



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

- **2025-26 Automatic Qualification (AQ).** The committee recommends 29 conferences receive an AQ for the 2026 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Automatic qualification for 2026 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the Division I Sport Oversight Committee approve the following 29 conferences to receive automatic bids for their conference champion into the 2026 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship:

America East Conference, American Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic Sun Conference, Big 12 Conference, Big East Conference, Big South Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Coastal Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Mid-American Conference, Missouri Valley Conference, Mountain West Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Patriot League, Southeastern Conference, Southern Conference, Southland Conference, Southwestern Athletic Conference, Summit League, Sun Belt Conference, West Coast Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

- (2) Effective date. 2026 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

- (3) Rationale. All 29 of the eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification. The Horizon League is in the first year of only having five eligible institutions competing in baseball after Purdue University Fort Wayne discontinued their baseball program.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- None.

Committee Chair: Jay Artigues, Southeastern Louisiana University
Staff Liaisons: Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances
Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances

Division I Baseball Committee August 7, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Michael Alford, Florida State University.	
Jay Artigues, Southeastern Louisiana University.	
Scott Dolson, Indiana University, Bloomington.	
Jon Gilbert, East Carolina University.	
Scott Leykam, University of Portland.	
Jeremy McClain, University of Southern Mississippi.	
Randle L. Richmond, Kent State University.	
Casey Scott, Kansas State University.	
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University.	
Scott Stricklin, University of Florida.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.	
Phil Pierce, Championships and Alliances.	
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.	
Jennifer Rodgers, Championships and Alliances.	
Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances.	
Jeff Williams, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Blake Jacklin, Accounting/Financial Planning and Analysis.	