



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL COMMITTEE
SEPT. 22, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The committee members were welcomed to the videoconference and the participants introduced themselves.
2. **2026 annual report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the 2026 annual meeting.
3. **Committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the 2026-27 committee calendar without making any changes.
4. **2028-29 – 2030-31 championships bid cycle.** The committee received an update on the 2028-29 – 2030-31 championships bid cycle.
5. **2026-27 playing rules changes.** The committee received an update on playing rule changes taking effect in 2026-27 and focused specifically on the implementation of the double first base and the requirement to install padding on hard fence surfaces.
6. **Manuals.** The committee received an update on the process to finalize the 2026-27 manuals.
7. **2027 championship site visit.** The committee received an update on the plan for conducting the 2027 finals host site visit. The committee noted areas of emphasis for the site visit.
8. **Bat testing frequency.** The committee received information on the bat testing frequency for Divisions I and II softball as well as Divisions I, II and III baseball. The committee also discussed which committee had the authority to decide bat testing frequency (i.e., sport committee, championships committee, playing rules committee). The championship manager will discuss the topic during the next softball championship managers meeting to get direction on the process for possibly changing the bat testing frequency during the Division III softball tournament.
9. **Commemorative softballs.** The committee received an update on the possibility of providing commemorative softballs to participants at regional rounds. While doing so is not possible within the current licensing agreement with Rawlings, the licensing staff was informed that the committee is requesting that complimentary commemorative softballs be provided to participants as part of the next licensing agreement with the softball provider.

10. Suggested NPI adjustments. The committee received an update on the process for the championships committee to approve the committee's NPI adjustment suggestions.

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

12. Joint committee chair/championship committee meeting review. The committee received an update on the topics discussed during the joint meeting between sport committee chairs and the championships committee. Among others, topics included bracketing principles, proposed legislation, the NCAA Power Index (NPI) and which topics should be determined by a championships committee policy and which topics should be under the authority of the sport committee.

Committee Chair: Kim Camara-Harvey, Blackburn College, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison: Corey Bray, championships and alliances

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Attendees:	
Traci Barrett, Pacific Lutheran University.	
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:	
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.	