



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES
AUGUST 13, 2024, JOINT MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Bid process.** Staff provided an update on the remaining timeline of the bid process. The women's committee noted it had the same site ranked No. 1 as the men's committee for 2027 but yielded the choice and recommended its No. 2 site to allow the men's committee to make its recommendation. If for some reason that recommendation does not materialize, the committees may need to reconvene. The women's committee respectfully requests that in the next process, if the committees' choices are the same that the women's committee would be given preference.
2. **NPI.** The committees discussed their recent NPI webinars with coaches.
3. **Top-16 reveal.** The committees agreed they want to keep some form of a top-16 reveal or selections preview show. This will look and feel a little different due to the new ranking system. Committee members will brainstorm ideas for the production.
4. **Video review at preliminary rounds.** The committees affirmed their separate recommendations to require providing video review as a condition of hosting. Most institutions already can provide this service, and the committees both feel strongly that video review should be provided for all rounds of the championship and that it is a reasonable expectation for prospective hosts. The committees emphasize the importance of leveraging technology to enhance the game. Many conferences and institutions are already using video review. The committees assert that the NCAA postseason should be an elevated, not a lesser, experience than regular-season and/or conference tournament games.

Some expressed concerns heard about implementing video review cited the lack of infrastructure to accommodate the necessary equipment (lack of internet/cabling, large fields requiring multiple cameras, etc.). However, the committees contend that basketball is an ideal sport for which to pilot the recommendation, as the court size is manageable, games are played indoors where wireless and/or hard-wired internet is readily available, and most schools already stream their games. The equipment necessary is simply a unit (often as simple as an iPad) that can access the stream and can rewind the video, and it is placed courtside within 3-15 feet of the court.

5. **Joint championship format.** The committees discussed their upcoming joint championships (2026 for the men, 2028 for the women). The women's committee had been asked to consider using an Elite Eight-like format that the men's championship has submitted. The women's committee met previously to discuss and generally supports implementing the format but will

seek to recommend an alternate format that splits the games into two days, similar to the Division III men's and women's soccer semifinals/final format. The proposal would be to play two quarterfinals on Thursday and play the other two quarterfinals on Friday. The advancing teams from Thursday would play their semifinal game on Saturday and the advancing teams from Friday would play their semifinal game on Sunday.

6. **Bracketing.** Staff updated the committees on the continued discussion within the Division III governance structure about protecting top-seeded teams in the bracket. The basketball committees provided feedback on the concept earlier this summer.

Committee Chairs: Bethany Dannelly, Washington and Lee University, Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Luke Flockerzi, University of Rochester, University Athletic Association.
Staff Liaison: Alex Dickey, Men's Basketball
Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.

Commented [GB1]: I'm not sure we have this right but I don't want to guess at a change. Do we mean the final games (not quarterfinals) and then the teams advancing from Friday play on Sunday?

Commented [WK2R1]: I made a mistake. It should be quarterfinals and semifinals. I had my own brain messed up. For soccer it is semifinals and finals. But for this, it would be quarters and semis. I'll reword

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Attendees:	
John Alesi, Baruch College.	
Paul Booth, Norwich University.	
Bethany Dannelly, Washington and Lee University.	
Stephanie Dollar, University of Massachusetts Boston.	
Doc Eslinger, California Institute of Technology.	
Cam Fuller, St. Norbert College.	
KJ Krasco, Middlebury College.	
Gabrielle Lisella, Rowan University.	
David McGreal, Penn State University, Altoona.	
Danny Miller, Averett University.	
Rebecca Mullen, Atlantic East Conference.	
Gary Stewart, Stevenson University.	
Suzy Venet Pietz, University of Mount Union.	
Kendra Whitehead, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Megan Wilson, University of Dubuque.	
Absentees:	
Tom Emberley, Farmingdale State College.	
Kristin Hughes, Smith College.	
John Jones, Hanover College.	
Luke Flockerzi, University of Rochester.	
Tim Grosz, University of Northwestern-St. Paul.	

Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Alex Dickey, Men's Basketball. Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances. Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.