



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CABINET
AUGUST 3, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Implementation of Age-Based Eligibility Rules.** The NCAA Division I Cabinet adopted emergency legislation to amend the effective date of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-44 (Athletics Eligibility -- Age-Based Eligibility Model -- Five-Year Period of Eligibility), to specify that the legislated exceptions to the season of competition legislation (e.g., football/men's wrestling redshirt exceptions, competition in nonchampionship segment, preseason exhibitions/scrimmages) are not applicable for continuing student-athletes who are certified under the previous period of eligibility rules and prospective student-athletes who initially enroll full time in any collegiate institution during the 2026-27 academic year and are certified under the previous period of eligibility rules. Effective immediately, the exceptions no longer apply to competition that occurs during the 2026-27 academic year until the student-athlete exhausts Division I eligibility. Voting results are available in the Attachment to this report.
2. **Proposal No. 2026-68 Athletics Eligibility -- Postseason and Regular-Season Competition -- Eligibility for Competition.** The cabinet introduced Proposal No. 2026-68, which specifies that in a sport in which the championship season is conducted over multiple regular academic terms (e.g., basketball, ice hockey) or in a sport in which fall segment competition is used for NCAA championships qualification or consideration (e.g., golf), a student-athlete whose initial full-time enrollment occurs at a Division I institution at midyear is ineligible for competition until the following academic year. The effective date of the proposal is immediate. The cabinet plans to consider the proposal as expedited legislation during its October 6-7 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Proposal No. 2026-54 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities -- Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of the Playing Season -- Eliminate Skill Instruction Limitation -- Basketball.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2026-54 as expedited legislation, in basketball, to eliminate the limitation of four hours of skill-related instruction within the weekly limitation of eight hours of out-of-season athletically related activities. The proposal is effective immediately.
2. **Proposal No. 2026-55 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Basketball -- Preseason Transition Period.** The cabinet adopted Proposal No. 2026-55 as expedited legislation, in women's basketball, to establish a preseason transition period that begins 14 calendar days before the first permissible preseason practice date. The proposal is effective immediately.

3. **Update on Division I and Association-Wide issues.** The cabinet received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
4. **Report Of the June 23-24 Cabinet Meeting.** The cabinet approved the report of its June 23-24 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 August 3, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Lisa Archbald, Northeast Conference; FCS conferences.	
Lauren Beach, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.	
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
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.	
Allen Greene, University of Pittsburgh, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association, 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, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Scott McKenzie, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.	
Chris Merino; Pac-12 Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences (alternate).	
Desiree Reed-Francois, University of Arizona; Big 12 Conference.	
Jennifer Smith, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Brad Walker, America East Conference, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
Kristin Williams, Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences (alternate).	
Absentees:	
Brad Corbin, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.	
Guest(s) in Attendance:	
Rakesh Kilaru, Wilkinson Stekloff.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Audrey Capannari, Emily Capehart, Brandy Hataway, Charnele Kemper, Karen Metzger, and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Amanda Conklin, Derrick Crawford, Claire Cummings, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Jenn Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Doug Healey, Jennifer Henderson, Brian Higgins, Lynn Holzman, 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.	

NCAA Division I Cabinet Legislative Voting Results
August 3, 2026

ATTACHMENT

Group Represented -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Amend Effective Date of 2026-44 as Emergency	Amend Effective Date of 2026-44	2026-54 and 2026-55 as Expedited	2026-54 and 2026-55	Introduce 2026-68
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Jordan	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- A. Green	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Big 12 Conference -- R. George	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Big 12 Conference -- D. Reed-Francois	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Big Ten Conference -- J. Whitman	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Smith	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- J. Donati	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Southeastern Conference -- M. Boyer	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- K. Williams (Substitute)	FBSNA	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- C. Morin (Substitute)	FBSNA	1	Y	Y	A	A	Y
FCS Conferences -- L. Archbald	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- T. Gawlik	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- S. Heilbron	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- D. Butterly	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- M. Larsen	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Division I Subdivision -- B. Walker	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FARA -- A. Ali-Joseph		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SAAC -- S. McKenzie		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
WBB SA - L. Beach		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FB SA -- D. Kaelin		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yes/Adopt (Y)			34.00	34.00	33.00	33.00	22.00
No/Defeat (N)			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.75
Abstain (A)			0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	2.75
No Vote Cast (Blank)			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.50
Total			34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy		Y Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	85.4%