



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 28, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative issues.** The committee discussed two legislative issues:

- a. **Sports sponsorship – minimum participant requirement.** The committee discussed the current sports sponsorship requirements. In all three divisions, there is both a minimum contest and minimum participant requirement in acrobatics and tumbling. With the exception of Division I women's rowing, team sports do not have minimum participant requirements. The committee expressed initial support for removing the minimum participant requirement in all three divisions, noting that the playing rules (NCATA Code of Points) govern the minimum participants in order to compete in a meet and take into account health and safety considerations. Additionally, the NCATA executive director supports the removal of the minimum participant requirement from the sports sponsorship legislation.

The committee noted that, when acrobatics and tumbling was established as an emerging sport in 2020, a minimum participant requirement was included. Since then, a bridge program was adopted effective for the 2024-25 academic year that allows teams with a roster size under 18 to safely compete. The bridge program utilizes a simplified format and skill set to ensure safety, retention and a positive competitive experience for student-athletes and coaches during the implementation and building of an acrobatics and tumbling program and roster.

The committee will request feedback from the Division I Membership Committee prior to making any legislative recommendations.

- b. **Division III start date.** The committee discussed the Division III start date legislation. The Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief previously issued a blanket waiver to permit Division III acrobatics and tumbling teams to begin practice on January 15. Once the championship date formula is established, Division III teams will be permitted to practice starting 15 weeks out from the selection date in accordance with Division III Bylaw 17.1.2.3 (sports with a spring NCAA championship, except for golf, rowing and tennis).
2. **Championship format.** The committee continued to discuss potential championship formats. The committee anticipates making a final recommendation on the May 18 videoconference for review by the Division I Cabinet Subcommittee on May 27.
  3. **Committee zone.** This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

4. **Future videoconferences.**

- a. Monday, May 4, 1 p.m. Eastern time.
- b. Monday, May 18, 1 p.m. Eastern time.
- c. Wednesday, May 27, 1 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Meg Sharp, Adrian College  
*Staff Liaison:* Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances  
D.J. Brown, Governance and Member Services

<b>NCAA Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee April 28, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Katie Armedure, Frostburg State University.
	Luke Groth, Augustana University (South Dakota).
	Felecia Mulkey, Baylor University.
	Meg Sharp, Adrian College.
	Alia Stark, Buffalo State, State University of New York.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	Katie Harbert, University of Oregon.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
	D.J. Brown, Governance and Member Services.
	Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	Jordan Lysiak, Nancy O'Hara (contractor) and Julie Zike.