



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE
FEB. 18, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee report.** The committee approved the Jan. 21 report as presented.
2. **Division I Cabinet referral of Proposal No. 2026-8.** The committee reviewed the Division I Cabinet's referral to consider Division I Proposal No. 2026-8 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tour – Time Lapse Between Tours – Basketball – Once per Year) in women's ice hockey. Committee members agreed to solicit feedback from their conferences to provide a formal position by March 27, 2026.
3. **Division I Women's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee.** The committee received an update from the recent rules subcommittee meeting and discussed the timeline of approval of the set of commercial trademarks or logos on equipment, uniforms, and apparel. The committee expects to convene to approve the proposal at a future date. The committee also reviewed the timeline for the rules change this summer, and urged NCAA staff to ensure lines of communication were open with the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee and the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Rules Subcommittee to ensure collaboration through the new rules change process.
4. **Postseason officiating policies and procedures.** The committee received an update from NCAA National Coordinator of Officials Krissy Langley who reviewed the current postseason recommendation list by conference. The committee was asked to review and provide feedback on all officials listed, but if the committee felt comfortable moving forward with the officials on the list through the conference supervisor and national coordinator of officials evaluations, feedback was not required. The committee was also reminded of the policies and procedures document that was completed and approved prior to the season, which includes the recommendation, evaluation, and assignment process for officiating during the NCAA championship.
5. **Selection information and NPI rankings.** The committee reviewed the current NPI rankings and plans for future meetings to review the rankings and draft brackets. The committee was provided updates around regional bid deadline, current regional bids, and bracketing principles.
6. **Championship information.** The committee reviewed the current dasher proposal for approval. The committee was provided updates surrounding championship planning.

Report of the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee

Videoconference

Feb. 18, 2026

Page No. 2

7. **Future meetings.** The committee's future meeting with actionable business is at a date yet to be scheduled. The remaining meetings before the championship will be focused on championship selection and bracketing, as well as Women's Frozen Four planning.

Committee Chair: Janine Oman, Ohio State University

Staff Liaisons: Travis Johnston, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee Feb. 18, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Brittany Kane, Boston University, Hockey East Association.	
Dean O'Keefe, Stonehill College, New England Women's Hockey Alliance.	
Janine Oman, Ohio State University, Western Collegiate Hockey Association.	
Melanie Ruzzi, Brown University, ECAC Hockey.	
Absentees:	
Britni Smith, Syracuse University, Atlantic Hockey America.	
Guests in Attendance	
Krissy Langley, Women's Ice Hockey National Coordinator of Officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Travis Johnston and Caleb Kolby.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Paden Alie and Markell Staton.	