



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL COMMITTEES
FEB. 23, 2026, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Power Index comparison.** The committees reviewed the similarities and differences in the NCAA Power Index (NPI) for baseball and softball. The committees also discussed dials to monitor in year two of implementation. Finally, the committees reviewed the timeline for recommendation and implementation of potential changes to the NPI dials after the second year of implementation.
2. **Regional advisory committee role comparison.** The committees reviewed the role of Regional Advisory Committees (RAC) during year one of NPI implementation and the anticipated role of RACs in year two of NPI implementation. The common role of RACs for both sports is to review the accuracy of NPI data and to serve as site representatives for preliminary round competition.
3. **Finals bracket format comparison.** The committees reviewed the similarities and differences between the finals site brackets for both sports. The committees also discussed the reasons for the differences in the finals site brackets.
4. **Roster adjustments.** The committees compared their respective roster limits, dugout limit (bench size limit) and travel party limit. The committees also discussed how student-athletes are designated as part of the squad size for each game.
5. **Preliminary round hosts for both sports.** The committees received an update on the process the championship managers implement when an institution wants to host preliminary round competition for both sports. No changes to that process were suggested.
6. **Banquet or alternate activity.** The committees discussed how and why each conducts a banquet or alternate activity. The committees also compared gifts that are provided to student-athletes overall, and more specifically, at the banquet or alternate activity.
7. **Fan enhancement fund.** The committees discussed their recent history of using the fan enhancement fund and ideas for its use for the 2026 championships.
8. **Home team determination.** The committees reviewed how each currently determines which institution is the home team for each round of the championship. The committees also discussed the possibility of using the final NPI for each team to determine home team designation during each round of the championship.

9. Preliminary round video review. The committees discussed how video review is implemented in preliminary rounds of the baseball championship.

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Casie Runksmeier, Colby College, New England Small College Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison: Corey Bray, Championships and Alliances
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances

Division III Softball and Baseball Committees Feb. 23, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Michael Armonstrong, Alfred State College.
Traci Barrett, Pacific Lutheran University.
David Beccaria, Haverford College.
Cassie Bishop, Baruch College.
Dani Bishop, Brandeis University.
Kim Camara-Harvey, Blackburn College.
Benjamin Coopridger, Grinnell College.
Sara Curran-Headley, State University of New York at Oneonta.
Scott Dietz, Babson College.
Jackie Klahold, Wilkes University.
Jamie Mueller, Wartburg College.
Kyle Palmer, Texas Lutheran University.
Casie Runksmeier, Colby College.
Justin Scali, Piedmont University.
Joshua Schroeder, Keuka College.
Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference.
Martin Testo, Keene State College.
Van Zanic, Geneva College.
Absentees:
Hannah Qualls, University of Mary Washington.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:
Corey Bray and JP Williams.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
CJ Sowards and Jonathan Younglood.