



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Division I – In-Person Recruiting Activities – Women’s Bowling.**

- (1) Action. The NCAA Women’s Bowling Committee requests the NCAA Division I Cabinet introduce legislation into the June legislative cycle to move the start of in-person recruiting activities from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year to July 5 following completion of the prospective student-athlete’s sophomore year.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Adjusting the first opportunity for in-person recruiting activities reduces confusion by prospective student-athletes regarding permissible recruiting activities at regional and national-level events due to differing recruiting timelines for NCAA Division I, Division II and Division III institutions.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None. May result in cost savings to Division I institutions, as coaches will be allowed to contact and evaluate prospective student-athletes during July recruiting events.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Provides consistency to permissible activities across divisions at July recruiting events.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Division I Cabinet referral.** In preparation for the cabinet’s April 14-15 review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-8 (playing and practice seasons – foreign tour – time lapse between tours – basketball – once per year), which would eliminate the once-in-four-years timing limitation and permit an institution to take a foreign tour once per year, the committee discussed whether the proposal should apply to women’s bowling. The committee supports the proposal applying to bowling. The committee supports deregulation and institutional decision-making. Additionally, the committee noted the importance of finding balance in the educational and cultural benefits of a foreign tour with potential additional student-athlete time on call associated with a foreign tour.
2. **Future championship selection dates.** The committee discussed potential adjustments to the championship selection date for 2027 and beyond to better align with the previously approved changes to the championship format. The committee did not act on this topic and will discuss at a future meeting.

3. **Division I governance update.** NCAA staff updated the committee on recent Division I governance meetings and the January 13-16 NCAA Convention in Washington, D.C. Specifically, staff reviewed Division I Proposal No. 2025-35, which beginning August 1, 2026, permits the placement of additional commercial or nonprofit logos on student-athlete’s athletics equipment, uniforms and apparel. The committee also discussed Division II Proposal No. 2026-4, which establishes a separate championship for Division II women’s bowling. The committee briefly discussed both proposals and will continue conversations regarding implementation during future meetings.
4. **Score reporting review.** NCAA staff provided an update on score reporting.
5. **Future meetings.**
 - 10 a.m. Eastern time March 11 (ranking).
 - 10 a.m. Eastern time March 18 (ranking).
 - 9 a.m. Eastern time March 24 (selections).
 - 10 a.m. Eastern time March 25 (selections).

Committee Chair: John Williamson, Vanderbilt University, Conference USA.
Staff Liaisons: Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances.
DJ Brown, Division I Governance and Member Services.

NCAA Women’s Bowling Committee February 4, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Jody Fetterhoff, Duquesne University.
Michael Fine, women’s bowling secretary-rules editor.
Ian Parisi, Molloy University.
Kimberly Sorensen, Marian University (Wisconsin).
John Williamson, Vanderbilt University.
Absentees:
Adeanah Pooler, Southwestern Athletic Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Eric Breece and DJ Brown.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ashlee Follis, Catherine Lant, Carla Laster and Luke Schultheis.