as described above are required to submit a legislative relief waiver to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff via RSRO for processing. The staff member assigned to the waiver will follow up with the institution's waiver point of contact through RSRO to request information as specified in guideline "f" above. Questions 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.

Waiver Guidelines for Basketball Exhibition Games  
to Raise Funds for Catastrophic Events –  
Effective Immediately for the 2018-19 Basketball Season.  
Page No. 2

---

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