REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

***KEY ITEMS*.**

- **Roster limit expiration blanket waiver for women's soccer.** The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Oversight Committee recommends the defendant conferences consider requesting the College Sports Commission issue a blanket waiver to amend the roster limitation expiration legislation in women's soccer to conclude after the conclusion of the 2026 women's soccer championship segment. The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee noted that due to the impact of the implementation of the age-based eligibility model, the roster submission deadline restricts spring opportunities for early incoming high school enrollees and transfers when departing players remain enrolled at the institution during the spring term and do not continue their participation in athletics. The request seeks to make the blanket waiver effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee received an update on legislative action taken by the Division I Cabinet during its October 6-7 meeting, including decentralization and NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-45. Further, the Women's Soccer Oversight Committee received an update on the status of Proposal No. 2026-27 and expressed its support of Proposal No. 2026-27 which establishes a new playing season model in men's soccer and moves the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship to the conclusion of the spring term. Further, the Women's Soccer Oversight Committee noted its continued support for Proposal No. 2024-62, which established a new playing season model in women's soccer and maintains the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship at the conclusion of the fall term. The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee noted its desire to maintain the current playing season model in women's soccer while supporting the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee in their pursuit of changing the playing season to a two-semester model in men's soccer via Proposal No. 2026-27.

2. **Membership survey update related to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-62.** The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee received an update on a membership survey of Proposal No. 2024-62 that was distributed to the membership on October 16 and closed on October 26. The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee indicated a desire to redistribute the survey for additional feedback after the conclusion of the 2026 championship segment, including a recommendation for institutions to consult with medical personnel on applicable survey questions prior to submission. The survey is intended to be redistributed spring 2027.

3. **Intercollegiate Women's Soccer Organization of Coaches (IWSOC) update.** The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee received an update from the IWSOC and discussed potential legislative recommendations from the IWSOC related to the following: (1) the annual roster-management cycle for women's soccer; (2) first contact date for recruiting; and (3) eliminating the five-hour skill related workout limit during the Transition Period.

   As recommended by the IWSOC, the Women's Soccer Oversight Committee approved a modification to the Division I women's soccer recruiting calendar starting in 2027-28 to adjust the preseason dead period to be from the first permissible preseason practice date through two days prior to the first permissible regular-season contest. The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee noted the modification would permit coaches to engage in recruiting activities with prospective student-athletes (e.g., transportation in conjunction with an official visit) the day prior to the first permissible contest, as opposed to on the first permissible contest date. For 2027-28, the preseason dead period will be July 28 – August 9, 2027.

4. **Championship update**. The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee received an update on the top 16 reveal and other championship information.

5. **Report of the September 11 Meeting.** The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee approved the report of its September 11 meeting.

Committee Chair: *Brandi Stuart, Pennsylvania State University, Big Ten Conference*
Staff Liaisons: *Abigail Markey, Division I Governance and Member Services*
Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances
Shelby Sonnefeldt, Division I Governance and Member Services
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Attendees:
Samar Azem, Villanova University, Big East Conference.
Sara Bower, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Laura Cannon, University of Incarnate Word, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
John Collins, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.
Nathan Fry, Harvard University; The Ivy League.
G Guerrieri, Intercollegiate Women's Soccer Organization for Coaches.
Lizzie Heller, Student-Athlete from Georgetown University, Big East Conference.
Ryan Higginbotham, Texas Christian University, Big 12 Conference.
Cayla Jackson, Student-Athlete from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.
Kat Mertz, University of California, Davis.

Todd Plourde, Iona University.
Eddie Radwanski, Clemson University, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Stephanie Ransom, University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference.
Thad Satre, Loyola Marymount University, West Coast Conference.
Brandi Stuart, Pennsylvania State University, Big Ten Conference.
Peyton Whipple, Student-Athlete from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Southeastern Conference.
Absentees:
Rich Grady, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor.
Janet Oberle, Saint Louis University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Abigail Markey, Alyssa Rice, Shelby Sonnefeldt and Sara Thurber.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Stanley Broaden, Leilyn Miles, Jackie Kawamoto, Jobrina Marques and Jared Tidemann.