



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
JULY 22 AND JULY 27, 2026, VIRTUAL MEETINGS

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **NCAA Power Index (NPI) dial change.**

1. Recommendation. The committee revisited its recommendation submitted in June and recommends adjusting the following NPI dials after further discussion:

Withdraw the recommendation in June to change the QWB multiplier dial to .720 and return to the same dials used for the last two years.

2. Effective date. Immediate, or as determined appropriate.

3. Rationale. The committee reviewed data from the first two seasons of NPI at its annual meeting and in follow-up meetings about NPI. The committee was fairly satisfied with the dials that have been in place for the last two years, but was looking to find a change to incentivize teams to play stronger NPI teams (as feedback has been received that teams do not want to play top NPI teams and lose, they seem to schedule middle-of-pack NPI teams and get the small bonus for the win). The committee had settled on increasing the QWB multiplier and submitted the recommendation in June.

When given the chance to revisit the dials in recent days, including a session with Tim Danehy, the committee recognized that increasing the multiplier dial did not net the result it was intending to see. After lengthy discussion about changing other dials to net the result, the committee determined that it would like to see another year's data with the same dials used in the last two seasons, and wishes to analyze that data/results at its annual meeting in April 2027 and recommend changes then, if warranted.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.

5. Student-athlete impact. While the change will not create a significant direct impact on the student-athletes, it will provide improvements to the NPI in encouraging teams to play teams stronger in NPI to increase their own NPI.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None.**

Committee Chair: Kristin Hughes, Smith College, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

Staff Liaison: Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.

Division III Women's Basketball Committee July 22 and July 27, 2026, Virtual Meetings	
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.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances.	
Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	