



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JUNE 5, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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 informational update on strategic initiatives and priorities related to women's basketball. Specifically, the 2025 championship achieved several key milestones, including the following:

- New ESPN agreement in effect.
- Performance in this championship will result in first time distributions to conferences next fiscal year based on the Division I Women's Basketball Performance Fund.
- First time for the public release of the 1-68 seed list.
- Twelve national championships for the University of Connecticut – most for both men's and women's basketball.
- Twenty-fourth Women's Final Four appearance by UCONN.
- Forty-third NCAA tournament appearance by University of Tennessee, which is the only team to participate in all 43 championships since its inception in 1982.

Championship attendance, viewership and broadcast ratings saw record highs and continued the positive momentum relative to past three years. It was noted that the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, in its role overseeing the championship, will engage in a comprehensive championship review and recap during its next few scheduled meetings. Lastly, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was provided an overview of the alignment of the overarching national office goals with women's basketball's areas of focus of growth of the game, championship and brand.

2. **Referral from the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the work of the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group and the referral to the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee to submit its recommendation for its composition in the new Division I governance structure. The working group will meet June 12 to 13, to finalize its recommendations and the Division I Board of Directors anticipates acting on the recommendations on June 23.
3. **Update from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Specifically, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed six recruiting calendar recommendations that received strong support based on a recent survey conducted by the WBCA. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee referred these concepts to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation

Subcommittee to be considered as a part of the comprehensive evaluation of the recruiting calendar.

4. **Update on Educational Programming and Initiatives for Women's Basketball.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on on-going education initiatives specific to women's basketball. Specifically, these initiatives included the recent release of the 2025-26 recruiting calendar, continued social media presence on X (formerly Twitter) and in-person and virtual educational presentations made to the NCAA membership and to women's basketball prospective student-athletes. Programming was also provided at the 2025 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar and at the upcoming June scholastic events.
5. **NCAA Division I Legislative Update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received a report from the Legislation Subcommittee that met on May 19. The Legislation Subcommittee supported the extension of two blanket waivers that would allow student managers to be practice players and would permit coaches to attend elite level international events in June, July and August. The blanket waivers were supported by the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and have been distributed to the membership. Also, it was noted that NCAA Proposal No. 2025-2 Playing and Practice Seasons - Basketball – Maximum Number of Contests and Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event Requirement will be reviewed by the Division I Council at its June meeting and if supported, will go into effect August 1, 2026.
6. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the recent work of the Student Athlete Engagement Group and its activities. Specifically, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the professional development program for 13 Division I women's basketball student athletes in conjunction with the Final Four. The group toured both Amalie Arena and Raymond James Stadium and attended several panels with women leaders in sports. The group also spent time at the Next Generation Officiating Clinic, attended brunch with NCAA President Charlie Baker and the Division I Women's Basketball Committee and attended a financial education panel with Candace Parker. Due to graduation and transferring, replacements will be solicited for vacancies for the upcoming academic year.
7. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the Women's Basketball Committee. Five new members will be joining the Women's Basketball Committee to replace outgoing members. Amanda Braun, the athletics director of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, will move into the chair position for 2025-26. The Women's Basketball Committee conducted a joint meeting with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee on June 4 to discuss and to collaborate on the following topics: Travel, ticketing, sports wagering and future tournament considerations. The Women's Basketball Committee will meet next on June 21 via videoconference and July 8-10 in-person and will

focus on preliminary round format review, preparations for future site selection processes launching in late 2025-2026, 2025 championship recap, annual comprehensive evaluation of NCAA Evaluation Tool and education, national and championship officiating program and future tournament considerations.

8. **Update on the 2025 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the 2025 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament. The University of Minnesota was crowned this year's champion. This year's tournament saw a 15% increase in attendance from last year and more conferences represented (16 to 20 conferences). A post-event survey indicated that participating teams believed the Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament was a positive postseason experience. Lastly, Wichita, Kansas (Charles Koch Arena, Wichita State University) was awarded the host of the semi-finals and finals in 2026 and 2027. [[Link](#)]
9. **Update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee. It was noted that 10 playing rules recommendations were strongly supported by the membership who completed the survey during the comment period. These proposals will be reviewed by the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel on June 10 and will go into effect August 1, 2025, if adopted. [[Link](#)]
10. **Update on the NCAA Division I National Officiating Program.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed data on officials selected to participate in the 2025 Division I Women's Basketball Championship and the 2025 WBIT, including years of experience officiating in NCAA postseason competition. In addition, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed play calling data from the 2025 NCAA tournament and noted that the plays were correctly called at 93%, which mirrored last year's rate. The Next Generation Officiating Seminar was conducted in conjunction with the 2025 championship in Tampa, which strives to develop high school officials for future officiating at the collegiate level and collegiate officials with less than three years of experience officiating. Forty-five officials participated in this year's seminar which offered learning and networking sessions.
11. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee May 5 and May 8 meeting reports.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its May 5 and May 8 meeting report.
12. **NCAA legal update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on several ongoing legal issues impacting women's basketball and the collegiate athletics environment.
13. **Future meeting schedule.**
 - To be determined.

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, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee June 5, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Jacqueline Blackett, Columbia University – Barnard College.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Brent Jones, Troy University.	
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.	
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	
Absentees:	
Patricia Anumgba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.	
Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.	
Kennedy Todd-Williams, University of Mississippi.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Penny Davis.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lynne Andrew, Connor Bush, Jenn Fraser, Khadian Harrison, Victoria Lipscomb, Massillon Myers, Amy Reis, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Andy Supergan, Sara Thurber, Jared Tidemann, Angela Tressel and Meghan Wright.	