



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE
AUG. 11, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Expedited legislation – Weekly hour limits outside the playing season.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, in women's gymnastics, to eliminate the four-hour limit on skill-related instruction outside the playing season.
 - (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. This proposal maintains the limit of eight hours of countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season while providing individual institutions the autonomy to determine the activities to conduct within the eight-hour CARA limit each week.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. This permits a more individualized approach to out-of-season activities.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Staff welcomed committee members to the videoconference.
2. **Confirm dates of competition for 2027 regionals.** The committee formally approved the regional dates for both the 2027 and the 2028 regional sites.

In 2027, Denver and Georgia sites will compete on March 31, April 1 and 3; Arkansas and North Carolina State sites will compete on April 1, 2 and 4.

In 2028, Florida and Utah sites will compete on March 29, 30, April 1; Auburn and Michigan sites will compete on March 30, 31 and April 2.

3. **50% bracket seeding.** The committee discussed a proposal to seed 50% of the 36-team field into the bracket. Currently, 16 teams are seeded, with the top four teams earning national seeds at each regional site. Under the 50% seeding proposal, 18 teams would be seeded in the championship field.

The committee discussed the merits of the proposal and determined the preference is to seed the top 20 teams in the championship field. The committee's second preference is to continue to seed the top 16 teams in the championship field, so as not to disrupt the seeding process by seeding only two of the four total teams on the fifth seed line.

The committee supported expanding the seeding to 55% of the team championship field for the 2027 season, following the women's volleyball and women's soccer model. This would include the top 20 teams in the championship field, so as not to disrupt the seeding process by seeding only two of the four total teams on the fifth seed line.

NCAA staff will be coordinating with other sports that also self-fund for preliminary-round travel to ensure consideration is taken up by all relevant sports. The committee also noted that teams fund their own travel, and the new seeding principles will likely require more teams to fly, which may result in additional cost. NCAA staff will follow up with the committee after the additional sport outreach with more information on the implementation timeline.

4. **Committee chair vote.** The committee voted for George Nelson from the United States Air Force Academy to serve as chair for the 2026-27 season.
5. **Bars v. beam switch at nationals.** NCAA staff presented an event layout concept for the national championships' finals site, wherein the placement of the bars and beam apparatuses would switch positions on the floor layout that have been used in previous years. The committee requested additional information and supporting documentation and took no action on the concept during the meeting.
6. **Complimentary admissions to away-from-home competition after prospective student-athlete written commitment.** The committee considered whether [Proposal 2026-48](#) should be extended to women's gymnastics. The committee does not recommend extending the proposal at this time.
7. **Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) equipment implementation charge.** The committee discussed future equipment change timelines and voiced support for coordination with the WCGA and equipment manufacturers. NCAA staff will follow up with WCGA staff regarding appropriate next steps.
8. **Meeting timeline for 2026-27.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2026-27 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee meeting timeline.
9. **Adjournment.**

Committee Chair: Shaun Richard, The Ohio State University, Big Ten Conference
Staff Liaisons: John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances
Danielle Day, Division I Governance and Member Services
Kelsi Mahoney, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee Aug. 11, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Lisa Bowerman, Texas Woman's University.	
Danna Durante, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Cindy Harris, Illinois State University.	
Colleen Kelly, Brown University.	
George Nelson, U.S. Air Force Academy.	
Shaun Richard, The Ohio State University.	
Absentees:	
Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart, University of Denver.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
John Baldwin, Danielle Day and Kelsi Mahoney.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Sami Bogenschutz.	