



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
JULY 29, 2026

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **2027 and 2028 joint women's lacrosse championship.**

(1) Recommendation. For Division II Women's Lacrosse to host their championship game as part of a joint women's lacrosse championship in 2027 at Johnny Unitas Stadium on the campus of Towson University and 2028 at Subaru Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; further to amend the date formula to move the semifinal games to the Saturday prior to the championship in those years [Attachment].

(2) Effective date. 2027 and 2028 championships.

(3) Rationale. The Division I Women's Lacrosse Sport Oversight Committee has invited Divisions II and III to participate in a joint championship for the 2027 and 2028 championships. A joint championship offers several benefits, most important of which is a goal to grow the sport of women's lacrosse. The overall goal for a joint championship is to provide a destination event for fans of women's lacrosse, with three days full of the highest level of women's lacrosse within their respective division. The women's lacrosse community has been able to observe the success of a counterpart sport of the Men's Lacrosse Championship in the same format. The Men's Lacrosse Championships have experienced success with this championship format, and the women's lacrosse community wants to continue to grow the game by providing the same opportunity for their student-athletes and fans.

The divisional women's lacrosse committees have created joint bid specifications as part of the 2029-31 bid process and determinations about future sites and championship structure will be made at a later date in conjunction with the bid process.

(4) Estimated budget impact. The budget impact to hold the championship game at Johnny Unitas Stadium and move two semifinal games to the prior weekend at campus sites in 2027 and for 2028 at Subaru Park and moving two semifinal games to the prior weekend at campus sites is within the budgeted range.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The joint championship will provide an enhanced experience for the two teams participating in the championship game.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- None

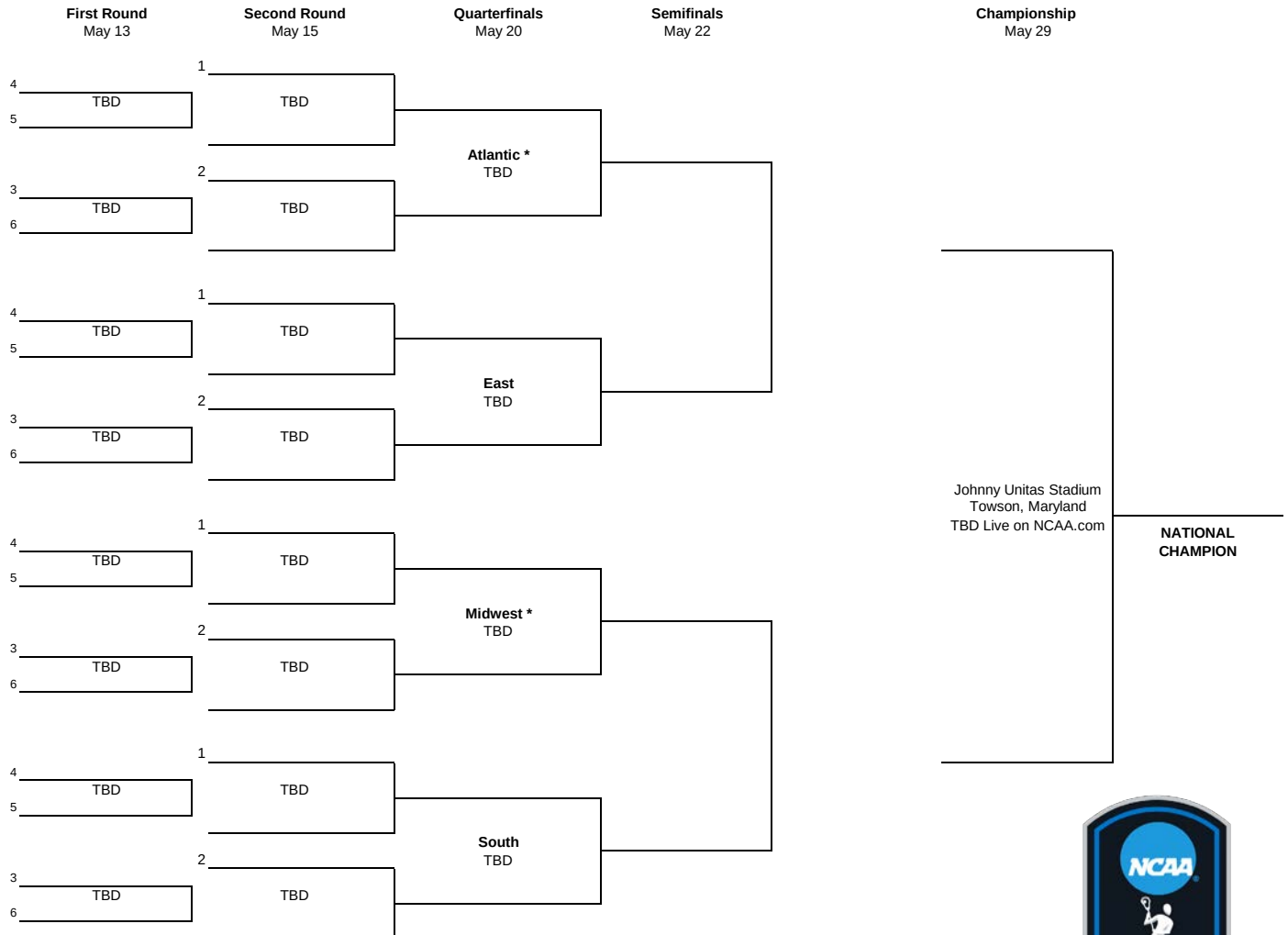
Committee Chair: Melissa Gyllenborg, Maryville University of St. Louis

Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee July 29, 2026	
Attendees:	
Melissa Gyllenborg, Maryville University of Saint Louis	
Dawn Sachs, Mercy University	
Akasha Kasper, University of Alabama in Huntsville	
Abby Wiley, Wingate University	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	



2027 NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship



NATIONAL
CHAMPION



All times are eastern time.

*Host Institution

Information subject to change.

**The highest remaining seed from the Atlantic and Midwest regions will host the quarterfinal/semifinal rounds.

***Hosting rights will rotate annually between the Atlantic/East regions and the Midwest/South regions