REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
OCT. 13, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Welcome.** The championship manager welcomed the committee members to the videoconference and informed the committee that a new championship manager will be assigned soon.

2. **September videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the September 2026 videoconference.

3. **Suggested NPI adjustments.** The championship manager informed the committee that the recommended NPI adjustments were approved by the Division III Championships Committee and will be implemented beginning with the 2027-28 academic year. The committee was also notified about the plan to communicate the adjustments to the membership and other NPI resources that are on ncaa.org.

4. **2028-29 – 2030-31 championships bid cycle.** The committee received an update on the 2028-29 – 2030-31 championships bid cycle.

5. **Manuals.** The committee received an update on the process to finalize the 2026-27 manuals.

6. **NFCA convention.** The championship manager informed the committee that the new championship manager will likely attend the convention and work with the committee to produce the handout and caucus presentation. The committee will provide suggested presentation topics to the championship manager.

7. **Bat testing.** The committee discussed the frequency of bat testing during each round of the tournament and decided to test bats only on the first day of competition at regionals and super regionals. The committee also decided to test bats on the first day of competition at the finals site and then again on the first day of the championship series for the final two teams. The committee also discussed a procedure for institutions to pursue the warranty, if applicable, for failed bats and the instructions for that procedure that will need to be added to the appropriate manuals associated with the championship.

8. **2027 championship site visit.** The committee discussed various topics (e.g., banquet location, team hotel, team warm-up areas) related to the finals site host site visit and reviewed pictures of the facilities.

9. **Travel party and squad size data.** This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

10. Finals site reseeding rationale. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

11. Host selection notification timing. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Chair: *Kim Camara-Harvey, Blackburn College, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference*
Staff Liaison: *Corey Bray, championships and alliances*

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Attendees:
Olivia Berry, Emmanuel College.
Dani Bishop, Brandeis University.
Kim Camara-Harvey, Blackburn College.
Becky Hilgert, Calvin University.
Melissa Montoro, Lycoming College.
Jamie Mueller, Wartburg College.
Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference.
Absentees:
Traci Barrett, Pacific Lutheran University.
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.