



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S STUNT COMMITTEE  
MAY 19, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Championship date formula.**

- (1) Recommendation. Establish the stunt championship date formula as the weekend that contains the first Saturday in May (Friday through Sunday). Selections would take place the Sunday prior to the championship.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for the 2027 championship and thereafter.
- (3) Rationale. The current National Stunt championship is held Thursday through Sunday on the fourth weekend in April. The committee believes that moving a week later will be the best schedule for the championship. The only other NCAA championship that occurs this weekend (in some years) is National Collegiate Beach Volleyball. The previous weekend includes National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling (anticipated). The Friday-Sunday competition pattern is also the preference of ESPN and increases the chances that the championship game may be broadcast in a linear window.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposed date formula allows for the student-athletes to be showcased in a window that does not have much additional competition from other championships.

**b. Championship format.**

1. Recommendation. Establish a 12-team bracket. [Attachment]
2. Effective date. Immediate, for the 2027 championship and thereafter.
3. Rationale. The current National Stunt championship has been conducted separately in all three divisions. The NCAA championship will be combined into one championship and the committee believes a 12-team bracket will provide the right bracket size for this championship.

In addition, the championship will be conducted in a single elimination format. The current championship is conducted as a double elimination tournament. The committee is in favor of moving to the single elimination format as we establish the NCAA Championship.

A 12-team bracket would consist of four opening round games on day one involving seeds 5-12, four quarterfinal games and two semifinal games on day two and the national championship game the final day. The committee will seed all 12 teams at the championship site.

It is anticipated that the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee will also recommend a 12-team bracket, so this would provide the same number of championship opportunities for both new championships.

The stunt championship access ratio would be 22% based on 2025-26 projected sports sponsorship. The committee believes this level of access is within the range for team sports and is appropriate to benefit the growth of the sport.

4. Estimated budget impact. None. A 12-team bracket can be implemented within the previously approved budget for the championship.
5. Student-athlete impact. This would provide an appropriate number of championship opportunities for the student-athletes.

**c. Squad size, travel party and bench limit.**

1. Recommendation. Establish a squad size of 40, travel party of 35 and bench limit of the full roster plus 10 non-athletes.
2. Effective date. Immediate, for the 2027 championship and thereafter.
3. Rationale. Stunt teams are not limited by playing rules in the number of student-athletes that compete. A squad size of 40 allows teams the flexibility to use their roster to the best of their ability.

The committee acknowledges that this recommendation does allow for a squad size that is larger than the reimbursable travel party. While there is a desire to increase the travel party in the future, this recommendation is in line with other National Collegiate and Division I Championships including beach volleyball, men's and women's water polo, and men's lacrosse.

Allowing the full roster to be on the bench enhances the experience for non-participating student-athletes. The Division I roster limit in stunt is 65, so an institution with a full roster will have as many as 25 student-athletes not able to compete. For reference, the reported 2024-25 average roster size for the 6 DI programs is 33.8. For team morale and roster retention purposes, the committee believes these student-athletes should be able to be in the bench area as they are during the regular season. The bench limit would include ten non-athletes to allow for key staff (e.g., coaches, athletic trainer, strength and conditioning coach, team physician, team administrator) to be in the bench area.

4. Estimated budget impact. None. A 35-person travel party can be implemented within the previously approved budget for the championship.
5. Student-athlete impact. This would provide the necessary opportunities for student-athletes to be a part of the championship experience.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Bid specifications.** Staff and committee continue to review the current bid specs and provide the necessary updates to prepare these to be disseminated to potential bidders by the middle of June.
2. **Championship format.** The committee considered options for the championship date formula, format, squad size, travel party and bench limit. The committee finalized its recommendations for consideration by the Division I Cabinet Subcommittee (see Nonlegislative Action Item Nos. 2-a through 2-c).
3. **Future videoconferences.**
  - a. Wednesday, May 28, 1 p.m. Eastern time.
  - b. Summer videoconferences will occur on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Sandra Bell, University of Kentucky  
*Staff Liaison:* Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships and Alliances  
Karen Metzger, Governance and Member Services

<b>NCAA Women's Stunt Committee May 18, 2026, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Sandra Bell, University of Kentucky.
Perrella Harris, Ferris State University.
Karen Henson, Drury University.
Kezia Molinsky, Buena Vista University.
Adam Puckett, George Fox University.
Jessica Wolverton, Oklahoma Baptist University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Karen Metzger, Governance and Member Services.
Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Julie Kimmons, Nancy O'Hara (contractor).



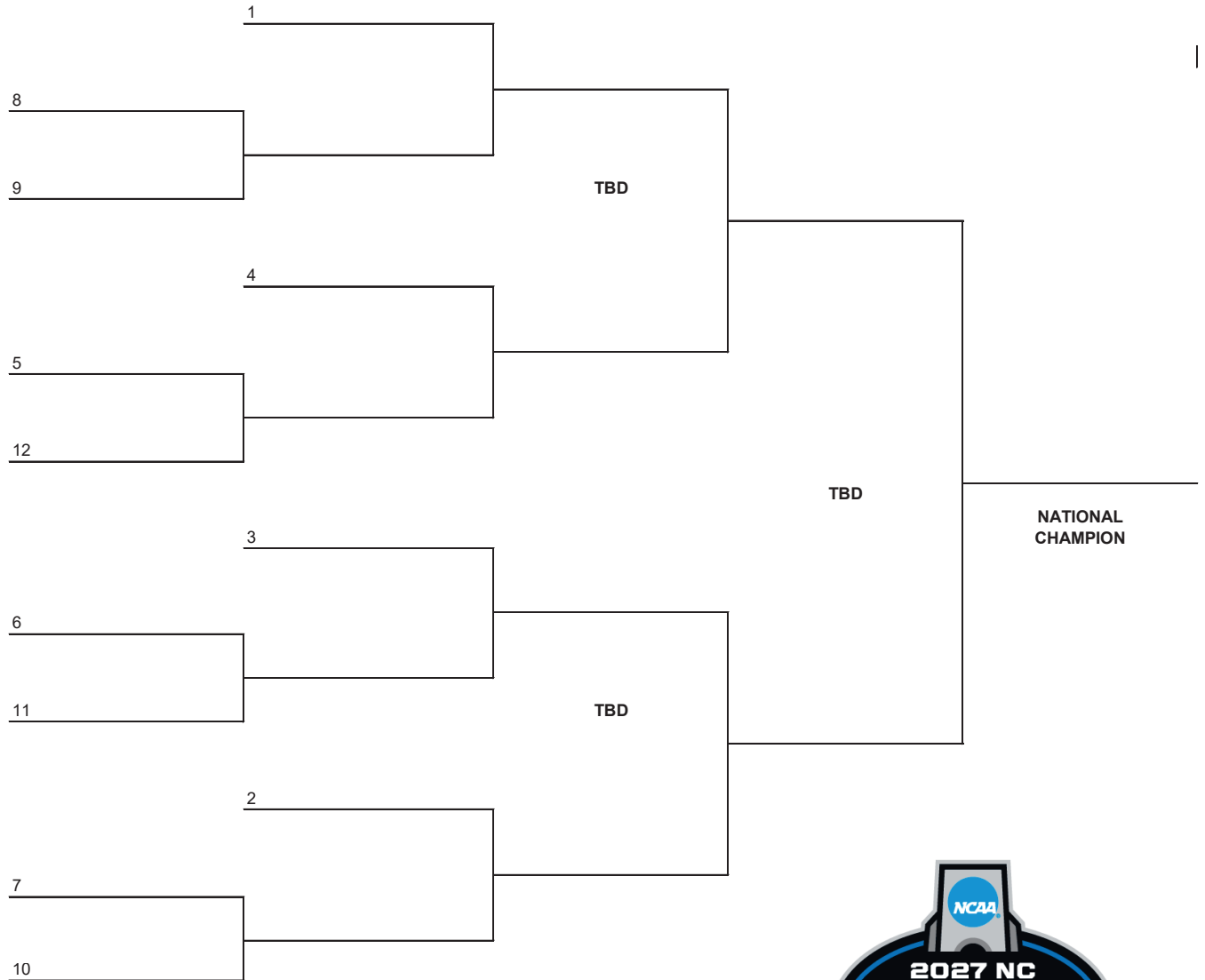
# 2027 NC Women's Stunt Championship

**First Rounds**  
April 30

**Quarterfinals**  
May 1

**Semifinals**  
May 1

**Championship**  
May 2



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