



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MAY 4 and 12, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCES**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- a. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-14 (athletics personnel and recruiting --- limitation on the number of coaches and off-campus recruiters – baseball and softball).** The oversight committee amended and voted to adopt Proposal No. 2026-14. The proposal allows any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes. The oversight committee amended the proposal to allow any institutional staff member to recruit on behalf of the baseball program, provided no more than four individuals recruit off-campus any given day. The adopted proposal is subject to review by the NCAA Division I Cabinet during its June 2026 meeting.
- b. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-21 (playing and practice seasons – baseball – number of nonchampionship segment contests).** The oversight committee adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-21. The proposal adjusts the number of nonchampionship contests from two to four. The adopted proposal is subject to review by the NCAA Division I Cabinet during its June 2026 meeting. Further, the committee discussed but did not take action on a possible amendment to Proposal No. 2026-21 that would permit a team to participate in a maximum of either:
 - i. Four contests during the nonchampionship segment and 56 contests during the championship segment; or,
 - ii. Three contests during the nonchampionship segment, 56 contests during the championship segment and one exempt contest against a professional team after the first date of competition during the championship segment.

- 2. Recommendation from the Division I Baseball Oversight Committee Baseball Playing Rules Subcommittee.** The oversight committee approved a recommendation from the Baseball Playing Rules Subcommittee for an experimental rule to permit the use of an electronic strike zone to confirm or overturn challenged ball and strike calls during 2026 conference tournaments.

- 3. Division I Bylaw 17 Decentralization Feedback – Phase I.** The NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee discussed the decentralization of Division I Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons). The committee provided feedback to the NCAA Division I Cabinet on the

first practice date, first competition date, end of the playing season, maximum competition dates, summer athletics activities and health and safety for baseball.

4. **Division I Notification of Transfer Window.** The committee received an update on Division I notification of transfer window periods for all sports. The committee discussed key dates in the sport of baseball that impact transfer decisions and decided to continue discussions after the closing of baseball 2026 summer notification of transfer window period.
5. **Division I Baseball Oversight Committee Baseball Playing Rules Subcommittee update.** The committee received an update on the NCAA baseball rules survey that is scheduled to be distributed to the membership in early May. Head coaches and umpires will be contacted directly with a survey link. Campus and conference athletics administrators should access the survey on the NCAA Rules Survey Dashboard. Additionally, the committee received an update on 2025-26 NCAA Baseball Rules Interpretations and Clarifications.
6. **Division I Baseball Oversight Committee Championship Subcommittee update.** The committee received an update on recent championship subcommittee meetings and the upcoming championship selection meeting Indianapolis May 22-25.
7. **Division I Governance update.** The committee received an update on recent Division I governance meetings including the Division I age-based eligibility model.
8. **Report of the March 2, 2026 Meeting.** The oversight committee approved the report of its March 2, 2026 meeting as written.
9. **Future Meetings.**
 - a. 2 to 3 p.m. Eastern time Monday, July 13, 2026; Microsoft Teams Videoconference.
 - b. 2 to 3 p.m. Eastern time Monday, August 24, 2026; Microsoft Teams Videoconference.

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 May 4 & May 12, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Michael Alford, Florida State University, Atlantic Coast Conference. <i>(May 4)</i>
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.
Scott Leykam, University of Portland.
Johnny Luetzow, Santa Clara University. <i>(May 12)</i>
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. <i>(May 4)</i>
Casey Scott, Kansas State University, Big 12 Conference.
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University, Conference USA. <i>(May 4)</i>
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 <i>(May 12)</i> and Chad Tolliver.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Stanley Broaden, Kristen Fasbender <i>(May 12)</i> , Ashlee Follis <i>(May 4)</i> , Brandy Hataway, Catherine Lant, Jay Jay Rackley, Luke Schultheis and Jeff Williams.