

# NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE BULLETIN

## NOVEMBER 2025

The NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee is providing this information to outline key information. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or the championship manager, Caleb Kolby, assistant director, championships and alliances (317-917-6180, [ckolby@ncaa.org](mailto:ckolby@ncaa.org)).

### 2025-26 Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee Roster

Cathy Reese  
Head Women's Lacrosse Coach  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Big Ten, Autonomy Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2026

Central/West Region

Lindsey Thomas (Chair)  
Senior Assoc. AD, Ops and Facilities  
University of Florida  
Big 12, Autonomy Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2026

Central/West Region

Suzette McQueen  
Deputy Athletics Director/  
Kent State University  
MAC, At-Large Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2027

Central/West Region

Derek Cowherd  
Associate AD, Community and Culture  
University of Louisville  
ACC, Autonomy Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2028

South Region

Jen Adams  
Head Women's Lacrosse Coach  
Loyola University Maryland  
Patriot League, At-Large Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2029

Mid-Atlantic Region

Jake Silverman  
Assistant Vice President for Athletics  
Brown University  
Ivy League, Success Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2029

Northeast Region

Steve Eigenbort  
Director of Athletics  
Towson University  
CAA, Success Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2027

South Region

Kristy Bannon  
Executive Senior Associate AD  
Temple University  
American, Success Seat  
Term expires: 8/31/2028

Mid-Atlantic Region

Chloe Humphrey  
Student-Athlete  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
Term expires: 8/31/2026

Student-Athlete

Caroline Glus  
Student-Athlete  
Mercer University  
Term expires: 8/31/2026

Student-Athlete

Sal Mercogliano  
FAR Representative  
Campbell University  
Term expires: 8/31/2029

Non-Voting

Mara Banfield  
National Coordinator of Officials

Non-Voting

Stefanie Sparks Smith  
Secretary Rules Editor  
Term expires: 8/31/2026

Non-Voting

Liz Robertshaw  
IWLCA  
Term expires: 8/31/2029

Non-Voting

### 2025-26 Regional Advisory Committees

#### Mid-Atlantic

**Kristy Bannon, Temple, American Athletic**  
**Jen Adams, Loyola Maryland, Patriot**  
Kara Mupo, George Mason, Atlantic 10  
Maggie Zentgraf, Butler, Big East  
Beth Hewitt, Vanderbilt, American Athletic  
Jackie Dando, Bucknell, Patriot

#### Northeast

**Jake Silverman, Brown, Ivy**  
Stephanie Allen, Binghamton, America East  
Jenna Dinger, Manhattan, Metro Atlantic  
Jenn Cook, Princeton, Ivy  
Karen Healy-Silcott, Howard, Northeast

#### South

**Steve Eigenbort, Towson, Colonial Athletic**  
**Derek Cowherd, Louisville, Atlantic Coast**  
Rachel Whitten, Coastal Carolina, ASUN  
Lyndsey Boswell, High Point, Big South  
Dawn Easley, Campbell, Colonial Athletic  
Allison Kwolek, Clemson, Atlantic Coast

#### Central/West

**Cathy Reese, Maryland, Big Ten**

**Lindsey Thomas, Florida, Big 12**  
**Suzette McQueen, Kent State, MAC**  
Amanda Moore, Ohio State, Big Ten  
Ann Elliott, Colorado, Big 12  
Brienne Tierney, Kent State, MAC

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### **Championship Selection Criteria**

**Bylaw 31.3.3.1- Countable Competition:** For NCAA team championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institution. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

### **Selection Criteria**

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition (Bylaw 31.3.3; criteria for selection of participants):

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the women's lacrosse committee has received approval from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the women's lacrosse championship (not necessarily in priority order):

### **Primary Criteria**

- Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Evaluation of the 10 highest-rated teams on an institution's schedule (defined by two components: strength of schedule and winning percentage.)
- Significant wins and losses.

### **Secondary Criterion**

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criterion will be reviewed:

- Late-season performance (strength of schedule and winning percentage in last six games).
- Results against teams already selected
- Nonconference RPI

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the women's lacrosse committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or

rankings are not used as a criterion by the women's lacrosse committee for selection purposes.

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### **Championship Dates and Sites**

#### **2026 Championship Dates**

Selections: Sunday, May 3  
First/Second Rounds: Friday, May 8 and Sunday, May 10  
Quarterfinals: Thursday, May 14  
Semifinals/Final: Friday and Sunday, May 22 and 24  
Host: Northwestern University;  
Evanston, IL  
Venue: Martin Stadium

#### **2027 Championship Dates**

Selections: Sunday, May 9  
First/Second Rounds: Friday, May 14 and Sunday, May 16  
Quarterfinals: Thursday, May 20  
Semifinals/Final: Friday and Sunday, May 28 and 30  
Host: Temple University  
Philadelphia, PA  
Venue: Subaru Park

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### **2026 Automatic Qualifiers**

American Athletic Conference	Colonial Athletic Conference
American East Conference	The Ivy League
ASUN Conference	Metro Atlantic Athletic
Atlantic 10 Conference	Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Mid-American Conference
Big 12 Conference	Northeast Conference
Big East Conference	Patriot League
Big South Conference	
Big Ten Conference	

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### **Recent Oversight Committee Action Items**

A host will be required to provide video replay during the preliminary rounds.

The squad size has increased to include thirty-eight eligible student-athletes during championship play. The travel party is not increased and remains at forty.

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### **Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule**

The oversight committee will meet in January, April and July. If you have topics that you would like the committee to discuss, please forward them in writing to Caleb Kolby ([ckolby@ncaa.org](mailto:ckolby@ncaa.org)) at the NCAA national office by the last day of the prior month.

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