



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
AND CROSS COUNTRY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 13, 2025, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of October 1 report.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee approved the October 1 report as written.
2. **Student-athlete appointments to the oversight committee.** Committee members reviewed and selected two student-athlete nominees for the two current vacancies on the oversight committee.
3. **Staggering of playing rules subcommittee member terms.** The oversight committee discussed the five members appointed on its October 1, 2025, call to the playing rules subcommittee. Noting that there are only six voting members on the rules subcommittee, the oversight committee elected to stagger the terms of the five new subcommittees members so that five of the six voting members are not rolling off at the same time. Two of the five new appointees will serve a three-year term and the other three will serve a four-year term.
4. **Meeting cadence for the Division I Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee, Championships Subcommittee, and Playing Rules Subcommittee.** The committee reviewed a proposed timeline of meetings for the year and provided feedback. A new timeline will be developed based on the feedback and will be shared on an upcoming meeting for review and approval by the oversight committee.
5. **Cowbells at upcoming NCAA cross country championships.** The committee discussed a proposal from the host of the upcoming championships in November to provide cowbells as a fan giveaway at the championships. The committee voted unanimously to support this noting that it is a common tradition in cross country and will enhance the championship atmosphere and experience.
6. **Committee orientation.** Members were provided a formal committee orientation. This included covering the roles and responsibilities of the oversight committee and championships subcommittee, confidentiality, conflict of interest, committee resources, championship travel policies, and committee meetings and communication tools.

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.

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Attendees:
Chris Brock, Princeton University.
Cody Brousek, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Rhiannon Davies, Eastern Washington University.
Uri Farkas, Northern Arizona University.
Darren Gauson, University of New Mexico.
Sean Graham, American University.
Karina Handeland, University of Portland.
Funmi Jimoh, Rice University.
Mark Kostek, NCAA Track and Field and Cross Country Secretary-Rules Editor.
Jahi McDonald, Wright State University.
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:
Ritchie Beene, Alabama State University.
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia.
Milan Donley, NCAA Track and Field National Officials Assignor.
Shirelle Jackson, University of Miami (Florida).
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Jeff Mlynski, Emily Capehart and Jejuan Bowser.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jay Fitzwater, Micaela Liddane and Demetria Young.