



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
JAN. 20, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **December 2025 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the December 2025 videoconference.
2. **Manuals.** The committee received an update regarding the creation of the 2025 manuals.
3. **Finals bracket structure.** The committee reviewed three options for adjusting the finals site bracket related to when teams switch sides of the bracket after a loss. The options involve eliminating the winners bracket losing team crossover to the other side of the bracket or two options for changing when that crossover occurs in the bracket. The committee will seek feedback on the finals site bracket options from the members of the Division III Head Coaches Committee of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association before discussing the topic further.
4. **Regional advisory committees.** The committee discussed the role of the regional advisory committees (RAC), the communication given to the RAC members and the timing of the RACs' involvement in the NPI process. The committee decided to eliminate the RAC orientation meeting and instead conduct education about the role and expectations of RACse via communication from each RAC chair.
5. **Apparel.** The committee received an update on the process to order committee and local organizing committee apparel.
6. **Pregame timing.** The committee discussed the language in the pregame timing document that is provided to regional and super regional hosts. The committee decided to eliminate language in the documents that refer to rare occasions and therefore may be confusing to regional and super regional host institutions and participating teams.
7. **Preliminary rounds inclement weather policy.** This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.
8. **Championship (final site) policy reminders.** This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.
9. **Regionals and super regionals bids.** The committee received a reminder regarding when bids for regional super regional competition will be accepted.

Committee Chair: Casie Runksmeier, Colby College, New England Small College Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison: Corey Bray, Championships and Alliances

Division III Softball Committee Jan. 20, 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.	
Casie Runksmeier, Colby College.	
Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference.	
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.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
CJ Sowards.	