



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 20, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Automatic qualification waiver request.** The NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee reviewed and voted not to support the request for a waiver granting the Big 12 Conference an automatic qualification for the 2026 championship. The conference has not had six member institutions playing together for the two prior years. The conference will have six members for the 2025-26 season with three of those members being new to the conference this year.

There currently are eight automatic qualifying conferences for the 2026 championship. There are other conferences that have not met the requirement of playing together for two years that have not requested a waiver for an automatic bid. The committee members appreciate all that the Big 12 has done to continue growing the sport; however they do not feel that the conference should receive automatic qualification for the 2026 championship.

Additionally, granting the waiver would cause a budget impact to add a team to the bracket. The 2026 championship has been planned and budgeted based on 16 teams, eight automatic qualifying conferences and eight at-large teams.

The committee acknowledges that while the student-athletes at the Big 12 institutions would not be able to earn an automatic qualifying spot in the 2026 championship, TCU and Florida State have been represented in multiple championships in the past. The conference does have strong programs that have consistently been in the discussion for at-large consideration for the championship.

*Committee Chair: Ashley Armstrong, Loyola Marymount University,*

*Staff Liaison: Kristin W. Fasbender, NCAA Championships and Alliances*

*Karen Metzger, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services*

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| <b>Attendees:</b>                                                            |  |
| Ashley Armstrong, Loyola Marymount University.                               |  |
| Dain Blanton, University of Southern California.                             |  |
| Ted Feeley, University of Alabama at Birmingham.                             |  |
| Maria Hickman, University of South Carolina, Columbia                        |  |

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| Todd Rogers, California Polytechnic State University. |
| Beth Van Fleet, Georgia State University.             |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>              |
| Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships and Alliances.    |
| Karen Metzger, Governance and Member Services.        |