



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 7-8, 2024, 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 from the vice president of women's basketball. Specifically, the NCAA recently announced 240 championship host site selections across all sports, including the 2027 (Las Vegas, Philadelphia) and 2028 (Portland and Washington D.C.) regional sites for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. During the bid process, 25 cities bid on women's basketball regional sites. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was informed the 2025 NCAA Women's Final Four will be broadcasted on ABC, which is a contracted requirement under the new ESPN agreement, along with other championship enhancements. Specific to continued communication and engagement, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee staff continues to provide regular newsletters and has calls with updates specific to the Women's Basketball Championship to conference administrators and former committee members.
2. **NCAA Senior Vice President of Basketball update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was provided an overview of the national office goals specific to basketball. Generally, the national office will continue to explore ways to sustainably fund championships, generate revenue and increase focus on competition-related operational issues associated with basketball championships. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will be updated on any decision for the NCAA College Basketball Academy.
3. **Update on Key Division I Governance Topics.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the governance staff on the Division I Women's Basketball Performance Fund, which is slated for a membership vote on January 15, 2025, at the 2025 NCAA Convention.
4. **Update on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT).** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received a status update on the WBIT. During its inaugural year in 2024, the WBIT field included 11 automatic qualifying teams and 21 at-large bids and 16 conferences were represented. Specific to the 2025 WBIT, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update regarding the semi- and final predetermined competition site (Indianapolis, Indiana – Butler University), broadcast schedule and selection committee roster.
5. **Officiating update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the national officiating coordinator on the women's basketball officiating program. Specifically, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an overview of the educational programming directed at 750 Division I women's basketball officials. There is an increased emphasis on education related to sports wagering and conduct related issues. Additionally,

four regional officiating clinics are being conducted during fall 2024, where officials receive training related to making difficult decisions, optimizing mental performance, and focusing on play calling and decision making. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also received a recap of the 2024 College Basketball Academy, where 100 officials represented every conference across all three divisions.

6. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement (SAEG) group's September 29, 2024, meeting. The SAEG covered and provided feedback on legislative concepts related to transfer portal windows and required days off for travel related to competition. The SAEG also previewed the Final Four Professional Development Opportunity, which provides women's basketball student-athletes with access to additional aspects of the sport (e.g., broadcast, officiating, coaching) during the 2025 Women's Final Four. The SAEG meets monthly and Jackie Blackett and Lindy La Rocque serve as liaisons to the group.
7. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Competition Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the Women's Basketball Competition Committee, that last met on September 26, 2024. The Competition Committee received an overview of enhancements to the national officiating program, which will be evaluated annually to ensure the program is operating effectively and efficiently. The 2024 Division I women's basketball championship included the use of technology on the bench for coaching purposes and the Competition Committee supports the continued use of this technology. The Competition Committee also recommends that the use of timing devices be reinstated during the championship. The Competition Committee believes the benefits will help in many areas of the game including replay reviews and table crew experience. The Competition Committee was informed of increased discussions surrounding commercial logos on playing surfaces and uniforms. The rules book outline's specific locations on the court where commercial logos may be placed. In addition, logo specifications for players and official's uniforms are also outlined in the playing rules. The Competition Committee was reminded that its rules change every year for women's basketball and the call for proposals opens in early December and closes on February 1, 2025. At a future meeting, the Competition Committee will explore aligning NCAA rules with Women's National Basketball Association's rules as it relates to coaches' challenges and resetting time outs. Headsets for on-court game officials for the purpose of communication were also added as a future discussion item. The need for officials to be trained on replay reviews was requested.
8. **Women's Basketball Coaches Association update.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an overview of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) legislative process. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also received an update regarding the 2024 WBCA Showcase, which will take place November 21-24 in Orlando, Florida. The WBCA plans to add a second basketball event in 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada, which tentatively will occur the second week of November.

9. NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Administrative Subcommittee June 17 videoconference report, Women's Basketball Oversight Committee June 24-25 in-person meeting report and August 20, 2024, videoconference meeting report. The Women's Basketball Oversight committee reviewed and approved its June 17, June 24-25, and August 20, 2024, reports.

10. Other Business. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee recommended collaborating with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee specific to officiating programming and retention of officials at a future meeting.

11. Future meeting schedule.

- a. December 5, 2024, videoconference.
- b. January 14, 2025, (in-person meeting in conjunction with the 2025 NCAA Convention, Nashville, Tennessee).

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 In-Person Meeting October 7-8, 2024	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Patricia Anumba, Towson State University (nonvoting member).	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
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).	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho	
Brent Jones, Troy University	
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	
Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University	
Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.	
Kennedy Todd-Williams, University of Mississippi.	
Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.	

Absentees:
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Charvi Greer, Tulane University and Pathway to Opportunity Participant.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lynne Andrew, Tim Buckley, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Penny Davis, Jenn Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Brian Higgins, Michelle Hosick, Khadian Kelly, Victoria Lipscomb, Kelsi Mahoney, Massillon Myers, Rick Nixon, Amy Reis, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Natalie Steger, Jared Tidemann, Lauren Wilson and Meghan Wright.