



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The NCAA Division I Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee and NCAA staff liaisons engaged in brief introductions and discussed the role of the NCAA staff liaisons in supporting the Women's Field Hockey Committee.
2. **Committee orientation.** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee received an orientation on information surrounding the committee composition, committee collaboration zone, committee member expectations and were provided with an outline of the 2025-26 anticipated meeting timeline.
3. **Sports Oversight Committee update and Division I governance structure.** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was provided with an update of the Division I governance structure consistent to what was shared during the Sport Oversight Committee training. In addition, the Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was provided with a review of the legislative timeline. Lastly, the Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was made aware of the new legislative cycle for the 2025-26 academic year.
4. **NCAA Division I Legislative Update** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee reviewed and engaged in discussion on the legislative proposals that were put forth by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association in February 2025.
 - a. **Amend NCAA Division I Bylaw 17.11.2 (Preseason Practice).** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee engaged in an initial discussion of the preseason practice legislation, including data and feedback from the national field hockey coaches association. Staff noted that the legislation related to preseason practice is currently under review by the NCAA Division I Cabinet, and any legislative action would need to occur after the Division I Cabinet review is complete.
 - Feedback request on a potential blanket waiver related to field hockey beginning preseason practice 21 calendar days before the first scheduled regular season contest for fall 2026. The National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) requested in spring 2025 that legislation be adopted to allow an institution's field hockey program to begin practice 21 calendar days before the first scheduled regular season contest for fall 2025. Due to the review and pending approval of the Division I governance structure, it

was recommended that the Sport Oversight Committee review the request under the new structure. Currently, this topic is under review with the Division I Cabinet via the legislative audit. The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee directed the NCAA staff to extend the current blanket waiver for the 2026-27 academic year to allow time to complete the review of several NCAA Division I legislation. The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee supports putting forth a legislative proposal consistent to what has been permitted via the blanket waiver. The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee cannot take official action to introduce a proposal until after the audit is complete. Thus, the blanket waiver is effective until legislation is adopted to make the blanket waiver permanent.

- b. **Amend Bylaws 13.1.3.1 (Recruiting Contact Date – Telephone Calls), 13.1.5.1(Contacts), and 13.6.2.1. (Official Visits), and 13.7.1.1 (Unofficial Visits).** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was provided with an update that the first opportunity for telephone calls, off-campus contact, official or unofficial visits are currently under review with the Division I Cabinet, and the Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee cannot take official action to introduce a proposal until after the audit is complete. The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee engaged in an initial discussion based on feedback from the national field hockey coaches association.
 - c. **Amend NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.6.1 (Scouting Opponents).** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was provided with an update that the scouting of future opponents legislation is currently under review with the Division I Cabinet, and the Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee cannot take official action to introduce a proposal until after the audit is complete. The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee engaged in an initial discussion based on the feedback from the national field hockey coaches association.
- 5. **Championships initiatives.** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was provided with an update on the ongoing championship initiatives.
 - 6. **Commercial trademark and nonprofit logo.** The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was provided with an update that the Division I Cabinet introduced legislation into the January 2026 legislative cycle to modify legislation regarding the use of commercial and nonprofit trademarks or logos on student-athletes' uniforms, apparel and equipment for all non-NCAA championship competitions, including pre- and post-game activities. Specifically, the Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee was asked to provide feedback on the placement of such logos. The Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee generally supported the referrals of the Division I Cabinet.

Committee Chair: Amy Densevich, Kent State University
Staff Liaison(s): Khadian Harrison, Division I Governance and Member Services
Will Hopkins, Championships

NCAA Division I Women's Field Hockey Oversight Committee November 3, 2025, 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.	
Maddie Zimmer, Northwestern University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Khadian Harrison and Will Hopkins.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
JD Hamilton and Miriah Martin.	