



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'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 women's basketball over the last year.
3. **Coaches Connection update.** The liaison for the Division II women's basketball coaches' connection provided a comprehensive overview of the group and offered insights into the program's discussions throughout the season. The coaches continue to discuss the Transfer Portal as well as education surrounding NPI.
4. **Regional and national ranking calls.** The committee felt that this year's ranking calls went smoothly. This was the second year the regional advisory committee orientation call was held with all eight regions together and the committee agreed to continue this in future years if needed as it increased consistency across all regions.
5. **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. The committee discussed having a call with prospective hosts and prospective site representatives in early February to outline expectations to ensure hosts and site representatives are prepared once the bracket is released.
 - c. **Elite Eight seeding process.** The committee used KPI for seeding the Elite Eight and agreed that it was effective.
 - d. **Review of the Women's Elite Eight.** SportsPITTSBURGH and Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion, hosted a successful combined Elite Eight with men's basketball.

Members noted some improvements for hosting both genders including staffing and security needs moving forward. The committee expressed that the host provided excellent hospitality throughout the week and their appreciation for all the work put in to running a quality event for all teams involved.

6. **Officiating.** The committee received a season recap from Connie Perkins, Division II women's basketball national coordinator of officials. It was noted that there were approximately thirty new officials that worked the regional rounds and four during the elite eight. This is attributed to more officials moving up to the Division I level and therefore not being available for the DII championship. The committee discussed finding ways to elevate the experience for officials during the regional and elite eight rounds to make it different than the regular season.
7. **2027 championship.**
 - a. **2026-27 Timeline.** The committee reviewed the proposed timeline for 2026-27 and did not make any changes. The joint meetings with the Division II Men's Basketball Committee and host calls with Fort Wayne will be added once dates and times are determined.
 - b. **NPI Timeline.** The committee reviewed the timeline for NPI which includes the dates for meetings, implementation and membership education.
 - c. **Schedule of Events.** The committee reviewed the 2027 Elite Eight practice and game schedule noting that games will be played Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, which is the normal format. Additionally, it will be a joint championship with men's basketball in Fort Wayne, Indiana. More work will need to be done on the alternate practice site and when it will be utilized.
8. **Automatic qualification forms.** The committee reviewed and approved 23 conferences for automatic qualification for the 2026-27 academic year.
9. **Review of manuals.** Committee members agreed to review the various manuals and provide necessary changes to the NCAA staff by Aug. 3.
10. **Vice president, women's basketball update.** The NCAA vice president of women's basketball joined the meeting to update the committee on the key areas of focus which are; the Brand, the Game, the Championship. The 2028 DI, DII, DIII and WBIT joint championship was also discussed along with the new playing rules committee structure.
11. **Playing rules update.** Due to the timing of the rules survey, the committee did not receive an update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee liaison. An update will be provided at a later date.

12. Committee composition. Staff noted that the vacancies for the Midwest and Southeast regions for the 2026-27 academic year have been filled and awaiting a new member for the South region. Additionally, the committee elected Allie De Witt, senior associate commissioner at the Mountain East Conference, as the 2026-27 chair.

13. 2028 Joint Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Championships. In October 2020, Indianapolis was announced as host of the 2028 Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Championships. At that time, Gainbridge Fieldhouse was identified as the competition venue for Division I, with the understanding that the competition venues for Divisions II and III would be determined at a later date.

Since the announcement, several significant developments have occurred that meaningfully shaped the joint championship landscape. Most notably, the NCAA introduced the WBIT in 2024 and recently announced the 2028 WBIT semifinals and finals would also be conducted in Indianapolis. Additionally, following its 2025 summer meeting, the Division I Women's Basketball Committee announced the Women's Final Four games will be moved to Lucas Oil Stadium. During this same period, the James T. Morris Arena ("The Jim"), located on the campus of Indiana University Indianapolis and adjacent to the NCAA national office, broke ground, providing an ideal venue option for Divisions II and III and WBIT that aligns with the objectives respectively for each championship. Additional information about the venue can be found at [James T. Morris Arena - Facilities - IU Indy Athletics](#).

Using The Jim provides greater flexibility, operational efficiencies across basketball events, cross-divisional financial considerations and represents the continued growth being experienced in women's basketball. Additional factors supporting the move include The Jim's location within the Women's Final Four footprint, ideal venue size (4,500+) based on historical event attendance respectively and amenities (locker rooms, training facilities, concourse spaces, concessions, restrooms) of The Jim are in line with (or elevated) compared to recent facilities hosting Division II and III women's basketball championships and WBIT.

The committee is looking forward to the elevated experience of being in a brand-new facility that will showcase these championship events and will provide an enriching experience for the student athletes as part of the NCAA women's basketball.

14. Other business. No other business was discussed.

15. Future meetings.

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

Committee Chair: Erika Wallace, Wayne State
Staff Liaison(s): Lynne Andrew, Women's Basketball

Division II Women's Basketball Committee April 27-28, 2026, Meeting
Attendees:
Amy Anderson, Arkansas Tech University.
Christine Collins-Kiernan, Concordia University Irvine (via videoconference).
Allie De Witt, Mountain East Conference.
Courtney Finn, Bentley University.
Randy Loggins, Converse University.
Tiffany McCampbell, Colorado School of Mines.
Erika Wallace, Wayne State University (Michigan).
Stephanie Yelton, University of West Florida.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Connie Perkins, Division II Women's Basketball National Coordinator of Officials (April 27 only).
Karen Stromme, Division II Coaches Connector (April 27 only).
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Lynne Andrew.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lynn Holzman (April 28 only).