



REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 30, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- *None.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received highlights from the most recent meeting of the Division I Women's Basketball Committee. Key areas of discussion included recognition of the new leadership of the Division I Women's Basketball Committee, request for the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to review regular season policies relating to student managers and noncoaching staff members serving as practice players, the basketball success calculation relating to First Four and committee positions, updates to NCAA Women's Basketball Championship selection policies and procedures and selection criteria and priorities and additional future topics to be discussed. The oversight committee referred the discussion of practice players to the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislative Subcommittee to conduct a more in-depth review.
2. **Officiating update.** The oversight committee received an update on officiating from the national coordinator of officials, including an update on the regional advisors and conference coordinators, educational videos for officials and coaches, feedback on the officiating experience during the 2023 College Basketball Academy, the upcoming regional officiating clinics and the forthcoming increase in postseason opportunities that will occur at the end of the 2023-24 season with the new Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament. The oversight committee also received an update on the external assessment, as directed by the vice president of women's basketball, currently being conducted on the officiating program. This includes assessing the process for the evaluation, nomination, selection, assignment and advancement of officials for the championship. The report will focus on areas of improvement to demonstrate integrity through improved education, communication and transparency. The final report is expected to be completed by early fall and will be shared with the NCAA leadership and the Women's Basketball Committee and other key stakeholders.
3. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Rules Committee.** An informational update from the Women's Basketball Rules Committee's annual meeting was provided. It was noted that Playing Rules Oversight Panel reviewed and approved 10 rules changes submitted by the Women's Basketball Rules Committee. The next rules change will occur in two years.
4. **Update on the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament.** The oversight committee received an update on the planning and development of the new women's basketball 32-team postseason invitational event to be launched in 2024 and upcoming announcements that will be made.

5. **NCAA College Basketball Academy review.** The oversight committee received an update on the 2023 College Basketball Academy, including the survey results from participants and their guardians, officials and college basketball coaches in attendance and the overall operations of the academy. The following were identified as areas for improvement for 2024: (1) NCAA staff resources; (2) Identification of a host; and (3) Earlier selection of academy dates and site. Meetings will continue throughout the fall with internal and external stakeholders (e.g., USA Basketball, Canada Basketball) to debrief on this past July's events. Planning for the 2024 academy is underway with the bid process officially launching in mid-September.
6. **Update from the NCAA Division I Modernization of Rules Subcommittee.** The oversight committee received an update on several concepts being considered by the Modernization of Rules Subcommittee in the areas of agents, professional sports drafts, pre-enrollment amateurism and post-enrollment amateurism. It was shared that the timeline for the Modernization of Rules Subcommittee's work has been extended to allow for a thorough and comprehensive review. The oversight committee continues to support the exploration of a concept that would allow a women's basketball student-athlete who is drafted and is waived by a professional team to return to a collegiate, if they have eligibility remaining.
7. **Proposed amendment to eliminate the prohibition on recruiting contacts with prospective student-athletes while classes are in session in women's basketball.** The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee shared that it has taken action to introduce and will plan to ultimately adopt legislation, subject to NCAA Division I Council review, to eliminate the legislation for men's basketball that restricts college coaches from having recruiting contact with prospective student-athletes at their school during the time of day when classes are in session. In addition, a blanket waiver will be issued, effective September 1, that would set aside the current legislation for men's basketball while the proposal makes its way through the legislative process. A review was conducted by the oversight committee for the same legislation that exists in women's basketball. The oversight committee expressed its support for maintaining the legislation for women's basketball and continued to support the original intent of the legislation, which was to minimize the disruptive impact recruiting may have on a prospective student-athlete's academic class time and on other students at the educational institution. The oversight committee also noted that there are sufficient times/opportunities in which recruiting contact may occur outside the period in which classes are in session. Lastly, this was also the position of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.
8. **Review of assigned Division I Council-governance legislative proposals (October 2023).** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.
9. **Update on undergraduate transfer windows and items related to postgraduate transfer student-athletes.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.

10. **Approval of the Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee June-26-27, 2023, meeting addendum report.** The oversight committee approved its June 26-27, 2023, meeting addendum report.
11. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - October 2-3, 2023 – In-person, Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair:* David Harris, University of Northern Iowa  
*Staff Liaisons:* Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances  
 Lynn Holzman, Championships and Alliances  
 Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Meeting August 30, 2023</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Jacqueline Blackett, Columbia University – Barnard College.
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa.
Brent Jones, Troy University.
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.
Joseph Manhertz, St. Bonaventure University.
Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.
Jill Shields, Kansas State University (nonvoting member).
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Patricia Anumgba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).
Darrice Griffin, University of Georgia.
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.
Olivia Summiel, Virginia Polytechnic State University (nonvoting member).
<b>Guest(s) in Attendance:</b>
Penny Davis, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials.
Derita Ratcliffe-Dawkins, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (nonvoting member).
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Lynne Andrew, Emily Capehart, Jessie Carmack, Meghan Durham, Dee Kennedy, Khadian Kelly, Syntyche Laguerre, Courtney Moore, Amy Reis, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Jared Tidemann and Kelsey Gurganus-Wright.