



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
OCT. 6, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **Recruiting – Undergraduate Student-Athlete Notification of Transfer – Women's Ice Hockey.**
 - a. Recommendation. The NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee requests the NCAA Division I Cabinet introduce expedited legislation to modify the notification-of-transfer legislation in women's ice hockey to permit an undergraduate student-athlete to submit notification of transfer the business day following the conclusion of the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship.
 - b. Effective. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. This proposal modifies the notification-of-transfer legislation to reflect the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee's decision to move the 2027 NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship from Sunday, March 21, to Tuesday, March 23. The modification maintains the intent of Proposal No. 2026-1 that the notification-of-transfer window opens the day following the conclusion of the championship contest while accounting for future championship date changes.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. This recommendation aligns with the intent of Proposal No. 2026-1 and would permit student-athletes to submit notification of transfer immediately following the championship.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **National Collegiate committee review.** The committee received an update on NCAA Division I Proposal 2026-46 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 discussed the desired composition of the committee and will act on the composition recommendations in a future meeting pending Division I Cabinet adoption of Proposal 2026-46 during its Oct. 6-7 videoconference.

2. Championship updates.

- a. **2027 Women's Frozen Four schedule.** The committee provided recommendations to the 2027 Women's Frozen Four schedule taking into consideration new dates and game times. The committee amended practice selection policy with the new game times. The committee will continue working with the hosts to finalize the schedule.
- b. **2029-2031 bid cycle.** The committee was updated on the timeline for the 2029, 2030, and 2031 bid cycle. The committee discussed the strategic priorities for the cycle which includes location, venue, financials, student-athlete experience, host support, hotel options, bid enhancements, and bid compliance.

3. Playing rules cycle. The committee reviewed the process to review potential rule changes during a non-rules change year, which include: Rules implemented in the previous cycle that require alteration, concerns for student-athlete safety, significant financial impact, concern for integrity of the game, and aligning with new international/professional rules or interpretations.

4. Report of the Sept. 11, 2026, meeting. The committee approved the report of its Sept. 11 meeting.

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 Oct. 6, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Celeste Brown, Rochester Institute of Technology, Atlantic Hockey America.	
Charlie Dowd, Sacred Heart University, New England Women's Hockey Alliance.	
Brittany Kane, Boston University, Hockey East Association.	
Michelle McAteer, Western Collegiate Hockey Association.	
Melanie Ruzzi, Brown University, ECAC Hockey.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Caleb Kolby and Travis Johnston.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Paden Alie.	