



REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 24, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Legislative Action.

- **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-48 Complimentary Admissions to Away-From-Home Competition After Prospective Student-Athlete Written Commitment – Basketball.**
 - (1) Action. The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee adopted legislation, in women's basketball, to permit an institution to issue complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) to an away-from-home competition beginning the calendar day after the prospective student-athlete (1) signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement; or (2) the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, as specified.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate, pending NCAA Division I Cabinet review at its October 6-7 meeting.
 - (3) Rationale. Each year, situations arise in which a prospective student-athlete signs with an institution that later competes at or near the prospective student-athlete's home. Existing NCAA rules prevent institutions from providing complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests and presents as overly restrictive in today's climate. Currently, prospective student-athletes are no longer subjected to restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after a written commitment marking the end of the recruiting process. Establishing an exception permitting institutions to provide complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests after commitment aligns with the intent of recruiting deregulation, likely to have minimal recruiting or competitive impact and enhances the prospective student-athlete's connection to their future institution consistent with recent legislative modifications related to the period preceding the triggering of student-athlete status.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Nominal. The proposal does not seek to increase institutional allotments for complimentary admission but rather gives an institution flexibility to distribute its allotment at its discretion.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. **Out-Of-Season Activities for Women's Basketball – Summer Access, Foreign Tour, Noninstitutional Outside Competition and Institutional Outside Competition.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee continued its discussion on the out-of-season activities concepts. Specifically, the oversight committee reviewed the results from the stakeholder survey, which indicated general support for changes to the summer access and foreign tour legislation and including summer institutional competition if both men's and women's basketball were to move forward with such a model. The oversight committee agreed to have the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee work on a model in greater detail during the month of September for the full oversight committee to consider. The oversight committee intends to introduce a concept into the January 2027 legislative cycle, which is the projected timeline also for the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee. Lastly, the oversight committee received a preview of the August 28 Men's Basketball Oversight Committee meeting and their plans to further discuss the out-of-season activities model.
3. **Initial discussion on Division I Proposal No. 2026-68 Athletics Eligibility – Initial Enrollment at Midyear – Eligibility for Competition.** The oversight committee reviewed a legislative proposal introduced by the Division I Cabinet in August that would preclude student-athletes whose initial full-time enrollment occurs at a Division I institution at midyear from being eligible for competition until the following academic year if the student-athlete participates in a sport in which the championship season spans multiple regular academic terms (e.g., basketball, ice hockey), or in which fall segment competition is used for NCAA championships qualification or consideration (e.g., golf). The oversight committee generally supported the proposal and its rationale; however, the oversight committee expressed concern with the effective date noting the short period of time to provide notice to prospects.
4. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The oversight committee received an update on the summer meeting of the Women's Basketball Committee. Specifically, the oversight committee received information on new committee members and key actions addressing team time commitments effective for the 2027 championship. Further, the oversight committee was updated on selection-related topics, including the WAB, team selection criteria and priorities, and selection, seeding and bracketing principles and procedures. Lastly, the oversight committee reviewed key areas of focus for the 2026-27 season.
5. **Amendments to the Composition of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Mechanics Committee.** The oversight committee approved several changes to the

composition of the Women's Basketball Mechanics Committee. This committee is a joint effort of the NCAA and the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA), and its purpose is to provide NCAA Division I, II and III women's basketball officials with current applicable officiating mechanics. The committee reports to the Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and reports shall also be provided to the NCAA Divisions II and III Women's Basketball Committees. The oversight committee approved guaranteed seats to the autonomy conferences and a minimum of two representatives from nonautonomy conferences for a total of six Division I seats. The oversight committee also approved the addition of a current active official (ex-officio). These changes are effective immediately.

6. **Autonomy Student-Athlete Vacancy on the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The oversight committee reviewed the slate of nominees for an open position for a student-athlete from an autonomy conference and selected Mikayla Blakes of Vanderbilt University.
7. **Other Business.** The oversight committee was informed of recent action taken by the NCAA Division I Cabinet Subcommittee to issue a blanket legislative relief waiver to permit a travel day associated with away-from-home competition to satisfy the day-off requirement provided certain criteria are met. The blanket waiver is effective beginning August 19, 2026, through July 31, 2027.
8. **Women's Basketball Oversight Committee August 4 Meeting Report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its August 4 meeting report.
9. **Agenda Items for Future Collaboration and/or Communication with the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The oversight committee continued to identify topics to be discussed during its next joint meeting.

Future Meeting Schedule.

- Videoconference – Monday, October 5, 2026.
 - 11 a.m. to noon Eastern – joint WBOC/MBOC meeting.
 - Noon to 2 p.m. Eastern – WBOC meeting.
 - 2 to 3 p.m. Eastern – joint WBOC/MBOC meeting.

*Additional videoconferences to be scheduled.

Committee Chair: Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara
Committee Vice Chair: Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho
Staff Liaisons: Meredith Cleaver, Women's Basketball
Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball
Binh T. Nguyen, Division I Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee August 24, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Maya Chocano, Arkansas State University.	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Liz Darger, Brigham Young University (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Lindsay S. Edmonds, Rice University.	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.	
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.	
Erin McDermott, Harvard University.	
Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Dan Butterly, NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee chair.	
Jeff Konya, San Jose State University.	
Tiffany Tucker, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.	
Absentees:	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Taryn Sides, Kansas State University.	
Adrianna Smith, University of Maine.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lydia Bell, Keisha Burnette, Amanda Conklin, Dan Gavitt, Khadian Harrison, Michelle Hosick, Charnele Kemper, Abbie Markey, Courtney Moore, Rachel Seewald, Andy Supergan, and Jared Tidemann.	