



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MARCH 6, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Women's Lacrosse – First Contest or Date of Competition.**
  - (1) Action. The NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the June 2026 legislative cycle to modify the playing and practice season legislation to modify the first date of competition legislation, from 15 to 16 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship game.
  - (2) Effective date. August 1, 2026.
  - (3) Rationale. By moving up the first permissible contest or date of competition, this additional week will alleviate some of the burden of mid-week, in-conference travel and allow for an extra week of planning to better support and accommodate the student-athletes' academic schedules.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. NCAA Division I governance and member services updates.**

- a. **NCAA Division I Cabinet updates.** NCAA staff provided an overview of recent Division I Cabinet actions including (1) the approved timeline for reviewing legislation for decentralization and deregulation, and (2) the endorsement of the football proposal for transfer window penalties application to all sports.
- b. **Foreign tour restriction review.** In preparation for the Cabinet's April 14-15 review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-8 (Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tour – Time Lapse Between Tours – Basketball – Once per Year), which would eliminate the once-in-four-years timing limitation and permit an institution to take a foreign tour once per year, the oversight committee discussed whether the proposal should apply to women's lacrosse. The oversight committee supports the proposal applying to women's lacrosse. Specifically, the oversight committee noted

the elimination of the once-in-four-year restriction on foreign tours allows for uniform application of the foreign tour legislation, provides an opportunity to help grow awareness of the sport globally, and the opportunity to participate in potentially transformative experiences.

- c. **2026-27 Division I Women's Lacrosse recruiting calendar.** As recommended by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association, the oversight committee approved modifications to the 2026-27 Division I women's lacrosse recruiting calendar to only permit coaches to evaluate at events (showcase and tournament) that are held in conjunction with the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Convention the third weekend immediately preceding Thanksgiving. The changes are effective immediately.

### 3. Playing rules updates.

- Update on the use of commercial trademarks or logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel. The oversight committee received an update on the playing rules subcommittee's review of placement of commercial and nonprofit trademarks or logos on student-athlete uniforms, apparel and equipment for all non-NCAA championship competition, including pre- and post-game activities. The oversight committee adopted the subcommittee's recommendation to:
  - (1) Continue to permit two additional commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos on a student-athlete's uniform or apparel.
    - The oversight committee approved an editorial revision clarifying permissible logo placement locations. The additional logos are permitted on:
      - i. Front shoulder panel (No closer than one inch from the identifying name, nickname or logo);
      - ii. Reverse side of the game jersey, no closer than two inches above or below the number;
      - iii. Sleeves; or
      - iv. Front lower quadrant on the game skirt.
  - (2) Continue to permit one commercial or nonprofit trademark or logo on one piece of equipment for all non-NCAA championship competitions.

- (3) The oversight committee discussed the subcommittee's recommendation to allow up to two commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos to be permitted on the playing field, placed in the wing areas of the field, alternate from one another, 10 yards from the sidelines and not larger than a 15-foot-by-15-foot square. The oversight committee referred this item back to the subcommittee for further review. Members requested additional information on the number and placement of the commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos used in other sports that typically share field space with women's lacrosse (e.g., men's lacrosse, football, field hockey, soccer) in order to better understand common numbers and placements of trademarks and logos before making a decision.
4. **Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee updates.** NCAA staff provided an update on current men's lacrosse oversight committee topics to ensure awareness and visibility, and for discussion at a future joint oversight committee meeting
5. **Championship updates.**
  - a. **2026 championship subcommittee travel.** NCAA staff provided an update regarding championship travel for 2026 selections and the final site of the championship. NCAA staff encouraged championship subcommittee members to book early to assist in their schedule logistics.
  - b. **2026 championship updates.** The oversight committee reviewed several items surrounding championship plans for 2026, including regional rank call timing, selection criteria policies, a confirmed date for the annual ESPN Top 10 reveal, bid portal timeline and site representative recruitment. The oversight committee will be provided with more detailed updates on these same topics during its April meeting.
  - c. **2027 and 2028 joint championship update.** NCAA staff provided an update on the 2027 and 2028 joint championship.
6. **Report of the December 17, 2025, Meeting.** The oversight committee approved the report of its December 17 meeting.

*Committee Chair:* Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida, Big 12 Conference.  
*Staff Liaison(s):* J.D. Hamilton, Championships and Alliances.  
Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.  
Sara Thurber, Division I Governance and Member Services.  
Jerry Vaughn, Division I Governance and Member Services.

<b>NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee March 6, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jen Adams, Loyola University Maryland.	
Kristy Bannon, Temple University, American Conference	
Derek Cowherd, University of Louisville; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Steve Eigenbrot, Towson University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Chloe Humphrey, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.	
Suzette McQueen, Kent State University.	
Sal Mercogliano, Campbell University, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Cathy Reese, University of Maryland; Big Ten Conference.	
Liz Robertshaw, Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.	
Jake Silverman, Brown University; Ivy League.	
Stefanie Sparks Smith, secretary-rules editor.	
Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida; Big 12 Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Caroline Glus, Mercer University.	
Mara Banfield, national coordinator of officials.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Laura Hebert, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor-in-waiting.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
J.D. Hamilton, Caleb Kolby and Sara Thurber.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Markell Staton, Caleb Vaughn and Michelle Watsky.	