



REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update from the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee.** The Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the work of the Transformation Committee. In early August, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors adopted legislation related to the NCAA Transfer Portal that established transfer windows and financial aid guidelines. The NCAA staff continues to work through questions related to the adoption of the legislation related to transfers. There will be opportunities during the upcoming October NCAA Division I Council meeting to have continued discussion on feedback received on the newly adopted transfer windows. Three proposals related to the infractions process were also adopted by the Board. The goal of the proposals was to streamline the infraction and appellate processes. The Board also eliminated the independent accountability review process. Lastly, the Transformation Committee will now turn its attention to the areas of membership requirements, governance structure and championships.
2. **Feedback request from the NCAA Division I Modernization Review Subcommittee on personnel and recruiting periods.** The oversight committee was presented with proposed concepts surrounding personnel and recruiting periods. Specifically, the oversight committee was asked to provide feedback on four areas: (1) The overall number of countable coaches needed to best support women's basketball; (2) The preferred recruiting calendar for women's basketball; (3) The appropriate number of recruiting person days to support the recruiting needs of a women's basketball program; and (4) The preferred uniform start date for recruiting activities to begin in women's basketball.

With regard to these concepts, the oversight committee provided feedback surrounding personnel limitations and suggested adjusting restrictions placed on current basketball-specific noncoaching staff members in terms of the activities they may be engaged in. Further, the oversight committee expressed its continued support for the adoption of its women's basketball fellow concept, which is intended to provide former basketball student-athletes with coaching experience and to develop a coaching pipeline for women and minorities. With regard to the recruiting calendar, the oversight committee intentionally kept contacts and evaluations separate related to home visits in order to eliminate contact with junior prospective student-athletes. With regard to the start date for contacts with prospective student-athletes, the oversight committee prefers June 1 as the first permissible start date to have contact because the date provides coaches the opportunity to speak directly with the prospective student-athletes about camps, official and unofficial visits. Lastly, the oversight committee emphasized the need for collaboration with NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee where both sports should be similarly situated (e.g., financial aid limitations).

3. **Update on the implementation of the gender equity recommendations for women's basketball.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the progress of several recommendations from the NCAA Gender Equity Report:
 - a. NCAA College Basketball Academy for girls' basketball. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the timeline and several immediate decision points surrounding a proposed basketball academy for girls' basketball. The subcommittee agreed the appropriate timeframe to conduct the event is the last Tuesday through Sunday of July (e.g., July 26-29, 2023) based on the construct of the women's basketball recruiting calendar and coach and participant schedules. Further, that time period is aligned with the boy's College Basketball Academy. The subcommittee continues to discuss the appropriate number of participants (500 limit) and is finalizing the goals of a basketball academy for girls' basketball. Lastly, the subcommittee is working to identify legislative changes that will be necessary in order to conduct the event. A final model will be presented to the Division I Council at its October meeting.
 - b. Enhanced NCAA championship opportunities for women's basketball. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the development of an NCAA-supported 32-team postseason tournament for women's basketball. The subcommittee agreed, in principle, that the format, operation and personnel should mirror the current construct being used for the Men's National Invitational Tournament. There have been continued conversations surrounding finances, revenue and the governance process and the challenges such an event may encounter.
4. **Report from the Division I Women's Basketball Committee.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the planning and execution of the 2023 women's championships. It was noted that the 2023 championship will be broadcasted live on ABC for the first time on the network. During the 2021 championship, ABC aired two first round match-ups and four Sweet 16 contests. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee was provided with an update on the selection timeline for future Final Four sites for 2027-2031. A joint announcement for men's and women's basketball future sites will be made in November. In planning for the 2023 Women's Final Four in Dallas, a familiarization tour was held that allowed NCAA Corporate Champions and Partners to explore investments in the women's championship. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee also received an update on the committee's discussions surrounding the conduct of the Women's Final Four on an alternate weekend from the men's championship. A recommendation is expected at the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee's October meeting.
5. **Update on the Division I women's basketball college road trip for the 2022-23 season.** The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee received an update on the return of the

social media women's basketball college road trip, which was on hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the road trip plans to visit 17 schools, attend five media days and target 5-6 big matches. The digital and media group continues to explore ways to expand on the concept and will conduct meetings with stakeholders to discuss March Madness for women's basketball.

6. **Future meeting schedule.**

- October 3 to 4 (in-person meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana).

Committee Chair: Jaime Boggs, Grand Canyon University
Staff Liaisons Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances
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Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Meeting September 9, 2022, Videoconference
Attendees:
Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (nonvoting member).
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.
Jamie Boggs, Grand Canyon University.
Jackie Carson, Furman University.
Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (nonvoting member).
Rich Ensor, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Irma Garcia, St. Francis College Brooklyn.
Darrice Griffin, University of Georgia.
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa.
Lisa Peterson, University of Oregon (nonvoting member).
Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.
Jennifer Strawley, University of Miami (Florida) (nonvoting member).
Absentees:
Laeticia Amihere, University of South Carolina, Columbia (nonvoting member).
Kathy Meehan, St. John's University (New York).
Katie Meier, University of Miami (Florida).
Olivia Summiel, Wake Forest University.
Guest(s) in Attendance:
Lisa Archbald, Northeast Conference, Matt, Boyer, Southeastern Conference
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver, Lynn Holzman and Binh Nguyen.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Lynne Andrew, Karlee Curtis, Meghan Durham, Khadian Kelly, Jordan Kollar, Carly Lyvers, Kelsi Mahoney, Cindi Merrill, Amy Reis, Demetria Woodard and Leeland Zeller.