

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES OCTOBER 16, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and introductions. The committee was introduced to Mitchell Bailey, who will be taking over as the men's basketball championship manager effective November 4. Eric Breece, who will be taking on other responsibilities during the winter championship season, will remain available to ensure a smooth transition.
- **2. Split-site regional schedule.** The committee reviewed the updated split-site regional schedule and confirmed that the practice time on the regional championship game day should be 55 minutes. This schedule will be included in the prechampionship and host operations manuals.

3. Future championships.

- **a. 2026 joint championship schedule and logistics.** The committee was informed of the Division II Championships Committee's support of the recommended date formula change for the 2026 championship. This requires final approval by the Division II Management Council during the October 21-22 meeting. Additionally, the committee was updated on the Championships Committee's recommendation to no longer include basketball in the Festival rotation and to instead distribute those budget dollars over the three year period (2026 to 2028) that the championships will be held jointly to consistently enhance the student-athlete experience during those years.
- **b. 2028 schedule.** If the 2026 date formula recommendation is approved, the Women's Basketball Committee will convene to make a similar recommendation for the 2028 championship due to the championship game being played in conjunction with the Division I Women's Final Four.
- **4. Other business.** The committee discussed the 2026 start date, which is later than most years, and the potential to submit a blanket waiver request. Championships staff will consult with the Academic and Membership Affairs basketball liaisons to seek guidance on the correct process for a waiver to be submitted. Once submitted, the basketball committees will be given the opportunity to provide feedback.

5. Future meetings.

- a. Dec. 11, 2024, 11 a.m. Eastern time.
- b. Feb. 5, 2025, 11 a.m. Eastern time.
- c. April 28-29, 2025 (annual meeting in Indianapolis).

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Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan)

Staff Liaisons: Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances

Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:

Amy Anderson, Arkansas Tech University.

Ken Badylak, Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Jenepher Banker, Daemen University.

Nate Burton, West Virginia State University.

Michelle Caddigan, Catawba College.

Christine Collins-Kiernan, Concordia University Irvine.

Allie De Witt, Mountain East Conference.

Daryl Gross, California State University, Los Angeles.

Randy Loggins, Converse University.

Mike MacDonald, Daemen University.

Tiffany McCampbell, Colorado School of Mines.

Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines.

Andy Peterson, Northwest Missouri State University.

Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan).

Stephanie Yelton, University of West Florida.

Absentees:

Mark Richard, University of Montevallo.

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.

Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Mitchell Bailey, Kerstin Hunter and Carla Laster.