



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 9, 2024, IN-PERSON MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **NCAA Vice President of Women's Basketball Update.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the January 4, 2024, announcement surrounding the NCAA and ESPN media rights agreement. Women's basketball is viewed as a cornerstone of the agreement and there will be continued focus to build the women's basketball championship in all three divisions and in other women's sports as well. A notable aspect of the agreement is ESPN implementing additional storytelling of which women's basketball will directly benefit. The oversight committee was also made aware of the vacancies on women's basketball related committees including the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball and Women's Basketball Rules Committees and was encouraged to contact colleagues to solicit their interest to submit nominations for qualified candidates. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also received an update on the Inaugural Women's Sports Leadership VIP Summit, which will launch during the 2024 Women's Final Four in Cleveland. The summit will be conducted with Women's Leaders in Sports, with support from women's professional organizations and other women's sports leaders and icons. An overview on the 2024 regional ticket sales status was provided noting projections are ahead of the previous year's sale and there is increased demand for fan hospitality (e.g., Women's Final Four Fan Experience).
2. **Remarks from NCAA President Charlie Baker.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an informational update from President Baker on the recent NCAA and ESPN media rights agreement and exploration of unit distributions for women's basketball. Additionally, President Baker addressed current issues surrounding sports wagering and summarized a national survey on sports wagering and technological resources the NCAA national office is implementing to address public threats and bullying surrounding basketball championships. President Baker also discussed efforts the NCAA is taking to build a national fan database to notify fans of local events in an effort to grow and promote sports for future generations. Finally, President Baker discussed the holistic student-athlete model that will go into effect August 2024.
3. **Update from NCAA vice president of academic and membership affairs.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an informational update from Dave Schnase on Project Division I and Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) topics. Items discussed included protections surrounding NIL to assist student-athletes in making informed decisions. Given the association does not have jurisdiction related to third parties involved with NIL, concepts involved a voluntary registration platform, disclosure, institutional involvement and collaboration with internal and external stakeholders.

4. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed recommendations from the Misconduct Working Group and took action to form a misconduct subcommittee comprised of five voting administrator level Women's Basketball Oversight Committee members to review misconduct appeals. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee agreed that any acts of physical violence or use of discriminatory or harassing language or actions should be considered acts of misconduct and directed the Women's Basketball Committee to take immediate action to review these incidents during the championship.
5. **Transfer issues – undergraduate four-year transfers – review of transfer data and 4-4 undergraduate transfer waivers.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on transfer data specific to academic trends and matriculation at subsequent Division I institutions. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the October NCAA Division I Board of Directors' charge for staff and appropriate committees to develop legislative and/or policy modifications to improve the waiver process.
6. **Update on Division I graduation rates for women's basketball.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was made aware that the graduation rates were publicly released in December and are available on NCAA.org.
7. **NCAA enforcement update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an enforcement update on recent trends surrounding the transfer waiver process, impermissible contact with transfer student-athletes and on the continued landscape of Name, Image and Likeness.
8. **Update from the NCAA senior vice president of basketball.** Dan Gavitt provided the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee with additional details of the recent media rights agreement with ESPN and conducted a question and answer session with the group.
9. **Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an informational update on current WBCA membership numbers and 2024 convention registrants. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on 2024 convention programming, which will include topics surrounding overall health for coaches, the pursuit of a career in coaching for student-athletes who have recently exhausted their athletics eligibility, elevating and preparing current assistant women's basketball coaches for roles as head coaches and an orientation for first-time attendees. The WBCA is in the process of creating two, four-team events to launch in November 2024. Lastly, the WBCA will be working to review and provide feedback on several legislative items impacting women's basketball.
10. **Approval of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee December 1 videoconference Report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its December 1 videoconference report.

11. **Agenda items for future collaboration/communication with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee discussed several items that should be joint oversight committees' items.
12. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - a. February 20 videoconference – 3-4:30 p.m. Eastern time.
 - b. April 22 videoconference – 2-4 p.m. Eastern time.
 - c. June 24-25 in-person meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana.

Committee Chair: Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara
Committee Vice Chair: Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho
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 In-Person Meeting January 9, 2024
Attendees:
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.
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
Absentees:
Patricia Anumba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).
Joseph Manhertz, St. Bonaventure University.
Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.
Olivia Summiel, Virginia Polytechnic 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:
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Charlie Baker, Lynne Andrew, Lydia Bell, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Chris Johnson, Khadian Kelly, Kelsi Mahoney, Courtney Moore, Amy Reis, Dave Schnase, Jared Tidemann and Meghan Wright.
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