



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Automatic qualifier waiver request for the 2024-25 season for women's basketball.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed an automatic qualifier waiver request from the Northeast Conference for the 2024-25 season. Due to the recent departure of two active members, the conference will fall below the requisite number of active members (7) needed to be considered a multisport conference and to maintain an automatic qualifier for the women's basketball championship. Based on the mitigation provided, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee recommended, and the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee ultimately approved the automatic qualifier waiver request for one year for women's basketball. Similar to the Women's Basketball Committee, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee recommended continued consideration of topics impacting both men's and women's basketball, such as this waiver request, be presented to at the same time to both committees with dedicated time for discussion before final decisions are made by each committee separately or jointly.

2. **Blanket waiver request to permit autonomy institutions to consider a return travel day as a student-athlete's required day off.** The oversight committee reviewed a blanket waiver request to permit autonomy institutions (and institutions following autonomy legislation) to use a return travel day as a student-athlete's day off provided: (1) No countable athletically related activities/required athletically related activities occur for a continuous 24-hour period; (2) Student-athletes are provided an additional day off during their championship season; and (3) The return travel occurs across multiple time zones. The oversight committee did not support the blanket waiver request noting concerns expressed by the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group. Further, the oversight committee cited student-athlete well-being, in particular how the required day off provides student-athletes clear, planned time away from athletics activities during the playing season to address academic and personal matters.

3. **NCAA Division I legislative update.**
 - a. Review and final action on legislative proposals originating from the oversight committee in the January 2024 pilot legislative process.
 - (1) **Legislative Action – NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-48 Recruiting - - Evaluations -- Basketball -- June Evaluation Periods -- Location of Scholastic and Intercollegiate Event.** The oversight committee adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-48, in basketball, to specify that during the June evaluation periods, evaluations may be conducted at approved

scholastic and intercollegiate events that occur at any location other than an NCAA Division I institution. The adopted proposal is subject to review by the NCAA Division I Council during its January 10, 2024, meeting.

(2) **Legislative Action – Proposal No. 2023-49 Playing and Practice Seasons – Outside the Playing Season – Skill Instruction – Publicity – Women's Basketball.** The oversight committee adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-49, in women's basketball, to specify that skill-related instruction may be publicized and conducted in view of the public. The adopted proposal is subject to review by the NCAA Division I Council during its January 10, 2024, meeting.

b. **Report from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislative Subcommittee.** The oversight committee received an update from the most recent meeting of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee. The Legislative Subcommittee reviewed the most recent action in Football Bowl Subdivision football to restrict photoshoots during unofficial visits. The subcommittee expressed concerns with institutionally arranged photoshoots during both official and unofficial visits and potential monitoring challenges for compliance staffs. The subcommittee did not support a legislative recommendation to the oversight committee and opted to monitor the impact of the new rule in FBS football prior to further consideration for women's basketball. The subcommittee also supported allowing off-campus, in-person recruiting contact with two-year college prospective student-athletes during permissible recruiting periods. This will be discussed on a future call once feedback is received from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and other stakeholder groups.

c. **Feedback on legislative proposals assigned to the Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee in the January 2024 legislative cycle.** The oversight committee provided feedback on three legislative proposals in the January 2024 legislative cycle assigned to it for review.

(1) **Proposal No. 2023-54 Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Eligibility to Receive Awards.** The oversight committee supported this proposal, which would permit institutions to provide ineligible student-athletes awards for participation in special events and conference and national championships.

(2) **Proposal No. 2023-55 Infractions Program – Penalties – Individual Accountability Measures.** The oversight committee supported these proposed changes that would focus meaningful infractions penalties on individuals responsible for rules violations to ensure accountability.

- (3) **Proposal No. 2023-58 Name, Image and Likeness Activities – Student-Athlete Protections.** The oversight committee took no position on this proposal that outlines student-athlete protections associated with name, image and likeness activities.
4. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee update.** The oversight committee received an update from the most recent Women's Basketball Committee meeting, including recent updates related to the NCAA tournament, current open bid process and dedicated television programming related to the championship. Additionally, the oversight committee received an update and provided feedback on draft best practices for the implementation of the championship misconduct and failure to adhere to policy process. Further, the oversight committee approved the 32 conferences eligible for automatic qualification for the 2024 championship.
5. **NCAA College Basketball Academy update.** The oversight committee received a status update on the organization, bid process and schedule for the 2024 NCAA College Basketball Academy. The oversight committee also provided feedback on including two-year prospective student-athletes in the 2024 academy.
6. **Update on the implementation of the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament.** The oversight committee received a status update on the planning and development of the inaugural 2024 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament.
7. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group.** The oversight committee received an update from the November 26 Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group videoconference.
8. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee October 2-3 in-person meeting report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its October 2-3 in-person meeting report.
9. **Other business.**
 - a. The oversight committee received an update on "World Basketball Day" that is set for Thursday, December 21, 2023. The NCAA staff is working collaboratively with various stakeholders on the initiative.
 - b. A media rights update was provided by the NCAA staff.
10. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - January 9, 2024, (in-person meeting in conjunction with the 2024 NCAA Convention, Phoenix, Arizona).

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

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Videoconference December 1, 2023
Attendees:
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).
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.
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.
Joseph Manhertz, St. Bonaventure University.
Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.
Olivia Summiel, Virginia Polytechnic State University.
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
Absentees:
Patricia Anumgba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa.
Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lynne Andrew, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Amanda Conklin, Meghan Durham, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Kelsey Gurganus-Wright, Khadian Kelly, Kelsi Mahoney, Ty Medd, Courtney Moore, Amy Reis, Alyssa Rice, Drea Rog, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald and Jerry Vaughn.