



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I SPORTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2025, MEETING

Note: This document does not include items incorporated in the NCAA Division I Council report.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and opening remarks.** Division I Sports Oversight Committee were welcomed to the meeting.
2. **Committee focus for 2024-25.** The SOC reviewed the focus areas as it does at the beginning of each meeting:

Student-athlete experience | Equity, diversity and inclusion | Competitive fairness | Student-athlete health and well-being | Fiscal planning
3. **Celebrating student-athletes.** The SOC recognized Nijaree Canady, softball student-athlete at Texas Tech University and Jordan Anthony, men's track and field student-athlete from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Nijaree Canady, 2025 Big 12 Pitcher of the Year threw a complete game with 10 strikeouts during Texas Tech's runner-up finish at the Women's College World Series. Jordan Anthony won the 100-meter champion for the 2025 outdoor track and field championships and the 60-meter champion in the 2025 indoor track and field championships.
4. **Review of recent reports.** The SOC approved the report of its April 9 meeting and May 20 electronic vote.
5. **Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee update.** The SOC received an update regarding the ongoing work of the Division I SAAC.
6. **Sport committee reports.**
 - a. **Women's wrestling.**
 - i. **Establish qualifier allocations and number of regional sites.** The SOC approved the recommendation to establish the number of qualifiers at 180 and the number of regionals at six for the inaugural women's wrestling championships in 2026. The NCAA Women's Wrestling Committee offered a primary recommendation of 210 qualifiers with seven regionals. However, 180 qualifiers is more in line with the SOC's principle for championship access (a function of the total number of participants).

ii. **Team entries.** The SOC approved the recommendation to allow 10 entries per team (one in each weight class) to enter into the regional tournaments to be effective for the inaugural women's wrestling championships in 2026. This aligns with how men's wrestling manages entries.

iii. **Championship date formula.** The SOC approved establishing the championships date formula as follows:

Finals	First full weekend in March (Thursday-Saturday), with the championship taking place on that Friday/Saturday.
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Regionals	Two weekends prior to finals. Regionals can take place on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday with preference given to Saturday. Regionals will be a one-day event at each site.
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iv. **2026 finals site.** The SOC approved the University of Iowa and the Iowa City Area Sports Commission as co-hosts of the 2026 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships at Xtreme Arena in Coralville, Iowa.

b. Men's and women's tennis.

- **Adjustments to singles and doubles championships pilot.** The SOC approved the following adjustments to the singles and doubles championships pilot for year two in the fall of 2025 based on experience and membership feedback from year one, supported by the coaches association:

(1) To require that doubles players who have already qualified for the NCAA doubles championships via the ITA All-American Championships or the ITA Regional Championships forfeit any previously earned doubles qualifying spot in order to play doubles at the ITA Sectionals Championships with a different partner.

(2) To end the ITA Sectionals Championships at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds (conclusion of quarterfinals and quarterfinal playoff for singles and conclusion of the semifinals and third-place playoff for doubles).

(3) To move the selection meeting from Sunday to Monday after the conclusion of the ITA Sectionals Championships and ITA Conference Masters Championships; the selection announcement date remains Monday with the time changing from noon Eastern time to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

c. Men's ice hockey.

i. **Automatic qualification.** The SOC approved the recommendation that the following six conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2026 championship: Atlantic

Hockey Conference, Big Ten Conference, Central Collegiate Hockey Association, ECAC Hockey Conference, Hockey East Conference and National Collegiate Hockey Conference.

- ii. **Selection criteria.** The SOC approved the recommendation to replace the Ratings Percentage Index and Pairwise rankings with the National Power Index (NPI) as the primary evaluation tool for selection into the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship, effective for the 2026 championship. The Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee will complete a thorough review of the NPI components and gather input from the membership before finalizing a recommendation by August regarding their integration into the NPI formula.
7. **Minimum ticket price recommendations.** The committee reviewed and supported minimum ticket price recommendations for several championships.
8. **Legislative blanket waiver and policy requests.** The committee ratified 2025-26 recruiting calendars in sports other than basketball and football.
9. **Committee on Women's Athletics update.** The SOC reviewed the recent report from the Committee on Women's Athletics regarding the introduction of legislation to establish acrobatics and tumbling and stunt as National Collegiate championship sports. The committee endorsed the recommendation, which will be voted on at an upcoming Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee meeting.
10. **NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group update.** NCAA staff updated the SOC on the proposed new governance structure and reviewed the timeline for implementation should a new structure be approved.
11. **Budget and championships investments update.** NCAA staff updated the SOC on several championship initiatives that will be funded for the next fiscal year pending the final approval of the budget in August.
12. **Informational sport committee reports.** The SOC received informational reports from the NCAA Skiing Committee and the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee.
13. **Future meetings.**
 - Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time (*videoconference*)
 - Monday, Oct. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon Eastern time (*in-person in Indianapolis*)

Committee Vice Chair: Joseph D'Antonio Jr., Coastal Athletic Association

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 Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances
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 Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships and Alliances
 Jennifer Henderson, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Russell Register, Enforcement

NCAA Division I Sports Oversight Committee June 18, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Joeleen Akin, Georgia Institute of Technology.	
Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.	
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Jennifer Condaras, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Christine Copper, U.S. Naval Academy.	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Raymond Harrison Jr., North Carolina State University.	
Brad Hurlbut, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus.	
Karin, Lee, University of Alabama.	
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati.	
Celene McGowan, The Ivy League.	
Christina Munger-Rivera, University of California, Los Angeles.	
Janet Oberle, Saint Louis University.	
Rebecca Pany, Big Ten Conference.	
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College.	
Allison Rich, University of New Hampshire.	
Jessica Rippey, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Dayna Scherf, Big 12 Conference.	
Matthew Sorbe, University of South Dakota (Student-Athlete)	
Christina Wombacher, Arizona State University.	
Absentees:	
Greg Christopher, Xavier University.	
Joseph D'Antonio Jr., Coastal Athletic Association.	
Jenna Rogers, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (Student-Athlete).	
Guest(s) in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
John Bugner, Championships and Alliances.	
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Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jeff O'Barr, Tracy McClendon and Lynda Tealer.