



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 5, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update on Division I governance current issues and topics.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the development of the Division I Women's Basketball Performance Fund. The vote will occur on January 15, 2025, at the NCAA Convention. Educational documents on this proposal and voting delegate information were shared with the membership in preparation for voting in January. In addition, the oversight committee was provided an update on the Division I Board of Directors' interim policy and legislative priorities. Specifically, the oversight committee was made aware of the four priorities that limit the focus of committees in the Division I governance structure to issues and initiatives that fall within the following categories: (a) administration of postseason championships; (b) implementation of the proposed settlement; (c) other risk mitigation; or (d) other significant membership needs. At its January meeting, the oversight committee will review its current initiatives and determine which items it will put forward for consideration during this interim period.
2. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The oversight committee received an update from the vice-chair of the Division I Women's Basketball Committee. It was noted that the Tampa, Florida community continues its recovery efforts from the recent hurricanes impacting the area. There was no significant damage to Amalie Arena, or the convention center and it is expected that Tampa will be able to effectively host the 2025 NCAA Women's Final Four as planned. Also, an update was provided on the 2024-25 selection criteria, including NET education opportunities and team sheet organization. The committee plans to distribute infographics, participate in coaches' meetings and include this topic in the Regional Advisory Committee training to be conducted in January. The committee continues to discuss and receive feedback on the championship format, specifically the First Four and first and second rounds and will collect information/feedback with the plan of reviewing it after the 2025 championship. The committee approved an increase to the minimum price to the adult single and all-session tickets at First and Second Rounds. No changes were made to Student/Youth/Senior/Group ticket pricing nor to the First Four pricing. Lastly, the committee took action to approve the use of male practice players during the championship. The championship travel party size and credential numbers remain unchanged. The staff will develop educational materials to assist the membership with the application of this policy change for the 2025 championship.

3. **Update on the 2025 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT).** The oversight committee received an update on the recent planning of the 2025 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament. It was previously announced that the 2025 semis and championship games will occur in Indianapolis at Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse. In addition, the oversight committee was made aware of the current steps surrounding the format, schedule, selection procedures and continued education efforts. The bid portal for the preliminary round in 2025 will open on February 3, 2025, and close on March 12, 2025. The 2026 and 2027 final site selection process is currently underway, and an announcement is anticipated this spring. Lastly, it was noted that the travel size for the quarterfinals, semifinals and final rounds of both the WBIT and the NIT was discussed. The travel party will increase from 25 to 30 personnel for both events with the costs being absorbed within the existing WBIT budget without impacting the student-athlete experience. The oversight committee supported the continued travel party size consistency between the WBIT and NIT noting this is a previously stated gender equity commitment.
4. **Update on legislative proposals in the January 2025 Division I legislative cycle.** The oversight committee received a report from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee and acted on several legislative items in the January legislative cycle:
 - a. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-53 Division Membership – Revenue Guarantee – Revenue Distribution Formula – Women's Basketball Performance Fund.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee supports this proposal.
 - b. **Proposal No. 2024-57 Athletics Personnel – Limitations on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters – Men's Basketball.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee does not support adding women's basketball to this proposal given the recent adoption of the original proposal in June 2024. The oversight committee will monitor the current legislation for an additional year before considering any amendments. In addition, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association will solicit feedback from its membership on any potential changes.
 - c. **Proposal No. 2024-60 Playing and Practice Seasons – Basketball – Summer League Certification – Policies and Procedures.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee adopted this proposal, subject to Division I Council review.
 - d. **Proposal No. 2024-69 Committees – Sport Championship Committees – Eliminate Regional Representation Requirements.** The Women's Basketball

Oversight Committee took no position on this proposal and will revisit it once it receives the position and feedback from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.

5. **Discussion on the multiple-team event legislation.** The oversight committee received an update and engaged in a discussion on the current landscape of multi-team events in women's basketball. In addition, the committee reviewed the background, legislative history, data, timeline and next steps in the comprehensive review of the multi-team events legislation. The oversight committee was reminded of the blanket waiver that was approved for the 2024-25 academic year and will continue to explore the potential of an extension of that blanket waiver for the 2025-26 academic year. In addition, the oversight committee explored concepts to consider as changes to the current multi-team event legislation are contemplated. The oversight committee requested additional data to inform its discussion at its January 2025 meeting.
6. **Women's Basketball Oversight Committee October 7-8 in-person meeting report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its October 7-8 report.
7. **Other business.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was informed that the NCAA College Basketball Academy will be cancelled for 2025 and is under review for future years. In addition, the oversight committee recognized Geno Auriemma on becoming the winningest coach in NCAA basketball.
8. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - a. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, (in-person meeting in conjunction with the 2025 NCAA Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, with time portioned out for a joint meeting with the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee).
 - b. February 24, 2025, videoconference.

<i>Committee Chair:</i>	<i>Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara</i>
<i>Committee Vice Chair:</i>	<i>Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho</i>
<i>Staff Liaisons:</i>	<i>Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances</i>
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	<i>Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs</i>

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee December 5, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Jacqueline Blackett, Columbia University – Barnard College.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.	
Brent Jones, Troy University.	
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.	
Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.	
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.	
Kennedy Todd-Williams, University of Mississippi.	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	
Absentees:	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Patricia Anumba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
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, Jessie Carmack, Jenn Fraser, Khadian Kelly, Kelsi Mahoney, Courtney Moore, Rick Nixon, Amy Reis, Rachel Seewald, Jared Tidemann and Meghan Wright.	