



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING COMMITTEE
JULY 1, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approve prior meeting report.** The committee approved the June 22, 2026, videoconference report.
- 2. Selection criteria.** The committee discussed feedback from the NCATA regarding the draft selection criteria. Based on this feedback, the committee approved the selection criteria for the 2027 championship which is consistent with what was utilized for the 2026 NCATA Championship [Attachment]. Of note, the committee is not recommending a requirement of a .500 record. This has not previously been a requirement for selections due to the nature of the sport which mostly focused on team scoring, similar to gymnastics.

The committee noted that education would help the membership better understand the criteria that will be used and increase transparency about selections, especially with the expansion to 12 teams. The committee will discuss the rankings process on a future videoconference.

3. Future videoconferences.

- a. Tuesday, July 21, 1 p.m. Eastern time.
- b. Monday, August 10, 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

NCAA Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee July 1, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Luke Groth, Augustana University (South Dakota).	
Katie Harbert, University of Oregon.	
Felecia Mulkey, Baylor University.	

Meg Sharp, Adrian College.
Alia Stark, Buffalo State, State University of New York.
Absentees:
Katie Armedure, Frostburg State University.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
D.J. Brown, Governance and Member Services.
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Nancy O'Hara (contractor).

Acrobatics and Tumbling Championship Selection Criteria

Section 2-4 Selection Criteria

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2., 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the championship, teams must:

- Compete in a minimum of six contests during the regular season.
 - Tri-meets are limited to a total of two per institution per season.
- Compete with no less than 18 student-athletes in each competition during the regular season.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be employed by the governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record*;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

* Teams are not required to have a .500 record to be selected.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the NCAA Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee defines the following primary criteria (not in priority order):

PRIMARY CRITERIA

- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Adjusted average meet score (high and low scores removed from the calculation).
- Adjusted meet start value (high and low scores removed from the calculation).
- Adjusted score differential (high and low scores removed from the calculation).

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the following secondary criteria will be reviewed:

SECONDARY CRITERIA

- Progression of team throughout the season.
- Meet results within two points.

Once the teams are selected, the NCAA Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee will seed the 12 teams using the criteria listed above. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a criterion by the Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee for selection purposes.