



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MAY 11, 2026, 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 oversight committee was updated on the decision and the work to come on the tournament expansion to 76 teams including, but not limited to, bracketing principles and technology, resources and personnel, impact on operations and prioritization around reinvestment in the basketball championships. In addition, the oversight committee reviewed the current NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee and oversight committee vacancies and their associated nomination deadlines and encouraged conferences to nominate qualified individuals who would be valuable additions to the committee.
2. **NCAA legal update.** The oversight committee continued to receive updates from the NCAA office of legal affairs on current and ongoing legal issues and topics. The oversight committee also received an update on eligibility matters and potential impact on women's basketball.
3. **NCAA Division I Cabinet and governance update.** The oversight committee received an update and engaged in a discussion on key Division I governance issues impacting Division I women's basketball, including the proposed age-based eligibility model and NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 playing and practice seasons decentralization efforts.
4. **Age-based eligibility model.** The oversight committee received an update on the Division I age-based eligibility concept and timelines for key governance actions and feedback opportunities. The oversight committee shared feedback on the model and will continue to receive updates as the model progresses through the governance process.
5. **Decentralization of Division I Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).** The oversight committee revisited the initial discussion on the decentralization efforts of Bylaw 17 and reviewed the timeline for any potential change by the Division I Cabinet to Bylaw 17. As requested by the Division I Cabinet, the oversight committee provided feedback on the start date, maximum contest limit and summer access for women's basketball and supported a playing and practice season model that would include a "ramp up" in the fall of athletic activity hours leading to the time period for on-court practice. The oversight committee also discussed annual contest exemptions and possibly incorporating these contests into the total number of contests for the regular season. The oversight committee (or a small group of oversight committee members) will continue to discuss Bylaw 17 elements and will develop a proposed model for the full oversight committee to review during the June WBOC in-person meeting.

6. **Recap of the 2026 NCAA Division I women postseason tournaments.** The oversight committee received an initial review of the 2026 Division I women's basketball championship, 2026 WBIT, and social media initiatives for marketing women's basketball. Specifically, the oversight committee was provided with an update on the progress of gathering feedback on the championship and evaluating feedback for future championships. In addition, the oversight committee received an update on the annual social media initiatives specific to the marketing of women's basketball, the five years of growth, current year highlights and timeframe and milestones. For the WBIT, the oversight committee received an update on the 2026 championship, the selection criteria, and committee vacancies.
7. **USA Basketball 3v3 initiative.** The oversight committee received an update on the 3v3 initiative launched by USA Basketball. The oversight committee was made aware of the website launched to provide resources surrounding the 3X Play Initiative, which was implemented to teach the FIBA 3X3 rules, benefits, skill development, competition format and to bring awareness to the sport.
8. **Women's Basketball Oversight Committee April 22 report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its April 22 meeting report.
9. **Update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.
10. **Update from the public release of 2024-25 NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate data.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at a future meeting.
11. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - a. June 1-2, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
  - b. June 22, 2026 – videoconference.
  - c. August 24, 2026 – videoconference.
  - d. October 5-6, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis.
  - e. 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

<b>NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee May 11, 2026, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
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.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside.
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.
Taryn Sides, Kansas State University.
Adrianna Smith, University of Maine.
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Allie Kelley, Brigham Young University.
Andrea Travelstead, USA Basketball.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Keisha Burnette, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Amanda Conklin, Sam Friedman, Alliah Harrison, Khadian Harrison, Charnele Kemper, Dee Kennedy, Courtney Moore, Massillon Myers, Rachel Seewald, Geoff Silver, Andy Supergan, Jared Tidemann and Meg Wright.