

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Update from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Division I Council. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees received updates on key topics in NCAA Division I governance, including the development of the women's basketball performance fund, a proposed new governance structure and pending legal settlements. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees also engaged in a discussion about the current multiple-team event legislation to determine if changes should be considered in light of the current landscape in college athletics.
- 2. Update from the Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Committees. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees received updates from the August 20, 2024, joint videoconference of the Men's and Women's Basketball Committees specific to committee and leadership appointments, team replacement policy and bench-size limits for the 2024-25 championships and information related to the 2027 and 2028 preliminary predetermined round site selection. The Men's and Women's Basketball Committees meet separately in October to prepare for the 2024-25 regular season and championship and the Men's and Women's Basketball Committees will have continued discussion on bracket access. Lastly, the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees approved the team replacement policy for the 2024-25 championship, which will be utilized in the event of unforeseen circumstances impacting the championship fields.
- 3. Discussion on the possible expansion of the Final Four Family program. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees discussed the current NCAA Final Four Family program and possible expansion of the program considering actions taken for the College Football Playoff (CFP). Current legislation permits payment by the NCAA to family members of basketball student-athletes who participate in the Final Four national semifinal and championship games. In previous years, the CFP has provided similar expenses to family members of football student-athletes who competed in the CFP semi-finals and championship games. The CFP has expanded its program to all rounds of the expanded playoff (i.e., two additional rounds) beginning with the 2024-25 academic year. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees will continue their discussions about potentially expanding the Final Four Family program at a future meeting.
- 4. Update on the proposed new signing model. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees received an update specific to ongoing work associated with the National Letter of Intent (NLI) program and a potential new signing model. A recommendation has been made that will transition elements of the NLI program into institutional aid agreements. Incorporating the benefits of the NLI program into

institutional aid agreements is intended to add clarity and efficiency to the commitment process for all prospective student-athletes, including those from other four-year institutions. Potential Division I Council action on the recommendation is contingent on the Division I Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA) recommending the transition of the NLI program during its September 2024 meeting. If recommended by the CCA, a proposal would be voted on by the council as expedited legislation during its October meeting.

- 5. NCAA Division I legislative update and discussion.
 - a. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-45 Recruiting Complimentary Admissions Postseason Conference Tournament. At its August 20 meeting, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee adopted Proposal No. 2024-45, which permits a conference to provide nominal expenses to prospective student-athletes (e.g., transportation, meals) in conjunction with complimentary admissions to a postseason conference tournament. The adopted legislation is still subject to the council's review at its October meeting. During its August 23 meeting, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee requested the council amend the proposal to add men's basketball.
 - b. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-46 Recruiting Notification of Transfer Windows Reduce from 45 Days to 30 Days. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees discussed Proposal No. 2024-46 and reaffirmed their position to reduce the notification of transfer window from 45 days to 30 days. The window would open the day after the end of the second round of the respective basketball championship. The council is slated to vote on this proposal at its October 2024 meeting.
 - c. NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-50 Playing and Practice Seasons Basketball First Permissible Contest Date and 22-Week Playing Season. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees discussed Proposal No. 2024-50, which specifies that: (a) In women's basketball, an institution shall not play its first regular season contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Monday of the 22nd week prior to the Division I Women's Basketball Championship; and (b) In men's basketball, an institution shall not play its first regular season contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Wednesday of the 22nd week prior to the Division I Men's Basketball Championship. During its August 20, 2024, videoconference, the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee adopted the proposal, noting the desire to standardize the length of the playing season and to have a stand-alone start day for

women's basketball, which would provide an equitable experience. Shifting the first permissible contest date to Monday avoids conflicts with Election Day and provides flexibility as it relates to potential facility and television window conflicts that was experienced when the first permissible contest date was the same for both men's and women's basketball. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reviewed Proposal No. 2024-50 but did not take action during its August 23, 2024, videoconference. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee agreed to continue discussions and give consideration to amending the proposal to a Monday start date, noting the desire for maximum scheduling flexibility. The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee is expected to take action, including a possible amendment, during its October 2024 meeting.

- d. Application of the in-season foreign competition legislation and the qualifying regular-season multiple-team event legislation in basketball. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees reaffirmed that a basketball team's participation in a multiple-team event that occurs in a foreign country does not constitute in-season foreign competition. The question was asked whether a basketball team's participation in an MTE should be considered an institution's once-in-four-year opportunity to participate in in-season foreign competition if the MTE occurs in a foreign country. Prior to the adoption of Proposal No. 2017-74, MTEs were limited to the Bahamas, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Northern Ireland, Mexico or the United States or one of its territories. This proposal eliminated the location restrictions for MTEs. An accompanying educational column to Proposal No. 2010-89 that expanded the MTE location to the Bahamas indicated that a basketball team's participation in an event that meets the MTE legislation did not also count as the team's once-every four years in-season competition. An official interpretation will be issued in order to confirm the application of the related legislation.
- 4. Overview of statistics from the NCAA Eligibility Center on international prospective student-athletes. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees received an update on data and trends specific to international prospective student-athletes in basketball and outreach efforts conducted by the NCAA Eligibility Center. In addition, highlights of the amateurism certification process of international prospective student-athletes were provided and common violations in this area. Below are resources that are available to the membership on NCAA.org:
 - a. Registration Checklist
 - b. International Flyer
 - c. Resources in Other Languages
 - d. <u>International Webinars</u>
 - e. <u>Country-Specific Webpages</u>

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5. Other business.

- a. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees received an update on the NCAA College Basketball Academy (CBA). A decision on plans for the CBA in future years will be made by the end of the year.
- b. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees received an update on the travel day blanket waiver issued by the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief for the 2024-25 academic year, which permits a travel day associated with an away-from-home competition to satisfy the day-off requirement, provided certain requirements are satisfied. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees will consider if permanent legislation is warranted at a future meeting.
- 6. NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Joint Oversight Committee's May 3 videoconference report. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees reviewed and approved their May 3 joint videoconference meeting report.
- 7. Future meeting schedule.
 - October 7-8 in-person meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana.

MBOC Committee Chair: Dan Butterly, Big West Conference Staff Liaisons: Dan Gavitt, Basketball Championships

Charnele Kemper, Academic and Membership Affairs

WBOC Committee Chair: Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara

Staff Liaisons: Meredith Cleaver, Women's Basketball Lynn Holzman, Women's Basketball

Binh T. Nguyen, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:

Val Ackerman, Big East Conference.

Ketra Armstrong, University of Michigan (non-voting).

Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Jacqueline Blackett, Columbia University – Barnard College.

Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (non-voting).

Dan Butterly, Big West Conference.

Julie Cromer, Ohio University.

Kery Davis, Howard University.

Danielle Donehew, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (non-voting).

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Attendees:

Steve Forbes, Wake Forest University.

Terry Gawlik, University of Idaho.

Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference (non-voting).

Garth Glissman, Southeastern Conference.

Jeff Jackson, Missouri Valley Conference.

Alicia Jessop, Pepperdine University.

Brent Jones, Troy University.

Julie Roe Lach, Horizon League.

Lindy La Rocque, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Brandon Martin, University of Missouri – Kansas City.

Ed McLaughlin, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Heath Schroyer, McNeese State University.

Jill Shields, Kansas State University.

Drew Speraw, Western Athletic Conference.

Brad Walker, America East Conference.

John Williams, Big 12 Conference.

Brooke Wyckoff, Florida State University.

Absentees:

Patricia Anumgba, Towson University (non-voting).

D'Ante Bass, Alabama State University.

Don Bruce, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ed Cooley, Georgetown University.

Patrick McCaffery, Butler University (non-voting).

Craig Robinson, National Association of Basketball Coaches.

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Meredith Cleaver, Dan Gavitt, Lynn Holzman, Charnele Kemper and Binh Nguyen.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Lynne Andrew, Charlie Baker, Tony Barone, Connor Bush, Audrey Capannari, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Greg Johnson, Khadian Kelly, Dee Kennedy, Erika Klages, Lynne Andrew, Kelsi Mahoney, Jackson Marcotte, Abigail Markey, Jobrina Marques, Mike Massa, Jeremy McCool, Courtney Moore, Austin Moutry, Susan Peal, JoAn Scott, Jenn Samble, Rachel Seewald, Andy Supergan, Elizabeth Thompson, Jared Tidemann, Darin Van Vlerah and Meghan Wright.