



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 11, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of fall meeting report.** The committee took action to approve the October 22-23 meeting report.
2. **Vice president update.** Key updates in the basketball community were shared with the committee. Updates included UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma surpassing Tara VanDerveer for the most winningest coach in NCAA history. Also, Danielle Donehew, Executive Director for the WBCA will be receiving the NCAA Silver Award and will be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's class of 2025. The committee was provided with updates from the 2026 Women's Final Four logo unveiling in Phoenix which took place on December 9. It was shared the NCAA will be working with key basketball stakeholders to promote World Basketball Day on December 21 by providing toolkits of creative content to NCAA membership and future hosts. The committee was reminded of upcoming committee vacancies and the timeline for conferences to submit nominations.
3. **Women's Basketball Oversight Committee update.** An update of the meeting topics discussed during the most recent meeting were shared with the committee. Key topics included the upcoming women's basketball performance fund vote on January 15, Board of Directors interim policies and legislative priorities, legislative proposals for the January 2025 Division I cycle, discussion on multiple-team event legislation and an update on the 2025 Women's Basketball Invitational Tournament.
4. **Future tournament considerations.** Continued discussion regarding bracket expansion, though not imminent, was had by the committee. The committee will continue their discussion at future meetings.
5. **NET summary report.** An update on the NET summary report was provided to the committee. The report currently provides NET ranking, respective records, including the last 10 games and each of the four quadrant records. Per the request of the committee at Fall meeting, the "+149" record column has been removed. The first public NET ranking for 2024-25 took place on December 2, with NET ranking updated daily through the end of the season. NCAA staff presented to the WBCA stewardship working group on November 5 and WBCA Division I conference captains on December 2, providing details on committee selection criteria and NET quadrants for 2024-25.

6. **Regional requirement for committee service.** The committee received an update on the legislative proposal related to regional requirements for committee service. The committee held discussion around the proposed update.
7. **Review of policy on the use of male practice players during the championship.** An update on the championship practice player policy implementation plan was shared. At their fall meeting, the committee took action to permit the use of male practice players during the championship to be consistent with the permissible legislation that exists for the regular season. The committee's action to permit the usage during the championship is to ensure a consistent pull through of how programs operate during the regular season into the championship itself. A frequently asked question document, communication and education plans are being developed and will be presented to the committee at their next meeting.
8. **2025 championship key planning updates.**
 - a. **First Four, first and second round site selection.** The committee received an update on the timeline for the 2025 Division I Women's Basketball First Four, first and second round site selection process. The bid portal went live on December 2 and will close on January 15, 2025. An update on the hotel selection process was shared along with a status update on hotels from bidding hosts to date.
 - b. **Games management subcommittee update.** A report out from the December 6 games management subcommittee meeting was shared. Topics that were discussed included adjustments to the Women's Final Four open practice and regional schedules.
 - c. **Ancillary events.** An update of the Women's Final Four ancillary events was shared. These updates include new and returning activations to Tourney Town, Party on the Plaza and the Super Saturday Concert. Additional updates related to the Bounce, Salute and the potential new Sunday championship celebration were also shared.
 - d. **Community.** Due to limited time during the meeting, the community update was moved to the committee's next meeting agenda.
 - e. **In-Venue presentation.** Updates on the 2025 in-venue presentation walk-in look and feel was previewed. Other anticipated in-venue special effects were shared.
 - f. **Branding.** The committee received an overview of the Women's Final Four branding and look, including renderings of the team specific and back of house signage.
 - g. **Inclusion.** An update from the office of inclusion was provided highlighting the collaboration with women's basketball on planning towards regionals and Women's Final Four.
9. **Other business and future agenda items.** Future agenda items were discussed amongst the committee.

10. Future meeting and videoconference schedule. The committee will meet on January 23, 2025.

Committee Chair: Derita Dawkins, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Staff Liaison(s): Meredith Cleaver, Women's Basketball
Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee December 11, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Deneé Barracato, Northwestern University.	
Jill Bodensteiner, Saint Joseph's University	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.	
Vicky Chun, Yale University.	
Liz Darger, Brigham Young University.	
Derita Dawkins, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.	
Amy Folan, Central Michigan University.	
Alex Gary, Western Carolina University.	
Lizzie Gomez, Southland Conference.	
Josh Heird, University of Louisville.	
Jeff Konya, San Jose State University.	
Lynn Tighe, Villanova University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver and Lynn Holzman.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lynne Andrew, Amanda Benzine, Jessie Carmack, Thomas Deatsch, Michael Gett, Rachel Kay, Kelsi Mahoney, Rick Nixon, Binh Nguyen, Natalie Steger, Caroline Tripp, Matt White, Amy Wilson, Demetria Woodard, Allison Zwarka.	