



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee – Committee Composition – Hockey Commissioners Association.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee introduced legislation in the October legislative cycle, for men's ice hockey, to add a representative from one of the six men's ice hockey conferences as an ex-officio member to the composition of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Commissioners are responsible for the day-to-day administration and long-term strategic direction of Division I men's ice hockey. The addition of a commissioner representative would strengthen the committee by adding a conference-wide operational and strategic perspective that is currently absent. Further, it would streamline and enhance on-going communication across college hockey's six Division I conferences.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Increased attention on issues concerning student-athlete welfare from a conference level perspective.

b. Athletics Personnel and Recruiting – Limitation on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters – Men's Ice Hockey.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee introduced legislation, in men's ice hockey, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and/or be designated as one of the four off-campus recruiters on an annual basis (August 1 to July 31).
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. Permitting all institutional staff members to provide instruction to student-athletes during practice and competition promotes student-athlete support and development and encourages local-level decision-making. Further, the proposal maintains the limit of four staff members who may permissibly recruit off-campus. The proposal promotes local-level decision-making and balances the priorities of current student-athlete development and growth with the realities of recruiting.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Provides additional discretion and flexibility to best support a student-athlete's athletic development.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- a. **Limit on the Number of Countable Coaches Blanket Waiver**. The committee directed staff to issue a blanket waiver, in men's ice hockey, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes during practice or competition to align with the introduction of the athletic personnel proposal [see Legislative Item (b)] into the October legislative cycle. The blanket waiver will be issued following a review of the AHCA's personnel proposal and blanket waiver by the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee on June 22-23.
- b. **NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 Decentralization Phase I Feedback**. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee discussed the decentralization of Division I Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons). The committee provided feedback to the NCAA Division I Cabinet on the first practice date, first competition date, end of the playing season, maximum competition dates, summer athletics activities and health and safety for men's ice hockey.
- c. **Annual contest exemption**. The committee discussed a proposal from the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) that would permit institutions to exempt participation in an annual tournament sponsored by the AHCA from the maximum contest limitation. The committee did not take action on the proposal but will continue to review it in the context of the larger Division I Bylaw 17 decentralization conversation.
- d. **AHCA Playing Season Proposal**. The committee reviewed a proposal from the AHCA that would modify the preseason practice period to increase the time between the first legislated practice date and first date of competition. Further the proposal considers an increase to the number of maximum contests. The committee used the framework of the proposal to guide the Division I Bylaw 17 decentralization feedback that will be provided to the Division I Cabinet for their review during the June 23-24 meeting.

- e. **NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Playing Rules Update.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Playing Rules Subcommittee on the playing rules change process. The committee will receive membership feedback on the playing rules changes proposed in the current cycle for their review and vote during their next videoconference on June 24.

3. Future meetings.

- June 24, 2026, annual meeting; videoconference.

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 June 1, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Frank Cole, NCAA rules-editor.
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)
Scott Sandelin, University of Minnesota Duluth; National Collegiate Hockey Conference.
Luke Strand, University of Minnesota Mankato; Central Collegiate Hockey Association
Timothy Troville, Harvard University; ECAC
Thomas Weis, Ohio State University; Big Ten Conference.
Absentees:
Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst University; Atlantic Hockey America.
Invited Guest(s):
Steve Metcalf; Hockey East.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Travis Johnston and Chad Tolliver.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Paden Ali and Ty Halpin.