



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
APRIL 22, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- *None.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Initial update from the 2024 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.** An informational update and overview of the 2024 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship was provided. An in-depth review will occur at the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee's May meeting to be followed by the Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also receiving a final postevent report. Highlights of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship included record-setting broadcast ratings and attendance, host city involvement and successful ancillary events, such as Super Saturday Practice. The vice president of women's basketball discussed opportunities that will continue to enhance and grow the sport of women's basketball, the championship and Women's Final Four. Specifically, attendance records were set in the second year of the two-site regional format. A five-year growth championship report from 2017, through 2024, is being developed and will include a variety of data points to help inform future decisions such as First Four, first and second rounds continuing at Top 16 campus hosted sites or consideration to move to predetermined neutral sites. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also received feedback regarding the success around the inaugural Women's Sports Leadership VIP Summit, an elite-level event for women's leaders leading women's sport, the partnership between the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and Wheelchair Basketball and the Next Generation Officiating Program. Lastly, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received feedback regarding the success of the inaugural Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament.
2. **Update on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the Women's Final Four professional development program. Members of the Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group summarized their positive experiences engaging with various sports organizations, interacting with officials, participating in community service with Resource Cleveland and attending other ancillary events surrounding the women's basketball championship weekend. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee expressed its continued support for the program and noted that it aligns with the Women's Basketball Strategic Plan of creating a transformational student-athlete experience.
3. **Update on the development of the NCAA Division I women's basketball performance fund.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from last week's Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee meeting. At its meeting, the Finance Committee reviewed initial feedback on revenue distribution modeling for the development of a women's basketball performance fund. The NCAA staff, on behalf of the

Finance Committee will seek broad membership feedback on key questions related to the targeted distribution amount, structure and source of funding for further consideration. It is anticipated that the Division I membership will vote on the creation of the women's basketball fund at the January 2025 NCAA Convention. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will receive future updates and historical information on the development of the men's basketball performance fund.

4. **Review of proposed playing rules changes for the 2024 playing season and beyond.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an overview of the upcoming NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Rules Committee meeting. Although 2024 is not a year for rules changes, an overview of proposed playing rules changes for future years was provided for discussion. Additionally, the Rules Committee provided an overview of the playing rules survey, where data will be collected in an upcoming Rules Committee meeting. Specifically, the survey will address unsportsmanlike conduct and potential game suspension increases. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee emphasized the need to engage with men's basketball on that concept and for penalties to align with men's basketball.
3. **Update from NCAA Division I Council's April 2024 Meeting.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from last week's NCAA Division I Council meeting. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was informed about the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2024-5, which revises the eligibility requirements for a four-year college transfer student-athlete to eliminate the default year-of-residence requirement for undergraduate student-athletes and aligning eligibility to compete with progress-toward-degree requirements. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was also informed about the adoption of Proposal No. 2024-3, which would allow institutions to provide assistance and services to student-athletes pursuing name, image and likeness opportunities so long specific requirements are satisfied. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update that the council amended Proposal No. 2024-23 to add women's basketball as a sport in which a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities would be permitted to participate in limited on-court activities during practice and competition on a regular basis. In addition, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update that council introduced legislation into the June 2024, legislative cycle that would permit an individual who regularly performs managerial duties to participate in countable athletically related activities. This concept originated from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Lastly, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was also informed that the pilot legislative process will be extended into the 2024-25 legislative cycle.
4. **NCAA Division I legislative update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update regarding legislative proposals originating from other committees in the June 2024 pilot legislative process. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislative Subcommittee will meet to solicit feedback on proposals in the current legislative cycle. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the five proposals supported by the Legislative Committee via the pilot legislative process. The proposals are in the feedback period and the Legislative Committee will meet during the week of May 12 to review feedback and act on them.

5. **Agenda items for future collaboration/communication with the Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee emphasized the need for regular communication and collaboration with the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee when conducting the comprehensive review of the women's basketball playing and practice season. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also discussed the importance of collaborating with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Rules Committee when evaluating penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct during a contest (e.g., fighting).
6. **Approval of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee February 20 videoconference report and March 15 Administrative Committee videoconference report.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its February 20 videoconference report and March 15 Administrative Committee videoconference report.
7. **Other business.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was provided an overview of the comprehensive review of the women's basketball playing and practice season. In light of recent proposals in all sports to engage in amateur outside competition, to modernize preseason contests and to address the best approach for women's basketball student-athletes, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will take a holistic, multisegmented approach to the women's basketball playing and practice season. This effort will require the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to solicit feedback from multiple constituents (e.g., student-athletes, sports medicine, gender equity groups). It was also noted that the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee plans to review a request from the membership to establish a consistent the first contest date, which fluctuates from year to year. An update on this topic will be provided at the joint Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees May 3 videoconference.
10. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - a. May 13 videoconference – 1 to 3pm Eastern time.
  - b. June 24-25 in-person meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Committee Chair:* Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Committee Vice Chair:* Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho  
*Staff Liaisons:* Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances  
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NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Videoconference April 22, 2024	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Jacqueline Blackett, Columbia University – Barnard College.	
Derita Ratcliffe-Dawkins, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.	
Darrice Griffin, University of Georgia.	
Brent Jones, Troy University.	
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Patricia Anumgba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.	
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League	
Olivia Summiel, Virginia Polytechnic State University.	
<b>Guest(s) in Attendance:</b>	
Lauryn Thompson, Texas State University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Connor Bush, Jenn Fraser, Kelsey Gurganus-Wright, Khadian Kelly, Dee Kennedy, Kelsi Mahoney, Courtney Moore, Massillon Myers, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald and Jared Tidemann.	