

NCAA Legislative Relief Blanket Waiver
Basketball Noncoaching Staff Members Participation in Managerial Duties and Women's Basketball Practice Players -- 2020-21 Season

NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball programs may permit up to two Division I men's and women's basketball-specific noncoaching staff members to engage in managerial duties during on-court activities (e.g., rebound, pass, assist with drills) provided the noncoaching staff position existed as of September 7, 2020, and the institution has prohibited some or all student managers from attending practice or other countable athletically related activities due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19. The noncoaching staff member(s) designated to perform such on-court managerial duties must be designated by the institution and kept on file in the athletics department. The basketball-specific noncoaching staff members are only permitted to perform these managerial duties until the conclusion of an institution's 2020-21 playing season or when the institution permits all student managers to attend practice or other countable athletically related activities, whichever is earlier.

Additionally, in women's basketball, up to two basketball-specific noncoaching staff members permitted to engage in managerial duties during the 2020-21 playing season may also serve as practice players. For institutions still utilizing student managers, those student managers may also serve as practice players during the 2020-21 playing season. In both instances, the practice player duties may be performed by basketball-specific noncoaching staff members and student managers until the conclusion of the institution's 2020-21 playing season or when the institution permits practice players to attend practice, whichever is earlier.

In granting this request, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff noted:

1. With the reduction of many managers due to the health and safety impact of COVID-19, this waiver provides flexibility for designated noncoaching staff members to participate in on-court practice activities while performing managerial duties. Additionally, in women's basketball only, this waiver provides similar flexibility for designated noncoaching staff members and managers to serve as practice players;
2. **This waiver DOES NOT PERMIT a noncoaching staff member and student managers performing practice player duties in women's basketball to engage in on-court coaching activities;**
3. This waiver provides flexibility for institutions to conduct on-court countable athletically related activities and practice activities with the typical number of staff to assist in on-court activities;
4. This waiver assists institutional efforts to limit the individuals in contact with basketball teams to those essential to supporting the programs; and
5. The waiver was requested and supported by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Oversight Committees.

See Case No. 1109415 in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief [homepage](#).

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.01.7 (manager), 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities) and 12.7.5 (eligibility requirements for male students to practice with women's teams)]