



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE  
APRIL 27-28, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of 2025 report.** The committee approved the April 2025 annual meeting report.
2. **NCAA Division II Championships Committee update.** The committee received an overview of the actions taken by the Division II Championships Committee impacting men's basketball over the last year.
3. **Coaches Connection update.** The liaison for the Division II men's basketball coaches connection provided a comprehensive overview of the group and offered insights into the program's discussions throughout the season.
4. **National Association of Basketball Coaches recap.** The committee received updates from NABC Division II business meetings, which took place in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four. The committee noted the positive attendance for the meetings this year.

The committee also discussed having student-athlete awards determined prior to Division II Men's Elite Eight week in order for them to be presented during the banquet celebration.

5. **Regional and national ranking calls.** The committee felt that this year's ranking calls went smoothly. The calls were consistent, and committee members used a variety of approaches to ensure their regional advisory committees were well prepared for the ranking process.
6. **Review of 2026 championship.**
  - a. **Rankings/selections.** The committee felt this year's selection process went smoothly. There were no concerns shared directly with the committee chair or NCAA staff about the selected field.
  - b. **Review of regionals.** The committee reviewed the eight regional sites and noted that they ran smoothly overall. The committee also noted the need to update language across relevant manuals to clearly specify activities or actions that are not permitted prior to the regional round. Additionally, members emphasized that further education for administrative personnel, particularly regarding hotel accommodations and related requirements, would be beneficial.

- c. **Review of the Men's Elite Eight.** SportsPITTSBURGH and Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion, hosted a successful Elite Eight joint championship. Members noted some improvements for hosting both genders, including staffing and security needs moving forward. The committee agreed that the host provided excellent hospitality throughout the week and expressed their appreciation for all the work put in to running a quality event for all teams involved.
- d. **Misconduct.** The committee reached a decision on a misconduct situation that occurred during the Men's Elite Eight and will take steps accordingly.
- e. **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. Members provided a recommendation for potential points of emphasis for next season.

The committee also heard from J.D. Hamilton, assistant director of playing rules and officiating, who provided updates for the committee on those topics.

## 7. 2027 championship.

- a. **Selection date.** The committee reviewed the ranking and selection dates for the 206-27 academic year.
- b. **Regional dates.** The committee reviewed the regional dates for the 2026-27 academic year, noting the potential shift to Friday, Saturday, Monday due to Sunday no-play policies.
- c. **Elite Eight dates.** The committee reviewed the 2027 Elite Eight dates, noting that games will be played Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, which is the normal format. Additionally, it will be a joint championship with women's basketball in Fort Wayne, IN.

8. **Manuals.** Committee members agreed to review the various manuals and provide necessary changes and feedback to the NCAA staff by Sept. 4.

9. **Committee administration.** Staff noted that the vacancy for the East Region for the 2026-27 academic year has been filled and staff will communicate with the new member soon. Additionally, the committee re-elected Pryor Orser, heads men's basketball coach at Colorado School of Mines, as chair for 2026-27.

10. **Committee timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2026-27 and did not make any changes.

11. **Other business.** No other business was discussed.

## 12. Future meetings.

- April 27-28, 2027, annual meeting (Indianapolis).

*Committee Chair:* Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines  
*Staff Liaison(s):* T. Mitchell Bailey, Men's Basketball

<b>Division II Men's Basketball Committee April 27-28, 2026, Meeting</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Ken Badylak, Kentucky Wesleyan College.
Rachel Burleson, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida).
Michelle Caddigan, Catawba College (via videoconference).
Daryl Gross, California State University, Los Angeles.
Pryor Orser, Colorado School of Mines.
Chris Richardson, Wheeling University.
Mark Rutledge, Southern Arkansas University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Mike MacDonald, Daemen University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
John Blazek, Division II Men's Basketball National Coordinator of Officials (April 27 only).
Bob Boerigter, Division II Coaches Connector (April 27 only).
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>
T. Mitchell Bailey.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Dan Gavitt and J.D. Hamilton (April 28 only).