



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEB. 2, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

KEY ITEMS.

1. Legislative Actions.

a. Countable coach limit – baseball.

- (1) Action. The NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2026 legislative cycle to modify the personnel legislation to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to baseball student-athletes.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current baseball personnel limits create monitoring challenges because they do not fully align with the instructional demands of today's collegiate baseball environment. Permitting institutional staff members to provide technical and tactical instruction brings greater clarity and consistency to permissible activities and allows institutions to take advantage of institutional staff expertise. Further, this proposal supports the development of student-athletes and institutional staff.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal allows institutions to make local-level decisions about how many staff members should support student-athletes during practice and competition.

b. Nonchampionship contests – baseball.

- (1) Action. The NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2026 legislative cycle to increase the maximum number of contests during the nonchampionship segment from two to four.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Increasing the maximum number of contests during the nonchampionship segment provides additional participation opportunities for student-athletes during the fall and allows them to gain meaningful exposure in a controlled environment. Expanding fall competition promotes informed decision-making regarding player roles and roster depth.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Minimal to none. Any potential impact would vary by institution based on resources used for nonchampionship contests.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation provides additional competition opportunities in the nonchampionship segment.

2. Nonlegislative Action.

- **Blanket waiver – countable coach limit – baseball.** The Baseball Oversight Committee approved a blanket waiver to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to a baseball student-athlete through the conclusion of the 2026 NCAA Division I Men’s College World Series. The blanket waiver does not change the legislation that permits an institution to designate a maximum of four baseball coaches to recruit off campus.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of Proposal No. 2026-8.** In preparation for the Cabinet’s April 14-15 review of Proposal No. 2026-8 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tour – Time Lapse Between Tours –Basketball– Once per Year), which would eliminate the once-in-four-years timing limitation and permit an institution to take a foreign tour once per year, the committee discussed whether the proposal should apply to baseball. The committee has no formal position on the proposal applying to baseball noting that foreign tours do not regularly exist in baseball.
2. **Personnel model – off-campus recruiters.** The committee discussed adjusting the number of designated off-campus recruiters but did not act on the concept.
3. **Honoring Mark Marquess.** The Division I Baseball Oversight Committee honored the life and legacy of former longtime Stanford coach Mark Marquess, whose leadership, integrity, and dedication to student-athletes left a lasting impact on the sport.
4. **Other business.** The committee identified notification-of-transfer windows and the first contest date during the championship segment as potential future discussion topics.
5. **Future meetings.**
 - 2 p.m. Eastern time Monday, March 2.
 - 2 p.m. Eastern time Monday, May 4.
 - 2 p.m. Eastern time Monday, July 13.
 - 2 p.m. Eastern time Monday, August 24.

Committee Chair: Michael Alford, Florida State University.
Staff Liaisons: DJ Brown, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee Feb. 2, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Michael Alford, Florida State University, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Randy Bruns, baseball secretary-rules editor.
Scott Dolson, Indiana University, Bloomington, Big Ten Conference.
Jon Gilbert, East Carolina University, American Conference.
Jeff Gosney, national coordinator of baseball umpires.
Tim Johnson, Oral Roberts University.
Craig Keilitz, American Baseball Coaches Association.
Johnny Luetzow, Santa Clara University.
Scott Leykam, University of Portland.
Jeremy McClain, The University of Southern Mississippi, Sun Belt Conference.
Alex Piquero, University of Miami (Florida).
Randale L. Richmond, Kent State University.
DeAmez Ross, University of Central Florida.
Luke Russo, Farleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.
Casey Scott, Kansas State University, Big 12 Conference.
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University, Conference USA.
Scott Stricklin, University of Florida, Southeastern Conference.
Troy Sudbrook, University of Toledo.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
DJ Brown, Randy L. Buhr, Anthony Holman and Chad Tolliver.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Brandy Hataway, Catherine Lant, Jay Jay Rackley, Luke Schultheis and Jeff Williams.