

EVALUATION, NOMINATION, SELECTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF DI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS

TIMELINE

PROCESS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

October

Watch List provided by Conference Coordinators to National Coordinator

Each Conference can submit up to 20 officials

November to March

National Coordinator and Regional Advisors evaluate all officials on the compiled watch list

Each official is evaluated in-person at least 2 times during the regular season

January

Updated Watch List provided by Conference Coordinators to National Coordinator

Each Conference can submit up to 20 officials

Early February

Nomination of Officials

- Each Conference nominates their top officials.
- Approved by Commissioners.

End of February

National Coordinator and Regional Advisors meet to narrow down list of officials for selection.

From approximately 240 to approximately 130

Friday prior to Selection Sunday

National Coordinator selects and recommends officials to DI WBB Committee for approval

116 officials are selected plus 5 alternates

Selection Sunday

National Coordinator and Regional Advisors assign 116 officials to First Four, 1st & 2nd Round games

Assignments are approved by the Officiating Subcommittee

First Four, 1st & 2nd Round

DI WBB Comm. members/Site Rep and evaluators make recommendations for advancement to the National Coordinator

Each official is given a rating of either: Strongly recommend, Consider or Do Not Recommend

Regional Round

National Coordinator assigns 40 officials to Regional Round games

Assignments are approved by the Officiating Subcommittee

Regional Round

DI WBB Comm. members and Regional Advisors make recommendations for advancement to the National Coordinator

Each official is given a rating of either: Strongly recommend, Consider or Do Not Recommend

Women's Final Four

National Coordinator assigns 11 officials to Women's Final Four games

Assignments are approved by the Officiating Subcommittee

Women's Final Four

National Coordinator evaluates officials at Women's Final Four

National Coordinator meets with each crew after their game to provide feedback

NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION/SELECTION/ASSIGNMENT/ADVANCEMENT OF GAME OFFICIALS

There are four phases in the process:

- I. ***Evaluation of officials by National Coordinator and Regional Advisors***
- II. ***Nomination of officials by Division I conferences;***
- III. ***Selection of officials;*** and
- IV. ***Assignment and advancement of officials throughout the competitive rounds by Division I Women's Basketball Committee.***

General Principles for Evaluation/Nomination/Selection/Assignment and Advancement
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The Division I Women's Basketball Committee and national coordinator for women's basketball officiating will abide by the following procedures:

- The four Regional Advisors will evaluate officials from the East, South, Midwest and West region throughout the regular season. The list of officials will be generated by conference coordinators providing a Watch-list two times a year (October and January). The National Coordinator and the Regional Advisors will develop an evaluation schedule to ensure that ALL officials on the Watch-list will be evaluated during the regular season.
- The evaluations completed by the National Coordinator and the Regional Advisors will be shared with the assigning conference coordinator through the NCAA online system. This evaluation will include notes from the approved in person post game meeting with the game officials.
- A subcommittee for officiating (of the Division I Women's Basketball Committee) shall have primary oversight and responsibility, in collaboration with the national coordinator for women's basketball officiating, for the selection, assignment and advancement of officials for the Division I Women's Basketball Championship.
- At each First Four, First- and Second-Round site, officials will be evaluated by an officials' evaluator, in collaboration with the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee representative. Conference coordinators, regular season observers and regional advisors shall serve as an officials' evaluator. At each Regional site, officials will be evaluated by a regional advisor, who shall serve as an officials' evaluator. At the Women's Final Four site, officials will be evaluated by the national coordinator for women's basketball officiating and the regional advisors.
- From the nominated officials, the national coordinator for women's basketball officiating will provide a recommended pool of officials for review, consideration and approval by the Division I Women's Basketball Committee. From the approved pool, the national coordinator, with the assistance of the Regional Advisors, will select and assign the officials for the First Four and First- and Second-Round competition. The officiating subcommittee will approve 4 three-person crews and 4 standby officials who will officiate the First Four and 32 three-person crews (96 officials) to officiate the First Round and an additional 16 officials to serve as standby officials. The officiating subcommittee will also approve the 48 game officials and 16 standby officials who will remain at each site to work the Second-Round game. Once the First-Round games are completed, the National Coordinator will assign the game officials and standby officials for the Second-Round games. Should there be any changes to the projection of the officials assigned to work the Second-Round games, the chair of the officiating subcommittee and the chair of the Division I Women's Basketball Committee will be contacted for their approval.
- If an official is unable to complete his/her assignment in the championship, the officiating subcommittee shall convene to determine a replacement. Each situation shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the

subcommittee shall review several factors (e.g., position, geographic location of site, conference affiliation of participating teams, crew familiarity) when selecting a replacement and/or revising previously assigned crews.

- All officials who work in the First Four, First or Second Round, including standby officials, are eligible for assignment to the Regional competition.
- Following the Second-Round games, a teleconference will be conducted by the officiating subcommittee to approve the recommended officials for assignment to Regional Semifinal and Regional Final games. Twelve three-person crews (36) will be assigned to the Regional sites. Crews will be assigned to each Regional Semifinal and Regional Final at each site. One official will serve as the standby for three Regional games at each site.
- Following the Regional Final games, a teleconference will be conducted by the officiating subcommittee to approve the recommended officials for assignment to the National Semifinal and National Championship games. Three three-person crews will be assigned to the Women's Final Four. Two crews will be assigned to the National Semifinals and one to the National Championship game. Two officials will serve as the standby for all three Women's Final Four games.
- Among the resources available to the Division I Women's Basketball Committee and officiating subcommittee are conference nominations, regional advisor evaluations, national coordinator's evaluations, in-person observation information and television-viewed observation information.

The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship Nomination/Selection/Assignment and Advancement of Game Officials document is included in the comprehensive review of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship, conducted annually by the Division I Women's Basketball Committee. This document was edited and approved by the Division I Women's Basketball Committee and will be in effect for the 2024 championship.

I. Evaluation of officials by National Coordinator and four Regional Advisors

- The National Coordinator of Officials will work with the four Regional Advisors to evaluate all officials that have been identified by the Conference Coordinators through a Watch-list that is shared twice a year (October and January) with the National Coordinator.
- The Regional Advisors are assigned a primary and secondary list of officials they are required to evaluate during the regular season. This begins with the October Watch-list and then is reviewed once the January Watch-lists are submitted. The lists represent the officials that would eventually be nominated by the conference.
- Each official is evaluated utilizing an online evaluation system with performance standards that have been agreed upon by **ALL** conference coordinators and the National Coordinator.
- The officials' evaluations are reviewed by the National Coordinator and then released to the conference coordinator that assigned the game. The evaluation also includes notes from the approved post game officials meeting.
- The National Coordinator has one conference call per month with the Regional Advisors to ensure the communication between them is current and consistent.

II. Nomination of Officials by Division I Conferences

In order to be eligible for nomination by a conference, each official must meet the following requirements:

- Register and attend an NCAA regional officiating clinic in its entirety.
- Complete and pass the online exam with a score of 85% or better.
- Agree to authorize the NCAA's contracted agency to conduct a background check.
- Agree to submit a sports wagering questionnaire by NCAA contracted agency, by the designated deadline.
- Officiate a minimum of 25 collegiate basketball games during the current season, including a minimum of 20 Division I women's games, which can include assignments during a conference tournament.
- Must watch videos posted and take quizzes on RefQuest by designated date.
- Report total number of games worked by conference and by division.
- Each conference shall nominate and submit the names of, in rank order, the officials believed to be capable of officiating in the NCAA tournament.
- The nominating conference shall submit the number of regular season assignments the official received, including exhibition games, non-conference games and conference games.
- The nominating conference shall submit the officials assigned to the conference tournament (e.g., quarterfinals, semifinals and finals). This information may be submitted after the close of the online nomination process, due to the timing of conference tournament assignments.
- The nominating conference shall indicate any conflicts an official may have (e.g., alma mater, employment, etc.).
- The nominating conference shall indicate the recommended round the official is qualified to work and any new officials who are recommended.
- Conference coordinators of women's basketball officiating, who are responsible for more than one conference shall submit a "super ranking" of all nominated officials.
- The online nomination process will take place during the first three weeks of February.
- The basketball committee will have the option to select and assign up to four officials for the championship that were not nominated by a conference. Any official considered by the committee that was not nominated by a conference shall satisfy all other requirements to be eligible for selection and assignment for the championship.

III. Selection of Officials

The following factors are considered independently:

- Number of assignments from the nominating conference.
- Ranking from the nominating conference.
- Conference tournament games worked.
- Score obtained on the required preseason exam.

Additional Considerations

- Each automatic qualifying conference is guaranteed that a minimum of one of its nominated game officials, who has met the requirements, will be assigned to the Division I Women's Basketball Championship.
- Prior to final selections, other non-quantifiable factors are considered, including representation in gender, diversity, experience level and geographic region.
- The National Coordinator and Regional Advisors will meet in person to review all evaluation of nominated officials. The criteria to select the officials is based on the performance standards included in the evaluation system.
- There is an objective evaluation element that has been added. The Call Chart evaluation is done for each official that has been evaluated throughout the season by the Regional Advisors and the National Coordinator.
- The National Coordinator and the Regional Advisors will select the top 130 officials to send to the subcommittee for approval.
- The National Coordinator will make the final decision on the 116 officials to present to the Division I Women's Basketball Committee on the first day of Selections.
- The National Coordinator utilizes the Regional Advisors to assist in the championship assignments.

IV. Assignment and advancement of officials throughout the competitive rounds

Officials are advanced to work subsequent rounds of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship based on their performance, evaluation by the on-site official's evaluator, evaluation by the national coordinator for women's basketball officiating and evaluation by on-site Division I Women's Basketball Committee representative.

Recommendations for advancement are reviewed and approved by the Officiating Subcommittee of the Division I Women's Basketball Committee.

Exception: First-Round game officials are pre-designated to remain on site and assigned to officiate Second-Round games. In the event that a critical issue occurs during First-Round games, officials may be removed from their Second-Round assignment and replaced with another official.

- Twelve (12) game officials will be selected to officiate First Four games. Four (4) standby officials will be selected for First Four games.
- Ninety-six (96) game officials will be selected to officiate First-Round games. Sixteen (16) standby officials will be selected for First-round games.
- Forty-eight (48) game officials will be selected to officiate Second-Round games. Sixteen (16) standby officials will be selected for Second-round games.
- Thirty-six (36) game officials will be selected to officiate Regional Semifinal or Regional Final games. Four (4) standby officials will be selected for Regional Semifinal and Regional Final games.
- Nine (9) game officials will be selected to officiate National Semifinal games and the National Championship game. Two (2) standby official will be selected for the National Semifinal and National Championship games.

- Sixteen (16) individuals (e.g., conference coordinators of officials, NCAA regional advisors) are assigned as officials' evaluators at each First Four, First- and Second-Round site.
- The regional advisors shall serve as the officials' evaluators at the Regional sites.
- The national coordinator for women's basketball officiating shall serve as the officials' evaluators at the Women's Final Four site.
- Officials' evaluators are provided evaluation standards and access to online evaluation information.
- To ensure consistent evaluations at each competition site, a teleconference is conducted with the officials' evaluators, in advance of the championship, to discuss standards, forms, policies and procedures.
- Officials' evaluators collaborate with the Division I Women's Basketball Committee representative, assigned to each First Four, First- and Second-Round site, to complete a comprehensive evaluation of each game official's performance.
- The evaluation includes a final advancement recommendation of "strongly recommend," "consider" or "do not recommend."
- Based on the First Four, First-Round performance, evaluations and recommendations of the 64 officials designated to remain on site for the Second Round, the national coordinator for women's basketball officiating determines the 48 Second-Round game officials and 16 standby officials.
- Based on the First Four, First- and Second-Round performance, evaluations and recommendations, the officiating subcommittee will review and approve a recommended pool of officials under consideration for advancement and determine the 36 Regional game officials and four standby officials.
- Officials' evaluators (regional advisors) collaborate with the Division I Women's Basketball Committee representatives, assigned to each Regional site, to complete a comprehensive evaluation of each game official's performance.
- Based on the Regional performance, evaluations and recommendations, the officiating subcommittee will review and approve a recommended pool of officials under consideration for advancement and determine the nine Women's Final Four game officials and two standby officials.
- The following factors shall be considered in the review and approval of the Women's Final Four officials' pool:
 - Each official's First Four, First- and Second-Round and Regional performance, evaluation and recommendation.
 - A minimum of one new official must be selected as a Women's Final Four game official.
 - An official must have worked a minimum of two Regional games to be selected as a Women's Final Four game official.
 - Gender, diversity, Women's Final Four experience, etc. shall be considered.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2023-24 OFFICIATING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Introduction

These standards have been developed for the purpose of evaluating an official's game performance. Performance standards help evaluators conduct a fair and unbiased evaluation. Points or fractions of points are deducted when deviations occur in any area listed.

Game evaluations conducted utilizing these standards are just one tool used by the NCAA and collegiate conferences when determining the selection of officials for future game assignments. While officials are evaluated using these standards, meeting or failing to meet any of these standards does not guarantee or negate the possibility of any future assignment.

A. JUDGMENT/ACCURACY/RULES APPLICATION (35%)

1. Accurate & Consistent Violation Rulings

- The official makes violation rulings according to the rule book consistently throughout the entire game.
- The official adheres to the Points of Emphasis.

2. Accurate & Consistent Foul Rulings

- The official makes foul rulings according to the rule book consistently throughout the entire game.
- The official adheres to the Points of Emphasis.

B. RULES ENFORCEMENT (25%)

1. Rules Knowledge, Application and Penalty Administration

- The official enforces the rules as written.
- The official is aware of bench activity and correctly enforces the coaching box and bench decorum.
- The official demonstrates awareness of the Restricted Area (RA) and accurately determines the position of the defenders in the correct play situations.
- The official correctly administers all correctable errors, alternating possession, substitution, monitor review, timing and scoring situations.
- The official correctly administers all throw-ins (including the proper spot), free-throws and atypical-foul situations.

2. Performs Duties and Responsibilities

- At least one official shall arrive on the floor at least 15 minutes before the game and at least one official shall remain on the floor while players are present during pregame warmups.
- The official performs all required pregame responsibilities in regard to accurate court conditions (e.g., nets, markings, etc.) and player equipment (e.g., checks jewelry, knee braces, elbow pads, wristbands and head bands).
- The official ensures all electronic equipment is functioning properly and displays accurate information (e.g., Timeouts, Shot Clock time, etc.) prior to the start of the game (e.g., game board, shot clock, replay monitor, AP indicator, stopwatch etc.).
- When assigned the referee position, the official checks the table/scorebook before the 10-minute mark.

- The official promptly returns to the floor at the appropriate time before the start of the game and after halftime.
- The official gets acknowledgement from the table at the conclusion of the game before leaving the playing court.

C. ADHERENCE TO CCA SYSTEM/MECHANICS/SIGNALS (20%)

1. Signals, Positioning & Floor Coverage

- The official moves to get a proper angle between players.
- The official moves back to the home position as soon as possible after any necessary movement out of the home position.
- The official recognizes a rotation breakdown and adjusts accordingly.
- The official observes players and moves purposefully to their position during dead-ball switches.
- The official has a patient whistle to see the entire play.
- The official referees the defense but is aware of the offense.
- The official counts closely guarded accurately and consistently.
- The official uses appropriate body language to communicate on- and off-ball coverage to their partners.
- The official positions themselves appropriately during the pregame, timeouts and free throws.
- The official conducts a pregame conference with captains.
- The official makes clear and crisp signals when presenting calls.
- The official does not draw unnecessary attention when signaling.
- As Lead, the official
 - looks for reasons to rotate.
 - gets the best possible angle by mirroring the ball (between the wide-angle and close-down positions).
 - “pinches the paint” on drives from the Center’s side.
 - moves with purpose, fluidity and an accelerated pace when necessary while rotating.
 - maintains primary-area coverage in the lane while rotating.
 - picks up the new area of responsibility quickly after the rotation is complete.
 - does not initiate a rotation on a drive to the basket or a quick shot.
 - backs out of a rotation and returns to the original side of the court if the ball reverses or on a quick drive/shot.
 - recognizes when the game or shot clocks are at or near five seconds and does not initiate a rotation.
 - recognizes press and trap situations and adjusts as necessary based on the position of the players.
- As Center, the official
 - position adjusts to the Trail position when the Lead's body language indicates acceptance of the play when the ball is in the Lead's primary.
 - displays whistle discipline on drives down the lane to the basket expecting the Lead to make the call and must be prepared to have a cadence whistle on obvious fouls if the primary official does not have a whistle.
 - referees in transition the middle third of players regardless of where the players are on the court.
 - recognizes press and trap situations and adjusts as necessary based on the position of the players.
 - focuses on weak side and some perimeter in rebounding coverage.

- As Trail, the official
 - is engaged in the system and connected to the play.
 - immediately fills the weak side after the Lead has begun the rotation and visually goes to the action area in their primary.
 - focuses on plays, in rebounding situations, near the perimeter as well as plays on the strong side and the weak side.
 - maintains a position two to three strides to the left/right and rear of the ball in transition coverage following a change of possession.
 - recognizes press and trap situations and adjusts as necessary based on the position of the players.

2. On- and Off-Ball Coverage

- The official does NOT “ball watch” when they are responsible for off-ball coverage.
- The official picks up the ball and players when in their primary area of responsibility.
- The official has visible counts when a closely-guarded situation is in their area of responsibility.
- The official covers their primary boundary lines.
- The official asks for help on out-of-bounds plays on their boundary line when appropriate.
- The official provides assistance with out-of-bounds or other infractions when observing off-ball coverage.
- The official only makes rulings out of their primary area when the situation is OBVIOUS.
- If making an obvious ruling out of primary, the official is patient and gives the primary official the first opportunity to make the ruling and uses the proper whistle cadence.
- The official maintains coverage of a play situation beginning in their coverage area and ending at the basket or in another official’s primary.
- The official picks up illegal screens during off-ball officiating.
- The official helps partners with free-throw shooters when in off-ball coverage.

D. GAME/SITUATION MANAGEMENT (15%)

1. Communication with Coaches/Players/Table Personnel/Partners

- The official communicates professionally and succinctly with coaches, players and table personnel.
- The official ensures that both head coaches and appropriate table personnel receive an explanation after a change or unusual play.
- The official responds appropriately to questions and comments from coaches and team personnel.
- The official effectively communicates with partners.
- The official supports and assists partners.
- The official is aware and appropriately communicates when a double- or triple-whistle situation occurs.
- The official enforces the bench decorum/sportsmanship points of emphasis with a warning and/or technical foul.

2. Game Awareness, Game Control/Situation Management & “Flow of Game” Management.

- The official has an awareness of clocks, substitutions and timeouts.
- The official recognizes how changes in intensity, speed and style of play will affect the game and responds appropriately.

- The official recognizes and responds appropriately to disruptive situations, such as opposing players engaged in rough play or an unsporting verbal exchange.
- The official properly uses warnings and technical fouls (e.g., double, technical, unsporting/misconduct) as game-management tools.
- The official adheres to the courtside replay monitor protocol per the CCA manual.
- The official effectively manages unusual situations. The official engages the game administrator to prevent spectators from interfering with the game, if necessary.
- The official supports their partner after a tough ruling or technical foul by keeping appropriate distance from the bench.
- The official administers the rules and resumption of play in a timely manner to enhance the “flow” of the game.
- The official recognizes the types of violation and foul rulings made by partners and does whatever possible to promote crew consistency.
- The official offers information to the crew that is helpful in addressing a rules situation.

E. APPEARANCE/MANNER (5%)

1. Appearance, Fitness, Conditioning

- The official demonstrates the physical ability to move into proper position on the court.
- The official moves at the appropriate pace for any given situation.
- The official shows no signs of fatigue during the contest.
- The official projects strength and an athletic appearance.
- The required NCAA attire/uniform is being worn, including the use of a lanyard.
- The uniform fits well and is clean and pressed.
- No jewelry is being worn (or any other item that would be illegal for a player to wear).
- The official’s weight is appropriate for their height.

2. Professional Manner, Demeanor, Poise

- The official displays a professional demeanor and a businesslike approach.
- The official avoids conversations with spectators, media personnel and other individuals not directly associated with the game.
- The official avoids fraternizing with coaches, players, and table personnel.
- The official is comfortable and approachable when communicating with coaches, players, and partners.
- Facial expressions, body language and mannerisms communicate confidence and poise.
- The official remains poised when the intensity of the game changes.
- The official remains poised when issuing warnings or assessing atypical fouls (e.g., unsporting, disqualifying or technical fouls).

2023-24 OCTOBER
Coordinator "Watch" List



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Return by: Lynne Andrew
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Coordinator:

Conference:

Please rank UP TO 20 of your best officials - order with the best first!

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2023-24 JANUARY
Coordinator "Watch" List



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Return by: Lynne Andrew
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Coordinator:

Conference:

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