



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE  
JUNE 18, 2025, VIRTUAL MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Role of D3hoops.** The NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee discussed D3hoops and supports its role and coverage of women's basketball.
2. **Selection show format/discussion.** The committee discussed the challenges with the quality of the show and the errors that too often occur and would like to support whatever needs to be done to enhance the show. Of note, the committee requests that a deep link to the show be provided so that it can be shared with the sponsoring schools. It is stressful and inefficient to "wait" for the link to show up on NCAA.com, especially for schools that conduct a watch party.
3. **Bracketing/selections/hosting.** The committee discussed the following about bracketing and selections:
  - The committee expressed a need for proactive measures moving forward. The committee wants to schedule time with the sport liaison and the championships committee liaison on selection night. The committee also requests more NPI pushes on selection day. A third-party site updates the numbers "in real time" on selection day and the committee is holding with "old information" until the final game is complete.
  - The committee was reminded that the word "protect" in the bracketing and seeding principles refers to seeding (i.e., ensuring that the top seeds do not meet in the early rounds) rather than ensuring the right to host. The women's basketball committee asked that the word "protect" be removed or replaced in the selection criteria to alleviate confusion.
  - The committee asked for clarification about instances when the highest seeded team cannot host and whether the next highest seeded team should be the host, or whether a lower seed should host to "neutralize" the home court advantage if the seeded teams advance. The committee noted that Section 2.4 in the site selection criteria supersedes Bylaw 31.3.5.1 for awarding hosts.
  - The committee suggested clear communication on what is expected with regard to flights. The committee asked that the collective number of flights be considered rather than just minimizing flights on the first weekend.
  - The committee asked the Championships Committee to consider some allowance for Region X teams to be able to host when geographic proximity precludes it.
  - The committee suggests that attendance history and revenue potential are not considered when awarding sites, but it is listed in the criteria.
  - The committee confirmed its stance to not allow men's and women's basketball to host both genders on the same weekend, even if it is hosting one of them at a neutral site. Some sites may not have the personnel to cover both sites, and it may diminish the experience for the competing student-athletes. The committee supports the policy as written, stating that it

protects equity and schools can choose not to bid or choose which event they want to host if they don't want to leave it up to the policy.

- The committee recognizes the difficulty hosts are having with hotels and securing letters of agreements. Some states/locations have challenges with signing such agreements. Others cannot get hotels to sign them without a guarantee. The committee supports not requiring signed letters of agreements as a condition to host when it is not possible to obtain.

4. **NPI.** The committee had a lengthy discussion about NPI. Bethany Dannelly presented to the committee spreadsheets comparing the data and dials.

- The committee re-emphasized that the dials should paint a picture of the full body of work for teams.
- The committee asserts the most impactful dials are win %/SOS, minimum wins, and the QWB multiplier. It will look at these dials after the 2026 season to note trends that cross both years and will look at whether the dials could be shifted to better assess the teams.

5. **Meeting with the men's committee.** Staff was directed to work with the men's basketball committee championship manager to schedule a joint meeting of the committees in August.

*Committee Chair: Bethany Dannelly, Ohio Athletic Conference.*

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

Division III Women's Basketball Committee June 18, 2025, Virtual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Bethany Dannelly, Ohio Athletic Conference.	
Tom Emberley, Farmingdale State College.	
Kristin Hughes, Smith College.	
John Jones, Hanover College.	
Rebecca Mullen, Atlantic East Conference.	
Sam Jones, Waynesburg University.	
Kendra Whitehead, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Diane Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
KJ Krasco, Middlebury College.	
Gabby Lisella, Rowan University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Shannon Howley, Montclair State University, Division III Championships Committee sport liaison.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances.	

Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.