



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I CABINET
OCTOBER 6-7, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-27 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Men’s Soccer – Redistribution of Men’s Soccer Playing Season Model.** The NCAA Division I Cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-27](#), in men’s soccer to redistribute the men’s soccer playing and practice season across the fall and spring semesters and move the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship to the spring. The proposal is effective August 1, 2027.

Because the proposal was adopted with less than a 75% majority, it is subject to a 30-day rescission period, which ends at 5 p.m. Eastern time, November 6, 2026.

2. **Proposal No. 2026-45 – Governance Structure and Committees – Updated Division I Legislative Process.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-45](#), to establish a legislative process that supports the goals of the new Division I governance structure. The proposal is effective immediately for the January 2027 legislative cycle.

In addition to the legislation established by the adoption of Proposal No. 2026-45, the cabinet adopted policies and procedures that provide the details of the actions that may be taken on legislative proposals in specific processes and at various stages (Attachment A). The cabinet also adopted a policy that requires at least 50% of the student-athlete representatives on a Division I committee to be in attendance in order for a committee to take legislative action and additional policies to help ensure the student-athlete committee member attendance requirement is met (Attachment B).

The cabinet eliminated the policy requirements that the following additional information be included when a proposal is recommended or introduced: (1) The Division I commitment addressed by the proposal; (2) A statement addressing whether the proposal is consequential or nationally significant; (3) A statement addressing whether the proposal is enforceable and how its merits outweigh monitoring burdens; and (4) A statement addressing how the proposal supports student-athlete success or well-being.

Finally, the cabinet approved a recommendation to maintain the current meeting cadence for the cabinet, which includes legislative meetings in October, January, April and June, and for the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, which includes primary meetings in August, October, January and April.

3. **Decentralization and Modernization.** The Division I Cabinet introduced legislation into the January 2027 legislative cycle for decentralization and modernization of the legislation in NCAA Bylaws 11, 13 and 17.
 - a. Bylaw 11. The cabinet introduced legislation to eliminate the restriction on the number of countable coaches and student assistant coaches in all sports, strength and conditioning coaches and graduate student coaches in bowl subdivision football. Schools can contact the NCAA about any current effects the legislation

is having on its staff. The cabinet also introduced legislation to eliminate the restriction on athletically related income and benefits, compensation and remuneration and requirements to recruit off campus in Bylaw 11. Limits on off-campus recruiters would be maintained by moving existing coaching limits to Bylaw 13 (recruiting).

- b. Bylaw 13. The cabinet introduced legislation to permit transportation, accommodations and entertainment for a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals on an official visit.
- c. Bylaw 17. The cabinet introduced legislation to create standardized first practice, competition and end-of-season dates. Specifically, this proposal will: 1) eliminate preseason practice legislation in all sports to establish a standard start date on which each sport is permitted to conduct transition periods, preseason or in-season countable athletically related activities; 2) amend first contest/date of competition legislation to establish a standard date on which an institution is permitted to conduct its first competition against an outside team after an established preseason practice period; and 3) establish a standard date on which an institution must cease in-season countable athletically related activities. Additionally, the cabinet introduced legislation to eliminate the restrictions on in-season foreign competition.

Effective Date: July 1, 2027.

Rationale: The NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group and the Division I Board of Directors identified decentralization and modernization of NCAA legislation as necessary to adapt to the changing landscape of collegiate athletics.

- 4. **Expenses, Prize Money and Professional Participation Before Period of Eligibility**. The cabinet introduced legislation into the January 2027 legislative cycle to eliminate restrictions on expenses, prize money, and involvement with a professional team that apply before an individual's period of eligibility begins. Once an individual's period of eligibility begins, existing rules that govern expenses, prize money and involvement with a professional team would continue to apply.

Effective Date: Immediate; applicable to student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2027.

Rationale: This proposal would make the application of restrictions on expenses, prize money and involvement with a professional team consistent with the application of the age-based period of eligibility legislation and eliminate the restrictions before an individual's period of eligibility. This proposal is consistent with the proposed application of the Protect College Sports Act to individuals who participate in basketball.

5. **Proposal No. 2026-53 – Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Division I Contest Attendance Restriction – Men’s Basketball and Football.** The cabinet amended [Proposal No. 2026-53](#) to include football and adopted the proposal, as amended. The proposal specifies that, in men’s basketball an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to men’s basketball shall not attend a Division I men’s basketball preseason contest, regular season contest or a contest of a conference tournament, unless the contest is one in a tournament or event in which the institution’s team is participating, or the contest involves a family member of the institutional staff member as a participant. [In football](#) the attendance restriction applies to institutional Football Bowl Subdivision and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision staff with football-specific responsibilities, with FBS and FCS-specific exceptions. The proposal is effective immediately.
6. **Proposal Nos. 2026-57 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Bowl Subdivision Football – Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period) and 2026-59 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Championship Subdivision Football – Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period).** The cabinet remanded Proposal Nos. 2026-57 and 2026-59 to the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee and Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee, respectively, for further review. The cabinet charged the football oversight committees with review of the February 1 start date for noncontact skill instruction and out-of-season practice, and whether an institution’s off-season start date should be tied to the conclusion of its previous season.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Other Legislative Actions.** Other select proposals addressed and legislative actions taken by the cabinet are listed below. Legislative actions are detailed in Attachment C and voting results are available in Attachment D.
 - a. **Proposal No. 2026-46 – Governance Structure and Committees – National Collegiate Championship Sports Committees – Composition Requirements.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-46](#). The proposal modifies the composition requirements of National Collegiate Championship sports committees. The proposal is effective immediately.
 - b. **Proposal No. 2026-48 – Recruiting – Precollege Expenses – Complimentary Admissions to Away-From-Home Athletics Events – After Commitment.** The cabinet amended and adopted [Proposal No. 2026-48](#). The proposal specifies that, in baseball, basketball, field hockey, men’s ice hockey, lacrosse, skiing, soccer, softball, and women’s volleyball, after an individual has signed the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or after the institution has received the individual’s financial deposit in

response to its offer of admission, the institution may provide the individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) with a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to an away-from-home event in a facility in the locale of the individual's home or educational institution. The proposal is effective immediately.

- c. **Proposal No. 2026-65 – Personnel and Recruiting – Bowl Subdivision Football – Off-Campus Recruiting Model.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-65](#) as expedited legislation. The proposal specifies that, in bowl subdivision football, an institution may designate up to 17 off-campus recruiters at the beginning of each contact or evaluation period. The proposal is effective January 1, 2027.
- d. **Proposal No. 2026-67 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Outside of the Playing Season – Eliminate Skill Instruction Limitation – Various Sports.** The cabinet did not consider Proposal No. 2026-67 as expedited legislation. The proposal will be considered in the January 2027 legislative cycle during the cabinet's January meeting.
- e. **Proposal No. 2026-68 – Athletics Eligibility – Postseason and Regular Season Competition – Initial Enrollment at Midyear and Roster Lock Concept.** The cabinet discussed Proposal No. 2026-68 and a roster lock concept. The cabinet referred continued discussion of the roster lock concept to the *House* settlement defendant conferences.
- f. **Proposal No. 2026-69 – Infractions Program – Standards of Review and Resolution Methods (Level I/II Cases) – Eliminate Resolution Selection Process.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-69](#) as expedited legislation. The proposal eliminates the legislated resolution selection process and is effective immediately.
- g. **Proposal No. 2026-70 – Infractions Program – Investigation of Alleged Violations and Responsibility to Cooperate – Neutral Administrator.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-70](#) as expedited legislation. The proposal specifies that a neutral administrator may be appointed to resolve petitions for immediate penalties for failure to cooperate and resolve investigative disputes prior to the submission of a processing document regardless of whether a case is ultimately submitted on the merits to the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions. The proposal is effective immediately.
- h. **Proposal No. 2026-71 – Infractions Program – Negotiated Resolution – Advisory Nature of Approved Cases.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-71](#) as expedited legislation. The proposal specifies that an approved negotiated resolution may be used in an advisory capacity in a future negotiated resolution and is effective immediately.

- i. **Proposal No. 2026-72 – Athletics Personnel and Recruiting – Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters – Softball.** The cabinet adopted [Proposal No. 2026-72](#) as expedited legislation. The proposal permits any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and specify that only four off-campus recruiters may engage in off-campus recruiting activities during any single day when off-campus recruiting activities are permitted. The proposal is effective immediately.
 - j. **Proposal No. 2026-74 – Recruiting – Women’s Ice Hockey – First Opportunity for Recruiting Activities and Eliminate Limit on Evaluations.** As recommended by the NCAA Division I Women’s Ice Hockey Committee, the cabinet introduced and adopted [Proposal No. 2026-74](#) as expedited legislation. The proposal establishes the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of an individual’s junior year in high school as the first permissible date for recruiting activities, the third Monday in September of an individual’s junior year in high school as the first permissible date for an official visit and to eliminate the annual limitation on the number of off-campus evaluations per prospective student-athlete. The proposal is effective immediately.
 - k. **Governance Structure and Committees – Common Committees – Committees with Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities – Skiing Committee, Men’s and Women’s.** As recommended by the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Skiing Committee, the cabinet introduced legislation into the January 2027 legislative cycle to increase, from six to eight, the number of voting members on the committee, specifying that three members are to be selected from the west region, two from the central region and three from the east region. The proposal’s effective date is immediate.
2. **Regulation of Agent Activities.** The cabinet discussed the regulation of agent activities. The cabinet authorized the NCAA staff to develop and prepare to implement a verification program that catalog agents and service providers across all sports to increase transparency for student-athletes and institutions. The cabinet will continue to discuss regulations that govern the use of agents at future meetings.
3. **NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Working Group Final Report of Recommendations.** The cabinet received an update and provided feedback on final recommendations from the Football Bowl Subdivision Working Group. The final report and cabinet feedback will be presented to the Division I Board of Directors for review and potential action.
4. **Transfer Portal Dashboard.** The cabinet received an update regarding a transfer portal dashboard that is being developed to publicize transfer portal data to give student-athletes verified information to consider in their decision-making processes related to transferring.

5. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee Update.** The cabinet received an update from the Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
6. **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 and the Protect College Sports Act.
7. **Report of the September Cabinet Meeting.** The cabinet approved the report of its September 9 meeting. *(Unanimous voice vote.)*

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

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Attendees:	
Lisa Archbald, Northeast Conference, FCS conferences.	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.	
Jason Burrow-Sanchez, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Brad Corbin, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.	
Cody Cranor; Summit League, Basketball Subdivision conferences (alternate).	
Tim Day, Iowa State University; Big 12 Conference (alternate).	
Jeremiah Donati, University of South Carolina; Southeastern Conference.	
Sam Edwards, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee (alternate).	
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.	
Abby Lynch, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.	
Kimya Massey, University of San Diego, West Coast Conference, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky Conference (alternate).	
Desiree Reed-Francois, University of Arizona; Big 12 Conference.	
CJ Rich, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee (alternate).	
Jennifer Smith, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.	
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference, FBS nonautonomy conferences.	
Brad Walker, Northeast Conference, Basketball Subdivision conferences.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Big Ten Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jeremy Armstrong, The University of Texas; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Spencer Bridges, Southern Miss University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Tatum Colitz, Seton Hall University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Jessica Goerke, University of San Diego; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Malcolm Grace, George Mason University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Rob Heil, Kansas State University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Alex Keddie, East Carolina University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Chevonne Mansfield, Howard University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Merce Poindexter, Valparaiso University; Division I Pathway Participant.	
J. R. Pulido, University of Incarnate Word; Division I Pathway Participant.	
Lisa Varytimidis, University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Division I Pathway Participant.	

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, Geoff Bentzel, DJ Brown, Tim Buckley, Deena Casiero, Derrick Coles, Amanda Conklin, Derrick Crawford, Claire Cummings, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Jenn Fraser, Doug Healey, Jennifer Henderson, Mark Hicks, Brian Higgins, Anthony Holman, Lynn Holzman, Haydyn Makins, Abbie Markey, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Mike Massa, Binh Nguyen, Sandy Parrott, Greg Pottorff, Bridget Rigney, Geoff Silver, Liz Suscha, Jared Tidemann, Jerry Vaughn, Meghan Wright, Quintin Wright, and Janell Zimmer.

NCAA Division I Cabinet Legislative Policies

This document sets forth the NCAA Division I Cabinet legislative policies that are referenced in NCAA Division I Bylaws 9.2.2.2 and 9.2.2.3.

Legislative Policies.

- I. **Committee Authority.** This section sets forth the legislative policies applicable to proposals in areas of legislation in which a committee has limited authority.

A. Standard Legislative Cycle.

1. **Committee Review/Action.** [See Bylaw 9.2.2.2-(d)] A committee should take action on the proposal as close as possible to the midpoint of the legislative cycle; however, the timing of action is flexible based on scheduling factors for the applicable committee. The following actions may be taken:
 - a. **Approve the proposal.** A simple majority vote is required.
 - b. **Defeat the proposal.**
 - c. **Table the proposal.** (Simple majority.) The proposal may be considered by the committee again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
 - d. **Withdraw the proposal.** (Simple majority.) The committee may choose to withdraw the proposal from the legislative process.
 - e. **Amend the proposal.** (Two-thirds majority to amend.) If the proposal is amended, the committee may take the following actions:
 - 1) Approve the proposal, as amended. (Simple majority to adopt.)
 - 2) Defeat the proposal.
 - 3) Table the proposal. (Simple majority.) The proposal may be considered by the committee again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
 - 4) Withdraw the proposal. (Simple majority.) The committee may choose to withdraw the proposal from the legislative process.
2. **Notice of Action:** Actions taken by a committee will be included in the history section of the proposal and in an announcement posted on LSDBi. Actions and announcements will be posted as soon as possible after the actions are taken.
3. **Cabinet Review.** During the applicable meeting, the cabinet has an opportunity to review a proposal approved by a committee and any feedback and/or suggested amendments. The cabinet has the authority to allow the proposal to remain as approved, to amend the proposal or to defeat the proposal. The cabinet may:
 - a. **Take no action.** If the cabinet takes no action, the proposal is adopted and final, as approved by the committee, at the conclusion of the applicable cabinet meeting.
 - b. **Affirm adoption.** (Simple majority.)
 - c. **Defeat the proposal.** (Two-thirds majority required.)
 - d. **Remand the proposal to the committee to address specific issues.** (Simple majority.)

- e. Table the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
- f. Amend the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) If the proposal is amended, the cabinet may take the following actions:
 - 1) Adopt the proposal as amended. (Simple majority.)
 - 2) Defeat the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.)
 - 3) Table the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).

B. Accelerated Legislative Process.

- Cabinet Review Requested. For a proposal for which cabinet review is requested, the cabinet has the opportunity to review the proposal and any feedback and/or suggested amendments at the next legislative meeting. The cabinet may:
 - a. Take no action. If the cabinet takes no action, the proposal is adopted and final as approved by the committee at the conclusion of the applicable cabinet meeting.
 - b. Affirm adoption. (Simple majority.)
 - c. Place the proposal in the standard legislative cycle. (Simple majority.)
 - d. Defeat the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.)
 - e. Remand the proposal to the committee to address specific issues. (Simple majority.)
 - f. Table the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
 - g. Amend the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) If the proposal is amended, the cabinet may take the following actions:
 - 1) Place the proposal in the standard legislative cycle. (Simple majority.)
 - 2) Adopt the proposal as amended. (Simple majority.)
 - 3) Defeat the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.)
 - 4) Table the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).

II. Cabinet Authority. This section sets forth the legislative policies applicable to proposals in areas of legislation in which only the cabinet has the authority to adopt. In the areas of Cabinet Authority, select committees have the authority to introduce proposals. Other committees may make recommendations that the Division I Cabinet introduce proposals into the Standard Legislative Cycle and/or adopt proposals through the Accelerated Legislative Process.

A. Committees With Authority to Introduce Proposals. The Division I sports oversight committees and the NCAA Division I Membership Committee may introduce legislative proposals in areas of legislation that are outside of their authority to introduce and approve proposals. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee may introduce proposals in the following categories:

1. Student-Athlete Governance and Representation.

a. Scope: Limited to the structure, authority, representation and functioning of student-athlete representation bodies at the institutional, conference and national levels.

b. Examples:

- 1) Institutional SAAC bylaws, structure and selection processes (Bylaw 20.2.4.28).
- 2) Conference SAAC governance models and voting structures (Bylaw 20.3.4.6).
- 3) National SAAC composition and authority (Bylaw 21.5).
- 4) Student-athlete representation on NCAA committees (Bylaws 21.1-21.8, Bylaw 21.10).
- 5) Communication pathways between SAACs and decision-makers.

2. Student-Athlete Core Guarantees.

a. Scope: Legislative authority to introduce legislation that falls into one of the below NCAA Student-Athlete Core Guarantees areas.

b. Core Guarantees Areas:

- 1) Academic counseling/support services. (Bylaw 16.3.1.1).
 - a) Career counseling and life skills programs (Bylaw 16.3.1.2).
 - b) Mental health (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.4.2 and Bylaws 20.2.4.24, 20.2.4.25).
 - c) Team building and belonging (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.3.1.2).
 - d) Sexual violence prevention (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.3.1.2).
 - e) Education on transfer requirements (Bylaw 14.5.5).
 - f) Strength and conditioning (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.3.1.2).
 - g) Nutrition (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.3.1.2).
- 2) Financial literacy (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.3.1.2).
- 3) Career preparation (Bylaws 16.3.1, 16.3.1.2).
- 4) Scholarship protections (Bylaw 15.3.4).
 - Reduce, cancel or fail to renew athletics aid for athletics reasons.

B. Standard Legislative Cycle.

- Cabinet Consideration. During the applicable meeting, the cabinet votes on proposals introduced by authorized committees or the cabinet. The cabinet may take the following actions:
 - a. Adopt the proposal. (Simple majority required.)
 - b. Defeat the proposal.
 - c. Table the proposal. (Simple majority.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
 - d. Withdraw the proposal. (Simple majority.) The cabinet may choose to withdraw the proposal from the legislative process.
 - e. Amend the proposal. (Two-thirds majority to amend.) If the proposal is amended, the cabinet may take the following actions:
 - 1) Adopt the proposal as amended. (Simple majority.)
 - 2) Defeat the proposal.
 - 3) Table the proposal. (Simple majority.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
 - 4) Withdraw the proposal. (Simple majority.) The cabinet may choose to withdraw the proposal from the legislative process.

C. Accelerated Legislative Process.

- Cabinet Review Requested. For a proposal for which cabinet review is requested, the cabinet has the opportunity to review the proposal and any feedback and/or suggested amendments. The cabinet may:
 - a. Adopt the proposal. (Two-thirds majority required.) If a vote to adopt occurs and a two-thirds majority is not achieved, but a simple majority is achieved, the proposal will continue in the regular legislative cycle.
 - b. Defeat the proposal. If a vote occurs and neither a two-thirds majority nor a simple majority is achieved, the proposal is defeated.
 - c. Allow the proposal to continue in the regular legislative cycle. (No action necessary.)
 - d. Table the proposal. (Simple majority.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
 - e. Withdraw the proposal. (Simple majority.) The cabinet may choose to withdraw the proposal from the legislative process.
 - f. Amend the proposal. (Two-thirds majority to amend.) If the proposal is amended, the cabinet may take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the proposal as amended. (Two-thirds majority.) If a vote to adopt occurs and a two-thirds majority is not achieved, but a simple majority is achieved, the proposal will continue in the regular legislative cycle.
- 2) Defeat the proposal. If neither a two-thirds majority nor a simple majority is achieved, the proposal is defeated.
- 3) Allow the proposal to continue in the regular legislative cycle, as amended. (No action necessary.)
- 4) Table the proposal. (Simple majority.) The proposal may be considered by the cabinet again during a subsequent meeting. If the proposal is not addressed (e.g., vote, extend tabled status, etc.) again within six months, the proposal is defeated (sunset provision).
- 5) Withdraw the proposal. (Simple majority.) The cabinet may choose to withdraw the proposal from the legislative process.

NCAA Division I Cabinet Policies Required Student-Athlete Attendance for Legislative Action

Required Attendance of Student-Athlete Representatives for Legislative Action.

In order for legislative action to be taken by a Division I committee, including the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Division I Cabinet, at least 50% of the student-athlete representatives on the committee must be in attendance. The following policies are intended to help the cabinet and other committees meet the minimum student-athlete attendance requirement for legislative action:

1. Student-Athlete Attendance Policy:

- a. If a student-athlete committee member misses two meetings without providing advance notice to NCAA staff liaisons, the student-athlete shall be removed from the committee and replaced by an identified alternate.
- b. Advance notice is considered to be five business days before the applicable meeting.
- c. After the first unexcused absence, NCAA staff will communicate a reminder on the attendance policy to the student-athlete committee member.
- d. If a student-athlete is removed from a committee, the applicable committee has the authority to determine the alternate who will replace the student-athlete committee member.

2. National Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee Members Alternate Process:

- For committees with national SAAC members who compete in the applicable sport, national SAAC members will serve as alternates and attend oversight committee meetings if the primary student-athlete cannot attend.
 - (1) For example, if a women's volleyball student-athlete cannot attend a meeting, a national SAAC member who participates in women's volleyball would serve as the alternate for that meeting.
 - (2) Alternates should receive all meeting materials and possess the voting privileges as the primary student-athlete representative for that meeting.

3. Non-National SAAC Members Alternate Process:

- a. For committees that do not have a national SAAC member, a pool of preidentified alternate student-athletes will be established.
- b. Alternate student-athletes may be selected from:
 - (1) Nominations received for the most recent year of student-athlete vacancies that were not selected as primary representatives.
 - (2) Student-athletes serving on Division I student-athlete engagement groups (for football and basketball committees).
- c. The NCAA Student-Athlete Advocacy Team will maintain and update a roster of eligible alternates for each sport and committee.
- d. When a primary student-athlete representative is unable to attend, staff will first identify if a national SAAC member is available to serve as an alternate. If the SAAC members are unavailable or there is not a SAAC member to choose from, an alternate from the nominations received will be chosen.
- e. Alternates should receive all meeting materials and possess the same voting privileges as the primary student-athlete representative for that meeting.

4. Advance Attendance Confirmation.

Committee staff liaisons should confirm student-athlete attendance prior to each meeting and identify alternate participants in advance whenever attendance concerns are known.

5. Quarterly Attendance Review.

The NCAA Student-Athlete Advocacy Team will review student-athlete attendance data quarterly to identify trends and assess the effectiveness of alternate processes. If needed, the Student-Athlete Advocacy Team reserves the right to propose policy changes in conjunction with national SAAC.

Legislative Actions
October 2026 NCAA Division I Cabinet Meeting

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Comments
<u>2026-18</u>	Recruiting -- Notification Of Transfer -- Men's Soccer -- Undergraduate Window	In men's soccer, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship game.	No action taken by cabinet. Contingent on potential rescission of Proposal No. 2026-27.
<u>2026-27</u>	Playing And Practice Seasons -- Men's Soccer - - Redistribution Of Men's Soccer Playing Season Model	To amend the men's soccer playing and practice season, as specified.	Cabinet affirmed adoption. Adopted. Subject to 30-day membership rescission period.
<u>2026-47</u>	Personnel and Recruiting -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Off-Campus Recruiters and Recruiting-Person Days	In championship subdivision football, to modify legislation governing off-campus recruiters, recruiting opportunities, recruiting-person days and evaluation days, as specified.	No action taken by the cabinet. Adopted. (Final)
<u>2026-48</u>	Recruiting -- Precollege Expenses -- Complimentary Admissions to Away-From-Home Athletics Events -- After Commitment	In basketball, to specify that after an individual has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or after the institution has received the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the institution may provide the individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) with a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to an away-from-home basketball event in a facility in the locale of the individual's home or educational institution.	The cabinet amended the proposal to include baseball, field hockey, men's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, skiing, men's and women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball. Adopted as amended. (Final)
<u>2026-49</u>	Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- Cross Country and Track and Field	In cross country and track and field, to specify that off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school.	No action taken by the cabinet. Adopted. (Final)
<u>2026-51</u>	Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Cross Country and Track and Field -- Undergraduate Windows	In cross country and track and field, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15-day period that begins the Monday immediately following the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships or a 10-day period that begins the Monday immediately	Adopted by the Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee. No action taken by the cabinet. Adopted. (Final)

		following the conclusion of the NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.	
2026-52	Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Football	In football, to specify that a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process during a 10-day period beginning the first business day following January 1 or consistent with an applicable exception.	Adopted by the Football Oversight Committees. No action taken by the cabinet. Adopted. (Final)
2026-53	Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Division I Contest Attendance Restriction -- Men's Basketball and Football.	In men's basketball, to specify that an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to men's basketball shall not attend a Division I men's basketball preseason contest, regular season contest or a contest of a conference tournament, unless the contest is one in a tournament or event in which the institution's team is participating, or the contest involves a family member of the institutional staff member as a participant.	The cabinet amended the proposal to extend to football, with FBS- and FCS-specific exceptions. Adopted as amended. (Final)
2026-56	Playing and Practice Seasons -- Maximum Dates of Competition Limitation -- Multiday Meet Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field	To specify that, during the nonchampionship segment, an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may count a maximum of five multiday meets each as a single date of competition.	No action taken by the cabinet. Adopted. (Final)
2026-57	Playing and Practice Seasons -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period	In bowl subdivision football, to modify the out-of-season activities and preseason practice period legislation, as specified.	Remanded to the Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee.
2026-58	Playing and Practice Seasons -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Joint Practice	In championship subdivision football, to permit an institution to engage in a joint practice with another four-year college institution during the spring term, as specified.	Adopted by the Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee. No action taken by the cabinet. Adopted. (Final)
2026-59	Playing and Practice Seasons -- Championship Subdivision Football -- Out-of-Season Activities and Preseason Practice Period	In championship subdivision football, to modify the out-of-season activities and preseason practice period legislation, as specified.	Remanded to the Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee.

2026-66	Athletics Personnel and Recruiting -- Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters – Men’s Ice Hockey	In ice hockey, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and/or be designated as one of the four off-campus recruiters on an annual basis (August 1 to July 31).	Adopted by Men’s Ice Hockey Oversight Committee The cabinet amended the proposal to include women’s ice hockey. Adopted as amended. (Final)
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Proposals Within Cabinet Authority.

2026-39	Infractions Program -- Standards of Review and Resolution Methods (Level I/II Cases) -- Alternative Standard in Impermissible Contact Cases	To specify that in cases of impermissible contact, the enforcement staff shall make formal allegations if a reasonable person would infer that one or more parties engaged in impermissible conduct.	The Infractions Process Task Force recommends that the Cabinet table the proposal while the task force considers the Board of Directors referral on tampering. Tabled.
2026-45	Legislative Authority and Process -- Division I Legislative Processes	To establish Division I legislative processes, as specified.	The cabinet amended the proposal to increase, from one to two, the number of student-athlete representatives on the Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee, the Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Oversight Committee, the Division I Men’s Lacrosse Oversight Committee, the Division I Women’s Rowing Oversight Committee, the Division I Men’s Wrestling Committee and the Division I Membership Committee. Adopted as amended. (Final)
2026-46	Governance Structure and Committees -- National Collegiate Championship Sports Committees -- Composition Requirements	To modify the composition requirements of National Collegiate Championship sports committees, as specified.	Adopted. (Final)
2026-50	Recruiting -- Notification of Transfer -- Women’s Gymnastics -- Undergraduate Window	In women's gymnastics, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the Monday after the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships.	Adopted. (Final)

2026-60	Division Membership -- Minimum Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	In women's acrobatics and tumbling, to eliminate the sports sponsorship minimum participants requirement.	Adopted. (Final)
2026-61	Governance Structure and Committee -- Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee -- Composition -- Conference Commissioner	To add a commissioner from one of the six Division I men's ice hockey conferences as a nonvoting member of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.	Adopted. (Final)
2026-62	Governance Structure and Committees -- Association-Wide Committees -- Awards Committee	To eliminate the NCAA Awards Committee.	Adopted. (Final)

Proposals Adopted as Expedited Legislation.

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Comments
2026-65	Personnel and Recruiting -- Bowl Subdivision Football -- Off-Campus Recruiting Model	In bowl subdivision football, to amend legislation governing off-campus recruiting, as specified.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted. (Final)
2026-67	Playing and Practice Seasons -- Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities -- Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of the Playing Season -- Eliminate Skill Instruction Limitation -- Various Sports	In the specified sports, 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.	Cabinet did not take action on the proposal as expedited legislation. Proposal will be considered in the January 2027 cycle.
2026-69	Infractions Program -- Standards of Review and Resolution Methods (Level I/II Cases) -- Eliminate Resolution Selection Process	To eliminate the legislated resolution selection process.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted. (Final)
2026-70	Infractions Program -- Investigation of Alleged Violations and Responsibility to Cooperate -- Neutral Administrator	To specify that a neutral administrator may be appointed to resolve petitions for immediate penalties for failure to cooperate and resolve investigative disputes prior to the submission of a processing document regardless of whether a case is ultimately submitted on the merits to the Committee on Infractions.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted. (Final)
2026-71	Infractions Program -- Negotiated Resolution -- Advisory Nature of Approved Cases	To specify that an approved negotiated resolution may be used in an advisory capacity in a future negotiated resolution.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted. (Final)

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2026-72	Athletics Personnel and Recruiting -- Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters -- Softball	In softball, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and specify that only four off-campus recruiters may engage in off-campus recruiting activities during any single day when off-campus recruiting activities are permitted.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted. (Final)
2026-74	Recruiting -- Women's Ice Hockey -- First Opportunity for Recruiting Activities and Eliminate Limit on Evaluations	In women's ice hockey, to establish the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of an individual's junior year in high school as the first permissible date for recruiting activities, to establish the third Monday in September of an individual's junior year in high school as the first permissible date for an official visit and eliminate the annual limitation on the number of off-campus evaluations per prospective student-athlete.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted. (Final)

Group Represented -- Voting Delegate	Representation	Voting Weight	Introduce: Decentralization and Modernization Bylaw 11	Introduce: Decentralization and Modernization Bylaw 13	Introduce: Decentralization and Modernization Bylaw 17	Proposal No. 2026-27 - MSOC Playing Season Model	Introduce Professional Participation Before POE	Amend Proposal No. 2026-48	Proposal No. 2026-48	FBS - Amend Proposal No. 2026-53	FBS - Proposal No. 2026-53
Atlantic Coast Conference -- J. Jordan	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Atlantic Coast Conference -- A. Green	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- R. George	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- D. Reed-Francois	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- J. Whitman	FBSA	2.75	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
Southeastern Conference -- J. Donati	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeastern Conference -- M. Boyer	FBSA	2.75	Y	Y	Y	A	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- J. Steinbrecher	FBSNA	1	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
FBS NA Conferences -- B. Corbin	FBSNA	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FCS Conferences -- L. Archbald	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
FCS Conferences -- J. Nadolski (Substitute)	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
FCS Conferences -- S. Heilbron	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
Division I Subdivision -- K. Massey	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Division I Subdivision -- M. Larsen	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
Division I Subdivision -- B. Walker	BBS	1	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
FARA -- J. Burrow-Sanchez		1	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y		
SAAC -- A. Lynch		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
MBB SA - S. Edwards (Substitute)		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
FB SA -- D. Kaelin		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Yes/Adopt (Y)			34.00	34.00	34.00	16.00	26.50	34.00	34.00	24.00	24.00
No/Defeat (N)			0.00	0.00	0.00	7.75	2.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abstain (A)			0.00	0.00	0.00	10.25	4.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
No Vote Cast (Blank)			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total			34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	24.00	24.00
A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy		Y Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	67.4%	90.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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