



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Umpire postseason progression plan.** The committee received an update regarding the creation of an umpire postseason progression plan that mirrors the Divisions I and II plans. The committee also discussed the process for selecting umpires for the 2026 tournament.
2. **Committee championship travel.** The committee received an update on the process of making plans to travel to the 2026 finals site.
3. **Regional advisory committee preparation.** The committee discussed the timing of regional advisory committees (RAC) and national committee review of NPI data.
4. **NPI updates and rankings.** The committee received an update on the dates upon which the NPI and rankings will be published for the public.
5. **Preliminary-round bids.** The committee received an update on the preliminary-round bid process and timeline.
6. **Finals site bracket structure.** The committee received an update regarding the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III Head Coach Committee discussion about alternate finals site bracket structures. More specifically, head coaches committee supports the current finals site bracket structure. As a result, the committee confirmed its intent to not make any changes to the current finals site bracket structure.
7. **Courtesy cars.** The committee was informed that courtesy cars will no longer be provided to teams participating at the finals site.

Committee Chair: Casie Runksmeier, Colby College, New England Small College Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison: Corey Bray, Championships and Alliances

Division III Softball Committee April 1, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Traci Barrett, Pacific Lutheran University.
Dani Bishop, Brandeis University.
Kim Camara-Harvey, Blackburn College.
Sara Curran-Headley, State University of New York at Oneonta.

Jackie Klahold, Wilkes University.
Jamie Mueller, Wartburg College.
Hannah Qualls, University of Mary Washington.
Casie Runksmeier, Colby College.
Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference.
Van Zanic, Geneva College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Glenda Bates.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
Corey Bray.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
CJ Sowards.