



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPT. 10, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Championship updates.

- a. **Bid cycle timelines.** NCAA staff updated the committee on anticipated key dates for the 2029-31 joint women's lacrosse championship bid timeline.
- b. **Selection criteria.** The committee continued discussing selection criteria and metrics for future championships. After review, the committee determined that the current selection criteria are working well. While the criteria will continue to be evaluated annually, the committee determined that no immediate changes are necessary.
- c. **Preliminary-round linear windows.** The committee reviewed proposals from ESPN on opportunities to expand the preliminary-round coverage for the 2027 championship. The committee appreciated the information and directed NCAA staff to obtain more information around the championship date formula. The committee will continue the conversation during the October meeting.
- d. **ESPN preliminary-round access document.** The committee reviewed and approved the proposed access documents for the preliminary rounds of the 2027 championship.
- e. **2027 championship planning.** The committee continued discussing plans for the joint championship.

2. Playing rules updates.

- a. **NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee roster.** The committee voted to appoint the student-athlete representative from the oversight committee to serve as a nonvoting member on the Women's Lacrosse Playing Rules Subcommittee.
- b. **Recap of Aug. 26 Division I Women's Lacrosse Playing Rules Subcommittee meeting.** The committee received an update from the playing rules subcommittee on its Aug. 26 meeting and noted that Laura Hebert is now the active secretary-rules editor.
- c. **Playing rules timeline.** The committee received an update on the timeline for concluding the rules change process and the anticipated availability of educational materials for the public. The committee emphasized the importance of finalizing these materials in a timely manner to ensure they can be distributed to coaches and officials as soon as possible.

3. Governance and member service updates.

- a. Overview of recent legislative changes and proposals.** The committee received an overview of recent legislative changes that were adopted and proposals introduced into the October 2026 legislative cycle.
- b. Proposed Division I legislative process – feedback opportunity.** The committee received an overview and had the opportunity to provide feedback on Proposal No. 2026-45 and its associated policy recommendations.

4. Report of the July 28-29, 2026, meeting. The oversight committee approved the report of its July 28-29 annual meeting.

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

Staff Liaisons: Caleb Kolby, Championships and Alliances.

Sara Thurber, Governance and Member Services.

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Attendees:	
Jen Adams, Loyola University Maryland.	
Kristy Bannon, Temple University; American Conference.	
Casey Cegles, Towson University; Coastal Athletic Association. (alternate)	
Derek Cowherd, University of Louisville; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Paige Kenny, Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee.	
Amy Foster, Cornell University; The Ivy League.	
Anna Regan, Student-athlete from University of Southern California.	
Suzette McQueen, Kent State University.	
Cathy Reese, University of Maryland; Big Ten Conference.	
Liz Robertshaw, Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.	
Laura Hebert, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Lindsey Thomas, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.	
Absentees:	
Mara Banfield, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.	
Steve Eigenbrot, Towson University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Sal Mercogliano, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Caleb Kolby and Sara Thurber.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Lucas DuMars, J.D. Hamilton, Shelby Sonnefeldt and Markell Staton.	