



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY
COMMITTEE DECEMBER 5, 2024,
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Major Junior Hockey.** Jeff Myers from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee regarding the Nov. 2024 Division I legislative change that allows Major Junior Hockey players to be recruited and play at the Division I level effective Aug. 1, 2025. The committee reviewed the current rules for Division III and offered feedback on whether Division III should implement the same Division I rules. The committee discussed the impacts on recruiting, transfers and initial eligibility if Division III were to recommend a change. Staff will continue to collect feedback on the topic before considering potential recommendations.
2. **NPI.** The committee continued to discuss the process and timeline for NPI rankings. This will be the first year Division III women's ice hockey will be using NPI after using Pairwise in previous years. Committee members shared feedback regarding the new process and concerns about how coaches may respond to the new timeline for access.
3. **Shootouts.** The committee discussed feedback from member institutions and conferences regarding the impact of shootouts on both NPI and competition minimums. The topic was tabled because the committee does not have the authority to consider a contest in the NPI that is not considered a completed contest per the playing rules. The discussion about potential proposals will continue during the annual meeting in March.
4. **Committee Roster.** The committee received a reminder that two committee members (administrators) will need to be replaced for 2025-26. Committee members were encouraged to recruit replacements within their respective regions. Nominations are due by end of business Jan. 7, 2025.
5. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - January 7, 11 a.m. -noon Eastern time (videoconference).
 - January 20, 11 a.m. -noon Eastern time (videoconference).
 - February 4, 11 a.m. -noon Eastern time (videoconference).

Committee Chair: Wendy McManus, State University of New York at Oswego
Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Tracy Johnson, St. Olaf College.	
Keith Maurice, Trinity College (Connecticut).	
Wendy McManus, State University of New York at Oswego.	
Kelly Rider, Curry College.	
Kimberly Sorensen, Marian University (Wisconsin).	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests:	
None.	
NCAA Staff in Attendance:	
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances.	
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances.	