



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 1-2, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA vice president of women's basketball update.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an informational update on strategic initiatives and priorities related to women's basketball. Specifically, the oversight committee was updated on the NBA organized men's basketball stakeholders meeting held annually in conjunction with the NBA Combine and received highlights from each stakeholder group on challenges and future priorities. An update was also provided on previous and future NBA organized women's basketball stakeholder engagements focused on girl's and women's basketball will be scheduled in the near future.
2. **NCAA senior vice president of basketball update.** The oversight committee received an update and engaged in discussion on the recent tournament expansion announcement. Specifically, the oversight committee reviewed the work underway to operationalize the expansion, which includes increased impact on logistics/operations, resources, and personnel.
3. **NCAA Division I legislative discussion.**
 - a. **NCAA Division I Bylaw 13 Recruiting concepts.**
 - 1) **Complimentary admissions to away-from-home competition after commitment by a prospective student-athlete.** The oversight committee supported a legislative concept that would 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. The oversight committee plans to formally introduce this concept into the October 2026 legislative cycle.
 - 2) **Consideration of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-19 Recruiting – Tryouts – Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College – Volleyball to women's basketball.** The oversight committee reviewed Proposal No. 2026-19, which permits an institution to host intercollegiate competition in conjunction with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college competition. The oversight committee did not support this concept for women's basketball.

- 3) **Consideration of Proposal No. 2026-2 Athletics Personnel and Recruiting – Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters – Basketball and the application to off-campus recruiters during evaluation periods (Bylaw 11.7.5.2).** In women's basketball, only four off-campus recruiters may use a recruiting-person day during any single day of the applicable contact or evaluation period in September through the Wednesday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game. During the evaluation periods beginning with the third weekend in April through July, only four off-campus recruiters may evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus during each evaluation period. The oversight committee reviewed the legislation and did not support amending the current application of Bylaw 11.7.5.2 due to the adoption of Proposal No. 2026.2.
 - 4) **Undergraduate notification of transfer window in women's basketball.** The oversight committee discussed the current undergraduate notification of transfer window and did not support any changes at this time. The oversight committee expressed interest in reviewing data from the 2025-26 academic year and would like to revisit this topic next spring.
 - 5) **Comprehensive evaluation of the NCAA Division I women's basketball recruiting calendar and associated bylaws.** The oversight committee supported a comprehensive evaluation of the recruiting calendar and associated bylaws. The current calendar has been in place since August 2022 and at that time, it was noted that the calendar would be re-evaluated on a regular basis to assess its effectiveness and to determine if any changes are warranted. The staff will present a plan to conduct this evaluation and involve the WBCA, which is currently surveying its Division I coaches on various concepts.
- b. Bylaw 17 Playing and Practice Seasons concepts.
- 1) **Decentralization review of Division I Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).** The oversight committee reviewed the items in Phase I of the decentralization initiative assigned to it and provided feedback on the following areas:
 - First practice date.
 - First competition date.
 - End of the playing season.
 - Maximum number of competitions, including annual exemptions.
 - Summer athletics activities.

- 2) **Weekly hour limitations – outside the playing season (Bylaw 17.1.7.2).** In all sports other than football, outside of the playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction (including film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction) shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw [17.02.1](#) shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related workouts.

Proposal No. 2026-6 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Summer Athletic Activities – Skill-Related Instruction – Basketball – Eliminate Four-Hour Limit) was adopted for basketball for summer access to remove the four-hour weekly limitation on skill instruction. The oversight committee supported removing the limitation on skill instruction outside of the playing season and plans to formally introduce this concept into the October 2026 legislative cycle or request expedited legislation at the NCAA Division I Cabinet's August meeting.

- 3) **Weekly hour limitations – outside the playing season (Bylaw 17.1.7.2) and preseason practice – on-court practice (Bylaw 17.5.2).** From the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier to 42 days before the institution's date of its first regular season contest, a basketball team is permitted to engage in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction (including film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction) for a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related workouts. Once on-court activities are permitted, the weekly hour limitation increases to 20 hours.

Feedback was received to increase in the number of hours per week (e.g., 10 hours per week, 12 hours per week) a team may be engaged in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction before a team engages in on-court activities, similar to what was permitted during COVID-19. The oversight committee supported an increase in the number of hours and plans to formally introduce this concept into the October 2026 legislative cycle or request expedited legislation at the Division I Cabinet's August meeting.

- 4) **First contest date (Bylaw 17.5.3).** In women's basketball, an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's basketball prior to the Monday of the 22nd

week prior to the Division I Women's Basketball Championship game. The oversight committee expressed a desire to amend this legislation in a future legislative cycle.

- 5) **Additional Bylaw 17 concepts.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will discuss outside competition and summer athletic activities at a future meeting.

c. Additional concept.

- **Attendance at Division I basketball contests by basketball coaches.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.

4. **Update on the NCAA Division I national officiating program.** The oversight committee received an update on the national officiating program and future planning from the women's basketball national coordinator, Penny Davis. Specifically, the oversight committee was provided an update on the following areas: (1) 2025-26 goals, which included a focus on efforts on recruitment, retention and training; (2) addressing concerns about the negative public narrative surrounding WNBA and women's basketball officiating and its potential impact on collegiate officiating perception and morale; (3) meetings with media personnel to educate on officiating philosophies, accountability, and rules enforcement, while also emphasizing support for officials and promoting confidence within the officiating community; (4) strengthening officiating leadership staff through strategic adjustments to the regional advisor roster, aimed at enhancing evaluation consistency and talent assessment; and (5) expanded in-season educational and training opportunities through the implementation of consistent monthly training calls focused on recent game situations, replay announcements and replay review processes.

Additionally, the oversight committee reviewed data specific to call accuracy, championship game length, rule situations, and replay reviews and appeals. Lastly, the oversight committee was updated on the impact of the tournament expansion on officiating. The expansion will add opportunities for teams and officials with eight more games. This will necessitate the need to assess the proper overall number of officials for selection into the tournament. In addition, the logistics of 12 opening round games, expected high level game matchups and need for experienced crews will be factors evaluated in planning for the upcoming tournament.

5. **Update on educational programming and initiatives for women's basketball.** The oversight committee received an update on recent educational outreach initiatives provided by the NCAA staff specific to women's basketball. This programming included the NCAA Legacy Lab, Student-Athlete Symposium, Above the Rim Summit, Basketball Coaches Academy and the Champion Forum. The oversight committee was also updated

on the educational efforts related to resources surrounding the June scholastic recruiting events and sports wagering.

6. **Update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Subcommittee.** The oversight committee received an update from the most recent meeting of the Women's Basketball Rules Subcommittee, that occurred May 4-6, 2026, virtually. The subcommittee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor, which included an overview of interpretations and waivers issued during the 2025-26 season, as well as a summary of the major fouls report. The subcommittee also reviewed statistics and trends from the 2025-26 season, as well as a summary of game length data. The average game length during the 2025-26 season was 1 hour, 55 minutes, which was an increase of two minutes from the 2024-25 season. The average points per game increased slightly for Divisions I and II (66.37 points per game for Division I and 65.77 points per game for Division II), while it decreased for Division III (62.21 points per game). In addition, the subcommittee reviewed data from the 2025-26 season on the new rules change regarding out-of-bounds appeals. In summary, the data included: Call Stands (355), Call Reversed (695), and Call Confirmed (276). Overall, out-of-bounds calls that were appealed were reversed 52.4% of the time. After reviewing data on the experimental rule that was used during the 2026 WBIT to allow appeals of called fouls, the Division I Women's Basketball Rules Subcommittee approved extending the experimental rule for use during the 2027 WBIT. The request will be submitted to the WBIT Board of Directors for final approval. Also, the subcommittee reviewed the results from the 2026 rules survey and noted that the overall response rate for coaches was 16% (12% for Division I, 14% for Division II and 22% for Division III). The overall response rate for athletics directors was 6%, 14% for conference commissioners, 5% for senior woman administrators, 33% for conference women's basketball administrators, 34% for conference coordinators of officials, and 21% for officials. The committees discussed various options to increase the survey response rates. Lastly, the subcommittee reviewed 92 proposals that were submitted through the Call for Proposals period. The committees identified the proposals that warranted further consideration during the 2027 annual meeting (rules change year), as well as those proposals that should be included in next year's survey
7. **NCAA legal update.** The oversight committee received updates from the NCAA office of legal affairs on current and ongoing legal issues and topics. The oversight committee also received an update on eligibility matters and potential impact on women's basketball.
8. **Update on the proposed Division I age-based collegiate eligibility model.** The oversight committee received an update on the Division I age-based eligibility concept and timeline for key governance actions. The oversight committee shared feedback on the transfer landscape and the proposed model and will continue to receive updates as the model progresses through the governance process.
9. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.

10. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.
11. **Review of nominees for September 2026 vacancies on the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Playing Rules Subcommittee.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.
12. **Women's Basketball Oversight Committee May 11 report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its May 11 meeting report.
13. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - a. June 22, 2026 – videoconference.
 - b. August 24, 2026 – videoconference.
 - c. October 5-6, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.
 - d. June 2-3, 2027 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.

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 June 1-2, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside.	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Liz Darger, Brigham Young University (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Lindsay 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.	
Absentees:	
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:	
Keisha Burnette, Jessie Carmack, Amanda Conklin, Khadian Harrison, DeeDee Merritt Guster, Courtney Moore, Rachel Seewald, Geoff Silver, Jared Tidemann and Angela Tressel.	