



REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 21, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative item.**
 - **Women's Basketball – Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athletes.**

- (1) Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation to modify the notification of transfer window in women's basketball to initiate the notification of transfer process during a 15-consecutive-day period beginning the day after the NCAA Division I women's basketball championship game. Further, to amend the head coach departure exception to specify the following:

Fifteen-consecutive-day window if one of the following occurs between the opening of the notification transfer window (e.g., April 6) and January 1:

- School hires or publicly announces hire of new head coach, the 15-consecutive-day period begins five calendar days after the hire or public announcement (whichever occurs first); or
- If school does not hire a new head coach within 30 days of departure or announcement of departure, the 15-consecutive-day period begins on the 31st day.

The head coach exception may not occur prior to opening of the notification of transfer window (e.g., April 6, 2026), and the 15-consecutive day window may not extend beyond January 1.

The oversight committee requests the Division I Cabinet adopt the proposed changes as expedited legislation at its January 14, 2026, meeting.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal protects the championship experience, upholds integrity and competitive equity, and supports the well-being of both coaches and student-athletes. The oversight committee recognized the Division I women's basketball championship and all other postseason competition as the pinnacle for the sport and delaying the start date of the notification of transfer period until after the conclusion of the championship ensures continued growth and celebration of the sport. Additionally, the proposal allows coaches and student-athletes to continue their focus on postseason competition. The oversight committee also noted the proposal normalizes a "cooling-off" period, which allows student-athletes more time

to consider their options and provides coaches additional opportunities to retain rosters in a less emotionally charged environment. The oversight committee noted transfer student-athletes would still have sufficient time to complete academic requirements to fully participate in summer athletic activities at new institutions given the notification of transfer window was reduced from 30 to 15 days. Finally, this proposal supports women's basketball coaches' professional development in attending events at both the Women's Final Four and Women's Basketball Coaches Association events.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Varies by institution based on time recruiting off campus.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The proposal protects student-athletes' championship experience, upholds integrity and competitive equity, and provides student-athletes more time to consider their future options in a less emotionally charged environment.

**Note: Legislative action on the head coach departure exception occurred via an electronic vote following the videoconference.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Future meeting schedule.****

- a. June 1-2, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
- b. October 5-6, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

** Virtual meetings will be scheduled in between in-person meetings.

WBOC 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

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committees November 21, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
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.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Adrianna Smith, University of Maine.	
Brooke Wycoff, Florida State University.	
Absentees:	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside.	
Tricia Cullow, University of Miami (FL). (Alternate)	
Taryn Sides, Kansas State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Keisha Burnette, Connor Bush, Amanda Conklin, Judy Delp, Dan Gavitt, Khadian Harrison, Charnele Kemper, Abbie Markey, Massillon Myers, Andy Supergan, Jared Tidemann, Megan Wright and Demetria Woodard.	