



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CABINET
APRIL 14-15, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Division I Collegiate Eligibility Review.** The NCAA Division I Cabinet reviewed and discussed an age-based eligibility concept, in which an individual's Division I period of eligibility would commence at the start of the academic year immediately following the individual's 19th birthday or high school graduation (or expected high school graduation based on the individual's first year of high school enrollment), whichever is earlier. The age-based collegiate eligibility model would eliminate seasons of competition. Existing "redshirt" exceptions in football and wrestling would no longer be relevant because student-athletes would be permitted to compete in the maximum number of contests within the five calendar years of eligibility. The model also eliminates waivers previously used to extend the period of eligibility (extensions and athletics activity waivers) or to restore used seasons (medical hardship and season-of-competition waivers). The only legislated exceptions that would remain would be those that are narrow and clearly defined (e.g., pregnancy, religious missions, and active-duty military service). Further, all current rules regarding delayed enrollment would be removed, simplifying the eligibility process for student-athletes and member institutions. The cabinet directed the NCAA staff to continue to develop the age-based eligibility concept and potential implementation details for review during future meetings.
2. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-32 – Athletics Eligibility – Prize Money or Payment Based on Performance, Draft and Inquiry and Use of Agents – Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment.** The Division I Cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2026-32 as emergency legislation to amend preenrollment athletics eligibility legislation related to prize money or payment based on performance, draft and inquiry and use of agents. The proposal is effective immediately, applicable to student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2026, and is applicable to drafts occurring on or after April 15, 2026.
3. **Proposal No. 2026-33 – Recruiting – Transfer Outside of the Notification Process – Failure to Impose Institutional Penalties.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2026-33 as emergency legislation to establish an alternative enforcement process for a situation in which an institution does not impose the institutional penalties required by the application of NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9 (transfer outside of the notification of transfer process and participation in athletically related activities – institutional penalties). Specifically, if an institution that is subject to the application of the penalties in Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9 does not notify the national office of its intent to self-impose the penalties or does not self-impose the penalties within 15 calendar days of an action that triggers the application of the legislation, a notification of a potential violation and the opportunity to provide a response, pursuant to internal operating procedures, shall be provided to the institution. The institution will have 20 calendar days to show cause why the predetermined additional penalties should not be prescribed. The institution will receive an abbreviated opportunity to appear before the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions. If the Division I Committee on Infractions determines that a violation occurred, the penalties will include an additional

suspension of the institution's head coach for 10% of the maximum number of contests in the sports championship segment per Bylaw 17 and an additional 5% fine based on the sport's budget for the most recent fiscal year. Notice will be provided to the membership when an institution self-imposes, or fails to self-impose, institutional penalties consistent with Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9. The proposal is effective immediately.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of Issues Related to the Use of Agents.** The cabinet discussed issues related to a student-athlete's use of agents and charged the NCAA staff with developing options to address concerns related to the behaviors of agents in interactions with student-athletes and institutions. The cabinet will receive an update during its June meeting.
- 2. Recommendation Regarding Inconsistencies Between the Notification of Transfer Process and Settlement Related Benefits Agreements.** The cabinet discussed a concept that would release an institution from its obligation to enter a student-athlete's information into the NCAA Transfer Portal if the student-athlete and the institution agree to such a release in a valid settlement-related benefits agreement. The cabinet generally supports the concept and noted points of feedback for the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to consider during its review of the recommendation during its April 27 meeting.
- 3. Update on the Use of Commercial Logos During NCAA Championships.** The cabinet received an update on the use of commercial logos during NCAA championships. The update included initial information on general parameters for schools and conferences to use in making agreements regarding additional commercial logos (see Attachment A). A final policy is expected not later than the June 23-24 cabinet meeting.
- 4. Update on NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group Referrals.**
 - a. Review of Legislation for Decentralization and Deregulation.** The cabinet reviewed and provided feedback on the draft model of the Bylaw 17 decentralization review. The cabinet directed the staff to seek broader membership feedback from key stakeholders. It is anticipated that the cabinet will review a proposal during its June meeting for introduction into the October 2026 legislative cycle.
 - b. Development of Legislative Processes.** The cabinet received an update from the NCAA Division I Cabinet Legislative Processes Subgroup on its work to develop legislative processes that support the goals of the new Division I governance structure. The recommended legislative processes will be shared with the appropriate subject matter committees (e.g., NCAA Division I Academics and

student-athletes who will initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2028.

- e. **Proposal No. 2026-13 – Recruiting – Notification of Transfer – Softball – Undergraduate Spring Window.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2026-13, as expedited legislation, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer December 1-15 or a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the Monday immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship game. The proposal is effective immediately.
- f. **Proposal No. 2026-19 – Recruiting – Tryouts – Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College – Eliminate Restrictions – Volleyball.** Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Men’s Volleyball Committee, the cabinet amended Proposal No. 2026-19 to extend its application to men’s volleyball.
- g. **Proposal No. 2026-29 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball – Nonchampionship Segment Travel – Eliminate Ground Transportation Restriction.** Based on recommendations from the NCAA Division I Women’s Field Hockey Oversight Committee, Division I Women’s Softball Oversight Committee, Division I Men’s Soccer Oversight Committee, Division I Women’s Soccer Oversight Committee and Men’s Volleyball Committee, the cabinet amended Proposal No. 2026-29 to include field hockey, softball, soccer and men’s volleyball.
- h. **Proposal No. 2026-34 – Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – In-Person Recruiting Activities – Women’s Bowling.** As recommended by the NCAA Women’s Bowling Committee, the cabinet introduced Proposal No. 2026-34 into the June 2026 legislative cycle, which would specify that off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or an individual’s family members) until July 5 at the conclusion of the individual’s sophomore year in high school. The proposal’s effective date is immediate.

Rationale. Adjusting the first opportunity for off-campus recruiting contacts reduces confusion by prospective student-athletes regarding permissible recruiting activities at regional and national-level events due to differing recruiting timelines for NCAA Division I, Division II and Division III institutions.

- i. **Proposal No. 2026-35 – Academic Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Eliminate Natural or Physical Science Lab Requirement.** As recommended by the Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee, the cabinet introduced Proposal No. 2026-35 into the June 2026 legislative cycle, which would eliminate the natural or physical science lab course requirement from the qualifier and academic redshirt core-course requirements. The proposal’s effective date is immediate.

Rationale. Currently, the initial-eligibility certification for a prospective student-athlete must include a lab course requirement if it is offered by the prospective student-athlete's high school. The NCAA High School Review Committee reviewed initial-eligibility data related to the science lab requirement and noted the application of this requirement, which results in different certification processes solely based on what is offered by a high school. Additionally, the science lab requirement is no longer necessary, given that the existing criteria used to review science courses are sufficient for determining whether a course is college preparatory.

6. **Referral Related to the Review of a Discontinued Academic Program Exception for Notification of Transfer.** In conjunction with the adoption of Proposal No. 2026-33, the cabinet charged the Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee with reviewing whether the notification of transfer legislation should include a discontinued academic program exception.
7. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee Update.** The cabinet received an update from the Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
8. **Updates and Discussion on Division I and Association-Wide Issues.** The cabinet received updates from NCAA President Charlie Baker, the NCAA office of legal affairs, and an update on congressional engagement efforts.
9. **Report of the April 1 Cabinet Meeting.** The cabinet approved the report of its April 1 meeting.

Cabinet Chair: Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Big Ten Conference.

*Cabinet Liaisons: Brandy Hataway, Division I Governance and Member Services
Charnele Kemper, Division I Governance and Member Services
Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance and Member Services*

NCAA Division I Cabinet April 14-15, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
Lauren Beach, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.
Josh Brooks, University of Georgia; Southeastern Conference (alternate).
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference, Division I Subdivision conferences.
Brad Corbin, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.
John Currie, Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Jeremiah Donati, University of South Carolina; Southeastern Conference.
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho; Big Sky Conference, FCS conferences.
Rick George, University of Colorado; Big 12 Conference.
Chad Hawley; Big Ten Conference (alternate).
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.
Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference, FCS conferences.
Jenna Jordan, Georgia Institute of Technology; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Daniel Kaelin, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Matt Larsen, North Dakota State University; Summit League, Division I Subdivision conferences.
Scott McKenzie, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Desiree Reed-Francois, University of Arizona; Big 12 Conference.
Allison Rich, University of New Hampshire; America East Conference, Division I Subdivision conferences.
Jennifer Smith, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.
Absentees:
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Cassandra Chee, Wilkinson Stekloff.
Shauna Cobb, Boston College, Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee chair.
Rakesh Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff.
Max Warren, Wilkinson Stekloff.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Audrey Capannari, Emily Capehart, Brandy Hataway, Charnele Kemper, Karen Metzger, Shelby Sonnefeldt, and Leeland Zeller.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:
Charlie Baker, Brynna Barnhart, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Amanda Conklin, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Jenn Fraser, Jennifer Henderson, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Higgins, Lynn Holzman, Haydyn Makins, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Mike Massa, Binh Nguyen, Greg Pottorff, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, Liz Suscha, Lynda Tealer, Jared Tidemann, Jerry Vaughn, Meghan Wright, and Quintin Wright.

Draft Parameters – Commercial Logos on Apparel during NCAA Championships

Division I Cabinet – April 2026

Status Update

- Ongoing discussions with media partners.
- Today's update is intended to allow schools and conferences to make progress in going to market.
- Final decision expected not later than June Division I Cabinet meeting.
- Parameters pertain to additional commercial logos, and not logos previously permitted (e.g., conference mark, flag, manufacturer).
- Parameters will likely mirror what is permitted during the CFP.

Parameters

The following general parameters can be used by schools and conferences as they go to market. These are points of negotiation with our partners and will likely be part of the final policy. The below are subject to change.

1. Only one additional commercial logo permitted during NCAA postseason competition.
2. Marks that conflict with NCAA corporate partners will not be permitted during any rounds of competition.
3. Corporate marks on uniforms must be part of season-long deals and not sold immediately prior to or after tournament selection. Exception – replacing a season-long mark that conflicts with an NCAA corporate partner.
4. Inclusion of a corporate logo will likely require payment of an integration fee to CBS/WBD/ESPN.
5. Rounds of competition (e.g., semi-finals or finals) where no additional commercial logos are permitted unless they are NCAA corporate partners.
6. Required placement of the additional commercial logo distanced from the NCAA patch (e.g., opposite shoulder of a jersey).

April 2026 Division I Cabinet Legislative Actions

Proposals Within Sport Oversight Committee Authority.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Comments
2026-2	ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- BASKETBALL	In basketball, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and/or tactical instruction to student-athletes and/or be designated as one of the six permissible off-campus recruiters, with a limit of four off-campus recruiters who may use a recruiting-person day during any single day.	Previously adopted by the Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee and Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet. No action taken by the Cabinet. Adopted (Final).
2026-3	RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- MEN’S BASKETBALL -- MAY AND JULY EVALUATION PERIODS -- INTERNATIONAL EVALUATIONS	In men’s basketball, to permit evaluations of international prospective student-athletes participating on international scholastic or nonscholastic teams during regularly scheduled practice and competition during the May and July evaluation periods.	Previously adopted by the Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Cabinet. No action taken by the Cabinet. Adopted (Final).
2026-4	RECRUITING -- NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS -- ELIMINATE INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION -- FOOTBALL	In football, to eliminate the annual institutional limit on official visits.	Previously adopted by the Division I Football Oversight Committees pending review by the Cabinet. No action taken by the Cabinet. Adopted (Final).
2026-5	RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- MEN’S BASKETBALL -- ANY TIME	In men’s basketball, to permit an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement to occur with an individual (or the individual’s family members) at any time, subject to recruiting calendar restrictions.	Previously adopted by the Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Cabinet. No action taken by the Cabinet. Adopted (Final).
2026-6	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- SKILL-RELATED INSTRUCTION -- BASKETBALL -- ELIMINATE FOUR-HOUR LIMIT	In basketball, to eliminate the four-hour limit on skill-related instruction during summer athletic activities.	Previously adopted by the Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee and Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Cabinet. No action taken by the Cabinet. Adopted (Final).

2026-7	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES/ EXHIBITION CONTESTS -- BASKETBALL -- UP TO THREE	In basketball, to permit an institution to play up to three basketball practice scrimmages or exhibition contests against four-year collegiate institutions prior to the first contest date. Further, to permit an institution to exempt up to three preseason practice scrimmages or exhibition contests each year against four-year collegiate institutions from an institution's maximum number of contests.	Previously adopted by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and Women's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Cabinet. No action taken by the Cabinet. Adopted (Final).
2026-8	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- TIME LAPSE BETWEEN TOURS -- ONCE PER YEAR	To specify that an institution shall not engage in a foreign tour more than once per year.	Previously adopted by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and Women's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Cabinet. The cabinet amended the proposal to apply to all sports. Adopted as amended (Final).

Proposals Recommended as Expedited Legislation.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Comments
2026-11	RECRUITING -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER -- GOLF -- UNDERGRADUATE SPRING WINDOW	In golf, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer December 1-15 or a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Championships, respectively.	The oversight committee recommended that the cabinet adopt the proposed change as expedited legislation. Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted (Final).
2026-12	RECRUITING -- MEN'S WRESTLING -- FIRST DATE FOR CORRESPONDENCE, TELEPHONE CALLS, EVALUATIONS AND CONTACTS AND CAMPUS VISITS	In men's wrestling, to revise the first dates for correspondence, telephone calls, evaluations, contacts and campus visits, as specified.	The Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee recommended that the cabinet adopt the proposed change as expedited legislation. Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted (Final).

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Comments
2026-13	RECRUITING -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER -- SOFTBALL -- UNDERGRADUATE SPRING WINDOW	In softball, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer December 1-15 or a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the conclusion of the Division I Softball Championship.	The Softball Oversight Committee recommended that the cabinet adopt the proposed change as expedited legislation. Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted (Final).

Proposals Adopted as Emergency Legislation.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Comments
2026-32	PRIZE MONEY OR PAYMENT BASED ON PERFORMANCE, DRAFT AND INQUIRY AND USE OF AGENTS -- BEFORE INITIAL, FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT	To amend preenrollment athletics eligibility legislation related to prize money or payment based on performance, draft and inquiry and use of agents, as specified.	The Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee recommended that the cabinet adopt the proposed change as emergency legislation. Supported as emergency legislation. Adopted (Final).
2026-33	RECRUITING -- TRANSFER OUTSIDE OF THE NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER PROCESS -- FAILURE TO IMPOSE INSTITUTIONAL PENALTIES	To specify that if an institution does not notify the National Office of its intent to self-impose the penalties and/or does not self-impose the penalties outlined in Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9 within 15 calendar days of the first trigger, a violation occurs and the Division I Committee on Infractions shall prescribe heightened penalties, in addition to those outlined in Bylaw 13.1.1.4.9.	Supported as emergency legislation. Adopted (Final).

NCAA Division I Cabinet Voting Results
April 14-15, 2026

Group Represented -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Proposal No. 2026-32 as Emergency	Proposal No. 2026-32	Proposal No. 2026-33 as Emergency	Proposal No. 2026-33	Proposal Nos. 2026-2, 2026-3, 2026-4, 2026-5, 2026-6, 2026-7	Proposal No. 2026-8 - Amend to apply to all sports	Proposal No. 2026-8	Proposal Nos. 2026-11, 2026-12 and 2026-13 as Expedited	Proposal Nos. 2026-11, 2026-12 and 2026-13	Proposal No. 2026-19 - Amend to include MVB
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Jordan	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Currie	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- R. George	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- D. Reed-Francois	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- C. Hawley (substitute)	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Smith	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- J. Donati/J.Brooks (substitute)	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- M. Boyer	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- J. Steinbrecher	FBSNA	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- B. Corbin	FBSNA	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- T. Gawlik	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- S. Heilbron	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- B. Hurlbut	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- D. Butterfly	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- M. Larsen	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- A. Rich	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FARA -- A. Ali-Joseph		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SAAC -- S. McKenzie		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WBB SA - L. Beach		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FB SA -- D. Kaelin		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yes/Adopt (Y)			34	34	34	34	34	29	29	34	34	34
No/Defeat (N)			0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
Abstain (A)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Vote Cast (Blank)			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total			34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Y Percent			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	83.8%	83.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy

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Group Represented -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Proposal No. 2026-29 - Amend to include MSO, MVB, WFH, WSB, WSO
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Jordan	FBSA	2.75	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Currie	FBSA	2.75	Y
Big 12 Conference -- R. George	FBSA	2.75	Y
Big 12 Conference -- D. Reed-Francois	FBSA	2.75	Y
Big Ten Conference -- C. Hawley (substitute)	FBSA	2.75	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Smith	FBSA	2.75	Y
Southeastern Conference -- J. Donati/J.Brooks (substitute)	FBSA	2.75	Y
Southeastern Conference -- M. Boyer	FBSA	2.75	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- J. Steinbrecher	FBSNA	1	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- B. Corbin	FBSNA	1	Y
FCS Conferences -- T. Gawlik	FCS	1	Y
FCS Conferences -- S. Heilbron	FCS	1	Y
FCS Conferences -- B. Hurlbut	FCS	1	Y
Division I Subdivision -- D. Butterly	BBS	1	Y
Division I Subdivision -- M. Larsen	BBS	1	Y
Division I Subdivision -- A. Rich	BBS	1	Y
FARA -- A. Ali-Joseph		1	Y
SAAC -- S. McKenzie		1	Y
WBB SA - L. Beach		1	Y
FB SA -- D. Kaelin		1	Y
Yes/Adopt (Y)			34
No/Defeat (N)			0
Abstain (A)			0
No Vote Cast (Blank)			0
Total			34
Y Percent		100.0%	

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy