



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2026, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of December 3, 2025, report.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee approved the Dec. 3 report as written.
2. **Outdoor track and field jumps competition manager – NCAA East first rounds.** The oversight committee approved the recommendation for a vacancy for the jumps competition manager as presented by the national officials assignor, Milan Donley.
3. **Indoor track and field subcommittee chair.** The oversight committee was updated on the new indoor track and field championships subcommittee chair, current oversight committee member Molly Sullivan. Molly volunteered to fill this role after it was vacated by another committee member who took a new job and was required to resign her position on the committee.
4. **Sport oversight committee interpretations and waivers policies and procedures.** The committee was briefed by NCAA staff member, Emily Capehart, on the processes and committee responsibilities in legislative interpretations and waiver requests under the new sport oversight committee structure.
5. **16- and 24-place track and field scoring systems.** The oversight committee continued discussion on their exploration to score deeper at the NCAA indoor and outdoor track and field championships. The committee identified additional items to consider as they continue their review. This includes how to handle scoring consideration for athletes that do not finish or do not start in non-final rounds of competition, trophies for athletes that advance to an eight-person final but do not start or finish the final, awarding of points for athletes that advance to a final but do not start or finish the final, and how to determine points for non-finalists in multi-heat preliminary rounds with current consideration being place and then time to assign points. The committee anticipates a proposal coming from the track and field executive committee of the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association that proposes similar concepts to score deeper as well. The committee will review that proposal once received and continue discussion during future oversight committee meetings.
6. **Shot put and weight throw practice at the NCAA indoor track and field championships.** With two available throwing rings at the University of Arkansas, site of the 2026 indoor track and field championships, the committee elected to have one ring fully dedicated to shot put

practice and one ring fully dedicated to weight throw practice during the entire practice windows of the indoor track and field championships.

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 January 7, 2026, Meeting	
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.	
Uri Farkas, Northern Arizona University.	
Darren Gauson, University of New Mexico.	
Sean Graham, American University.	
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.	
Shirelle Jackson, University of Miami (Florida).	
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.	
Molly Sullivan, Butler University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
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 Liddane, and Demetria Young.	