



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Playing and practice seasons proposal.** The Division II Softball Committee discussed and took a position of support regarding 2026 Convention Proposal No. 2026-14, which specifies that an institution or student-athlete shall limit its softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship and four dates of competition (games and scrimmages) during another segment. In stating its position of support, the committee reasoned that roster sizes are continuing to increase, and under current legislation there is minimal time to evaluate student-athletes during the non-championship segment. This inequity in non-championship segment opportunities puts softball student-athletes at a disadvantage compared to student-athletes in other sports in that it provides fewer opportunities for softball student-athletes to perform and be evaluated by coaches in games that do not count toward championship selection.

Additionally, since softball is currently a "contest" sport, if an institution participates in multiple contests during the day, each contest counts as one contest (i.e., a double header played on the same day counts as two contests). However, if adopted, this proposal will allow teams to maximize budgets by allowing multiple games played on a single date to count as one date of competition.

Committee Chair: Neil Morgan, Biola University.

Staff Liaison(s): Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Softball Committee September 8, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Joshua Calver, Hillsdale College.	
Stephanie DeFeo, University of West Alabama.	
Gretta Melsted, Augustana University (South Dakota).	
Neil Morgan, Biola University.	
Andrea Miller-Grady, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.	
Dawn Turner, Lander University.	
Absentees:	
Dixie Cirillo, Colorado School of Mines.	
Guests in Attendance:	

None.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Alyssa Rice.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Kacee Murphy.