



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 6, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.1.3.1 Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athletes – Winter Sports – Women’s Basketball.**

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend the last date of the women’s basketball notification of transfer window from 60 days after the day after championship selections to May 1.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. At the request of the Division I Council, the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and developed women’s basketball-specific transfer windows based on the nature of the sport (e.g., timing of championship, Transfer Portal data). The change to the end date of the transfer window provides a standardized end date that will allow student-athletes to apply the legislation more easily, which is also similar to the window close date for postgraduate student-athletes and the end of the football spring window. In addition, women’s basketball student-athletes will continue to have sufficient time to make informed decisions about their future, especially before the start of summer access. Also, at the time of the window opening, most teams will no longer be engaged in postseason competition. The window also aligns with the data from the NCAA Transfer Portal of when women’s basketball student-athletes enter the portal, which indicates that 69% of student-athletes who entered the portal entered from March 14-May 1.

This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The amendment to the close date of the transfer notification window in women’s basketball will allow for ease of application

for women's basketball student-athletes and will still provide sufficient time for them to make informed decisions about their future.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received additional details on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee's decision to maintain the Women's Final Four on the current calendar timing sequence. As part of the eight-month comprehensive review, feedback was collected from numerous stakeholders in the women's basketball community and the services of an independent sports rights consulting entity was secured.

The Women's Basketball Committee emphasized the following points in making its decision:

- The Women's Final Four is the premier women's basketball event in the world and has shown tremendous growth in recent years.
- Input from independent assessment relative to broadcast.
- The current student-athlete experience provides impactful and equitable experience from tournament invitation to the conclusion of competition.
- The current format provides for proven fan accessibility, engagement, and growth.
- It is important for leaders in college athletics to attend both the Men's Final Four and the Women's Final Four but it should not take priority over growth of the game, championship and the student-athlete experience.

The Women's Basketball Committee also noted that the Top 16 rankings reveal dates will occur on February 9 during the Stanford at Arizona game and on February 23 during the South Carolina at Tennessee game.

2. **Update on the implementation of the gender equity recommendations for women's basketball.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the work to date on the College Basketball Academy for women's basketball and the proposed model for summer 2023. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also reviewed the previously identified goals, principles, budget, scheduled development and key timeline/benchmarks. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also received a status update on the second NCAA-supported postseason tournament for women's basketball and noted that work continues to finalize the finances needed to support this event and for it to occur for the first time in spring 2024.

The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was also informed that a position as been posted for an assistant director in the NCAA Office of Inclusion focusing in on the core area of women and gender equity. This was a recommendation in the NCAA Gender Equity Report.

2. **Discussion on the college basketball summer initiative for women's basketball.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the initial work related to college basketball summer initiatives for men's and women's basketball. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was made aware of the rationale and timeline of this initiative. The first videoconference will occur on December 16.
3. **Report from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee.** At the request of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee developed transfer window models for the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to consider.

The Legislation Subcommittee developed the following principles to guide its discussion:

- Transfer windows should be least disruptive to the regular season and the championship.
- Transfer windows should allow for sufficient time to allow student-athletes to make informed decisions about their future.
- A uniform close date provides consistency and ease of application of the legislation.

The subcommittee developed the following models for the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to consider in order to request the Council to adopt emergency legislation. [See Legislative Action Item]

The subcommittee reviewed a request from the National Association of Basketball Coaches to eliminate the legislation that prohibits basketball coaches from contacting prospective student-athletes at their educational institution during the time of day when the prospective student-athlete's classes are in session. The subcommittee supported maintaining the legislation for women's basketball and noted that the legislation has eliminated the disruptive impact contact with a coach may have on a prospective student-athlete's class time and on other students at the high school and has reduced incidental contact violations that can occur at educational institutions under the existing rule. Lastly, the subcommittee noted the legislation protects the academic well-being of prospective student-athletes.

The subcommittee received an update on the concept being proposed by the NCAA Division I Modernization Rules Subcommittee related to coaching/personnel limitations. NCAA Proposal No. 2022-30 athletics personnel and recruiting – limitations on the number of coaches and off-campus recruiters – basketball would increase, from four to six, the limit on the number of coaches who may be employed by an institution and the two additional coaches may not contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus and are subject to the restrictions related to individuals associated with recruited prospective student-athletes (women's basketball). The Legislation Subcommittee continues to support the former basketball student-athlete fellow designation developed by the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, which strives to address two issues in women's basketball – loss of female coaches and low number of minority coaches in women's basketball and would like to explore ways that elements of the fellow concept can be incorporated into the Modernization Rules Subcommittee proposal.

The Legislation Subcommittee reviewed the timing restrictions currently in place for women's basketball certified events. The Legislation Subcommittee noted that it would be supportive of changing the timing restrictions for women's basketball certified events to mirror the regulations in men's basketball noting the importance of encouraging minimal missed class time and academic commitments.

4. **Update from the College Basketball Parents' Association.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the most recent meeting with the College Basketball Parents' Association. Key takeaways from the meeting included the mission of the association, a reported equal ratio of parents of men's to women's basketball student-athletes serving on the association's board, and the request of the association to incorporate input from the oversight committee.
5. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee October 3-4, 2022, in-person meeting report and November 1 and 9, 2022, reports.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and approved the reports from its three previous videoconferences.
6. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee November 17 report.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and approved the report from the November 17 videoconference of the administrative subcommittee.
7. **Other business.**
 - The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee discussed recent media reports on multiple-team events.

- The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the process for securing a consultant to assist with negotiations for future media rights in many NCAA championships, including women's basketball.

8. Future meetings and teleconferences.

- Tuesday, January 10, 2023, (in-person at the 2023 NCAA Convention, San Antonio, Texas)

Committee Chair: Jamie Boggs, Grand Canyon University
Staff Liaisons: Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances
Lynn Holzman, Championships and Alliances
Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Meeting December 6, 2022
Attendees:
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Jamie Boggs, Grand Canyon University.
Jackie Carson, Furman University.
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).
Rich Ensor, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Irma Garcia, St. Francis College Brooklyn.
Darrice Griffin, University of Georgia.
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa.
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.
Katie Meier, University of Miami (Florida).
Lisa Peterson, Pacific Athletic Conference (nonvoting member).
Olivia Summiel, Wake Forest University.
Absentees:
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).
Kathy Meehan, St. John's University (New York).
Jill Shields, Kansas State University (nonvoting member).
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Lisa Peterson, Pac-12 Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman, and Binh Nguyen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lynne Andrew, Zandria Conyers, Karlee Curtis, Meghan Durham, Khadian Kelly, Julie Kimmons, Cindi Merrill, Amy Reis, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Amy Wilson and Kelsey Gurganus-Wright.