



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 17, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Ice hockey roster limit proposal.** NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee reviewed a proposal from the Big Ten to increase the roster limit in ice hockey from 26 to 28 student-athletes, as well as the process established to modify legislation related to the approval of the *House* settlement. Committee members will solicit feedback from conferences on the proposal to inform continued discussion during the September 21 videoconference.
2. **Update on commercial trademarks and logos recommendation to the NCAA Division I Cabinet.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee received an update regarding their recommendation to the Division I Cabinet to modify the permissible placement of commercial trademarks and logos on student-athlete apparel and equipment. The Division I Cabinet will review the recommendation in a future videoconference. The NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee did not approve rule language regarding permissible placement of any commercial trademarks or logos on the uniform or equipment. Institutions are permitted to add commercial logos consistent with the current legislation.
3. **Recruiting proposal – first permissible dates.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee reviewed a proposal from the National Collegiate Hockey Conference to modify the first permissible date to conduct telephone calls and electronic correspondence, off-campus contact, official and unofficial visits and written offers of athletic aid in men's ice hockey. The committee requested feedback from the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) on the proposal and will review the feedback prior to the September 6, 2026, deadline to recommend the Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation on October 6-7, 2026.
4. **Playing and practice season discussion – preseason practice period and maximum contests.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee reviewed their feedback to the Division I Cabinet regarding NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 Decentralization, including modifying the first permissible date for preseason practice and the number of countable athletic activities permitted during the preseason practice period. Additionally, the committee discussed a modification to the maximum contest limit to permit additional exhibitions/scrimmages to occur prior to the first permissible contest date. The committee requested feedback from the AHCA to be included in their next videoconference on September 21, 2026.

5. **2027 Regional site change.** NCAA championships operations staff are currently reviewing bid material for a 2027 Division I Men's Ice Hockey Regional site adjustment. Due to loss of a regular hockey tenant and building renovations, Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport, Connecticut can no longer serve as a regional host. Peoples Bank Arena in Hartford, Connecticut has submitted all required bid materials. Once review of the Hartford bid is complete the Championship Subcommittee of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee will consider a formal recommendation to move the regional to Hartford.
6. **Championship format review.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee was provided a summary of the championship format review for Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship and next steps. Additional information will be provided during future meetings.
7. **Appointment of the student-athlete representative to Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee re-appointed Thomas Weis, Ohio State University, to serve as the student-athlete representative on the committee. Thomas will also serve as the student-athlete representative on the Ice Hockey Playing Rules Committee.
8. **Appointment of the chair of Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee appointed Josh Richelew, Sport Administrator, University of Michigan, as chair of the committee beginning September 1, 2026.
9. **Appointment of the vice chair of Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee appointed Bill Riga, Head Coach, College of the Holy Cross, as vice chair of the committee beginning September 1, 2026.
10. **Future meetings.**
 - 12:30 to 2 p.m., Eastern time Monday, September 21, 2026.
 - 12:30 to 2 p.m., Eastern time Monday, October 12, 2026.

Committee Chair: Timothy Troville, Harvard University

*Staff Liaisons: Travis Johnston, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services
Chad Tolliver, NCAA Championships and Alliances*

NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee August 17, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Jeff Fulton, officials coordinator.	
Blake James, Boston College; Hockey East.	
Forrest Karr, American Hockey Coaches Association.	
Chris Melde, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.	

Josh Richelew, University of Michigan; Big Ten Conference.
William Riga, College of the Holy Cross; Atlantic Hockey America. (alternate)
Josh Berlo, University of Denver; National Collegiate Hockey Conference. (alternate)
Luke Strand, University of Minnesota Mankato; Central Collegiate Hockey Association.
Timothy Troville, Harvard University; ECAC.
Thomas Weis, Ohio State University; Big Ten Conference.
Absentees:
Frank Cole, NCAA rules-editor.
Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst University; Atlantic Hockey America.
Scott Sandelin, University of Minnesota Duluth; National Collegiate Hockey Conference.
Invited Guest(s):
Steve Metcalf; Hockey East.
Steve Piotrowski; Big Ten Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Travis Johnston and Chad Tolliver.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Paden Ali, Ty Halpin and Jay Jay Rackley.