The NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to allow Division III member institutions to use virtual platforms to conduct recruiting activities that would normally take place on campus for the remainder of the 2020 spring term through August 1, when relief will be reconsidered.

Under this waiver, institutions may conduct recruiting activities that:

1. Are delivered on a virtual platform (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, conference calls), including those platforms with an enabled public chat function;

2. Involve multiple prospective student-athletes, regardless of grade level, and their families at one time;

3. Replace athletics recruitment-specific presentations (e.g., junior days, open houses) that would normally be taking place on campus during the spring and summer of 2020; and

4. Include content delivered by institutional athletics and coaching staff, currently enrolled student-athletes and other members of the campus community (e.g., admissions, financial aid).

In issuing this waiver, the subcommittee noted that these are permissible on-campus recruiting activities, but they are not possible in their traditional format due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Additionally, continued athletic recruitment is essential for successful enrollment management at many Division III institutions. See Case No. 1097634 in Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief homepage.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.02.5.1 (Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes), 13.02.10 (Telephone Calls), 13.02.11 (Electronic Transmissions), 13.1.1.1 (High School Prospective Student-Athletes), and 13.10 (Publicity)].