



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
SEPT. 23, 2026, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Quarterfinal round date change.** The Women's Soccer Oversight Committee approved moving the quarterfinal round of the Division I Women's Soccer Championship to be played only on Saturday. Due to third-round games moving from Sunday to Monday, the committee recognized the turnaround time between the third and quarterfinal round was reduced. To guarantee more time between the third and quarterfinal round, the committee elected to remove Friday as a playing option for quarterfinals. The committee agreed this change provided not only benefits from a travel perspective, but the best student-athlete experience and equity across sites.

*Committee Chair: Brandi Stuart, Pennsylvania State University, Big Ten Conference.*  
*Staff Liaison(s): Jejuan Bowser, Division I Governance and Member Services.*  
*Abigail Markey, Division I Governance and Member Services.*  
*Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances.*  
*Shelby Sonnefeldt, Division I Governance and Member Services.*  
*Sara Thurber, Division I Governance and Member Services.*

| Division I Women's Soccer Oversight Committee<br>Sept. 23, 2026, Electronic Vote    |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>                                                                   |  |
| Samar Azem, Villanova University, Big East Conference.                              |  |
| Sara Bower, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.                                     |  |
| Nathan Fry, Harvard University; The Ivy League.                                     |  |
| Lizzie Heller, Student-Athlete from Georgetown University.                          |  |
| Ryan Higginbotham, Texas Christian University, Big 12 Conference.                   |  |
| Cayla Jackson, Student-Athlete from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. |  |
| Kat Mertz, University of California, Davis.                                         |  |
| Janet Oberle, Saint Louis University.                                               |  |
| 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.      |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>                                                                   |  |

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| Laura Cannon, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.                     |
| John Collins, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.                           |
| Rich Grady, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor.                                        |
| G Guerrieri, Intercollegiate Women's Soccer Organization for Coaches.           |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>                                       |
| Jejuan Bowser, Abigail Markey, Alyssa Rice, Shelby Sonnefeldt and Sara Thurber. |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                                  |
| Stanley Broaden and Jackie Kawamoto.                                            |