



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 27, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and roll call.** NCAA staff welcomed and introduced the three newest oversight committee members – Jen Adams, Chloe Humphrey and Caroline Glus.
2. **Report from previous oversight committee meeting.** The committee approved the Oct. 8 meeting report as written.
3. **Committee orientation.** NCAA staff reviewed key responsibilities, expectations, policies and procedures, meeting material locations and important dates for serving on the committee.
4. **Championship subcommittee roster.** NCAA staff provided an overview of key responsibilities of the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship Subcommittee.
5. **Committee vacancies.** The committee voted to appoint Jen Adams, head women's lacrosse coach at Loyola University Maryland, and Caroline Glus, student-athlete at Mercer University, as nonvoting members of the Women's Lacrosse Playing Rules Subcommittee.
6. **Championship updates.** NCAA staff provided the committee with updates on the status of a future joint championship.
 - a. **Joint championship executive summary.** The committee reviewed and approved the joint championship executive summary. The Division II and Division III women's lacrosse committees will discuss the joint championship proposal for 2027 and 2028 during their upcoming meetings. For championships beyond 2028, the committee will evaluate the experience of a joint championship before determining the best format for future championships.
 - b. **Video replay hosting requirement.** The committee reviewed and approved the recommendation from the 2025 annual meeting report to mandate video replay as a requirement to be a preliminary round host.
 - c. **Broadcast camera minimums.** The committee will discuss minimum broadcast hosting requirements at a future meeting.

- d. **Increase squad size to align with roster limit.** The committee reviewed and approved increasing the championship squad size from 32 student-athletes to 38 student-athletes to align with the roster limit effective for the 2026 championship.
- e. **Head coach press conference on Thursday.** The committee will receive an update on this via email.
- f. **Student-athlete gifting program.** The committee will receive an update on this via email.
- g. **Northwestern site visit recap.** The committee will receive an update on this via email.

7. **Playing rules updates.**

- a. **Review playing rules summer actions.** The committee reviewed and approved the following playing rules changes:
 - i. Implement a 30-second clock beginning with the signal from the official following the completion of the stick check of the goal-scorer's stick and concluding at the start of the administration of the draw. If one team is not present at the center circle and ready for the draw by the expiration of the 30 seconds, possession shall be awarded to the opposing team. If neither team is ready, play will resume using the alternate possession rule.
 - ii. Change the definition of critical scoring area to exclude any area below the goal line extended. Under this revised definition, if a foul occurs below the goal line extended in what used to be considered part of the critical scoring area, that foul will now be handled like a foul outside the critical scoring area. The dot will serve as the spot from which cardable fouls and defensive goal circle fouls are administered.
- b. **Proposed legislation of commercial logos.** The committee will review at a future meeting.

8. **Governance and Member Services (GMS) updates.**

- a. **2025 Legislative process and milestones.** NCAA staff provided an overview of (1) the new governance structure and legislative process, (2) the oversight committee's legislative authority and (3) the Division I legislative timeline and calendar.

- b. **Women's Lacrosse Change of Competition State Date Request.** The committee briefly reviewed and discussed a possible legislative change amending the first date of competition legislation.
9. **Meeting cadence and future meeting schedule.** NCAA staff briefly reviewed the draft comprehensive meeting schedule for the oversight committee, the championship subcommittee and the playing rules subcommittee.

Committee Chair: Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida, Big 12 Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances
 J.D. Hamilton, Championships and Alliances
 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.	
Mara Banfield (NCAA National Coordinator of Officials, nonvoting member).	
Kristy Bannon, Temple University, American Conference.	
Derek Cowherd, University of Louisville, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Steve Eigenbrot, Towson University, Coastal Athletic Conference.	
Caroline Glus, Mercer University.	
Chloe Humphrey, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Suzette McQueen, Kent State University.	
Sal Mercogliano, Campbell University (Faculty Athletics Representative, nonvoting member).	
Cathy Reese, University of Maryland, Big Ten Conference.	
Liz Robertshaw (Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association, nonvoting member).	
Jake Silverman, Brown University, Ivy League.	
Stefanie Sparks Smith (NCAA Women's Lacrosse Secretary-Rules Editor, nonvoting member).	
Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida, Big 12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Caleb Kolby, J.D. Hamilton, Sara Thurber and Jerry Vaughn.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lucas DuMars and Markell Staton.	