



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
SEPT. 23, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The videoconference participants introduced themselves for the benefit of new members of the committee and NCAA staff.
2. **2024-25 annual report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the 2024-25 annual meeting.
3. **Committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the 2025-26 committee calendar without making any changes.
4. **2028-31 championships bid cycle.** The committee received an update on the 2028-31 championships bid cycle.
5. **Officials misconduct policy and procedure.** The committee received an update on efforts the national office is making to create a misconduct policy and procedure for officials.
6. **2025-26 playing rules changes.** The committee received an update on playing rule changes taking effect in 2025-26. The committee discussed methods to inform the membership that the double first base will not be used in the 2026 Division III softball championship.
7. **Manuals.** The committee received an update on the process to finalize the 2025-26 manuals.
8. **2026 championship site visit.** The committee received an update on the plan for conducting the 2026 finals site visit. The committee noted areas of emphasis for the site visit.
9. **Bench size limit.** The committee was notified that its request to increase the 2026 bench size limit to 38 was approved. The committee discussed an unlimited bench size and an unlimited student-athlete bench size with a cap on individuals other than student-athletes. The committee will provide its feedback on those topics to the Division III Championships Committee as requested through the form provided.
10. **Home team determination.** The committee discussed possible changes to the home team determination policy but took no action.
11. **Finals inclement weather policy.** The committee approved changes to the finals round inclement weather policy that provide the committee with additional flexibility to schedule

championship series games on the day of rest or two games on the first day of the championship series, if necessary, due to anticipated inclement weather.

12. Automatic qualification deadline. The committee tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

13. Finals bracket structure. The committee tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

14. All-tournament team structure. The committee tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

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

Staff Liaison: Corey Bray, championships and alliances

Division III Softball Committee Sept. 23, 2025, Meeting	
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.	
Hannah Qualls, University of Mary Washington.	
Van Zanic, Geneva College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Corey Bray.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
CJ Sowards.	