



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
May 6, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Report of the April 1, 2026, meeting.** The oversight committee approved the report of its April 1, 2026, meeting.
2. **Coaches credential pickup at indoor and outdoor track and field championships.** The committee discussed including all requested coaches credentials in team packets, rather than having each coach show ID and individually pick up their credential as is the current policy. After discussion the committee took no action noting that the current policies help prevent against the abuse of credentials and them being handed off to another individual that is at the championship without coaching responsibilities.
3. **Corporate and non-profit logos on student-athlete uniforms, apparel, equipment and playing surfaces.** The committee received a brief update and voted to support the recommendation as written from the playing rules subcommittee to allow for the use of corporate and non-profit logos on the playing surfaces for cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field.
4. **Update on the NCAA Eligibility Center's certification process when using the national/international competition exception to delayed enrollment.** The committee received an update on the approach the NCAA Eligibility Center will use for 2026-27 certifications for prospective student-athletes seeking to apply the national/international competition exception to delayed enrollment (Bylaw 12.6.3.2.1.2). Specifically, at the recommendation of the Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee, the Eligibility Center will no longer deviate from the legislation when evaluating national/international competition that occurred after a prospective student-athlete's grace year expires. The committee understood the immediate implications of reverting to the normal application of the exception for current certification purposes and will continue to monitor broader implications of the ongoing review of an age-based eligibility model.
5. **Bylaw 17 Decentralization Review – Phase I.** The committee received an update on and initially discussed the decentralization of Division I Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons). The committee will provide feedback to the NCAA Division I Cabinet on the rules and formulas that dictate an institution's first practice date, first competition date, end of the playing season, maximum competition dates of competition, activities that occur during the summer and health and safety for cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field.

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

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee May 6, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Lindsey Anderson, Weber State University; Big Sky Conference.
Ritchie Beene, Alabama State University.
Chris Brock, Princeton University; Ivy League.
Cody Brousek, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Big Ten Conference.
Pam Bruzina, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
Rhiannon Davies, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Milan Donley, NCAA Track and Field National Officials Assignor.
Darren Gauson, University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference.
Sean Graham, American University.
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.
Shirelle Jackson, University of Miami, Florida; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Mark Kostek, NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Secretary-Rules Editor.
Gary Martin, Student-athlete from University of Virginia.
Jahi McDonald, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Terren Peterson, Student-athlete from University of South Florida.
Taylor Sanderson, University of Memphis.
Sam Seemes, United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.
Dave Smith, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.
Molly Sullivan, Butler University; Big East Conference.
Absentees:
Connie Price-Smith, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jejuan Bowser, Emily Capehart, and Jeff Mlynski.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:
Jay Fitzwater, Micaela Kapsalis, Leilyn Miles, and Demetria Young.