



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES
SEPT. 25, 2026, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The committee was introduced to all the new members: For men's basketball, Robert Kearny of American International University and Jeff Morgan of Harding University, and for women's basketball, Josh Ashaolu of Lewis University, James Rice of Benedict College, and Josh Ealy of Tusculum University.
1. **2027 NCAA Convention membership-sponsored proposals.** The committees discussed and supported the 2027 Convention Proposal No. 2027-6, which would amend the first date of competition legislation to specify that a member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball before the Friday preceding the Monday that is 17 weeks before the Division II men's and women's championship selection date. The committees noted that the proposal opens more scheduling opportunities and aims to prevent multiple competitions within a single week. Additionally, the committees believe this approach serves the best interests of student-athletes and aligns with the Division II Life in the Balance philosophy.
2. **Championships Committee updates.** The committees discussed the progress from the Championships Committee recommendation on the three-weekend championship format. The committees agreed the new format will help hosts due to less teams and fewer days of competition. The impact will also be felt during the joint championship at the finals site with only eight total teams (four men's and four women's) instead of 16. A final approval is expected in October 2027.
3. **Site visit recap.** The committees received an update on the preparation and planning for the 2027 Division II joint basketball championship in Fort Wayne.
4. **Future joint meeting dates.**
 - a. October 26, 2026, videoconference.
 - b. December 14, 2026, videoconference.
 - c. April 27-28, 2027, annual meeting (Indianapolis).

Committee Chairs: Allie De Witt, Mountain East Conference
Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines
Staff Liaisons: Lynne Andrew, Women's Basketball
T. Mitchell Bailey, Men's Basketball

Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committee Sept. 25, 2026, Joint Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Amy Anderson, Arkansas Tech University.	
John Ashaolu, Lewis University.	
Rachel Burleson, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida).	
Michelle Caddigan, Catawba College.	
Christine Collins-Kiernan, Concordia University Irvine.	
Allie De Witt, Mountain East Conference.	
Josh Ealy, Tusculum University.	
Courtney Finn, Bentley University.	
Daryl Gross, California State University, Los Angeles.	
Robert Kearney, American International University.	
Tiffany McCampbell, Colorado School of Mines.	
Jeff Morgan, Harding University.	
Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines.	
James Rice, Benedict College.	
Chris Richardson, Wheeling University.	
Absentees:	
Ken Badylak, Kentucky Wesleyan College.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Lynne Andrew, Women's Basketball.	
T. Mitchell Bailey, Men's Basketball.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jordan Lysiak and Angela Red.	