



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEES
JANUARY 26, 2026, JOINT MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of the 2025 championships.** The committees were pleased with the overall administration and planning for the finals site, commending the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and University of Colorado, Colorado Springs staff for their hard work and dedication to providing a good experience for the teams. The committee noted that future hosts should consider providing more than one team hotel to avoid any issues among teams and fans.

The committees also reviewed preliminary-round hosting policies and did not suggest any changes, noting satisfaction with the consistency across genders, where applicable.

2. **2026 championship.** The committees discussed the 2026 championships taking part in the Division II National Championships Festival in Kansas City, Kansas, specifically noting that all matches will be taking place on Thursday and Saturday due to the condensed schedule.
3. **Future hosts.** The committees reviewed plans for the upcoming host bid cycle that will see finals site hosts awarded through the 2030 championships. Members emphasized the need to work with others in the membership regarding ideas on potential locations with staff and working with potential host facilities and institutions as soon as possible.
4. **NCAA Power Index (NPI).** With the Convention vote to adopt NPI as a single selection metric for all Division II team sports, the committees met with Tim Danehy to review the metric. The committee received valuable insight into the individual dials that they have the opportunity to set for each gender. The committee appreciated Mr. Danehy's time and anticipate additional sport-specific discussions with him to finalize their dials for the upcoming season.
5. **Playing rules.** The committee received an update from the playing rules staff and soccer playing rules committee members on proposed rule changes and survey results. The committee provided general feedback on these potential rules changes for consideration.
6. **Division II governance update.** The committees received an update on the Division II priorities and strategic plan.
7. **Governance and member services update.** The committees received an update on legislation adopted at the 2026 NCAA Convention.

Committee Chair: Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology, Sunshine State Conference.

Michael White, Oklahoma Baptist University, Great American Conference.

*Staff Liaison(s): Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.
 Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.*

Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Committees January 26, 2026, Joint Meeting
Attendees:
Todd Diuguid, University of Charleston (WV).
Brett Faro, Cedarville University.
Kyle Ferguson, Fresno Pacific University.
Jon Fridal, Colorado Mesa University.
Gary Hamill, Wingate University.
Greg Henson, Ferris State University.
Jamie Joss, Florida Institute of Technology.
Kathy Kroupa, Lynn University.
Patrick Long, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.
Michael Lovato, American International College.
Sarah Meier, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Matt O'Sullivan, California Polytechnic University, Pomona
Dawn Tatro, Roger's State University.
Michael White, Oklahoma Baptist University.
Michael Winn, Pace University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Tim Danehy, NCAA Power Index.
Rich Grady, NCAA Soccer Secretary Rules Editor.
Kim Sutton, California State University, Chico; Division II and Division III Rules Committee.
Rob Walker, Saint Martin's University; Division II and Division III Rules Committee.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Stanley Broaden, Playing Rules and Officiating.
Rachel Denton, Governance and Member Services.
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.