



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NAME
OCTOBER 1, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Standard Legislation – Playing and Practice Season.

- a. Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee introduced into the standard January legislative cycle a proposal to amend the first permissible practice date to 22 days prior to the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest and establish a four consecutive week period of summer athletics activity to occur between the end of the spring term or quarter and the start of the preseason practice period.
- b. Effective date. Immediate.
- c. Rationale. Adjusting the first permissible practice date from 17 to 22 days prior to the first permissible date of competition closely aligns with the first permissible practice date allowed in recent years by blanket waiver. Limited summer athletic activities (i.e., eight hours of required skill instruction, weight training and conditioning per week) promotes institutional flexibility to schedule athletic activity while ensuring that student-athletes are better prepared for participation in regular in-season practice sessions without lengthening the playing season. Further, approximately 90% of autonomy institutions and 60% of all institutions report that the full women's volleyball roster is on campus during the month of July. While not every institution will elect to use the four consecutive weeks of required summer athletics activity during the month of July, allowing for more structure and supervision during those weeks students are on-campus promotes student-athlete health and safety, establishes stronger relationships and enhances the overall student-athlete experience at institutions who choose to utilize this increased flexibility. Lastly, the women's volleyball oversight committee chose four weeks of summer athletic activity to allow student-athletes flexibility over remaining weeks during the summer and noted that graduation success rate and academic progress rate data did not support the need to require summer enrollment during this period, particularly following the adoption of the age-based eligibility model.
- d. Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional decision-making.
- e. Student-athlete impact. Increased required athletics activity during four consecutive weeks during the summer.

2. Accelerated Legislation – Recruiting – Notification of Transfer – Women's Volleyball – Undergraduate Window.

- a. Recommendation. The Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee introduced and approved an accelerated proposal to specify that in the fall, an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day

period beginning the business day following the first and second round of the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. Further, a student-athlete who is a member of a team that participates in the semifinal or final of the championship may also provide written notification of transfer during a five consecutive-day period beginning the day after the team's final postseason contest.

- b. Effective date. Immediate.
- c. Rationale. When the Board of Directors incorporated windows into the notification of transfer process, there was a recognition that the timing and duration of the new windows would need to be monitored and potentially adjusted. Reducing the duration of the window is supported by data from the NCAA Transfer Portal, which confirms that most student-athletes whose name are entered into the transfer portal complete the process in an expedited manner. This proposal to open the fall notification-of-transfer window after the first and second round of the championship allows for institutions to focus attention on the development of their student-athletes through, for many institutions and student-athletes, the end of the championship segment of the volleyball season while allowing those student-athletes interested in transferring to do so for the winter/spring term. For those student-athletes participating in the semifinal and final rounds of the championship, an additional five-day period beginning the day after the team's final post-season contest ensures that participating student-athletes and coaches are positioned to remain focused on the post season. Further, this proposal provides greater roster stability for student-athletes who are not transferring and enhances the championship experience for all involved student-athletes.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Recommendation from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.** The oversight committee received an update from the AVCA regarding a recommendation to amend the first permissible dates to engage in recruiting activities and corresponding changes to the recruiting calendar.
2. **Bid process update.** The oversight committee received an update on the bid submission process.
3. **Report of the September 3, 2026, Meeting.** The oversight committee approved the report of its September 3 meeting.

Committee Chair: Jennifer Saxon, The University of Mississippi
Staff Liaisons: Kristin Fasbender, NCAA Championships and Alliances.
Karen Metzger, NCAA Division I Governance and Membership Services.
Jay Jay Rackley, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee October 1, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laura Alexander, San Jose State University.	
Sherene Brantley, Duquesne University.	
Sydney Breissinger, Creighton University.	
Ally Cordes, Samford University.	
Jaime Gordon, American Volleyball Coaches Association.	
Erin Hagen, Liberty University.	
Elizabeth Heinrich, University of Michigan.	
Jill Keegan, University of Colorado, Boulder.	
Kathy Litzau, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.	
Lori Martin, Louisiana State University.	
Kelli Myers, Georgetown University.	
Jennifer Saxon, University of Mississippi.	
Adam Tschour, University of the Pacific.	
Julie Voeck, NCAA secretary-rules editor.	
Absentees:	
Joeleen Akin, Georgia Institute of Technology.	
Charlie Fuerbringer, University of Wisconsin.	
Maddy, McGath, West Virginia University	
Ryan MacDowell, NCAA national coordinator of officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Kristin Fasbender, Karen Metzger, and Jay Jay Rackley.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Paige Biting, Luke Schultheis, Rachel Seewald and Kenedi Rutherford.	