



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Finalization of bid cycle.** The committee reviewed and confirmed final details for the selected championship host/s. The public announcement will be made on November 2nd.
2. **Post season walkout plan.** The committee reviews annually the championship introduction and walkout plan. This can change on a yearly basis dependent on venue set up and ESPN engagement. The committee emphasized the importance of having consistency in the walkout timing from primary rounds to the final site. The group confirmed the plan for this year, it will be shared with participating teams upon their selection and/or advancement to the finals site.
3. **RAC assignments, training, and tracking.** The committee was provided an overview of the process and expectations associated with the upcoming regional advisory committee calls and national ranking calls.
4. **College Cup banquet.** The committee is moving forward with providing the four teams advancing to the final site a private dinner banquet experience. The host local organizing committee is working to identify four equitable options for these experiences.
5. **Championship match times.** The championship semifinals and finals will be aired on ESPN U. The semifinals will be on Friday, December 13 at 5 p.m. EST and 30 minutes following the completion of the first match. The finals will be on Sunday, December 15 at 7 p.m. EST.
6. **Review of 2023 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed last year's annual meeting report and highlighted a few areas of importance.
 - a. **Video exchange policy.** During the 2023 season, the committee implemented a post season video exchange policy. The policy includes details including but not limited to, timing of upload, expectation of the required view, the responsible party for uploading. The committee emphasized the importance of adherence to this policy and reaffirmed the fine structure in place for institutions who do not fully comply. The full policy is shared with all teams and hosts at the time of selections.
 - b. **First and second round competition schedule.** The committee is interested in exploring an opportunity to adjust the first and second-round dates of competition to a Friday (first-round) Tuesday (second-round) format. Competition is currently being conducted on a Thursday (first-round) Sunday (second-round) cadence. The adjustment would provide an extended time between teams and hosts being notified of their selection and first-round competition without impeding on the third-round of competition.

- c. **Bench decorum.** The committee did not cover this agenda item during their meeting. The group will reconvene and discuss at another time.

Committee Chair: Tim Bernal, University of Kentucky, Sun Belt Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.

Division I Men's Soccer Committee September 20, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Tim Bernal, University of Kentucky.	
Shawn Chin-Ferrell, California State University, Northridge.	
Robert Emmerich, Stony Brook University.	
Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina, Greensboro	
Bo Oshoniyi, Dartmouth College.	
Carlos Somono, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Absentees:	
Bob Butehorn, University of South Florida.	
Russell Payne, Northwestern University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Sadie Redburn, Championships and Alliances.	