



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPT. 21, 2026, VIRTUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Bid cycle update.** NCAA staff updated the subcommittee on the status of the new NCAA Host Bid Management System. The new platform is set to be opened Nov. 9 for external bidders to enter bid submissions for 2028-29 through 2030-31. Once the system opens, bidders will have 60 days to complete their bids for the three-year process.
2. **2026 championship postseason policies.** The subcommittee reviewed all postseason policies for the 2026 postseason.
 - a. **Preliminary-round practice policy.** The subcommittee confirmed an adjustment to the preliminary-round practice policy so that for the 2026 championships, the day before a preliminary-round game, both teams will be permitted to practice for 90 minutes. The hosting institution will have the discretion to determine the field selected for practices – the practice surface and field must be the same for both teams.
 - b. **Update to ball requirement.** The subcommittee reviewed the adjustment to the required number of balls available during contests. The newly adopted playing rule requires nine soccer balls are available during matches (up from six).
 - c. **Procedures for processing misconducts and failures to adhere to championship policies.** The subcommittee affirmed their process and timeline for handling potential misconduct situations and championship policy issues.
3. **Regional advisory committee ranking calls.** The subcommittee reviewed the timeline, ranking criteria, and process for educating their regional advisory committees. The first ranking call is set for the week of Oct. 12 and continue weekly until selections Nov. 14.
4. **2026 College Cup.** NCAA staff shared an update on the current championship planning for the 2026 College Cup. This year, the men's and women's soccer championships will take place on the same weekend, both in Cary, NC.

Committee Chair: Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, The Southern Conference.

Staff Liaison(s): Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.

Division I Men's Soccer Championship Subcommittee Sept. 21, 2026, Virtual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Russell Payne, Northwestern University.	
Kathy Sulentic, University of Memphis.	
Rob Emmerich, Stony Brook University.	
Greg Busch, Princeton University.	
Carlos Somoano, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Brian Mackin, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.	
Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.	
Absentees:	
Kevin White, James Madison University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.	
Raymon Gaddis, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	