



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S WRESTLING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Men's Wrestling – Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athletes.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Oversight Committee introduced legislation to modify the notification of transfer window in men's wrestling to initiate the notification of transfer process during a 30-day consecutive period from April 1-30. The oversight committee requests the Division I Cabinet adopt the proposed changes as expedited legislation at its Jan. 14, 2026, meeting.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal protects the championship experience, upholds integrity and competitive equity, and supports the well-being of both coaches and student-athletes. The oversight committee recognized the Division I Men's Wrestling Championship as the pinnacle of the sport, and delaying the start of the notification of transfer window until after the championship concludes will ensure continued growth and celebration of the sport. The oversight committee noted that the first 10 days of the current notification of transfer window occur between championship selections and the conclusion of the men's wrestling championship. Shifting the proposal until after the championship allows coaches and student-athletes to continue focusing on postseason competition and, combined with consideration of recent transfer data in men's wrestling, the oversight committee considered the effective reduction of days nominal. Additionally, the oversight committee noted that delaying the start of the notification of transfer window until April 1 allows student-athletes and coaches more time to consider their options and provides coaches additional opportunities to retain rosters in a less emotionally charged environment.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies by institution based on the time of recruiting off campus.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposal protects student-athletes' championship experience, upholds integrity and competitive equity, and provides student-athletes more time to consider their future options in a less emotionally charged environment.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I legislative discussion.** The oversight committee began discussing several potential concepts for future legislative changes. Specifically, the oversight committee supported a concept of revising legislation and making April 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year the starting date for recruiting activities. The oversight committee noted a later uniform starting date for initial recruiting activities (e.g., contacts, telephone calls/correspondence, visits) would provide prospective student-athletes more opportunities for recruitment, accounting for physical growth and development, and would simplify recruiting legislation. The oversight committee also discussed potential recruiting calendar changes and playing and practice season adjustments (i.e., start date and maximum number of dates of competition).
2. **Rules subcommittee nominations.** The committee selected Mike Grey, head coach at Cornell University, and Matt Whisenant, executive deputy athletics director at the University of Wyoming, to the remaining seats on the playing rules subcommittee.
3. **Rules update.** The committee received a report from Jimmy Chung, the secretary-rules editor, who discussed issues related to weight management and the new ear protection unsportsmanlike conduct rule.
4. **Officiating update.** The committee received a report from Mike McCormick, the national coordinator of officials.
5. **Championship ticketing policy.** Staff updated the committee received on the current team ticket policy. The committee asked for the topic to be placed on the annual meeting agenda to determine whether to change the current policy that is based on the previous year's finish to a policy that determines number of seats based on the team's average finish in the last three to five years.
6. **Coach ranker follow-up.** The committee directed staff to organize an onboarding call on December 17 at noon Eastern time for all the members of the 2025-26 coach ranking panel.
7. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - a. Feb. 3, 2026, videoconference.
 - b. April 5, 2026, videoconference.

Committee Chair: Matt Valenti, University of Pennsylvania.
Staff Liaison(s): Mark Bedics, Championships and Alliances.

*Connor Bush, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Jerry Vaughn, Division I Governance and Member Services.*

NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Oversight Committee December 2, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Tricia Brandenburg, United States Military Academy.	
Jimmy Chung, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Neil Erisman, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.	
Jim Fallis, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Damion Hahn, South Dakota State University.	
John Hangey, Rider University.	
Chris Helms, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.	
Mike McCormick, National Coordinator of Officials.	
Noah Mulvaney, Bucknell University.	
Doug Tiedt, University of Wisconsin, Madison.	
Matt Valenti, University of Pennsylvania.	
Absentees:	
Tim Day, Iowa State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Mark Bedics, Connor Bush and Jerry Vaughn.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ashlee Follis.	