



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEES
MAY 5, 2026, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Non-legislative item.

a. Restructuring of regional advisory committees.

- (1) Recommendation. Eliminate the regional advisory committees as they currently are structured and transition to a regional representative model. Regional representatives would meet monthly with the national committee member from their respective region November through May.

Regional Representative expectations would include:

- (a) Serving as a site representative during the NCAA tournament when their institution is not participating.
 - (b) Serving as a liaison to regional coaches until Coaches Connect is implemented.
 - (c) Participating in monthly meetings focused on communication, tournament preparation, and site representative training/responsibilities.
- (2) Effective date. Sept. 1, 2026.
- (3) Rationale. With the implementation of NPI, the responsibilities of the regional advisory committees have become largely obsolete. This restructuring would make the position more supportive of the committee structure at the national level and better serve the championships. The role and responsibilities should be reevaluated annually and adjusted accordingly.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation supports a more consistent and informed championship administration structure by enhancing communication, tournament preparation, and site representative training, which may improve the overall student-athlete championship experience

b. Host video review requirements.

- (1) Recommendation. Institutions that are selected to host the Division III Men's Basketball preliminary rounds must ensure that they have cameras that capture the entire competition court.
- (2) Effective date. 2027 Championship.
- (3) Rationale. Ensuring that each host institution has the ability to capture the full competition court provides the most accurate and equitable video review process and supports the overall integrity of competition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation enhances competitive equity for student-athletes by improving the consistency and accuracy of video review across all championship sites.

c. Championship date change.

- (1) Recommendation. To move the semifinals and championship games to Friday/Sunday, from the current Thursday/Saturday structure. Game dates will revert back to Thursday/Saturday if an advancing school is a "no play Sunday" institution.
- (2) Effective Date. 2027 championships (or when confirmed feasible with named hosts).
- (3) Rationale. The proposed Friday/Sunday schedule would provide advancing teams with additional time for travel, preparation, and time on campus during a condensed championship week. The adjustment may reduce missed class time (in certain instances) for student-athletes and create better opportunities for fan travel and attendance during the championship weekend.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. If the host and participating hotels are able to accommodate the proposed date format change, there should be no budget impact.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation supports student-athlete well-being by creating a more balanced championship schedule and allowing for additional recovery and preparation time with travel and the first required activities.

d. **Notification of selected first/second-round hosts.**

- (1) Recommendation. To be able to notify the selected first/second-round hosts that they are selected to be hosts by 9 a.m. Monday, the day selections are announced.
- (2) Effective Date. 2027 championships.
- (3) Rationale. The turnaround time to prepare to host the first/second-round competition is very short. Notifying the hosts, who would keep the information confidential until after the selection show, would allow hosts to mobilize and prepare the information for participants to be finalized and be sent more quickly following the show. This also would allow hosts to notify their hotels sooner or release rooms if they have not been notified, to be a better partner with the hotels.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Alternating order of selection shows.** The committees agreed to alternate the order of the selection shows. The championship with hosting priority for first/second-round competition that year will have the first selection show time slot. This will be more equitable between the championships and offer more time for teams to arrange travel and for the hosts to prepare for the participant call and dissemination of information and not disadvantage the same championship in that area every year.
2. **National semifinal advancing team call.** The committees decided to move the mandatory call with the teams advancing to the semifinals be conducted on Sunday evening (8 p.m. Eastern time was discussed but may need to be staggered if a school has a team in both championships). Having the call on Sunday night will afford teams more time to plan travel and logistics to the semifinal/final site.
3. **Camera view for video review.** The committees will update the language in the parameters for providing video review to include requirement that the whole court be visible in the broadcast (which is used for video review). There was an instance at a site where the corners on the camera side were not visible. The committees agreed this was inferred as a requirement but will adjust language to ensure the expectation is realized.

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Division III Men's and Women's Committee Basketball Committees May 5, 2026, Joint Virtual Meeting
Men's Committee Attendees:
Paul Booth, Norwich University. Rahsaan Cralton, Penn St. Harrisburg. Jacob Fleegle, Messiah College. Cam Fuller, St. Norbert College. Jeff Gorski, Clarkson University. Dwayne Hanberry, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Danny Miller, Averett University. Doug Zipp, Ohio Wesleyan University.
Women's Committee Attendees:
Shawna Armstrong, Elmhurst University. Meg Barber, New York University. Tom Emberley, Farmingdale State College. Diane Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Kristin Hughes, Smith College. Sam Jones, Waynesburg University. Michael Kobylanski, Albertus Magnus College. Rebecca Mullen, Atlantic East Conference. Kendra Whitehead, Hardin-Simmons University. Victoria Wilson, Randolph-Macon College.
Men's Committee Absentees:
Stephanie Dollar, University Massachusetts Boston Tim Grosz, University of Northwestern St. Paul
Women's Committee Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
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