



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MAY 28, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 Decentralization Feedback – Phase I.** The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Oversight Committee discussed the decentralization of Division I Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons). The oversight committee provided feedback to the NCAA Division I Cabinet on the first practice date, first competition date, end of the playing season, maximum competition dates, summer athletics activities and health and safety for women's soccer.
2. **Discussion regarding the 2026 preseason dead period.** The oversight committee reviewed and declined to issue a membership request for a legislative relief blanket waiver permitting all Division I women's soccer programs to host institutional camps or clinics including prospective student-athletes from July 29 through August 11, 2026, which is a dead period in women's soccer.
3. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-62 educational column discussion and updates.** The oversight committee reviewed and provided feedback on a revised educational column associated with Proposal No. 2024-62, which was updated to reflect additional questions received from Division I membership. The revised educational column will be posted in June. Below is an overview of the key topics and additional questions approved by the oversight committee that will be incorporated into the revised educational column.
 - a. **Transition Period.** The transition period section has been updated to provide additional guidance, including fixed dates for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 seasons to assist institutions with understanding when a women's soccer team may begin the transition period. The update also clarifies permissible activities, such as on-field practice and film review, and specifies that only days on or after the first permissible day of the transition period may count toward the two days off per week requirement, with examples provided. Additionally, the educational column now addresses the application of the 30-day foreign tour prohibition and how it impacts the start of the transition period.
 - b. **Preseason Practice Period.** The preseason practice period section has been updated to clarify when an institution's women's soccer team may begin preseason practice, supported by fixed dates for 2026, 2027 and 2028 seasons. The update also defines contact and noncontact activities and establishes that the first exhibition contest against an outside opponent may not occur prior to the eighth day following the start

of preseason practice. Examples are included to demonstrate how the permissible date is calculated based on an institution's actual start date. Finally, additional guidance is provided on countable athletically related activities (CARA) and required athletically related activities (RARA).

- c. **Regular Playing Season.** An additional question was added to address that a student-athlete may not participate in practice activities or CARA following a competition if the student-athlete competed in the contest or was present for any competition-related activities, including travel to an away contest or participation in pre-game warm-up activities at a home contest.

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