



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2025, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative item.

- **Indoor Track and Field – Notification of Transfer – Eliminate Winter Period.**
 - a. Recommendation. The Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee introduced legislation to eliminate the undergraduate notification of transfer window that follows selections for the indoor track and field championships. The oversight committee requests the Division I Cabinet adopt the proposed changes as expedited legislation at its January 14, 2026, meeting.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. The recommendation to remove the 45-day window that currently follows selections for the indoor track and field championships will eliminate the disruptive impact posed by having the Transfer Portal open for most of the outdoor track and field season. The purpose of establishing notification of transfer windows was to provide stability and predictability to transfer decision-making and confine most of these decisions to outside of a sport's championship segment. Eliminating the winter window that coincides with the indoor championship will remove this disruption to the outdoor season while preserving two or more other transfer windows for student-athletes' use at other junctures during the academic year. Currently, Division I track and field and cross country student-athletes have between 90-120 total days to enter the Transfer Portal throughout the academic year. Removing the winter window will reduce this range to 45-75 total days, which still provides undergraduate student-athletes with comparable or more total days to enter the Transfer Portal than other Division I sports.
 - d. Estimated budget. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. The recommendation promotes roster stability during the outdoor track and field season while still providing a transfer window at the conclusion of the spring term for undergraduate student-athletes considering transfer opportunities for the next academic year.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approval of November 20, 2025, report.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee approved the November 20 report as written.
- 2. Indoor and outdoor track and field coach recommendations.** The committee received a brief presentation from Mike Holloway, head track and field coach at the University of Florida, who recommended qualifying and championship format ideas for the committee to consider for the Division I indoor and outdoor track and field championships. The committee noted these recommendations for future discussion and consideration.
- 3. Outdoor track and field meet waiver request.** The oversight committee approved a waiver request for an institution to host two events, as a part of its regular-season meet, at a secondary location due to limitations with venue field equipment and field event facilities. Marks obtained at these offsite events will be allowed to count toward NCAA qualifying as long as all other NCAA championship qualifying criteria are met.
- 4. Cross country working group.** The oversight committee appointed Dave Smith, director of track & field and cross country at Oklahoma State University, as chair of a cross country working group. Coach Smith asked Karina Handeland, current chair of the Division I Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee, and members Darren Gausen and Sean Graham, to serve on the working group. Coach Smith will also work to identify other individuals within the sport to serve. The working group will be charged with, but not limited to, exploring how to add value to the cross country regular season, including potentially restructuring it to link more with the championships, as well as how to increase the sport's exposure.

*Committee Chair: Karina Handeland, University of Portland, West Coast Conference
Staff Liaisons: Jeff Mynski, Championships and Alliances and Jejuan Bowser, Connor Bush and Emily Capehart, Governance and Member Services.*

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Attendees:	
Ritchie Beene, Alabama State University.	
Chris Brock, Princeton University.	
Cody Brousek, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia.	
Rhiannon Davies, Eastern Washington University.	
Uri Farkas, Northern Arizona University.	
Darren Gauson, University of New Mexico.	

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Sean Graham, American University.
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.
Shirelle Jackson, University of Miami (Florida).
Funmi Jimoh-Blakemore, Rice University.
Mark Kostek, NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Secretary-Rules Editor.
Gary Martin, University of Virginia.
Jahi McDonald, Wright State University.
Terren Peterson, University of South Florida.
Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.
Sam Seemes, United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.
Absentees:
Molly Sullivan and Milan Donley.
Guests in Attendance:
Mike Holloway, University of Florida.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynksi, Emily Capehart, Jejuan Bowser, and Connor Bush.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jay Fitzwater and Demetria Young.