



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MAY 11, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- a. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-27 - Playing and Practice Seasons – Redistribution of Men's Soccer Playing Season Model – Men's Soccer.** The NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee took action to amend Proposal No. 2026-27, as specified: (1) to eliminate the restriction on how many of the permissible five scrimmages or exhibitions can occur during either or both segments of the playing season; and (2) to remove the restriction that the additional five required days off must be taken two in the fall and three in the spring and instead permit the institution to determine when to take the additional five required days off. The oversight committee amended the proposal to provide maximum flexibility to institutions based on membership feedback while maintaining the exhibition game limit and five additional days off requirement. The oversight committee then took action to adopt the proposal, as amended. The amended proposal is subject to review by the NCAA Division I Cabinet during its June 2026 meeting.
- b. **Proposal No. 2026-18 - Recruiting – Notification of Transfer – Men's Soccer.** The oversight committee adopted Proposal No. 2026-18 for men's soccer. The proposal specifies that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship game. The adopted proposal is subject to review by the Division I Cabinet during its June 2026 meeting.

2. NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Rules Subcommittee annual meeting report and comment period results. The Men's Soccer Oversight Committee reviewed and approved major rules changes submitted by the Men's Soccer Rules Subcommittee, which included:

- a. Increase the permissible maximum field width from 75 yards to 80 yards;
- b. Permit up to four commercial logos on the field provided they are not in the penalty area and do not obscure any required field markings;
- c. Require not fewer than nine game balls be used and available during the game;
- d. Permit devices for the collection of data that may be worn on the wrist or arm provided it is properly taped down and padded;

- e. Require a fourth official for all games/matches;
- f. Permit both players to remain on the field should a player from each team seek medical evaluation or is treated on the field after a penalty kick has been awarded;
- g. Permit the following changes to video review procedures as follows: (1) Referees can initiate a review at any time for timing issues or for the ball crossing the endline; (2) All other reviews will require a coach's challenge; (3) Each team will have two challenges per match; and (4) If a team is out of challenges, the referee can initiate a review on their own during the last 10 minutes of regulation or in overtime;
- h. Permit the addition of the following offenses by the attacking team as reviewable play situations: (1) A foul prior to the scoring of a goal; (2) a foul or an offside prior to the award of a penalty kick or the issuing of a red card for denial of an obvious goal scoring opportunity; and (3) offside prior to the scoring of a goal;
- i. Permit the use of a video match official to assist referee with all aspects of video review;
- j. Amend requirements for a suspended game that is not resumed or completed at a later date to be considered a contest;
- k. Clarification on the resumption of play for a suspended game due to inclement weather;
- l. Amend the goalkeeper delay penalty to award a corner kick to the non-offending team if the goalkeeper retains possession of the ball for longer than eight seconds;
- m. Permit cautions to be issued to the head coach when: (1) Multiple substitutes run through the opposing team's bench area or illegally enter the field beyond the immediate vicinity of the touchline during the celebration of a goal; and (2) misconduct punishable by a caution takes place in the coaching or team area and the individual offender cannot be located;
- n. Permit issued cautions (yellow cards) to bench personnel during a game to be charged against the head coach for the purposes of accumulation;
- o. Permit red card ejections to be reviewed by a select committee to determine if criteria for Violent Behavior II, Fighting and Referee Assault have been met;
- p. Permit the following penalty for failure to serve a suspension: (1) Two-game suspension for the individual; and (2) two-game suspension for the head coach;
- q. Permit the red card ejection penalty to not add additional games for each subsequent ejection beyond the first; and

- r. Require game suspension incurred during the regular season to be served during contest against institutions from the same division.
3. **NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 Decentralization Feedback – Phase I, Part I.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will review this agenda item at its next meeting on June 10.

Committee Chair: Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.
Staff Liaisons: Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.
 Abigail Markey, Division I Governance and Member Services.
 Sara Thurber, Division I Governance and Member Services.

NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Oversight Committee May 11, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Greg Busch, Princeton University; The Ivy League.
John Collins, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.
Chris Dietrich, Faculty Athletic Representative Association.
Rob Emmerich, Stony Brook University, Coastal Athletic Association.
Rich Grady, Secretary Rules Editor.
Rob Kehoe, United Soccer Coaches Representative.
Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Southern Conference.
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.
Evan Schroeder, Student-athlete from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
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:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Micaela Kapsalis, Abigail Markey and Sara Thurber.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:
Jejuan Bowser, Stanley Broaden, Jobrina Marques and Jerry Vaughn.