



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Annual contest exemption.** The Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee discussed a proposal from the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) that would permit institutions to exempt from the maximum contest legislation in men's ice hockey participating in an annual tournament sponsored by the AHCA. The committee will continue to gather membership feedback and confer with the Women's Ice Hockey National Collegiate Committee before taking action to introduce legislation into a future legislative cycle.
2. **Review of Division I Cabinet referral of Proposal No. 2026-8.** The committee discussed the Division I Cabinet referral of Proposal 2026-8 (foreign tour – time lapse between tours), and determined the committee has no formal position on the proposal applying to men's ice hockey, noting that foreign tours do not regularly occur in men's ice hockey.
3. **Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee strategic priorities.** The committee discussed and identified strategic priorities for the 2026-2027 academic year. Priorities identified include modifications to the current men's ice hockey recruiting model, maximum contest limitations and countable activities during the preseason practice period.
4. **Division I Men's Ice Hockey Playing Rules Subcommittee update.** The committee received an update from the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Playing Rules Subcommittee on the process related to rules changes and feedback received on potential rules changes for the impending cycle.
5. **Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship Subcommittee update.** The oversight committee received an update on the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship Subcommittee ahead of championship selections, noting the subcommittee's meeting March 5.
6. **December 9, 2025, report.** The committee approved the report for the December 9, 2025, videoconference as written.
7. **Future meetings.**
 - May 13-14, 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 March 2, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Frank Cole, NCAA rules-editor.	
Jeff Fulton, officials coordinator.	
Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst University; American Hockey Association.	
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.	
Scott Sandelin, University of Minnesota Duluth; National Collegiate Hockey Conference.	
Timothy Troville, Harvard University; ECAC	
Thomas Weis, Ohio State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Absentees:	
Luke Strand, Minnesota State University, Mankato; Central Collegiate Hockey Association.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Travis Johnston and Chad Tolliver	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Catherine Lant and Jay Jay Rackley	