



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
JAN. 26-27, 2026, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Challenge review system equipment.

- (1) Recommendation. Enhance the challenge review system (CRS) requirements to host a regional round of the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship as follows:
 - a. Use a minimum of three cameras (one mounted net camera and two that can provide unobstructed views of all four lines),
 - b. The system must have a minimum frame rate of 60 frames per second (120 frames per second is preferred), and
 - c. The video must have a minimum resolution of 1080p.
- (2) Effective date. 2026 championship.
- (3) Rationale. In 2024 the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee submitted a recommendation to require all regional hosts to use a challenge review system effective with the 2025 championship. The initial recommendation required a minimum of two cameras with no further requirements, which was taken as a first step to incorporate challenge review during the regional round. Based on feedback from participants (e.g., officials and site representatives) in the 2025 regionals regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of host challenge review systems, the committee believes further stipulations should be in place to enhance the quality of challenge review at regional sites. The recommended requirements are comparable to what is provided at the finals site and will enhance the quality of challenge review at regional sites.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Hosts absorb all costs associated with challenge review as part of hosting a regional. Some institutions already meet these requirements and would incur no additional costs.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Enhancing CRS requirements will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the system, which will help ensure that the correct calls are made during matches.

b. Challenge review system use.

- (1) Recommendation. Require use of a challenge review system during a minimum of four matches throughout the season as a minimum requirement to host a regional of the NCAA tournament.
- (2) Effective date. 2026 championship.
- (3) Rationale. In 2024 the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee submitted a recommendation to require all regional hosts to use a challenge review system effective with the 2025 championship. The initial recommendation did not stipulate a minimum amount of experience using a challenge review system by institutions prior to hosting regional competition. Feedback from participants (e.g., officials and site representatives) in the 2025 regionals indicated many hosts lacked sufficient experience with operating their chosen challenge review system which resulted in reviews taking an unreasonable amount of time. Therefore, the committee believes stipulations should be in place regarding a minimum amount of experience operating a host's chosen challenge review system to enhance the quality of challenge review at regionals.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Hosts absorb all costs associated with challenge review as part of hosting a regional. Some institutions already meet these requirements and would incur no additional costs.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Enhancing CRS requirements will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the system, which will help ensure that the correct calls are made in a timely manner during matches.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of agenda and schedule.** The committee reviewed the agenda and schedule for the meeting.
2. **October 2025 committee report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its October 2025 meeting.
3. **January 2026 committee report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its January 2026 meeting.
4. **Review of 2025 championship.**
 - a. **Regionals.** The committee reviewed the participant feedback survey results. The discussion topics included uniform patches, student-athlete medallions, challenge review system

implementation, regionalization and bracketing, VolleyMetrics, manuals, site representatives, Event 1 merchandise prices and locker rooms.

- b. Finals.** The committee reviewed the participant feedback survey results. The discussion topics included the team hotel, price of travel to the host site and arena music volume. The committee also reviewed the social media analytics for the championship. The committee received a report regarding the ESPN+ broadcast of the finals site matches and ESPN access options the committee can consider implementing for future finals site match broadcasts (e.g., pregame locker room access and pregame coach and player interviews).
- 5. Rankings.** The committee discussed how rankings may be determined and made public with the implementation of NPI for the 2026 season.
- 6. Selections.** The committee discussed how selections will occur in 2026 with the implementation of the NCAA Power Index (NPI). The committee also discussed preliminary concepts being contemplated by the membership regarding how bracketing may be adjusted while still satisfying the regionalization concept. The committee also discussed the opportunity to reseed the final eight teams after the regional round of the championship.
- 7. NCAA Power Index videoconference.** The committee participated in an NPI videoconference that was offered to all Division II sport committee members. The presenter identified issues with the RPI that the NPI corrects while also describing the dials in the NPI that a sport committee must determine.
- 8. Playing rules.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback regarding the proposed rule changes (e.g., proposals related to jewelry, challenge review timing and pursuit).
- 9. Coaches connection.** The purpose of the coaches connection program was reviewed and the committee received a description of hot topics for the coaches in the coaches connection program (e.g., NPI, regionalization, day of rest, three-weekend championship format, joint championship with Divisions I and III). Challenge review system minimum requirements were also discussed.
- 10. Officials.** Highlights from the preliminary round crew chief reports were reviewed. The calendar related to the Division II fall championships festival, evaluation of the officials who worked matches at the regional and finals rounds, and the officials evaluation form were also discussed. The committee suggested that the championship manager collect line judge recommendations from conferences at the same time recommendations for referees are requested in 2027. The committee also reviewed the selection process for officials.
- 11. American Volleyball Coaches Association.** Topics of importance to the Division II women's volleyball head coaches committee of the American Volleyball Coaches Association were reviewed. Those topics included a joint championship with Divisions I and III, adding a day of

rest in the current championship format, converting the championship to a three-weekend format, the number of matches played during non-conference weekend competition (e.g., three or four matches played during two days), implementing an acclimatation period, championship banquets, and challenge review system minimum requirements.

- 12. Division II Championships Committee.** The committee received a report about the NPI implementation timeline and committee responsibilities. The committee also received a report about the triennial budget process, priorities and sport committee requests (e.g., participant medallions, uniform patches, trophies, regionalization and bracketing). Finally, the committee received a report regarding the 2026 fall sports championship festival and uniform sponsorship patch discussions within the Division II governance structure.
- 13. NCAA Power Index.** The committee received a detailed description of the NPI dials to be determined compared to the previously used selection criteria for the sport. The committee reviewed how basic NPI dial settings applied to the 2025 season and how the Division III women's volleyball committee set the dials for that sport.
- 14. Division II governance.** The committee reviewed the Division II governance priorities (e.g., triennial budget priorities related to championships, the addition of new championship sports, branding, professional development and the division's operating plan). The committee also received a description of the priorities of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (e.g., communication from campus SAACs to the national SAAC and community engagement partnerships).
- 15. 2026-27 committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the committee calendar for 2026-27 and noted changes that will need to be made to it because of the implementation of NPI (e.g., removal of dates related to regional advisory committees).
- 16. 2026 regionals.** The committee reviewed the calendar related to regional bids and competition. The committee discussed the minimum number of locker rooms that should be required to host a regional and what guidance should be provided to hosts (e.g., in the host operation manual) that only have two locker rooms available (e.g., provide space after the match for debrief if not in the locker room, communication about where team items will be stored if not in the locker room). The committee discussed what directions can be given to regional hosts related to portable basketball goals in the facility and the match time flexibility that can be provided to hosts. The committee discussed the membership's feedback regarding challenge review system efficiency and effectiveness at the regional round sites.
- 17. Manuals.** The championship manager will assign each committee member a manual(s) to review and provide suggestions for edits.
- 18. Future finals sites.** The committee reviewed the location of future finals sites.

19. Other business. The committee discussed the concept of requiring a minimum number of in-region nonconference opponents but did not change its position on the topic from the committee's October meeting.

Committee Chair: Joey Pacis, Bentley University, Northeast-10 Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Corey Bray, Championships and Alliances

Division II Women's Volleyball Committee Jan. 26-27, 2026, Meeting
Attendees:
Laura Dahlby Nicolai, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
Jason Johnson, Grand Valley State University.
Katie O'Brien Chapman, University of Montevallo.
Joey Pacis, Bentley University.
Caitlin Peterson, University of Central Missouri.
Edric Poitier, Bowie State University.
Megan Sanger, South Atlantic Conference.
Chuck Waddington, Angelo State University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Christa Brown, Tim Danehy, Pat Henderson, Regan McAthie, Margie Ray, Julia Rowland, Jill Stephens, Julie Voeck and Leanne Piscotty.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Corey Bray.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lucas DuMars, Karen Kirsch, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Rachel Seewald and Dallas Woods.