



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I CABINET  
JUNE 5, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**KEY ITEM.**

- **Division I Age-Based Eligibility Model.** The NCAA Division I Cabinet discussed the Division I Age-Based Eligibility Model and stakeholder feedback, and made revisions and clarifications related to the application and implementation of the model.
  - a. **Adjusted Model.** The cabinet reviewed and discussed stakeholder feedback from the men’s basketball and men’s ice hockey communities and the U.S. national service academies recommending an adjustment to the age-based collegiate eligibility model. Based on the recommendation, the cabinet removed a student-athlete’s actual or expected high school graduation as a criterion for the start of the five-year period of eligibility. Pursuant to the adjusted model, a student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility would start with the regular academic term of initial full-time enrollment at any collegiate institution or at the beginning of the academic year immediately following the student-athlete’s 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever occurs first. Updated implementation scenarios of the Division I Age-Based Eligibility Model for continuing and incoming student-athletes are set forth in the following chart:

	<b>Which eligibility model applies?</b>
<b>Current student-athletes who initially enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (e.g., two-year, international, Division II/III) prior to the 2026-27 academic year.</b>	
<b>Student-athletes with eligibility remaining (time left in their period of eligibility and seasons of competition remaining).</b>	Either the current rules OR new age-based model, whichever is most beneficial to the student-athlete. <i>*Any waivers (e.g., extensions, hardship waivers, delayed enrollment) for current student-athletes based on the current legislation must be submitted no later than July 31, 2026, and will not be available for competition or extenuating circumstances occurring beyond the 2025-26 academic year.</i>
<b>Student-athletes who exhausted eligibility in 2025-26 (no time left in their period of eligibility and no seasons of competition remaining).</b>	Current rules; no longer eligible.
<b>Student-athletes who used final season of competition during 2025-26 but have time remaining in their period of eligibility.</b>	Current rules; no longer eligible.

<b>Prospective Student-Athletes Enrolling Full Time at any Collegiate Institution Fall 2026 and Later.</b>	
<b>Prospective student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any collegiate institution in 2026-27.</b>	<p>Either the current rules OR new age-based model, whichever is most beneficial to the student-athlete.</p> <p><i>*Delayed enrollment waivers for prospective student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I institution during the 2026-27 academic year must be filed within 30 calendar days of the prospective student-athlete's final athletics certification decision. For prospective student-athletes who received their final athletics certification prior to July 1, 2026, any delayed enrollment waivers must be submitted no later than July 31, 2026.</i></p> <p><i>**Athletics eligibility waivers (e.g., extensions, hardship waivers) will not be available for prospective student-athletes assessed under the current eligibility rules.</i></p>
<b>Prospective student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any collegiate institution in 2027-28 or later.</b>	Age-based model only.

- b. Waiver Submission Deadline. The cabinet confirmed the July 31, 2026, deadline to submit eligibility waivers (e.g., season of competition, extension, delayed enrollment) for current student-athletes based on circumstances that impacted the student-athlete during or before the 2025-26 academic year. The cabinet determined that delayed enrollment waivers for prospective student-athletes for the 2026-27 academic year must be submitted within 30 days of the prospective student-athlete's final athletics certification.
- c. Administration of the Period of Eligibility. The NCAA Eligibility Center will administer the certification of an individual's period of eligibility, including legislated exceptions. The NCAA Division I Athletics Eligibility Subcommittee will make determinations of facts in situations in which the facts upon which a certification is based are in dispute.
- d. Preenrollment Professional Participation. The cabinet discussed issues related to preenrollment professional participation and will continue discussions during its June 23-24, 2026, meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Report of the May 22 Cabinet Meeting.** The cabinet approved the report of its May 22 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

<b>NCAA Division I Cabinet June 5, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Lauren Beach,	Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Matt Boyer,	Southeastern Conference.
Pam Bruzina,	Faculty Athletics Representative Association (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.
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 Advisory Committee.
Matt Larsen,	North Dakota State University; Summit League, Division I Subdivision conferences.
Scott McKenzie,	Division I Student-Athlete Advisory 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.
Josh Whitman,	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.
Kristin Williams,	Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences (alternate).
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Alisse Ali-Joseph,	Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
Jon Steinbrecher,	Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Cassandra Chee,	Wilkinson Stekloff.
Rakesh Kilaru,	Wilkinson Stekloff.
Max Warren,	Wilkinson Stekloff.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Audrey Capannari, Emily Capehart, Brandy Hataway, Charnele Kemper, Karen Metzger, Shelby Sonnefeldt, and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>	
Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Deena Casiero, Amanda Conklin, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Jenn Fraser, Terri Steeb Gronau, Jennifer Henderson, Brian Higgins, Chelsea Hooks, Travis Johnston, Mike Massa, Greg Pottorff, Angela Red, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, Lynda Tealer, Jared Tidemann, Jerry Vaughn, and Meghan Wright.	