



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2027 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Regional host replacement.** The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee approved a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship Subcommittee to relocate a 2027 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey regional from Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Peoples Bank Arena in Hartford, Connecticut.
2. **Ice hockey roster limit proposal.** The 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. The committee supports the proposal, specifying current roster playing rules requirement for two goalies and injury concerns as rationale to support the increase. The committee's feedback will be provided to defendant conferences in the *House* settlement for their consideration and review of the proposal.
3. **Recruiting proposal – first permissible dates.** The Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee continued their discussion of 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 with feedback from the American Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA). The AHCA feedback reflected general support for changing the recruiting timeline; however, the committee agreed specific feedback related to the exact dates proposed was mixed. The AHCA will consider revisions to the proposal following additional review and discussion from the coaching body. The Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee will review the proposal in a future meeting following additional AHCA discussion.
4. **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 during their videoconference October 6-7.
5. **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. Committee members will solicit feedback from conferences on the concepts to inform continued discussion during the October 12 videoconference.

6. Future meetings.

- 12:30 to 2 p.m., Eastern time Monday, October 12, 2026.
- 12:30 to 2 p.m., Eastern time Monday, November 15, 2026.

Committee Chair: Josh Richelew, University of Michigan

*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 September 21, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Adam Augustine, Big Ten Conference. (alternate)	
Josh Berlo, University of Denver; National Collegiate Hockey Conference.	
Jeff Fulton, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Blake James, Boston College; Hockey East.	
Forrest Karr, American Hockey Coaches Association.	
Chris Melde, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Steve Piotrowski, Coordinator of Officials.	
William Riga, College of the Holy Cross; Atlantic Hockey America.	
Luke Strand, University of Minnesota Mankato; Central Collegiate Hockey Association.	
Timothy Troville, Harvard University; ECAC.	
Thomas Weis, Ohio State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Absentees:	
Josh Richelew, University of Michigan; Big Ten Conference.	
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, Ty Halpin, Phil Pierce and Jay Jay Rackley.	