



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES  
JAN. 29, 2026, JOINT MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2026 championship – Cary, North Carolina.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Oversight Committees met jointly and received an informational update on the 2026 Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championships, including scheduling details, broadcast planning, adjustments to the women's championship date formula, and anticipated discussions for next fall. The confirmed schedule for 2026 will feature the women's semifinal on Thursday, Dec. 10, and the championship match on Sunday, Dec. 13. The men will play a Friday, Dec. 11 semifinal and Monday, Dec. 14 championship match. Staff provided tentative championship broadcast windows and gathered feedback from committee members regarding manageable hosting expectations, as well as policies and procedures that should be considered for institutions hosting both Division I men's and women's preliminary-round matches.
2. **2028 bid cycle/Cary agreement.** NCAA staff provided education on the upcoming bid cycles for the 2028–2029, 2029–2030, and 2030–2031 championships, with bids scheduled to open later this cycle and close in fall 2026, followed by final site selections in 2027.

Staff also informed both committees that the NCAA is finalizing an extended agreement with Cary, NC for the Men's, and Women's College Cup. The extended agreement would go beyond the upcoming bid cycle. Under this agreement, the designated extended term host (Cary, NC) would be guaranteed to host at least one of the two championships (men's or women's) every year of the agreement. While the host site (Cary, NC) will always host one of the championships annually, the other could potentially be awarded to a different site.

3. **U.S. Soccer NextGen white paper update.** The oversight committees discussed their respective reviews of the U.S. Soccer NextGen white paper that occurred during their individual meetings on Jan. 28-29. The men's committee shared that it acted to introduce a proposal into the June 2026 legislative cycle that would redistribute the playing season across the full academic year and move the championship to the spring segment. The men's committee noted the proposal reflects aspects of the U.S. Soccer NextGen white paper but is not the expanded playing season model recommended by U.S. Soccer. The men's committee also noted that it is not pursuing any of the recommendations in the US. Soccer NextGen white paper but will revisit the white paper in the future to determine if there is any interest. The women's committee reaffirmed its previous decision to not to take action on any of the white paper recommendations at this time but noted the committee will continue to evaluate potential future changes.

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*Committee Chairs:* Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Southern Conference. (men's committee)  
Jackie Wallgren, University of Akron, Mid-American Conference. (women's committee)

*Staff Liaisons:* Jejuan Bowser, Division I Governance and Member Services.  
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances (men's committee)  
Abigail Markey, Division I Governance and Member Services.  
Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances (women's committee)

<b>Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Oversight Committee</b>	
<b>Jan. 29, 2026, Joint Virtual Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Samar Azem, Villanova University, Big East Conference.	
Sara Bower, University of Akron.	
Greg Busch, Princeton University.	
Laura Cannon, University of Incarnate Word.	
John Collins, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.	
Chris Dietrich, Fordham University.	
Rob Emmerich, Stony Brook University.	
Nathan Fry, Harvard University, Ivy League.	
Elizabeth Galvin, Eastern Illinois University.	
G Guerrieri, Texas A&M University.	
Isabella Gutierrez, East Carolina University.	
Ryan Higginbotham, Texas Christian University, Big 12 Conference.	
Rob Kehoe, United Soccer Coaches Representative.	
Brian Mackin, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.	
Quinn Millerd, Drake University.	
Janet Oberle, Saint Louis University.	
Patrick O'Toole, University of Michigan.	
Russell Payne, Northwestern University, Big Ten Conference.	
Todd Plourde, Iona University.	
Thad Satre, Loyola Marymount University, West Coast Conference.	
Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.	
Evan Schroeder, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.	
Carlos Somoano, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Brandi Stuart, Pennsylvania State University, Big Ten Conference.	
Kathy Sulentic, University of Memphis, American Conference.	
Eddie Radwanski, Clemson University, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Stephanie Ransom, University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference.	

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Jackie Wallgren, University of Akron.
Kevin White, James Madison University, Sun Belt Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Rich Grady, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor.
Saige Wimes, University of Kansas.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Jejuan Bowser, Micaela Kapsalis, Abigail Markey and Alyssa Rice.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Tommy Barrett, Stanley Broaden, Raymon Gaddis, Jackie Kawamoto, Julie Kimmons, and Jarom McLiver.