



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE  
APRIL 28-29, 2025, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of previous meeting reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports from its April 22-23, 2024, meeting; May 1, 2024, and October 2, 2024, videoconferences; and October 23, 2024, electronic vote.
2. **NCAA Division II Championships Committee update.** The committee received an overview of the actions taken by the Division II Championships Committee impacting women's basketball over the last year. The committee also discussed a request from the Championships Committee seeking feedback on NPI as a possible metric for selections. The committee will finalize the feedback on its May 5 videoconference.
3. **Women's Basketball Coaches Association recap.** The committee received an update from the WBCA Division II business meeting, which took place in conjunction with the Division I Women's Final Four. The committee noted that the time change of the meeting positively impacted attendance.

The committee also discussed the challenges with having to be a member of the WBCA in order to nominate student-athletes for awards, though this is a common requirement among coaches associations.

The committee appreciated the WBCA executive director's attendance in Pittsburgh at the banquet and quarterfinal games.

4. **Coaches Connection update.** The liaison for the Division II women's basketball coaches connection provided an update of the program and the positive feedback she has received, including that the coaches appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on issues important to them. The coaches were disappointed that the start date waiver was not approved, but there has been good discussion about submitting a membership-sponsored proposal for the 2026 NCAA Convention. Additionally, the coaches have been discussing possible changes to the timing of the region challenge events and whether those contests can take place later in the season. The coaches have also expressed interest in additional education on the impact of NIL in Division II.
5. **Regional and national ranking calls.** The committee felt this year's ranking calls went smoothly. This was the first year the regional advisory committee orientation call was held with all eight regions together. The committee felt that this increased consistency across the eight regions as all regional advisory committee members heard consistent messaging.
6. **Review of 2025 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 discussed the eight regional sites and noted that seven of the eight sites ran smoothly. There were some issues with shipments that were able to be corrected thanks to the quick identification by tournament directors and site representatives. The committee agreed it was important to reiterate to hosts the need to review all shipments immediately on receipt.

The committee discussed feedback for one regional site and requested that a follow-up letter be sent outlining concerns. The institution will be required to submit a written response to the committee indicating how these issues will be remedied for the future in order to be eligible to host again.

The committee noted that the script for site representatives and tournament directors to follow on the regional calls was extremely helpful. The committee also discussed having a call with prospective hosts before selections to outline additional expectations to ensure hosts are prepared once selected.

- c. **Elite Eight seeding process.** The committee used KPI for the first time to seed the Elite Eight and agreed that this was a positive change.
- d. **Review of Women's Elite Eight.** SportsPITTSBURGH and Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion, hosted a successful Elite Eight. The committee provided feedback for consideration for hosting next year. Members noted that the host provided excellent hospitality throughout the week and made the visiting teams and committee feel special throughout the event. The committee expressed appreciation for all the work put in to running a quality event.
- e. **Participating teams experience.** The committee conducted a postchampionship videoconference with Grand Valley State University and California State University, Dominguez Hills. Representatives from both institutions provided positive feedback about the overall experience, while offering suggestions for future enhancement opportunities. In particular, both teams were highly complementary of the quality of the venue and the signage at both the venue and the hotel property.

## 7. Officials.

- a. **Evaluators.** Evaluators again conducted their evaluations in person, and the committee noted that this continues to be the committee's preferred approach to ensure the best evaluations possible. This was the first year that regional evaluators were provided a stipend for their work, in addition to travel and per diem. Evaluators completed scoring forms for each game and each official. The national coordinator shared region-specific data on call accuracy as well as for the Elite Eight.

The committee noted that the opportunity for evaluators to provide direct feedback to the officials in the locker room was a welcome change for all and should be continued in the future. The joint call with all selected officials is also helpful to ensure that everyone receives the same messaging about expectations for regionals.

The national coordinator will be putting together education for the conference commissioners on how officials advance and how game assignments are made.

- b. **Elite Eight experience.** The officials at the Elite Eight were highly satisfied with their experience, noting the high quality of the venue and their treatment throughout the week. The committee was pleased with the quality of the officials who advanced to the final site.

#### 8. **2026 championship.**

- a. **2025-26 timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2025-26 and did not make any changes. The joint meetings with the Division II Men's Basketball Committee will be added once dates and times are determined, noting that additional calls may be added due to the joint championship planning.
- b. **Selection criteria.** The committee noted that the selection criteria will remain the same for the 2025-26 academic year, including the following sport-specific criteria: (1) in-region rating percentage index; (2) KPI; and (3) results vs. ranked Division II opponents.
- c. **Schedule of events.** The committee discussed the draft 2026 schedule and will continue discussions with the Division II Men's Basketball Committee and the host.

- 9. **Automatic qualification forms.** The committee reviewed and approved 23 conferences for automatic qualification for the 2025-26 academic year.

- 10. **Review of manuals.** Committee members agreed to review the various manuals and provide necessary changes to the NCAA staff by Aug. 1.

- 11. **2027-30 triennial budget cycle.** The committee received an update on the 2027-30 triennial budget cycle. Any requests must be submitted to the Division II Championships Committee for the February 2026 meeting.

- 12. **Vice president, women's basketball update.** The NCAA vice president of women's basketball joined the meeting to update the committee on the impact of the evolving collegiate athletics landscape on women's basketball, continued development and advancement of the national officiating program, and increased exposure for all four women's basketball championships as part of the ESPN agreement.

- 13. **Playing rules update.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee liaison. This is a rules change year, so the committee received an overview of the survey feedback on potential future rules changes. The NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee meets May 6-8.

**14. Referral from Division II Management Council.** The committee discussed a referral from the Division II Management Council to review a proposal adopted by Division I regarding foreign tours (Division I Proposal No. 2024-19). Division I women's basketball institutions are now permitted to compete in one game against another Division I institution during an institutional foreign tour. The committee supported a similar change in Division II to allow a team to compete in one game against any opponent (e.g., NCAA, NAIA) during a foreign tour, noting the opportunity to increase the quality of competition during a foreign tour. This may also assist with fundraising for these events and/or have a positive cost impact for tour operators that are able to package two teams together. The committee agreed that this change should, at a minimum, also apply to Division II men's basketball, if not all Division II sports.

**15. Committee composition.** Staff noted that all eight committee members will be returning for the 2025-26 academic year. The committee reelected Erika Wallace, director of athletics at Wayne State University (Michigan), as chair for the 2025-26 academic year.

**16. Future meetings.**

- a. May 5, 1:30 p.m. (videoconference).
- b. 2025-26 academic year meeting schedule to be determined.
- c. April 27-28, 2026 (annual meeting in Indianapolis).

*Committee Chairs:* Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan)

*Staff Liaisons:* Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

Division II Women's Basketball Committee April 28-29, 2025, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Amy Anderson, Arkansas Tech University.	
Jenepher Banker, Daemen University.	
Christine Collins-Kiernan, Concordia University Irvine.	
Allie De Witt, Mountain East Conference.	
Randy Loggins, Converse University.	
Tiffany McCampbell, Colorado School of Mines.	
Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan).	
Stephanie Yelton, University of West Florida.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Keri Becker, Grand Valley State University.	
John Bonner, California State University, Dominguez Hills.	

Connie Perkins, Division II Women's Basketball National Coordinator of Officials.
Karen Stromme, Coaches Connection.
Milan Tuttle, California State University, Dominguez Hills.
Hosanna Walker, California State University, Dominguez Hills.
Brett Waterfield, California State University, Dominguez Hills.
Mike Williams, Grand Valley State University.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Lynn Holzman, Kerstin Hunter, Jordan Lysiak and Rachel Seewald.