



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
APRIL 28-29, 2025, MEETING, AND MAY 13, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Sport-specific selection criteria.**

- a. Recommendation. That the committee's approved sport-specific selection criteria be updated to the following:
 - In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
 - Performance Indicator (PI).
 - KPI.
- b. Effective date. Immediate, for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years.
- c. Rationale. The committee reviewed selection criteria and realized a discrepancy in what was approved in June 2023 by the Division II Championships Committee and what was used for the 2024-25 rankings and selections. During the 2024 annual meeting, the committee believed there was an opportunity to amend any of the three sport-specific criteria as part of the KPI feedback process. The intention was to use KPI in place of the previously used Results vs. Ranked Teams as reflected in the 2024 annual meeting report, instead of the approved PI metric. The committee would like to continue using the three sport-specific selection criteria listed above for the remaining two years of the three-year selection cycle in order to be consistent through the 2027 championship. The committee also believes these three criteria will provide the committee and RACs with the best data to make well-informed decisions related to rankings and selections.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of 2024 report.** The committee approved the April 2024 annual meeting report.
2. **Championships Committee updates.** The committee received an update on the Championships Committee's review of NPI and the request to provide feedback on potentially using NPI for selections. This feedback will be reviewed by the Championships Committee at the June 25-26, 2025, meeting.
3. **National Association of Basketball Coaches recap.** The committee received updates from staff on NABC Division II business meetings, noting feedback provided by coaches on topics that are part of the annual meeting agenda.
4. **Review of 2025 championship.**
 - a. **Selections.** The committee agreed that the selection process ran smoothly. The committee continues to be concerned with how late the show airs due to conference tournaments finishing late Sunday evening. The committee wants to continue considering earlier automatic qualifier deadlines. Further, the committee noted that if any changes come from the NPI review that could affect bracketing, additional time would be crucial to ensure the committee has the time to spend on the bracketing process.
 - b. **Regionals.** The committee agreed that all nine regional sites were administered successfully. The committee noted that additional education for administration on hotel accommodations and related needs would be beneficial, as this continues to be a recurring issue.
 - c. **Elite Eight.** The committee commended the Great Lakes Valley Conference and the Evansville Regional Sports Commission for hosting another successful Elite Eight. Members noted that both entities were fully committed to providing a first-class experience for the teams involved.
 - d. **Officials.** The committee received a season recap from John Blazek, Division II men's basketball national coordinator of officials, and commended him for his hard work and dedication to Division II men's basketball throughout the season.

The committee also heard from Secretary-Rules Editor Jeff O'Maley, who provided some updates.

5. **2026 championship.**
 - a. **Committee timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2025-26 and did not make any changes.

b. Selection criteria. The committee agreed to request a change to the approved selection criteria, to use the following sport-specific criteria for the 2025-26 season. (See Nonlegislative Action Item.)

- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- KPI.

6. Manuals. The committee committed to reviewing the various manuals and provide feedback and necessary changes to staff.

7. Committee administration. The committee reviewed upcoming vacancies to the regional advisory and national committees. Staff will update members as replacements are made.

The committee also elected Pryor Orser, head men's basketball coach at Colorado School of Mines, as chair of the committee for the 2025-26 academic year.

8. Other business. No other business was discussed.

9. Future meetings.

- April 27-28, 2026, annual meeting (Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Andy Peterson, Northwest Missouri State University
Staff Liaison(s): Mitchell Bailey, Men's Basketball

Division II Men's Basketball Committee April 28-29, 2025, Meeting and May 13, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Ken Badylak, Kentucky Wesleyan College.	
Michelle Caddigan, Catawba College (virtual for April 28-29 meeting).	
Daryl Gross, California State University, Los Angeles.	
Mike MacDonald, Daemen University.	
Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines.	
Andy Peterson, Northwest Missouri State University.	
Mark Richard, University of Montevallo.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	

John Blazek, Division II Men's Basketball National Coordinator of Officials (April 28 only).
Bob Boerigter, Division II Coaches Connector (April 28 only).
Jeff O'Malley, Men's Basketball Secretary Rules Editor (April 28 only).
Chris Richardson, Wheeling University (April 28-29 meeting).
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Mitchell Bailey.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Eric Breece (May 13 only) and J.D. Hamilton (April 28 only).