For more information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the following resources on the NCAA’s COVID-19 webpage:

1. Resources on the resocialization of collegiate sport: Core Principles of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport, Action Plan Considerations and FAQ.

2. Resources on actions taken on Division III regulations and policies: Division III Administrative Committee Actions since March 13 and Approved Blanket Waivers for NCAA Bylaws impacted by COVID-19.


Since the COVID-19 impact is a fluid situation, I wanted to share some key updates and the Division III Administrative Committee actions, to date, regarding the 2019-20 Conference Strategic Grant due to COVID-19.

2019-20 Conference Grant Spending.

The first four bullets below reflect current Conference Grant policies and procedures and are to serve as a reminder.

- Conference Grant spending must meet current policies and procedures.
- Per the current policies and procedures, any spend beyond the listed pre-approved items must have prior approval by the conference grant administrator, Ali Spungen.

2019-20 Conference Grant Rollover Policy.

- A conference may retain unused funds in excess of $1,000 (beyond $301 in any single tier) provided that the conference submits a detailed plan in the Impact Form (due Aug. 1) regarding how the excess funds will be used and the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee approves the plan. Any funds beyond $1,000 unspent at the end of the subsequent year will need to be returned to the NCAA.
- Funds may only be rolled over within the Tier (e.g., Excess fund from Tier One, must be rolled over to Tier One).
Division III Administrative Committee Actions (to date due to COVID-19).

- Approved a blanket waiver for conferences that received rollover funds for 2019-20 be granted a one-year usage extension to August 1, 2021.

- Approved a blanket waiver that provides conferences relief for any unspent funds within each Tier of the conference strategic grant per the policies and procedures due to COVID-19. No warning letters will be issued for failure to meet grant spending requirements for 2019-20 due to COVID-19 impact.

- Provided a one-time flexibility within Tier One (i.e. allow conferences to use unspent funds allocated for one constituent group (e.g., SID) on any other pre-approved constituent group (e.g., SWAs, FARs, ADRs, etc.).

- Approved Tier One funds must remain in Tier One and cannot be used in another tier as these funds are designed to support professional development for individuals across various constituent groups.

- Provided a one-time flexibility between Tier Two and Tier Three funds (e.g., unspent Tier Two funds may be spent on preapproved items in Tier Three). For instance, if a conference has spent all its Tier Three funds, for this year only, conferences may use Tier Two funds for Tier Three provided the funds are spent in a manner consistent with grant policies and practices. Per Conference Grant policies and procedures, it is already permissible to use Tier Three funds on permissible Tier One and Tier Two initiatives.

COVID-19 action clarifications:

- Conferences have the option to rollover an unlimited amount of unspent funds in each tier from 2019-20 to 2020-21 if a detailed usage plan is submitted and approved by the SPFC grant subcommittee.

- Every conference can rollover funds this year. For those that rolled over funds from 2018-19 to 2019-20, if necessary, can roll funds forward again to 2020-21.

- Per conference grant policies and procedures, if conferences have unspent funds and roll funds over to next year, the rollover funds will stay in that tier. Conferences should detail the fund usage plan on the 2019-20 impact form. Further, if a conference is rolling funds forward in a category with a minimum spend level (e.g., SID), the minimum spend level will remain the same for next year. For instance, if a conference rolls forward SID funding,
the requirement for next year would remain at $1,000 (regardless of whether a conference rolled money forward or not).

- For 2019-20, conferences can use Tier One unspent funds allocated for one constituent group (e.g., SID) on any other pre-approved constituent group (e.g., SWAs, FARs, ADRs, etc.). For example, a conference would be permitted to use all of its Tier One funding on pre-approved constituent groups even if money is not spent on each constituent group as long as the spend is consistent with the grant policies and procedures.

- To reconfirm, no warning letters will be issued this year for failure to meet the requirements in any tier due to COVID-19 impact. Spending funds still needs to be consistent with the policies and procedures.

- If a conference has spent all of its Tier Three funds, for this year only, conferences can use Tier Two funds for Tier Three (preapproved uses or grant administrator approved) provided the funds are spent in a manner consistent with grant policies and procedures.

- Per conference grant policies and procedures, when a conference rolls funds forward from Tier Two or Tier Three, those funds would remain in the respective Tier and conferences should detail plans for use of the rollover funds on the impact form.