



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 4, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA legal update.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the NCAA office of legal affairs on several key items impacting basketball.
2. **NCAA Division I governance update.** The oversight committee received an update on the work of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and Division I Cabinet. Specifically, the oversight committee received an update regarding discussions about the pending Ray settlement and the possible funding payment structure of the settlement over a three-year period beginning spring/summer 2026. The oversight committee was also made aware of the survey sent to the membership requesting feedback on prioritizing the services and programs the NCAA offers. The oversight committee was also updated on the decentralization effort and was made aware of the review timeline established by the Cabinet. Lastly, the oversight committee was updated and provided feedback on the Board's recent direction to NCAA staff to charge impermissible contact violations (tampering) with significant penalties when appropriate and to publicize the number of resolved cases more broadly.
3. **NCAA Division I research update.** The oversight committee received an informational update from the NCAA research staff on recent women's basketball transfer data, transfer trends and graduation success rate data from the 2015-2018 entering cohorts. It was noted that a reliable data set will be available this summer to assess, if any, the impact of transferring multiple times on the academic performance of student-athletes.
4. **NCAA vice president of women's basketball update.** The oversight committee received an informational update on the strategic initiatives and priorities related to women's basketball. Specifically, the oversight committee was updated on the tournament enhancements, two scheduled Division I Women's Basketball Committee's Top 16 reveals presented by ESPN on College Game Day, and the continuing commitment to membership updates and education. In addition, key upcoming dates were shared, which highlighted the return of mock selection for key media and conference office personnel hosted at the national office.
5. **Player availability reporting for the NCAA Division I women's basketball championship.** The oversight committee received an informational update on player availability reporting for the 2026 NCAA Division I women's basketball championship. An overview was provided with the purpose, core principles, and timing of the report submissions, duties and responsibilities. This initiative for both men's and women's

basketball championships is designed to protect student-athlete well-being and competitive integrity from sports betting influences.

- 6. NCAA playing rules and statistics from the 2025-26 Division I women's basketball season.** The oversight committee received an update on playing rules and statistics during the 2025-26 women's basketball regular season for contests through January 31, 2026. It was noted that game length has increased by one minute to 1:55, compared to data through December 31, 2025, and game length is up two minutes from the same time in 2024-25 with more game data included. Overall, game length has been relatively steady since the 2022-23 season (1:53 - 1:55).
- 7. Update on the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT).** The oversight committee received a status update on the WBIT committee member roster and the planning of the 2026 WBIT. Specifically, the oversight committee was updated on the key dates, expense supplement to be distributed for the 2026 tournament, event format, schedule, media coverage and future locations of the tournament.
- 8. NCAA Division I legislative update.** The oversight committee received an update on the legislative action that was taken by the Division I Cabinet on the notification of transfer proposal for men's and women's basketball. It was noted that a comprehensive question and answer document was shared with the membership on this proposal. Additionally, the oversight committee reviewed and provided feedback on the four legislative proposals introduced during the January 9 joint men's and women's basketball oversight committee meeting. Both groups plan to act on these proposals during the February 27 joint oversight committee meeting.
- 9. Identification of agenda items for future collaboration and/or communication with the Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The oversight committee continues to identify items to collaborate with the Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and recommend joint discussion on several topics.
- 10. Future meeting schedule.**
 - February 25 – videoconference.
 - April 22 – videoconference.
 - May 11 – videoconference.
 - June 1-2 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
 - June 22 – videoconference.

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- 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

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Attendees:	
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.	
Adrianna Smith, University of Maine.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	
Absentees:	
Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside.	
Taryn Sides, Kansas State University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lydia Bell, Keisha Burnette, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Amanda Conklin, Khadian Harrison, Charnele Kemper, Massillon Myers, Rachel Seewald, Andy Supergan, Jared Tidemann and Demetria Woodard.