



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 17, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Governance and Member Services (GMS) updates.**
 - a. **2025 legislative process and milestones.** NCAA staff provided an overview to the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee of (1) the new governance structure and legislative process, (2) the committee's legislative authority, and (3) the Division I legislative timelines and calendar.
 - b. **Women's lacrosse change of competition start date request.** The committee reviewed and unanimously supported a legislative change that would amend the first date of competition legislation, adjusting it from 15 to 16 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship game. The committee intends to introduce this as legislation into the next available cycle.
 - c. **Recruiting calendar.** NCAA staff provided background on how modifications of the Division I women's lacrosse calendar were previously made and outlined the committee's authority in making modifications in the new governance structure. NCAA staff also noted that the policy governing modifications to recruiting calendars is on the Division I Cabinet's January agenda, which may adjust future processes. The committee discussed ideal timing for submitting recommended modifications for annual calendar updates.
2. **Playing rules updates.**
 - a. **Review of proposed legislation of commercial logos.** NCAA staff reviewed the details of the proposed legislation on commercial logos, including the number of logos and their possible placements for women's lacrosse.
 - b. **Lacrosse Equipment Council.** NCAA staff provided an update on the establishment of a Lacrosse Equipment Council by USA Lacrosse, noting that the NCAA's role will be limited to receiving information and providing updates and will not be involved in decision-making or consulting.
 - c. **Blue-Sky Communication and Alignment Working Group Girls'/Women's Lacrosse Rules.** The committee received an informational update on the establishment and timing of the initial meeting of the Blue-Sky Communication and Alignment Working Group for girls'/women's lacrosse rules.

3. Championship updates.

- a. Ticket sale update for 2026 championship.** NCAA staff updated the committee on the number of all-session tickets sold as of December 17.
- b. Minimum ticket prices for the preliminary rounds.** NCAA staff noted that the minimum ticket price for the 2026 championship increased to \$10 for first/second rounds and \$15 for quarterfinals. NCAA staff noted that the previous minimum ticket prices were lower, but most sites were already in this price range.
- c. Student-athlete mementoes at the championship.** The committee reviewed the two prior years' of NCAA provided mementoes in lieu of a championship banquet and received feedback from the student-athlete members on their experience. The committee began discussing potential items for the student-athlete mementoes at the 2026 championship and will work directly with the student-athletes during the process.
- d. Press conferences on Thursday of championship weekend.** The committee received information on and discussed adding a media press conference prior to the semifinals on the Thursday of championship weekend. The addition of the media press conference would start with the 2026 championship. The committee supported this initiative and will receive an update when there is an updated draft championship schedule during their next meeting.
- e. Broadcast updates.** NCAA staff informed the committee regarding ESPN's Game On series and that the women's lacrosse championship will be featured. The committee also received an update on the minimum camera requirements now required at the preliminary-round sites. Preliminary-round hosts are now required to have four cameras. The committee also received an update on when ESPN will determine game times and linear networks for the 2026 championship.
- f. Review of summer annual meeting report key items.** NCAA staff reviewed key items from the 2025 summer annual meeting report, including the recommended 50% seeding initiative and bracket size. The committee understands that these key items are concepts and not actual changes at this time.
- g. Joint championship updates.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an update on the status of hosting a joint women's lacrosse championship for 2027 and 2028. NCAA Staff noted an additional meeting will be scheduled in early 2026 to continue discussing this topic.
- h. Selection criteria reminders.** Due to time constraints, the committee will address this agenda at a future meeting.

- i. **Outstanding host questions.** At this time, there are no outstanding 2026 host questions. This will be a standing agenda item at all meetings to discuss any feedback requested by the host on operational decisions at the final site of the 2026 championship.
4. **IWLCA Convention and white paper.** The committee received an update from the IWLCA related to their convention and the recently released white paper. It was noted that the IWLCA will be the leading body in addressing the top priorities of the white paper, and that it would work closely with the NCAA committee structure throughout this process.
5. **NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Oct. 27 videoconference.** The committee approved the Oct. 27 videoconference meeting report as written.
6. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed the current future meeting schedule. NCAA staff noted that an additional meeting may be added prior to the April meeting based on potential future committee action.
 - Thursday, April 9, 2026, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
 - Tuesday, July 28 through Thursday, July 30 (videoconference).

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

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

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Sara Thurber, Division I Governance and Member Services

Jerry Vaughn, Division I Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:

Jen Adams, Loyola University Maryland.
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Mara Banfield, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.
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Kristy Bannon, Temple University, American Conference.
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Derek Cowherd, University of Louisville, Atlantic Coast Conference.

Steve Eigenbrot, Towson University, Coastal Athletic Conference.
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Caroline Glus, Mercer University.

Chloe Humphrey, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
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Suzette McQueen, Kent State University.

Sal Mercogliano, Campbell University; Faculty Athletics Representative Association.

Cathy Reese, University of Maryland, Big Ten Conference.
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Liz Robertshaw, Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.

Jake Silverman, Brown University, Ivy League.

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Stefanie Sparks Smith, NCAA Secretary Rules Editor.

| Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida, Big 12 Conference. |

Absentees:

| None. |

Guests in Attendance:

| Laura Hebert, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor-in-waiting. |

NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
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| Caleb Kolby, J.D. Hamilton, Sara Thurber and Jerry Vaughn. |

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
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| Lucas DuMars, Markell Staton and Michelle Watsky. |