REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 5, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

***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 NCAA women's basketball staff update and an overview of the 2026-27 strategic initiatives and priorities for NCAA women's basketball as part of the larger NCAA outlined goals and priorities. Specifically, the oversight committee reviewed the three focus areas: (1) Championships; (2) Games; and (3) Brand. It was noted that the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee will continue its work on the implementation of tournament expansion and enhancements to the championship experience for student-athlete.

2. **NCAA Division I Legislative Update.** The oversight committee continued its discussion on the women's basketball out-of-season activities model to determine possible amendments based on discussions from the joint meeting and areas of alignment with men's basketball. The oversight committee revised its model in the area related to opponents for the three competitions to allow for one contest against a Division I team on a foreign tour, which is currently permitted in women's basketball. In addition, the oversight committee supported an outside competition model that protects the playing season and provides student-athletes opportunities to engage in similar activities like other student-athletes outside the playing season. In addition, the oversight committee received an update on NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-48 Recruiting -- Precollege Expenses -- Complimentary Admissions to Away from-Home Athletics Events -- After Commitment – Basketball and Proposal No. 2026-68 Athletics Eligibility -- Initial Enrollment at Midyear – Eligibility for Competition. The oversight committee noted its general support for Proposal No. 2026-68 but noted its preference for the roster lock concept. The NCAA Division I Cabinet will discuss these concepts at its October 6-7 meeting.

3. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group (SAEG).** The oversight committee received an update from the SAEG, which serves as an amplifying voice for women's basketball on key initiatives, legislation and various issues. This group has a direct connection to the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee (SAAC) and serves as a conduit of information from and to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and Women's Basketball Oversight Committee (WBOC). One women's basketball student-athlete is appointed to serve on this group from each Division I conference and the chair serves on the WBOC. In addition, two SAEG members serve on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Playing Rules Subcommittee. The group's first meeting of the academic year took place on September 27, and the following items were discussed: (1) SAEG overview and expectations; (2) NCAA governance structure update/additional student-athlete leadership opportunities; and (3) NCAA legislative update. In addition, the group was provided an overview of the annual professional

development opportunity that occurs in conjunction to the Women's Basketball Final Four. Selected SAEG members will conduct official business, meet with sport leaders, participate in Women's Final Four volunteer and community service initiatives, explore a career as a collegiate official and/or basketball coach, and experience a Women's Final Four weekend and events. The 2027 program will run from Tuesday, March 30 to Monday, April 5 in Columbus, Ohio.

4. **Update from the Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The oversight committee received an update on key topics from the basketball committee's fall meeting and future priorities. Specifically, basketball committee approved a set of updated travel policies for the championship, which were necessary to operationalize team travel with an expanded bracket. The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee took similar action, which ensures alignment. In addition, the basketball committee approved the officiating principles and procedures that will govern the 2027 championship. No substantive changes were made and revisions were limited to updates reflecting bracket expansion and the addition of the Opening Round. The basketball committee provided an update on the 2029, 2030 and 2031 regional site selection process and the 2032 through 2036 Women's Final Four site selection process. To prepare for the regular season, the basketball committee reviewed NET and Wins Above Bubble, education opportunities, 2026-27 conference alignment, and the conference monitoring program, along with the coaches tournament advisory committee program and game viewership opportunities both in person and virtually. The basketball committee will conduct its fall meeting on-site in Columbus from October 19 through 21.

5. **Update on the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT).** The oversight committee received a status update on the planning of the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament for spring 2027. Specifically, the oversight committee received an update on new members of the WBIT selection committee (Candy Cage – A-10 Conference, Bonnie Henrickson – UC, Santa Barbara, Joe McKeown – Northwestern and Natasha Oakes – West Virginia). In addition, the WBIT and NIT reduced its field size from a 32-team field to a 24-team field. The format change necessitated other changes: (1) Different bracket layout (with byes); (2) New/update automatic qualifier policy; and (3) Changes to principles and procedures. The 2027 championship and semifinal games will take place in Wichita, Kansas and in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2028 with the joint women's basketball championship.

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 and future strategic priorities. Specifically, the oversight committee was made aware of details on the second year for the experimental rule for appeals, collection of data to inform any future playing rules changes and an update on the planned reminders for the annual survey to solicit coach feedback on potential rules changes under consideration.

7. Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Update. The oversight committee received an update on key priorities and initiatives from the WBCA. Specifically, the oversight committee was updated on the new members of the WBCA's Division I Board of Directors, DI Stewardship Working Group and the Conference Captains. In addition, details were shared on the showcase hosted by the WBCA, which will take place November 19-22, 2026.

8. Women's Basketball Oversight Committee September 24 Meeting Report. The oversight committee reviewed and approved its September 24 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 with MBOC.

10. Future Meeting Schedule.

- Videoconferences.
  - November 13, 2026.
    - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern.
  - December 7, 2026.
    - 1 to 2 p.m. Eastern – joint meeting with MBOC.
    - 2 to 4 p.m. Eastern – WBOC only meeting.

Committee Chair: Terry Gawlik*, University of Idaho*
Committee Vice Chair: Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference
Staff Liaisons: Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball
Binh T. Nguyen, Division I Governance and Member Services
Andy Supergan, Basketball Administration

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee October 5, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Ketra Armstrong, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
Mikayla Blakes, Vanderbilt University.
Marcus Blossom, Creighton University, Big East Conference.
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Big Ten Conference.
Maya Chocano, Arkansas State University.
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association.
Lindsay S. Edmonds, Rice University, American Athletic Conference.
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho, Big Sky Conference.
Jeff Konya, San Jose State University, Women's Basketball Committee vice chair.
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Mountain West Conference.
Erin McDermott, Harvard University, The Ivy League.
Jill Shields, Kansas State University, Big 12 Conference.
Emmy Stout, Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.
Tiffany Tucker, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, America East Conference.
Andrea Williams, University of Illinois Chicago, Missouri Valley Conference.
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Alex Keddie, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Chevonne Mansfield, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Merce Poindexter, NCAA Pathway Program participant
J.R. Pulido, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Chevonne Mansfield, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Lisa Varytimidis, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Lynn Holzman, Binh Nguyen, and Andy Supergan.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Jericho Barr-Redmond, Keisha Burnette, Alicia Fine, Khadian Harrison, Courtney Moore, Massillon Myers, Bridget Rigney, Rachel Seewald, Demetria Woodard, and Megan Wright.