



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
JUNE 11, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2025 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2025 annual meeting report as submitted.
- 2. 2026 championship review.**
 - a. Selection timeline.** The committee discussed the selection timeline for 2026 and agreed it was sufficient.
 - b. Selection show.** The committee discussed the selection show in 2026 and ways to enhance the experience for student-athletes, coaches and fans.
 - c. Hotels.** The committee discussed team hotels for preliminary rounds and continues to emphasize the importance of hosts meeting all requirements. The committee discussed hotel arrangements at the finals site and the process of assigning for future years.
 - d. Broadcast/Streaming.** The committee discussed the streams for preliminary rounds and emphasized the importance of taking steps to mitigate any issues ahead of time. The committee was pleased with the talent at the finals site and discussed weather variables encountered with the stream.
 - e. Survey review.** The committee discussed the survey results throughout various sections of the agenda. Committee members also discussed opportunities to engage the membership more effectively in the future.
 - f. Practice times.** The committee discussed practice times and agreed to allow schools with a first-round bye to practice for two hours on Wednesday and Thursday before their opponent is determined.
 - g. Game times.** The committee was pleased with the result of host sites determining game times.
 - h. Officials.** The committee discussed officiating assignments, noting the need to continue improving the timeliness of the process and enhancing the relationship with the national coordinator of officials.
 - i. Preliminary-round sites.** The committee discussed alternate site requirements for preliminary rounds and will address language in manuals for more clarity.

- j. **Equipment.** The committee discussed effectiveness, quantity and arrival of equipment used at all sites.

3. 2026 championship.

- a. **2026 committee timeline.** The committee affirmed the effectiveness of the timeline for 2026 and will continue to use a similar timeline for the 2027 championship. The committee did note how Memorial Day impacts the timeline next year.
 - b. **Gifts.** The committee was very pleased with the student-athlete gifts.
 - c. **Host.** The committee was satisfied with the host staff and their willingness to go above and beyond for the student-athletes.
 - d. **Signage.** The committee was pleased with the signage at the finals site.
 - e. **Combined championship.** The committee was pleased with how the combined championship was conducted. The support from the respective divisions was a highlight.
 - f. **Travel.** The committee discussed travel for all rounds of the championship.
- 4. Selection criteria.** The committee discussed in-region requirement for at-large selection and maintained the number of games needed to satisfy the requirement.
- 5. Bracket.** The committee reviewed region allocation and bracketing principles.
- 6. Team bench size/travel party/squad size.** The committee discussed the triennial budget request submitted regarding squad size and travel party expansions.
- 7. NCAA patches.** The committee affirmed a desire for all student-athletes, whether included in the squad size or not, to receive two NCAA patches for preliminary rounds in addition to the championship finals site. Current policy is to only provide patches based on the squad size to eligible student-athletes.
- 8. Awards.** The committee expressed its desire to add regional trophies for the championship next year.
- 9. Committee roster.** The committee will retain two members for the 2026-27 academic year. The committee elected Akasha Kasper, head women's lacrosse coach at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, to be the new chair of the committee for the 2026-27 academic year. Joel Godett from the Northeast-10 Conference has been elected to represent the East Region while the Atlantic Region remains unfilled for next year.

- 10. Lacrosse manual review.** The committee reviewed the various manuals for women's lacrosse and instructed staff to make the appropriate updates.
- 11. Triennial budget cycle.** The committee discussed opportunities to enhance the championship for student-athletes through the next triennial budget cycle.
- 12. NPI.** The committee discussed dial settings for the 2026-27 academic year and will share with the membership during their webinar.
- 13. Gender equity.** The committee is pleased with the progress that has been made with the men's and women's championships, working together to remain equitable. Differences between finals sites were discussed.
- 14. Video review.** The committee emphasized its desire for video review at the finals site.
- 15. Women's lacrosse championships.** The committee discussed measures to make women's lacrosse championships in all three divisions fair and equitable. The committee continues to support a combined championship and remains open to different possibilities.

Committee Chair: Melissa Gyllenborg, Maryville University of St. Louis
Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances

Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee June 11, 2026, Annual Meeting Via Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Melissa Gyllenborg, Maryville University of St. Louis.	
Akasha Kasper, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Dawn Sachs, Mercy University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	