



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
APRIL 22, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA vice president of women's basketball update.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an informational update on this year's Division I championship and strategic initiatives and priorities related to women's basketball. Specifically, the 2026 Division I championship continued the positive momentum over recent years, maintaining record viewership and attendance numbers, and the championship was distributed internationally to 227 countries and territories. NCAA staff is gathering feedback of the 2026 championship from various groups (e.g., hosts, site representatives, tournament managers, media operations representatives) and soliciting surveys from participating teams to continue to identify ways for the staff and Division I Women's Basketball Committee to enhance the championship. Lastly, the oversight committee was provided an overview of the national office goals, and women's basketball will develop areas of focus around growth of the game, championship and brand.
2. **NCAA legal update.** The oversight committee continued to receive updates from the NCAA office of legal affairs on key items and current litigation impacting basketball.
3. **NCAA Division I Cabinet and governance update.** The oversight committee received an update on key Division I governance issues impacting Division I women's basketball including the collegiate eligibility review, pre-enrollment athletics eligibility changes, ghost transfers and NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 playing and practice seasons decentralization.
4. **NCAA Division I legislative update and discussion.** The oversight committee reviewed the basketball-related legislative proposals introduced into the April 2026 cycle and was informed the proposals specific to the number of preseason practice scrimmages and exhibition games, summer access hours and types of activities, number of coaches and off-campus recruiters and the once-in-four-year foreign tour timing were all adopted as final upon the conclusion of the April 14-15 Cabinet meeting. Additionally, the oversight committee continued its discussion surrounding individuals associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (IAWRP) legislation. The oversight committee originally discussed the application of IAWRP legislation during its review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2026-2 (Athletics Personnel and Recruiting – Limitations on the Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters – Basketball) and supported maintaining the current Bylaw 17 playing and practice season legislation given the Cabinet's decentralization of Bylaw 17 legislation. The oversight committee will discuss Bylaw 17 decentralization with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee during the June 1-2 joint NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' meeting. Lastly, the oversight committee continued discussions on the evaluation of the NCAA Division I women's basketball recruiting calendar.

5. **Women's Basketball Coaches Association update.** The oversight committee received an update from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). Specifically, the WBCA indicated membership hit a record high during the 2025-26 season. Additionally, the WBCA provided a summary of the 2026 convention, which was the fourth highest attended event and included over 32 hours of educational programming. Lastly, the WBCA expressed coaches' primary concern over roster management. Specific to the NCAA Division I women's basketball recruiting calendar, the WBCA recommended addressing the April nonscholastic evaluation period, the May recruiting shutdown period and potentially creating a third recruiting shutdown period in early July. The WBCA will conduct a formal survey and provide feedback to the oversight committee at a future meeting.
6. **Identification of discussion topics for the upcoming Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees' joint meeting.** The committee identified decentralization of Bylaw 17 legislation as a topic to discuss at the next joint meeting.
7. **Other business.** The oversight committee reviewed and provided feedback on a legislative relief waiver for the NCAA Division I Membership Committee. Additionally, the oversight committee will discuss the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament selection criteria at its next meeting.
8. **Women's Basketball Oversight Committee February 25 report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its February meeting report.
9. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - May 11 – videoconference.
  - June 1-2 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
  - June 22 – videoconference.
  - August 24 – videoconference.
  - October 5-6 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.
  - June 2-3, 2027 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair:* Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Committee Vice Chair:* Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho  
*Staff Liaisons:* Meredith Cleaver, Women's Basketball  
Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball  
Binh T. Nguyen, Division I Governance and Member Services

<b>NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee  April 22, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Liz Darger, Brigham Young University (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Lindsay Edmonds, Rice University.	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.	
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.	
Erin McDermott, Harvard University.	
Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Audrey Taylor, Northern Arizona University (alternate).	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside.	
Taryn Sides, Kansas State University.	
Adrianna Smith, University of Maine.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Keisha Burnette, Connor Bush, Amanda Conklin, Alliah Harrison, Khadian Harrison, Charnele Kemper, Mike Massa, Courtney Moore, Massillon Myers, Rachel Seewald, Geoff Silver, Jared Tidemann, Angela Tressel and Demetria Woodard.	