



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
MAY 30, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Power Index (NPI) Overview.** Tim Danehy, the creator of the Pairwise metric that eventually evolved into the NPI, joined the videoconference to explain the metric to the committee and provide examples of how it could be used to inform how best to conduct championship selections.

The NPI, which has been used in Division I and Division III men's ice hockey for several years and which Division III adopted this year for all team sport committees to use, is a system of statistical data that objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on a sport committee's established weighted criteria. The NPI is a combination of winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant). The metric can be adjusted by what are referred to as "dials," or specific components of the metric that each sport committee has the authority to set, thus placing any desired subjectivity within the criteria themselves that are then applied objectively.

The committee also reviewed sport-specific information comparing the teams selected by the sport committee to two versions of NPI (using the default dials and the Division III respective sport dials) dating to the 2021-22 academic year. The committee's feedback will be shared with the Division II Championships Committee during the June 25-26, 2025 meeting.

2. **Future Meetings.** June 16, 2025.

Committee Chair: Melissa Gyllenborg, Maryville University of Saint Louis
Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Rea, NCAA

NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee May 30, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Doug DeBiase, Central Atlantic Athletic Conference	
Melissa Gyllenborg, Maryville University of Saint Louis	
Akasha Kasper, University of Alabama in Huntsville	
Dawn Sachs, Mercy University	
Absentees:	
Guests in Attendance:	
Tim Danehy	

Christina Paone
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Ryan Rea
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch Micaela Liddane