



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
AUGUST 10, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Unlimited High Sticking Experimental Rule**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee approved the WCHA's request to continue their experimental rule to permit unlimited high sticking in conference games.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately, for conference play only.
- (3) Rationale. Allow for unique skill plays to be made on all areas of the ice. Experimenting with Unlimited High Sticking will provide an additional year of data collection to consider for a major rule change to Women's Ice Hockey.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The members of the NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee in attendance were welcomed and thanked for their time.
- 2. Review of Experimental Rule Request.** The Division I Rules Subcommittee reviewed the WCHA's request to continue their experimental rule permitting unlimited high sticking. The committee weighed factors such as potential for future rule change, unintended consequences, and ability for other conferences to opt into the experimental rule. The rules subcommittee asks that data collection focuses on plays away from the net.
- 3. 2026-27 videoconference timeline.** The committee set a regular meeting time during the 3rd week of each month though the upcoming season.
- 4. Adjournment.** The videoconference adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Committee Chair(s): *Melanie Ruzzi, Brown University, ECAC Hockey*
Staff Liaison(s): *Paden Alie, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*

Division I Women's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee August 10, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Melanie Ruzzi, Brown University.	
Kelsey Cline, The Ohio State University.	
Jeff Siegel, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.	
Katie Lachapelle, College of the Holy Cross	
Lee-J Mirasolo, Stonehill College.	
Mackenzie Gaydosh, active official.	
Steve Piotrowski, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Krissy Langley, National Coordinator of Women's Ice Hockey Officials.	
Absentees:	
Emma Pais, Colgate University	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support of Committee) in Attendance:	
Paden Alie.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin, Caleb Kolby.	