



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES
APRIL 27, 2026, JOINT MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of April 2025, September 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 reports.** The committees reviewed and approved the April 2025, September 2025, December 2025 and January 2026 reports.
2. **Governance updates.** The committees received updates from the Division II governance and policy staff, including an overview of the 2025-26 Division II strategic priorities and the 2026-32 Division II operating plan.
3. **Legislative updates.** The committees received updates from the GMS basketball liaisons, including an overview of legislation adopted at the 2026 NCAA Convention along with other items.
4. **Championships Committee updates.** The committees received an update on the Championships Committee's review of sport-specific selection requirements. Both committees have been asked to provide feedback on an in-region, nonconference requirement, including the recommended number of contests and implementation date.

The committees also discussed the implementation of NPI.

5. **Broadcast updates.** The committees received updates from the broadcast liaison, including viewership numbers for the 2026 Men's and Women's Elite Eight. The men's and women's quarterfinals and semifinals, as well as the women's championship game, were aired on ESPN+. The men's championship was aired on CBS as part of the contract that runs through 2032. Both championships saw increases in viewership in comparison to previous years. The committees also began discussing potential broadcast enhancements for the 2027 championships.
6. **NPI.** The committee reviewed the NPI system, discussed the dial configuration for both genders, and compared the two. Members also raised questions and offered feedback.
7. **Recap of 2026 joint championship.** The committees discussed the joint championship experience, highlighting things that went well as well as some improvements that can be made for future events.
8. **2027 championship schedule.** The committees discussed a draft schedule for the 2027 Division II Men's and Women's Elite Eight, which will be a joint event again in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The committees provided feedback to the staff with suggested edits and the committees will review the updated schedule in a future meeting.

9. Future meetings.

- 2026-27 academic year videoconference schedule to be determined.
- April 27-28, 2027 (annual meeting in Indianapolis).

Committee Chairs: Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines
Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan)

Staff Liaisons: Lynne Andrew, Women's Basketball
T. Mitchell Bailey, Men's Basketball

Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committee April 27, 2026, Joint Meeting	
Attendees:	
Amy Anderson, Arkansas Tech University.	
Ken Badylak, Kentucky Wesleyan College.	
Rachel Burleson, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida).	
Michelle Caddigan, Catawba College (via videoconference).	
Christine Collins-Kiernan, Concordia University Irvine (via videoconference).	
Allie De Witt, Mountain East Conference.	
Courtney Finn, Bentley University.	
Daryl Gross, California State University, Los Angeles.	
Randy Loggins, Converse University.	
Tiffany McCampbell, Colorado School of Mines.	
Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines.	
Chris Richardson, Wheeling University.	
Mark Rutledge, Southern Arkansas University.	
Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan).	
Stephanie Yelton, University of West Florida.	
Absentees:	
Mike MacDonald, Daemen University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Tim Danehy, NCAA Power Index (NPI).	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Lynne Andrew, Women's Basketball.	
Mitchell Bailey, Men's Basketball.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Micaela Kapsalis, Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	