



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPT. 9, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

a. Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season -- Four-Hour Limitation on Skill Instruction -- Eliminate Limitations on Skill Instruction.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Oversight Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt as expedited legislation a proposal to eliminate the limit of four hours of skill-related instruction within the weekly limit of eight hours of out-of-season athletically related activities.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Eliminating the four-hour restriction on skill instruction will align out-of-season activities with other sports. This proposal maintains the limit of eight hours of countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season while promoting local decision-making on activities to conduct.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Recruiting – Evaluation Days – Tennis.

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Oversight Committee introduced a proposal into the January 2027 legislative cycle to specify that men's tennis and women's tennis are each limited to 55 evaluation days (measured Aug. 1 through July 31), as specified.
- (2) Effective date. Aug. 1, 2027.
- (3) Rationale. Establishing a set number of evaluation days encourages coaches to be judicious about time spent recruiting off-campus and provides dedicated opportunities to focus on current student-athletes. Further, establishing a set number of evaluation days promotes the well-being of coaches and may decrease coaching attrition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional decision-making.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **New committee member welcome.** Susanne Depka, head women's tennis coach at Davidson College, was recognized as the newest oversight committee member.

2. **Report of the 2026 annual meeting.** The oversight committee approved the report of its 2026 annual meeting.
3. **Singles and doubles selection criteria.** The committee clarified a portion of the selection criteria for the singles and doubles championships. Specifically, the committee adjusted language to reflect that "wins versus teams (or individuals) already selected at time of consideration" will be updated to "wins versus the top 60 singles and 30 doubles participants with a World Tennis Number (WTN) rating that participated in the fall season."
4. **Automatic qualifiers.** The committee received an update on two conferences automatic qualifiers. The Big South Conference's men's and women's tennis programs are in the first year of the grace period after dropping one of its six institutions. The Summit League has dropped men's tennis and lost its automatic qualifier. The Summit League is in the first year of the grace period for women's tennis after dropping one of its six institutions.
5. **Singles and doubles 2027 host.** NCAA staff provided an update on the process of securing a host for the 2027 championships.
6. **Future meetings.** The oversight committee will meet next at 1 p.m. Eastern time, Dec. 9.

Committee Chair: Taylor Stapleton, DePaul University, Big East Conference
Staff Liaisons: Audrey Capannari, Governance and Member Services
 Kelsi Mahoney, Championships and Alliances
 Karen Metzger, Governance and Member Services
 Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Oversight Committee Sept. 9, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Brendan Armitage, University of South Florida.	
Karen Baebler, University of Washington; Big Ten Conference.	
Lauren Belisle, Vanderbilt University; Southeastern Conference.	
Rich Bonfiglio, University of Pennsylvania.	
Leslie Chang, University of the Pacific.	
Grant Chen, Southern Methodist University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
George Husack, University of Alabama; Southeastern Conference.	
Lee De Leon, Middle Tennessee State University.	
Susanne Depka, Davidson College.	
David Mullins, Intercollegiate Tennis Association (nonvoting member).	
Courtney Nagle, University of Oregon; Big Ten Conference.	

Anthony Pham, University of Colorado Boulder; Big 12 Conference.
Alison Silverio, University of Notre Dame; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Lynda Wray Black, University of Memphis (nonvoting member).
Jana Woodson, Tulane University.
Absentees:
Ryan Keckley, University of San Diego.
Anthony Montero, head officials (nonvoting member).
Indi Patel, Student-athlete from Louisiana State University.
Mert Oral, Student-athlete from University of Michigan.
Autumn Rabjohns, Student-athlete from Northwestern University.
Steven Rice, Student-athlete from Tulane University.
David Roditi, Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.
Taylor Stapleton, DePaul University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Audrey Capannari, Karen Metzger, Kelsi Mahoney, Paige Newman.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Kerstin Hunter.