



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
APRIL 9, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

• **Recruiting -- Women's Lacrosse -- First Opportunity for Recruiting Activities.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee introduced legislation to establish a 12:00 pm ET start time on September 1 of a prospect's junior year of high school as the first permissible date and time for recruiting activities.

The oversight committee requests the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt the proposed change as expedited legislation at its June 2026 meeting.

- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2026.
- (3) Rationale. The proposal supports prospective student-athlete and coach well-being by commencing recruiting activities at normal hours rather than the middle of the night. This proposal is overwhelmingly supported by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association and the oversight committee's student-athlete representatives.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. De minimis recruiting expenses, which vary by institution based on recruiting practices
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposal supports prospective student-athlete well-being by commencing initial recruiting conversations during normal hours.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Governance and Member Service updates.**

- a. **Update on Proposal No. 2026-26 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Women's Lacrosse – First Contest Date.** The oversight committee received an update on Proposal No. 2026-26, which would amend the first contest date from 15 to 16 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship game. The proposal was introduced into the June legislative cycle and is currently in the membership feedback period.
- b. **Division I Cabinet updates.** The oversight committee received an update specific to Proposal No. 2026-10 (Recruiting – Transfer Outside of the Notification of Transfer Process and Participation in Athletically Related Activities – Institutional Penalties), which was adopted during the Cabinet's April 1 meeting. Additionally, the oversight committee received an update

specific to the Cabinet's review of Bylaw 17 decentralization and deregulation efforts during its April 14-15 meeting.

**2. Championship updates.**

- a. **2026 championship updates.** The oversight committee reviewed general championship operations surrounding preliminary rounds through the championship to ensure awareness and visibility on all items. The oversight committee specifically provided feedback on finalizing the championship event schedule and received a report from the National Coordinator of Officials.
- b. **2027 and 2028 joint championship update.** NCAA staff provided an update on the 2027 and 2028 joint championship.

**3. Playing rules updates.**

- **Update on the use of commercial trademarks or logos on the playing surface.** The oversight committee received an update on the playing rules subcommittee's review of placement of commercial and nonprofit trademarks or logos during the regular season on the playing surface and adopted the subcommittee's recommendation to permit:
  - i. The logo(s) shall fit into a box that is 15 feet by 15 feet square;
  - ii. The boxes shall be located 10 yards from the sideline or outside both endlines; and
  - iii. May not interfere with required field markings.

4. **NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight March 6 meeting report.** The oversight committee approved the March 6 Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee meeting report.

*Committee Chair:* Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida, Big 12 Conference.

*Staff Liaisons:* Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.  
Sara Thurber, Governance and Member Services.  
Jerry Vaughn, Governance and Member Services.

<b>NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee April 9, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jen Adams, Loyola University Maryland.	
Mara Banfield, National Coordinator of Officials.	
Kristy Bannon, Temple University; American Conference.	
Derek Cowherd, University of Louisville; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Steve Eigenbrot, Towson University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Caroline Glus, Student-athlete from Mercer University.	
Chloe Humphrey, Student-athlete from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Suzette McQueen, Kent State University.	
Sal Mercogliano, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Cathy Reese, University of Maryland; Big Ten Conference.	
Liz Robertshaw, Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.	
Jake Silverman, Brown University; The Ivy League.	
Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Stefanie Sparks Smith, Secretary Rules Editor.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Caleb Kolby.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>	
Connor Bush, Emily Capehart, J.D. Hamilton, and Michelle Watsky.	