



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
FIELD HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative Item.**
 - **Field Hockey - Notification of Transfer - Undergraduate Student-Athletes.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, for field hockey, to amend the recruiting legislation to modify the notification-of-transfer legislation to require all undergraduate transfer student-athletes to initiate the notification-of-transfer process for 30 consecutive-day period beginning the Tuesday immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship game. The Field Hockey Oversight Committee does not recommend a change to the head coach departure exception nor the spring window at this time and will revisit at a later date.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. The proposal focuses on student-athlete well-being and maintain focus on postseason competition. Additionally, it avoids external pressures on student-athletes and coaches during the NCAA championship and aligns with NCAA best practices of protecting championship environments and competitive equity. Lastly, it aligns with other sports such as Men's Wrestling and Men's Ice Hockey who recently adopted a similar transfer portal window change, opening their portal window after their respective NCAA Championships.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies by institution.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal to open the notification-of-transfer window after the conclusion of the field hockey season eliminates disruption to the NCAA championship and provides more certainty around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Legislative action items.** The Field Hockey Oversight Committee adopted the following legislative proposals. The three adopted proposals are not final until reviewed by the Division I Cabinet during its June 2026 meeting.

- **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-23 - Playing and Practice Season – Field Hockey - Preseason Practice.** The Field Hockey Oversight committee adopted Proposal No. 2026-23, in field hockey, to amend the first permissible practice date to allow practice sessions to commence 21 days before the first allowable date of competition.
 - **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-24 - Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Golf - In-Season Foreign Competition.** The Field Hockey Oversight Committee adopted legislation to eliminate the once-in-four-year restriction specific to in-season foreign competition. The proposal, in field hockey, permits institutions to participate in foreign competitions on a more frequent basis.
 - **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-29 – Playing and Practice Season – Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball – Nonchampionship Segment Travel – Eliminate Ground Transportation Restriction.** The Field Hockey Oversight Committee adopted legislation to eliminate the restriction to ground transportation for travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment.
2. **Automatic qualification.** The Field Hockey Oversight Committee approved the recommendation that the following 10 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2026 NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship: America East Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Big East Conference; Big Ten Conference; Coastal Athletic Association; The Ivy League; Mid-American Conference; Northeast Conference; and Patriot League.
 3. **NCAA Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee January 26-27 and February 23 meeting reports.** The Field Hockey Oversight committee reviewed and approved its January 26-27 and February 23 meeting reports.
 4. **NCAA Divisions I/II/III Joint Committee January Meeting Report.** The Field Hockey Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its January 27 joint Division I/II/III meeting report.
 5. **Other business.** The Field Hockey Oversight Committee were provided with an update on the decentralization timeline for the NCAA Division I Cabinet. Additionally, the oversight committee inquired about ongoing discussion surrounding eligibility and were informed of upcoming webinars to educate the membership on this matter.

Committee Chair: Amy Densevich, Kent State University

Staff Liaison(s): Khadian Harrison, Division I Governance and Member Services
Will Hopkins, Championships

| NCAA Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee April 23, 2026, Videoconference | |
|---|--|
| Attendees: | |
| Stacey Bean, Virginia Commonwealth University. | |
| Cheryl Bruttomesso, Rules Editor (nonvoting member). | |
| Cate Clark, National Field Hockey Coaches Association (nonvoting member). | |
| Tim Coffey, Longwood University (nonvoting member). | |
| Amy Densevich, Kent State University. | |
| Jarred Martin, The Ohio State University. | |
| Joanie Milhous, Villanova University. | |
| Caityln Prandato, Harvard University. | |
| Sydney Van Der Merwe, Sacred Heart University. | |
| Tim Vaughn, National Coordinator of Officials (nonvoting member). | |
| Richard Zhu, Stanford University. | |
| Absentees: | |
| Maddie Zimmer, Northwestern University. | |
| Guests in Attendance: | |
| None. | |
| NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance: | |
| Khadian Harrison and Will Hopkins. | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | |
| Miriah Martin. | |