



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MAY 13, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Contactable Individuals – Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athletes – Reduce from 45 to 30 Days – Women’s Basketball.**

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Council introduce legislation at its June 2024 meeting, to modify from 45 days to 30 days, the duration of the notification of transfer windows for undergraduate four-year transfer student-athletes. Further, the 30-consecutive day period would begin the day after the end of the second round of the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. When the windows into the notification of transfer process were adopted, there was recognition that the timing and duration of the windows would need to be monitored and potentially, adjusted. Upon review of data from this past spring, the data continues to indicate that most women’s basketball undergraduate student-athletes who ultimately transfer enter their name and information in the Transfer Portal within the first 30 days of the window opening and trends suggest the majority of women’s basketball undergraduate student-athletes who enter the Transfer Portal do so in fewer than 60 days. Further, the Division I women’s basketball recruiting calendar has an evaluation period, the third weekend in April. Without modification to the notification of transfer window, the current recruiting period may be impacted. Division I coaches have expressed a desire for the transfer window to close prior to the start of this evaluation period to have a better understanding of their team’s composition and areas of focus for the upcoming evaluation period. In addition, efforts should be made to minimize pressure on women’s basketball student-athletes to serve as student hosts during final examinations week. Division I coaches have expressed a desire to know which student-athletes will be a part of their programming for the upcoming season and prior to the deadline for summer school registration. Lastly, there is also a desire to minimize the impact on current student-athletes who plan to be with the team for the next season.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Amendment to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-13 Playing and Practice Seasons – Preseason Off-Campus Intrasquad Games – Men's Basketball.**

(1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee requests the council amend NCAA Proposal No. 2024-13 to include women's basketball.

(2) Effective date. Immediate (for the amendment).

(3) Rationale. This proposal provides institutional flexibility by expanding the location restriction of where an institution's women's basketball preseason intrasquad scrimmage may occur prior to the first permissible contest date and to allow an institution to build fan support and to engage in local communities by allowing intrasquad scrimmages to occur at locations within its state or within a 400-mile radius of the institution. Restricting the location of such activities to within the institution's state or a 400-mile radius of the institution eliminates the real or perceived recruiting advantage if such activities were to be permitted at other locations.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Minimal.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Amendment to NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-14 Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Eliminate Institutional Participation Limit – Men's Basketball.**

(1) Recommendation. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee requests the council amend Proposal No. 2024-14 to add women's basketball.

(2) Effective date. Immediate (for the amendment).

(3) Rationale. Currently, basketball is the only sport that limits student-athletes from participating in no more than one foreign tour at a particular institution. This proposal modernizes the application of the time lapse between foreign tours legislation to permit women's basketball student-athletes to participate in more than one foreign tour per institution. Further, the proposal would align women's basketball with the opportunity that student-athletes in other sports have to participate in more than one foreign tour at the same institution. This proposal does not modify the limitation that a team may only conduct a foreign tour once every four years.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Vary by institution.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Update on the development of the NCAA Division I women's basketball performance fund.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the governance staff on the timeline and opportunities for the membership to provide feedback on funding models for the development of a women's basketball performance fund. The Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee will review the feedback received to finalize its recommendation to the Division I Board in advance of the September 1 legislative deadline. It is anticipated that the Division I membership will vote on the creation of the women's basketball fund at the January 2025 NCAA Convention. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will continue to receive updates as work continues this important initiative.

**2. NCAA Division I legislative update.**

- a. Adopted June 2024 pilot legislative proposals originating from the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.

Proposal No. 2024-16 Athletics Personnel and Recruiting – Limitation on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters – Women's Basketball. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee approved an amendment to Proposal No. 2024-16 and adopted the proposal, as amended, to permit all six countable coaches to recruit off-campus; however, only four countable coaches may be off-campus recruiting at any one time. Further, to specify during the scholastic recruiting periods (September to March) only four coaches may use a recruiting person day on any single day. During the summer recruiting periods (April to August) only four coaches may engage in off-campus recruiting activities during each specified recruiting period (e.g., each evaluation weekend).

- b. Other June 2024 pilot legislative proposals originating from the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee did not take action on the following proposals. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will review the proposals, including any possible amendments, at its June meeting:

- (1) Proposal No. 2024-15 Playing and Practice Seasons – Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple Team Event.
- (2) Proposal No. 2024-18 Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – Number of Official Visits – Remove Institutional Limitation – Women's Basketball.

- (3) Proposal No. 2024-19 Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Permit One Contest Against a Division I Opponent – Women's Basketball.
- (4) Proposal No. 2024-31 Athletics Personnel – Manager – Participation in Countable Athletically Related Activities.

3. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Rules Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received highlights of key rules changes being considered by the Women's Basketball Rules Committee. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee met in-person April 30 – May 1, 2024. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee recommended a one-game suspension be added to the ejection of players, coaches or bench personnel who make physical contact or threaten referees. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee also proposed expanding video replay review to include whether a player's foot last touching the court was inbounds on a made shot before time expired. Also, in instances where an off-ball foul is called near the time a field goal or free-throw attempt is occurring, officials would have to immediately conduct a replay review to judge whether a basket should count. This is an adjustment to last year's rules change that provided for the review of defensive fouls to be conducted during the next electronic-media timeout. All playing rules proposals must be approved by the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel before becoming official. The panel is scheduled to discuss women's basketball rules June 6.

4. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed potential models under consideration by the Division I Women's Basketball Committee for amending its current committee composition due to the change in status of a past autonomy conference. The current legislative composition of the Division I Women's Basketball is, as follows:

1. **General requirements:**

- Twelve voting members that must be administrators.
- Each member serves a five-year term.
- One member from each region (East, Midwest, South, Southeast, West) and seven at-large members; no more than four members shall be from any single region.

2. **Specific requirements:**

- One member selected from each autonomy conference. (5 seats)
- Three members selected from the seven highest ranked nonautonomy conferences based on basketball success; and
- Four members selected from nonautonomy conferences ranked 13 to 32 by basketball success (i.e., conferences not previously considered).  
\*Basketball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the last five NCAA championships, excluding First Four wins.

With the loss of autonomy status by the Pac-12 Conference, there is a need to determine where that seat should be allocated. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee endorsed a model that would allocate that open seat to the group made up of the seven highest ranked non-autonomy conferences based on basketball success. This will allocate four committee seats equally among the three groups, while still allowing each eligible conference to have the opportunity to be represented on the committee. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will conduct a formal vote soon to determine the final concept that will be ultimately recommended to the council to consider at its upcoming June in-person meeting.

5. **Approval of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee April 22, 2024, videoconference report.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed and approved its April 22 videoconference report.
6. **Other business.** Due to time constraints, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will address the following items at a future meeting:
  - a. Proposal to amend the first contest date in basketball.
  - b. Update on the review of outside competition by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.
7. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - 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 Videoconference May 13, 2024	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	

Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Patricia Anumba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).
Brent Jones, Troy University.
Olivia Summiel, Virginia Polytechnic State University.
<b>Guest(s) in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Lydia Bell, Amanda Conklin, Kelsi Mahoney, Ty Medd, Courtney Moore, Amy Reis, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Jared Tidemann and Meghan Wright.