



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Governance and member services updates.

- a. **Division I championship status.** Staff provided an update on the status of the Division I championship, and the committee will continue discussions at future meetings throughout the 2026-27 academic year.
- b. **Commercial trademarks or logos on institutional and student-athlete apparel.** The committee received an update on the placement of commercial logos. The Division I Women's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee did not approve language that restricts the placement location to any part of the uniform or equipment. Institutions are permitted to add commercial logos consistent with the current legislation to permit two logos on the uniform and one additional logo on equipment. The placement of commercial logos may be updated in the playing rules guidelines for future seasons.
- c. **National Collegiate committee review.** The committee received an update on recommendations from the Division I Cabinet to modify the composition of National Collegiate sport committees to include nonvoting members as determined by the committee (e.g., secretary-rules editor, coaches association representative), and nonvoting Division I student-athletes. The committee was provided an update on additional responsibilities and certain championship duties that will now be under its purview.

2. Championship updates.

- a. **2027 Women's Frozen Four date formula** The committee approved a date change for the 2027 Women's Frozen Four. The semifinals will be Sunday, March 21, and the national championship game will be Tuesday, March 23, with all three games being on linear television. The committee will evaluate the date change after the 2027 championship and act on the 2028 dates at a scheduled meeting after the championship.
- b. **2029-2031 bid cycle.** The committee was updated on the timeline for the 2029, 2030, and 2031 bid cycle.

3. Playing rules updates.

- a. **Expiermental Rule.** The committee approved a request from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association to use an experimental rule during the 2026-2027 playing season.
- b. **Playing rules timeline.** The committee received an update on completing the playing rules timeline, including rule book and planned RQ educational content.

Committee Chair: *Brittany Kane, Boston University, Hockey East Association.*
Staff Liaisons: *Travis Johnston, Governance and Member Services*
 Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee August 13, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Celeste Brown, Rochester Institute of Technology, Atlantic Hockey America.	
Brittany Kane, Boston University, Hockey East Association.	
Dean O'Keefe, Stonehill College, New England Women's Hockey Alliance.	
Michelle McAteer, Western Collegiate Hockey Association.	
Melanie Ruzzi, Brown University, ECAC Hockey.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Charlie Dowd.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Caleb Kolby and Travis Johnston.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Paden Alie and Markell Staton.	