



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NAME
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Expedited Legislation - Complimentary admissions to away-from-home competition after prospective student-athlete written commitment.**
 - a. Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt as expedited a proposal to specify that after an individual has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or after the institution has received the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the institution may provide the individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) with a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to an away-from-home basketball event in a facility in the locale of the individual's home or educational institution.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. Each year, situations arise in which a prospective student-athlete signs with an institution that later competes at or near the prospective student-athlete's home. Existing NCAA rules prevent institutions from providing complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests and presents as overly restrictive in today's climate. Currently, prospective student-athletes are no longer subjected to restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after a written commitment marking the end of the recruiting process. While the oversight committee acknowledges that the timing of most regular season competition compared to the first permissible date that a prospective student-athlete may sign an athletics aid agreement and/or a settlement related benefits agreement, establishing an exception permitting institutions to provide complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests after commitment aligns with the intent of recruiting deregulation and is likely to have minimal recruiting or competitive impact and enhances the prospective student-athlete's connection to their future institution consistent with recent legislative modifications related to the period preceding the triggering of student-athlete status.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. Dependent on institutional decision-making.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Preseason practice period.** The oversight committee discussed potential changes to the playing and practice season in women's volleyball. Specifically, the oversight committee discussed amending the first permissible practice date to 22 days prior to the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest in combination with an additional four-week practice period to occur between the end of the spring term or quarter and the start of the preseason practice period.
2. **Transfer portal windows.** The oversight committee discussed the notification of transfer window in women's volleyball. The committee will continue to discuss potential changes during its next meeting.
3. **Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside the Playing Season – Four-Hour Limitation on Skill Instruction – Eliminate Limitation on Skill Instruction.** The oversight committee considered whether NCAA Division I [Proposal No. 2026-54](#) should be extended to women's volleyball. The committee does not recommend extending the proposal and noted the potential increased demand on student-athlete's time.
4. **Report of the July 16, 2026, Meeting.** The oversight committee approved the report of its July 16 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 September 3, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Joeleen Akin, Georgia Institute of Technology.	
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.
Ryan MacDowell, NCAA national coordinator of officials.
Lori Martin, Louisiana State University.
Maddy McGath, West Virginia 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.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Kristin Fasbender, Karen Metzger, and Jay Jay Rackley.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:
Luke Schultheis, Rachel Seewald and Kenedi Rutherford.