REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
NOV. 17, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Site visit recap**. NCAA staff discussed their site visit to Plattsburgh State, host of the 2027 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship. NCAA staff and committee members are confident that Plattsburgh State University of New York will be a great host and put on an excellent championship.

2. **Automatic qualifiers and sport sponsorship**. The committee was informed of the 2026-27 sponsorship data and the automatic qualifier conferences for this year's championship.

3. **NPI ranking dates**. The committee was informed of the ranking dates leading up to selections for the 2027 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

4. **Championship planning**. The committee discussed how to continue enhancing the 2027 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship. The committee discussed student athlete mementos, fan giveaways, and potential ideas to enhance the banquet.

5. **Championship bid portal**. The committee was informed that the preliminary-round bid portal will open at the beginning of January instead of the beginning of December as it has in previous cycles.

Committee Chair: Kelly Rider, Curry College.
Staff Liaison(s): Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee Nov. 17, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Tracy Johnson, St. Olaf College.
Keith Maurice, Trinity College (Connecticut).
Kelly Rider, Curry College.
Brian Savard, Plattsburgh State University of New York.
Charles Sowa, University of Wisconsin-River Falls.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:

Dante Jones, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ryan Richardson, Championships and Alliances.