Frequently Asked Questions on Special Review

What is special review?

According to the FLA Charter, a company that is affiliated with the FLA as a Participating Company or Collegiate Licensee (Category B) may be placed on special review if it fails to achieve or maintain compliance with FLA standards. During this period, the company retains its current affiliation, however, neither the company nor the FLA may identify the company as being in compliance with FLA standards. The special review period may be extended by the Board. If a company fails to come into full compliance within the special review period, it can lead to termination of FLA membership.

How is special review different from the standard remediation process?

Special review is a 90-day time-bound process that requires immediate action by a company in order for it to be in good standing with the FLA. Further, the process limits the statements that can be made by a company about its FLA status and the progress of its remediation efforts while it is in special review.

What does a company have to do be removed from special review status?

The actions a company must take within the 90-day special review period are determined by the FLA Board of Directors and are dependent upon the particulars of the company’s noncompliance with the FLA standards. Remedial steps are usually defined in a Board resolution that is made available to the public and posted to the FLA website.

What happens at the end of the special review period?

At the end of the 90-day special review period, the FLA charter allows for the Board to extend the special review period for a period of time that the Board reasonably believes the Participating Company or Collegiate Licensee (Category B) needs to effectively address the issues that brought it under special review period or to achieve compliance with the FLA standards.

Alternatively, at the end of the special review period, whether or not such period has been extended, the Board can choose to terminate the membership of an FLA Participating Company or Collegiate Licensee (Category B) if the company or licensee has not effectively addressed the issues that led it to be placed on special review.

The Board’s decision on the status of the company at the end of the 90-day special review period is made public by the FLA at the time a decision is made.