



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
July 17, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Review NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-27 -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON -- MEN'S SOCCER -- REDISTRIBUTION OF MEN'S SOCCER PLAYING SEASON MODEL.** During the June 23-24, 2026, NCAA Division I Cabinet meeting, the cabinet took action to remand Proposal No. 2026-27 back to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee for further review and clarity. The committee discussed the championship selection process, staffing and facility feedback, scheduling of regular season games and conference tournaments, notification of transfer window, transfer eligibility and midyear initial enrollees.

As part of its review, the committee identified implications associated with the application of the age-based eligibility rule to student-athletes who initially enroll full-time after an institution's first academic term (e.g., midyear initial enrollees). As this issue is not unique to men's soccer or Proposal No. 2026-27, the committee encourages broader consideration across Division I and recommends further review of the age-based eligibility rule's impact on midyear initial enrollees by the cabinet. Such a review would help encourage a consistent approach across all Division I sports while maintaining a focus on student-athlete well-being and alignment with membership core values.

The committee also established next steps for developing additional supporting documentation and rationale to address the cabinet's feedback in advance of the proposal's resubmission for further consideration by the cabinet. Finally, the committee requested Proposal No. 2026-27 be reconsidered by the cabinet during its August 3 meeting.

Committee Chair: Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.
Staff Liaisons: Jejuan Bowser, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.
Abigail Markey, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Shelby Sonnefeldt, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Sara Thurber, Division I Governance and Member Services.

NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee July 17, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Greg Busch, Princeton University.	
John Collins, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.	
Rob Emmerich, Stony Brook University.	
Rob Kehoe, United Soccer Coaches Representative.	
Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.	
Quinn Millerd, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.	
Patrick O'Toole, Student-athlete from University of Michigan.	
Russell Payne, Northwestern University, Big Ten Conference.	
Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.	
Carlos Somoano, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Kathy Sulentic, University of Memphis, American Conference.	
Kevin White, James Madison University, Sun Belt Conference.	
Absentees:	
Chris Dietrich, Faculty Athletic Representative Association.	
Rich Grady, Secretary Rules Editor.	
Evan Schroeder, Student-Athlete from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jejuan Bowser, Micaela Kapsalis, Abigail Markey, Shelby Sonnefeldt and Sara Thurber.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Stanley Broaden, Jobrina Marques and Jerry Vaughn.	