**REPORT OF THE**
**NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S WRESTLING OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**
**FEBRUARY 3, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **NCAA Division I legislative discussion**. The NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Oversight Committee reviewed and engaged in discussions on potential concepts for future legislative changes.

    - **First opportunity for recruiting activities of high school prospective student-athletes.** The oversight committee continued its discussion on revising legislation and making April 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year the starting date for recruiting activities. The oversight committee supported a "tiered" concept with the following start dates for recruiting activities of high school prospective student-athletes:

        - April 1 of prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school: Correspondence and telephone calls,

        - June 15 after prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school: Evaluations and contacts.

        - August 15 of prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school: Official and unofficial visits.

    The oversight committee noted a later start date for recruiting activities accounts for a prospective student-athlete's continued physical growth and development, which allows prospective student-athletes and coaches to make better-informed decisions about collegiate attendance. The oversight committee supported a tiered approach to the recruiting legislation, which would allow coaches and prospective student-athletes to establish a relationship and mutual interest via communication prior to in-person meetings. The oversight committee discussed the possibility of introducing legislation into the June 2026 legislative cycle, effective immediately. The oversight committee recognized the need to address current recruiting calendars if the legislation were to impact upcoming recruiting classes (i.e., 2027 and 2028 high school graduates) and communicate changes to appropriate groups (e.g., coaches, institutions, prospective student-athletes).

    - **Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Time Lapse Between Tours – Men's Wrestling.** In preparation for the Cabinet's April 14-15 review of Proposal No. 2026-8

(Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tour – Time Lapse Between Tours – Basketball- Once per Year), which would eliminate the once-in-four-years timing limitation and permit an institution to take a foreign tour once per year, the oversight committee discussed whether the proposal should apply to men's wrestling. The oversight committee supports the proposal applying to men's wrestling. Specifically, the oversight committee noted the elimination of the once-in-four-year restriction on foreign tours provides institutions with discretion to determine when men's wrestling teams can participate in international competition and reduces institutional monitoring burdens.

- **Future legislative concepts.** Given potential legislative changes to recruiting start dates and the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group's review of legislation for decentralization, the oversight committee will continue discussions specific to recruiting calendar changes and playing and practice season adjustments at a future meeting.

2. **Rules update**. The committee received a report from Jimmy Chung, the secretary-rules editor.

3. **Officiating update**. The committee received a report from Mike McCormick, the national coordinator of officials.

4. **Hotel update.** The committee was informed that one of the hotels that was to be used for the championship had shut down and another hotel was undergoing renovations. However, the local organizing committee was able to secure the Cleveland Intercontinental as the new headquarters hotel.

5. **Rankings update.** The committee reported that the new coach ranking was working very well and all feedback was positive.

6. **Selections.** The committee was reminded that selections would start in Indianapolis March 9 and would conclude on March 11.

7. **Future meeting schedule**.

   **a**. March 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<br>February 3, 2026, Videoconference |
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| **Attendees:** |
| Tricia Brandenburg, United States Military Academy. |
| Jimmy Chung, Secretary-Rules Editor. |
| Tim Day, Iowa State University. |
| 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:** |
| None. |
| **NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:** |
| Mark Bedics, Connor Bush and Jerry Vaughn. |
| **Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:** |
| Ashlee Follis, Jackie Kawamoto and Connor Lancashire. |