



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
October 2-3, 2023, 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 NCAA Women's Basketball Strategic Plan. Specifically, the oversight committee reviewed the NCAA operating plan recently published as a result of the internal business review and ways in which women's basketball is already incorporating the plan to further build on the growth of women's basketball in the areas such as inclusive championships, increased revenue, media contracts and ticketing revenue. There will be continued review of the women's basketball strategic plan to correlation points to the NCAA operating plan, where appropriate.
2. **Report from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The oversight committee received a preview of key agenda items for the fall meeting of the Women's Basketball Committee, which will include a continued discussion on bracket access and championship strategic planning that will incorporate the NCAA operating plan. In addition, an update was provided on the work in preparation for the 2024 Women's Basketball Final Four in Cleveland, Ohio. The oversight committee was also provided an update on the officiating assessment relating to the championship that was conducted by The Pictor Group. The report focused on improvement to demonstrate integrity by improving education, communication and transparency. Purpose of the officiating assessment was to enhance the program, policies, procedures. In addition, the oversight committee was made aware of the timing and methods communicate and post surrounding the officiating program. The oversight committee was also provided an overview of the categorized areas of focus for enhancement. In addition, the oversight committee viewed the women's basketball officiating educational video to further enhance and encourage proper officiating guidelines.
3. **Update on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT).** The oversight committee received a status update on the planning and development of the WBIT, the women's basketball 32-team postseason event to be launched spring 2024. The oversight committee reviewed the recent release of information regarding the 2024 event, which included the semi and final predetermined competition site, broadcast partner, radio partner, selection committee roster, selection criteria and the formation of an advisory group. Based on a recommendation from the oversight committee, an advisory group was established to provide strategic guidance and feedback on proposed policies related to the WBIT and to identify innovative initiatives that stimulate growth of the game.
4. **Update on Four-Year College Transfers and Waivers.** The oversight committee received an informational update on four-year college transfers and the current transfer waiver process, including the number of waivers submitted in all sports, including women's

basketball. As of September 28, 18 transfer waivers have been submitted in women's basketball. In addition, the oversight committee was provided an update on changes made to the postgraduate participation previously approved waiver.

5. **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group.** The oversight committee reviewed the purpose of the Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group and was provided an informational update on the current and future areas of focus for the group. The engagement group met on Sunday, October 1, for an orientation and provided feedback on models for proposed transfer notification windows for women's basketball. Also, an update was provided on the 2024 Women's Final Four professional development opportunity available to engagement members with highlights of topics and activities included within the program.
6. **Women's Basketball Coaches Association update.** The oversight committee received an update on the key initiatives and key priorities of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Specifically, an update was provided on feedback surrounding the practice player blanket waivers that have been in place for the past three years, which permitted student managers and up to two noncoaching staff members to serve as practice players. The update included an interest to explore extension of the blanket waiver for an additional playing season until further review can be conducted to determine if introduction of permanent legislation is warranted. The oversight committee supported the extension of the blanket waiver to allow student managers and up to two noncoaching staff members to serve as male practice players through the 2023-24 playing season. The WBCA will conduct a review of this issue and work with the oversight committee to determine if legislation in this space should be sponsored in the future.
7. **NCAA Division I Council Working Group on Name, Image, and Likeness Update.** The oversight committee received an update on the current work related to name, image, and likeness.
8. **Approval of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee September 8 videoconference Report.** The oversight committee reviewed and approved its September 8 report.
9. **Future meeting schedule.**
  - January 9, 2024, (in-person meeting in conjunction with the NCAA Convention, Phoenix, Arizona).

*Committee Chair:* David Harris, University of Northern Iowa  
*Staff Liaisons:* Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances  
Lynn Holzman, Championships and Alliances  
Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee In-Person Meeting October 2-3, 2023</b>
<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.
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa.
Brent Jones, Troy University.
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.
Joseph Manhertz, St. Bonaventure University.
Tomekia Reed, Jackson State University.
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Patricia Anumgba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).
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>
Lynne Andrew, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Meghan Durham, Brandy Hataway, Khadian Kelly, Kelsi Mahoney, Courtney Moore, Amy Reis, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Jared Tideman and Kelsey Gurganus-Wright.