



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEB. 4, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Introduction of new committee member.** The committee was introduced to the newest committee member, Taylor Sanderson, associate athletic director of development at the University of Memphis. Mr. Sanderson fills the at-large position currently held by the American Athletic Conference after it was vacated by a committee member who took a new job outside of the conference.
2. **Approval of Jan. 7, 2026, report.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee approved the Jan. 7 report as written.
3. **Indoor track and field championships travel update.** As a cost savings measure, the oversight committee was informed of the decision to only travel championship subcommittee members to the NCAA indoor track and field championships this upcoming March.
4. **Sport oversight committee selections to playing rules subcommittee.** The oversight committee selected Cody Brousek from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and Terren Peterson from the University of South Florida to serve as members of the track and field and cross country playing rules subcommittee.
5. **Outdoor track and field first round competition schedules.** The oversight committee made a few adjustments and ultimately approved schedules for the East and West first rounds at the University of Kentucky and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, this upcoming May. Finalized schedules are now posted on the Division I outdoor track and field landing page on NCAA.org.
6. **Outdoor track and field championships final site schedule.** The oversight committee reviewed a draft of the outdoor track and field competition schedule but elected to gather some additional information from the University of Oregon about the venue before solidifying the 2026 schedule.
7. **Corporate and nonprofit logos on student-athlete uniforms and apparel.** The oversight committee received an update following the adoption of Division I Proposal No. 2025-35 to permit the inclusion of additional commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos on student-athletes' uniforms and apparel used during competition and pregame and postgame activities. The oversight committee also received an update on the work by its playing rules subcommittee to develop sport-specific policies regarding the placement of the additional logos on student-

athletes' uniforms and apparel and playing surfaces, and the ongoing work to clarify the scope of NCAA Championships policies. The oversight committee will likely act at its March meeting to approve the final recommendations by the playing rules subcommittee.

8. **Frequency of foreign tours.** The oversight committee received an overview of the proposed rule change to the bylaw regulating the frequency of institutional foreign tours introduced into the April legislative cycle by the Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The Division I Cabinet is requesting all other sport oversight committees and sport committees to consider supporting a similar change for their respective sports. The Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee will formalize its feedback for the Cabinet during its March meeting.
9. **Cross country first permissible preseason practice date blanket waiver and legislative adjustment consideration.** The oversight committee began discussing the impact of the legislated formula used to determine the first permissible preseason practice date for cross country on the start of the 2026 fall season. The oversight committee noted the impact the formula will have on many programs' ability to conduct preseason practice prior to the start of their fall term. As a result, the oversight committee will have further conversation in March about the potential issuance of a blanket waiver for the 2026 fall season and consider a legislative alternative that provides a more predictable start date moving forward.
10. **Potential new scoring system for consideration at indoor and outdoor track and field championships.** The oversight committee received an overview on a potential different scoring system from current committee member and CEO of the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, Sam Seemes. The committee will review this possible model at an upcoming meeting.

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

Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee Feb. 4, 2026, Videoconference	
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.	
Milan Donley, NCAA National Officials Assignor.	
Darren Gauson, University of New Mexico.	

Sean Graham, American University.
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.
Shirelle Jackson, University of Miami (Florida).
Gary Martin, University of Virginia.
Jahi McDonald, Wright State University.
Terren Peterson, University of South Florida.
Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi.
Taylor Sanderson, University of Memphis.
Sam Seemes, United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University.
Molly Sullivan, Butler University.
Absentees:
Mark Kostek, NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Secretary-Rules Editor.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynski, Emily Capehart, Jejuan Bowser and Connor Bush.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jay Fitzwater, Micaela Kapsalis and Demetria Young.