



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MARCH 12, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative item.**

- **Notification of transfer – softball.**
  - a. Action. The NCAA Division I Softball Oversight Committee recommends that the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, in softball, to amend the recruiting legislation as follows:
    - Modify the notification-of-transfer legislation to require all undergraduate transfer student-athletes to initiate the notification-of-transfer process during:
      - 1) December 1-15; or
      - 2) A 15-day period beginning the Monday following the conclusion of the Division I Women’s College World Series.
  - b. Effective date: Immediate.
  - c. Rationale. This proposal to move the notification-of-transfer window after the conclusion of the softball championship eliminates disruption to the NCAA championship, allows institutions to focus on developing their student-athletes to support their academic and athletics success while still retaining the opportunity for student-athletes interested in transferring to do so for the next academic year. Additionally, this proposal provides more certainty around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities.
  - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
  - e. Student-athlete impact. This proposal creates certainty and consistency with the transfer window for student-athletes and permits end-of-season conversations to occur between student-athletes and their coaches prior to entry into the transfer portal.

**2. Nonlegislative action items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Review of Ground Transportation – Nonchampionship Segment Proposal.** The committee reviewed the Division I Women’s Volleyball Oversight Committee’s ground transportation – nonchampionship segment proposal, which would eliminate the travel restriction that limits an institution’s team to ground transportation for competition-related travel during the nonchampionship segment. The committee supports this proposal and requests the NCAA Division I Cabinet add softball. The committee noted that this area should fall within institutional discretion. Further, the committee also noted that the no missed class time rule for travel for these events should remain in place.

**2. Report of the March 2 meeting.** The committee approved its March 2 meeting report.

*Committee Chair:* Natalie Gonzalez Honnen, Clemson University, Atlantic Coast Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* John Bugner, Championships and Alliances  
 Jennifer Samble, Governance and Member Services  
 Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances  
 Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Division I Softball Oversight Committee          March 12, 2026, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees</b>
Jaysoni Beachum, student-athlete from Florida State University.
Tara Brooks, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Southeastern Conference.
Carol Bruggeman, National Fastpitch Coaches Association.
Alexis DeBoer, student-athlete from University of Washington.
Tiffany Edlin, Long Beach State University; Big West Conference.
Ella Emmert, student-athlete from University of Kentucky.
Natalie Gonzalez Honnen, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Jessica Leger, University of Louisiana at Lafayette; Sun Belt Conference.
Jesse Martin, Oklahoma State University; Big 12 Conference.
Stacy Martin, Winthrop University; Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
Steve McCown, National Coordinator of Officials.
Lori Perez, California State University, Sacramento; Big Sky Conference.
Paige Sayler, Central Michigan University; Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Kevin Saal, Wichita State University; American Conference.
Gina Stoll, Western Kentucky University; Conference USA.
Holly Van Vlymen, South Dakota State University; Summit League.
Jane Wagner, Northwestern University; Big Ten Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Vickie Van Kleeck, Secretary-Rules Editor.

<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
John Bugner, Jennifer Samble, Liz Turner Suscha and Kelly Whitaker.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Sami Bogenschutz, DJ Brown and Matt Holmes.