



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 9, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee approved the following rules change proposal. The Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee requests approval from the Division I Baseball Oversight Committee:

- **Commercial Logos – Playing Surfaces (Rule 1.2).**

(1) Recommendation. To permit commercial or nonprofit logos on the field that conform to the following standards: (1) four commercial or nonprofit trademarks/logos permitted in foul territory and up to two commercial or nonprofit trademarks/logos permitted in the outfield not larger than 15-foot-by-15-foot or 225 square feet; (2) The primary color of logo must contrast with the color of the ball; and (3) May not interfere with required field markings and not permitted in the grass infield with the exception of the back of the mound.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2026.

(3) Rationale. To increase revenue opportunities for institutions and to align with other NCAA sports that permit commercial advertising on the playing surface.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and announcements. The members of the NCAA Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee and Divisions II and III Baseball Rules Committee in attendance were welcomed and thanked for their time.

2. Review of Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee Divisions II and III Baseball Rules Committee January 21, 2026, joint videoconference report. The Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee and Divisions II and III Baseball Rules Committee January 21, 2026, joint videoconference report was provided as informational.

3. Secretary-rules editor report. The Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee and Divisions II and III Baseball Rules Committee received a report from the secretary-rules editor.

4. **National coordinators of umpires' reports.** The Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee and Divisions II and III Baseball Rules Committee received a report from the national coordinators of umpires.
5. **Review of commercial logos on playing surfaces, student-athletes' uniforms/apparel and equipment.** The Division I Rules Subcommittee and Divisions II and III Baseball Rules Committee reviewed and considered a rules change proposal as noted above in the Action Items section of this report. In addition, and in response to legislation approved by the NCAA Division I Cabinet, the Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee also approved an editorial change to address the placement of commercial and nonprofit logos on the uniform and apparel. The additional logos are permitted on the jersey (front, back or sleeve), pants/shorts or socks, and they may not interfere with required uniform markings.
6. **Other business.** The Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee reviewed items related to the approved experimental rules for the 2026 season.
7. **2025-26 videoconference timeline.** The next joint videoconference is scheduled for March 2 at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
8. **Adjournment.** The joint videoconference adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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Committee Chair(s): Billy O’Conner, Xavier University, Big East Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Stanley Broaden, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee February 9, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
John Brammer, active umpire.
Jamie Breslin, Stanford University.
Randy Bruns, secretary-rules editor.
Jim Cole, Mercer University.
Tim Corbin, Vanderbilt University.
Jeff Gosney, national coordinator of umpires.
Ben Greenspan, Northwestern University.
J.D. Loudabarger, Arizona State University.
Jeremy McClain, University of Southern Mississippi.
Billy O’Conner, Xavier University.
Absentees:
Johnny Luetzow, Santa Clara University.
Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard, California State University, Sacramento.
Guests in Attendance:
Jon Browar, DII national coordinator of umpires.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support of Committee) in Attendance:
Stanley Broaden.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Paden Alie, Randy Buhr and Ashlee Follis.