



July 6, 2026

VIA EMAIL

To the members of the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA):

During its February videoconference, The Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the April 2026 legislative cycle to:

- Modify the first preseason practice date
- Modify the first permissible date of competition
- Modify the in-season foreign competition legislation

The Division I Cabinet adopted the proposals during its June 23-24 meeting. Specific changes to legislation are listed below:

Preseason Practice Date (see Proposal No. 2026-25)

- **New Preseason Practice Date:** The third Thursday in August, or five days prior to an institution's start of classes, whichever occurs earlier.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2026

First Date of Competition (see Proposal No. 2026-25)

- **New First Date of Competition:** The fourth Thursday in August, or five days prior to an institution's start of classes, whichever occurs earlier.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2026

In-Season Foreign Competition (see Proposal No. 2026-24)

- **New In-Season Foreign Competition Legislation:** All restrictions related to in-season foreign competition have been removed. Institutions may participate in foreign competition during their playing season without previous location and timing restrictions.
- **Effective Date:** August 1, 2026

Notification of Transfer Dates (see Proposal No. 2026-11)

As a reminder, The Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee introduced expedited legislation into the April 2026 legislative cycle to reduce the 30-day notification of transfer period beginning seven days after championship selections to a 15-day period beginning the day after the Division I Men's and Women's Golf Championships.

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf
Legislative Newsletter
July 6, 2026

The Division I Cabinet adopted the proposal during its April 14-15 meeting, effective immediately. The 2027 spring designated transfer window dates for golf are listed below:

- Women's Golf: May 27 - June 10
- Men's Golf: June 3 -17

Additionally, the December 1-15 designated transfer window for golf continues to remain in effect.

Institutional Promotion of Noninstitutional Camps

The adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal 2021-11 eliminated the restrictions preventing a coach's promotion of a noninstitutional camp in which the coaching staff member is not employed or a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes. Therefore, institutional coaches may promote noninstitutional camps/clinics and athletics events via social media.

As a reminder, it remains impermissible for a coach to serve as a recruiting/scouting service consultant per Bylaw 11.3.2.4 (Recruiting Service Consultants). Therefore, camps and events conducted/operated by recruiting/scouting services may not be promoted by institutional coaches. Additionally, an institution's coach may not serve as a consultant to a noninstitutional athletics event despite their ability to promote the event.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dustin Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Golf Coaches Association of America
John Baldwin, Managing Director, Championships and Alliances, NCAA
Mark Bedics, Director, Championships and Alliances, NCAA
Brittney Jackson, Assistant Director, Governance and Member Services, NCAA