



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEES
JANUARY 29, 2024, JOINT MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Playing and practice seasons.** The men's and women's soccer committees met jointly and reviewed both groups' desires regarding any adjustments to the playing and practice season models. The women's committee has supported a recommendation from the United Soccer Coaches which includes a 14-week model, an increase of two weeks including an acclimatization period. This recommendation will continue to be reviewed by the Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee (SAEC).
The men's committee had submitted the 21st century model proposal to the Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee, which was not supported. The men's committee will continue to monitor and track on a pathway for change in this area.
- 2. Playing rules.** As this is a rules-change year, the committees discussed the various proposals on the table. The groups discussed the nuances of the federated rules process allowing for additional flexibility among all divisions and both genders in soccer.
- 3. 2023 championship review.** The committees discussed the 2023 championships hosted in Cary, North Carolina for the women and Louisville, Kentucky for the men. Both groups were overall very pleased with the outcome of the championships. The groups spent significant time discussing student-athlete experience components, including banquet or social events, gifts, and broadcast.
- 4. Future sites.** The committees discussed the upcoming bid cycle and the potential hosting options for the 2027 and 2028 championships. This discussion took place prior to the bid portal being closed. Upon the bid portal closing and staff prepping supplements, the groups will meet separately and jointly to discuss future sites.

Committee Chairs: Keri Mendoza, California Polytechnic State University, The Big West Conference (women's committee)
Tanya Vogel, George Washington University, Atlantic 10 Conference (men's committee)

Staff Liaisons: Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances (women's committee)
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances (men's committee)

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Attendees:	
Tim Bernal, University of Kentucky.	
Sybil Blalock, Mercer University.	
Bob Butehorn, University of South Florida.	
Jessica Goerke, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Bo Oshoniyi, Dartmouth College.	
Michael Seabolt, Missouri State University.	
Carlos Somono, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Tanya Vogel, George Washington University.	
Jackie Wallgren, University of Akron.	
Duane Bailey, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.	
Ryan Higginbotham, Texas Christian University.	
Kristen Pierce, University of South Florida.	
Stephanie Ransom, University of Georgia.	
Keri Mendoza, California Polytechnic State University.	
Tim Santoro, North Carolina State University.	
James Downer, Saint Francis University.	
Nathan Fry, Harvard University.	
Absentees:	
Maggie Bailey, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Tommy Barrett, Championship and Alliances.	
Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances.	
Jackie Kawamoto, Championship and Alliances.	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	