



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Bench decorum.** The men's soccer committee has continually monitored postseason bench decorum as an area of emphasis for sportsmanship and quality championship experience. During the most recent playing rules cycle, a requirement for those in the bench area to be seated during competition was considered but not adopted. During its meeting, the committee reiterated concerns regarding bench decorum and bench control, specifically in the postseason, and will rely on the fourth official to manage the bench area as it is an area of emphasis within the playing rules.
- 2. Misapplication of playing rules.** The committee and the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee have been notified that the adjustment to the substitution rule adopted for the 2024 season has not been consistently followed. The rules committee has made efforts to further educate the membership to limit this occurrence in the future.

The soccer committee expressed concern regarding whether contests with such violations should be counted toward championship selection. While committee members acknowledged that the rules committee has the purview of overseeing compliance during the regular season, they will continue deliberating whether these instances should impact postseason selection.

*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 30, 2024, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Tim Bernal, University of Kentucky.	
Bob Butehorn, University of South Florida.	
Shawn Chin-Ferrell, California State University, Northridge.	
Robert Emmerich, Stony Brook University.	
Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina, Greensboro.	
Bo Oshoniyi, Dartmouth College.	
Russell Payne, Northwestern University.	
Carlos Somono, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	

None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>
Stanley Broaden, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Sadie Redburn, Championships and Alliances.