



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
AUG. 17, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Housekeeping items.** The championship manager discussed where the committee could find important resources, committee expectations and the schedule for when championship manuals would be published.
2. **Championship schedule.** The committee was updated on the schedule for the site visit, when the Championships Bid Portal would be open to accept preliminary-round bids, and the championship dates.
3. **NPI selection criteria.** The championship manager advised where the NPI dials are published for committee members to guide those who have questions. There are upcoming webinars scheduled in September and October for NCAA staff to help the membership understand the formulas and rationale for each sport. The championship liaison will distribute the webinar information when it's available.
 - a. NPI ranking schedule: Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22.
 - b. Daily NPI data pushes will begin on Feb. 22 through the final selection ranking.
4. **Other business.** The championship manager noted that a joint meeting with the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee will be scheduled soon and that initial correspondence with the Coaches Connect has been sent.

Committee Chair: Kelly Rider, Curry College, Conference of New England

Staff Liaison: Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee Aug. 17, 2026, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Tracy Johnson, St. Olaf College.	
Keith Maurice, Trinity College (Connecticut).	
Kelly Rider, Curry College.	
Charles Sowa, University of Wisconsin-River Falls.	
Absentees:	
Brian Savard, Plattsburgh State University of New York.	
Guests in Attendance:	

None.
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Dante Jones, NCAA Championships and Alliances.
Ryan Richardson, NCAA Championships and Alliances.