



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL COMMITTEE
FEB. 2, 11, AND 23, 2026; AND MARCH 3 AND 4, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCES**

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **NCAA Power Index (NPI).**

(1) Recommendation. Approve the NPI weights being recommended to the various dials as follows:

NPI WEIGHTS					
Win%/SOS	Home/Away Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Retained Wins
25/75	1.05/0.95	52.0	0.500	100/0	5.5

(2) Effective date. The NPI and the NPI weights will be effective with the start of the 2026 football season.

(3) Rationale. Please see the attached one-page document with the rationale for each of the weights for these six NPI dials. The dials are the data points that are factored into the NPI calculation. The weights are the value applied to each dial.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. A benefit of the NPI is that all data will be analyzed, and the criteria will be applied objectively to establish the championship field (at-large berths remaining after the automatic qualifiers are awarded). These NPI weights should result in a championship field that will provide a positive student-athlete experience.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Emergency legislation request.** The committee reviewed and approved sending correspondence to the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee to let them be aware of the desire of the football committee that emergency legislation be considered as it relates to the Division II football transfer portal window.

Committee chair: Brett Gilliland, University of West Alabama, Gulf South Conference
Staff Liaisons: Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Football Committee Feb. 2, 11, and 23, 2026; and March 3 and 4, 2026, Meetings
Attendees:
Jas Bains, Western Colorado University.
Brett Gilliland, University of West Alabama.
Jim Givens, University of Findlay.
Aaron James, Tuskegee University.
Andy McKenzie, Assumption University.
Meghan Mulcahy, Northeastern State University.
David Sharp, Ouachita Baptist University.
John Wilson, Jr., Virginia State University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Tim Danehy, NCAA Power Index (NPI).
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jess Gaumer, Championships and Alliances.
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Jarom McLiver, Championships and Alliances.
Phil Pierce, Championships and Alliances.

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