



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 11, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and roll call.** The committee chair and NCAA staff welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Report from previous committee meeting.** The committee approved the Oct. 13 meeting report as written.
3. **Division I championship designation.** NCAA governance and member services staff updated the committee regarding the process of transitioning from a National Collegiate to a Division I championship. The committee appreciated the information and asked NCAA staff to prepare a more formal presentation for the American Hockey Coaches Association Convention in April. The committee feels that a topic of this importance deserves appropriate time to be socialized with all impacts being presented to the coaches while not in the middle of their season.
4. **Proposed legislation of commercial logos.** NCAA staff provided an update on the proposed legislation regarding commercial logos for women's ice hockey. The committee requested more information from staff about the legislation. NCAA staff will provide an initial response to the Division I Cabinet through the playing rules subcommittee. The Women's Ice Hockey Committee will be asked to take action at a future meeting.
5. **Championship updates.**
 - a. **Squad size.** The committee reviewed and approved maintaining the championship squad size at 27 student-athletes for the 2026 championship.
 - b. **Frozen Four planning.** NCAA staff provided an update on the 2026 Women's Frozen Four, including logistical plans with Penn State athletics staff and potential options for DVSPORT operations.
 - c. **Women's ice hockey officiating and leadership summit.** The committee received an update from the recent women's ice hockey officiating and leadership summit, where all five conference commissioners and officiating supervisors were represented.
6. **Division I Women's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee.**

- **Committee vacancy.** The committee voted to appoint Emma Pais, student-athlete at Colgate University, as a nonvoting member of the Division I Women's Ice Hockey Playing Rules Subcommittee.

7. **IIHF Women's World Championship.** The committee discussed the date change of the IIHF World Championship and tabled the discussion until the January meeting at the earliest.

Committee Chair: Janine Oman, The Ohio State University, Western Collegiate Hockey Association

Staff Liaison(s): Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliance

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Attendees:	
Brittany Kane, Boston University.	
Dean O'Keefe, Stonehill College.	
Janine Oman, The Ohio State University.	
Mel Ruzzi, Brown University.	
Absentees:	
Britni Smith, Syracuse University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Caleb Kolby, Ty Halpin and Travis Johnston.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Kristin Fasbender, Karen Kirsch and Markell Staton.	