

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE
MAY 29, 2026, EMAIL

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **NCAA Power Index (NPI) dials change.**

a. Recommendation. The committee recommends adjusting the following dials:

(1) Change the minimum number of wins dial from eight to 11 wins.

Based on the average number of games played in a season, the committee felt that the minimum wins dial of eight was too low and that too many games were being dropped from team rankings. By increasing the number of minimum wins to 11, teams would still be allowed to drop the lowest games, but teams would be required to keep a majority of their schedule, better representing the full body of work for the season.

(2) Change the quality win base (QWB) dial from 54.0 to 54.5.

With the recommendation to increase to the minimum wins, the committee also recommends a slight increase to the QWB to continue encouraging teams to pursue quality wins while maintaining overall balance among all the NPI performance metrics.

(3) Change the QWB multiplier dial from .500 to .600.

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b. Effective date. September 1, 2027.

c. Rationale. The committee reviewed data from the first two seasons using NPI when considering recommendations for dial changes.

d. Estimated budget impact. None.

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- e. Student-athlete impact. While the changes will not create a significant direct impact on student-athletes, it will provide improvements to the NPI encouraging teams to pursue quality wins throughout the season.

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| Absentees: | |
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| Guests in Attendance: | |
| None. | |
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| None. | |