



**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 6-7, 2025, IN-PERSON MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Joint meeting with the NCAA Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee, NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs, Government Relations and the Collegiate Sports Commission.
2. **Initial discussion on the notification of transfer window for NCAA Division I women's basketball.** The oversight committee conducted an initial discussion on possible amendments to the notification of transfer windows for women's basketball. The committee reviewed data specific to student-athlete transfer trends and discussed recommendations submitted by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Emphasized areas of consideration were the opening and length of the transfer window, the importance of a uniform timeline, and the impact of the transfer window on the playing season and the academic calendar. The oversight committee also discussed exceptions to the notification of transfer window (e.g., head coach departure) and expressed interest in an additional transfer window for affected student-athletes.
3. **Overview of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.** The oversight committee received an orientation on the new Division I governance structure and the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.
4. **NCAA vice president of women's basketball update.** The oversight committee received an informational update on strategic initiatives and priorities related to women's basketball from the vice president of women's basketball. Specifically, the oversight committee reviewed and discussed the NCAA women's basketball strategic positioning that addresses the vision, value and commitment to women's basketball. The primary focus of the strategic positioning centers around the game, the brand and the championship. Additional areas of focus include ensuring sustainable business models and leaning into the cultural capital of women's basketball. Under the new Division I governance structure, the oversight committee will have more authority to fulfill strategic priorities, establish goals specific to women's basketball and ensure accountability in achieving those goals.
5. **Update on the NCAA Division I National Officiating Program.** The oversight committee received an update from the national officiating coordinator on the women's basketball officiating program. The oversight committee received an overview of the national officiating program's educational programming. Additionally, the national officiating coordinator discussed the success of the program's four regional officiating clinics, where

725 officials attended in-person training and were provided visual examples of rules changes for the upcoming season. The oversight committee also received an overview of the conference coordinator collaboration program, where identified officials are provided with postseason experience in Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament assignments. The national officiating program's primary area of focus continues to achieve 90% or higher call accuracy during the NCAA Division I women's basketball championship.

6. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Group (SAEG).** The purpose of the SAEG is to amplify the voice of women's basketball student-athletes on key initiatives, legislation and other issues impacting women's basketball. The SAEG will meet regularly, beginning October 2025, to obtain student-athlete feedback prior to oversight committee and Division I Women's Basketball Committee meetings. Under the new Division I governance structure, the SAEG will select a chair for the first time, and this individual will serve on the oversight committee.
7. **Update on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT).** The oversight committee received a status update on the WBIT. Compared to its inaugural year, the 2025 WBIT had four additional conferences represented (20 conferences total) and saw a 15% attendance increase in preliminary rounds. The 2026 and 2027 WBIT will continue under its current format and schedule, where the first three rounds will be played on campus sites, and the semi-finals and finals will be held in Wichita, Kansas. The 2026 WBIT will implement an experimental rule where coaches may appeal any called foul during any time of the game. There is no limit to the number of appeals a coach may initiate, and this rule will also be available during 2025-26 women's basketball exhibition contests. The oversight committee also received an update on the 2025-26 WBIT selection committee.
8. **Update on digital and social media initiatives for 2025-26 NCAA Division I women's basketball season.** The oversight committee received an update and overview of the social media plan for the 2025-26 women's basketball season. Specifically, the success of the women's basketball's Road Trip campaign has been adopted by other sports' social media programs. The 2025-26 Road Trip will focus on preseason, regular season and postseason coverage highlighting visible student-athletes, while also covering unique team storylines. Trips will rotate throughout different regions during the 2025-26 season, covering a wide variety of institutions.
9. **Composition and vacancies for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and Division I Playing Rules Subcommittee.** The oversight committee reviewed the slate of nominees for vacancies on the oversight committee and the Playing Rules Subcommittee. Specific to the oversight committee's nonvoting public appointment seat, the oversight committee will solicit names and elect the designee at a future oversight committee meeting.

The following individuals were appointed to the respective oversight committee seats:

Student-Athlete from Nonautonomy Conference	Maya Chocano, University of California, Riverside
Success Next Top Six Conference (Head Coach)	Jose Fernandez, University of South Florida
Success Next Top Six Conference	Erin McDermott, Harvard University
At-Large	Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University
Student-Athlete from Autonomy Conference	Taryn Sides, Kansas State University

The oversight committee took the following actions specific to the playing rules subcommittee:

- **Adopted** a total of four guaranteed autonomy conference seats.
 - **Adopted** the reduction from two to one oversight committee member serving on the Playing Rules Subcommittee. (The oversight committee noted that the oversight committee member must be a voting member of the oversight committee; however, that individual would serve as a nonvoting member of the Playing Rules Subcommittee.)
 - **Adopted** the addition of one voting member from a nonautonomy conference. (The seat replaced the vacant oversight committee member position that was reduced above.)
 - **Adopted** the subcommittee composition requirement that a minimum of two coaches must serve in each subgroup of seats.
 - **Adopted** the structure of the playing rules subcommittee. Specifically, requiring one nonvoting active official, one nonvoting conference coordinator of officials, and one nonvoting public appointment.
10. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Playing Rules Subcommittee.** The oversight received an update from the NCAA Women's Basketball Playing Rules Subcommittee. Specifically, the oversight committee received an update on the coach's challenge for out-of-bounds violations for the 2025-26 season and addressed experimental rules that will be tested during the 2026 WBIT. The playing rules subcommittee will have monthly calls and an in-person annual meeting in May 2026.
11. **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update from the Women's Basketball Committee and approved two action items. Five new members joined the Women's Basketball Committee to replace outgoing members. During its September 28 meeting, the Women's Basketball Committee approved a venue change for the 2028 Women's Final Four, moving the Division I women's basketball championship from Gainbridge Fieldhouse to Lucas Oil Stadium. The Women's Basketball Committee determined the current

preliminary round formats should remain unchanged through the 2031 championship, where preliminary rounds will continue to be played at nonpredetermined Top 16 campus sites, and regionals will occur at two sites with eight teams per site. The Women's Basketball Committee also approved a minimum seating capacity requirement for regional round competition venues of at least 10,000 saleable seats effective for the 2029 championship and beyond. The Women's Basketball Committee will conduct fall meetings on-site in Phoenix, tour the Women's Final Four footprint and participate in local engagements.

The oversight committee **approved** the following items for the 2026 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship: (a) 31 eligible conferences for automatic qualification; and, (b) team replacement policy.

12. **Update from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA).** The oversight committee received an update from the WBCA. Specifically, the oversight committee reviewed two legislative recommendations that received strong support based on a recent survey conducted by the WBCA. The oversight committee will address these recommendations at future oversight committee meetings.
13. **NCAA Division I legislative discussion.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at its next meeting.
14. **Review of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Policies and Procedures.** Due to time constraints, the oversight committee will address this agenda item at its next meeting.
15. **Future meeting schedule.***
 - June 1-2, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
 - October 5-6, 2026 – in-person meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

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

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 Committee October 6-7, 2025, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.	
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.	
Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.	
Sara Burton, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.	
Liz Darger, Brigham Young University (nonvoting member).	
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).	
Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.	
Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.	
Jill Shields, Kansas State University.	
Brooke Wycoff, Florida State University.	
Absentees:	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Riley Donahue, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.	
Neisha Campbell, Marshall University.	
Brittney Johnson, Florida A&M University.	
D'Ann, Keller, University of Buffalo.	
Lori Williams, Louisiana State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lynne Andrew, Connor Bush, Jessie Carmack, Amanda Conklin, Penny Davis, Khadian Harrison, Courtney Moore, Rachel Seewald, Andy Supergan, Jared Tidemann, Lauren Wilson and Demetria Woodard.	