



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 21, 2017, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Subcommittee and conference monitoring assignments.** Anucha Browne reviewed the committee conference monitoring assignments, noting that committee members need to prepare for both their primary and secondary assignments. Meredith Cleaver covered subcommittee assignments, noting the importance of the site selection subcommittee during the coming year with the Women's Final Four bid cycle on the horizon.
- 2. Women's Final Four site selection update.** Ms. Cleaver shared with the committee that staff has been busy over the last several months updating bid specifications for the Women's Final Four. The committee did not express any concerns about changing the minimum capacity for Women's Final Four competition venues from 18,000 to 17,000 to more align with venues where the event has taken place. Ms. Cleaver also reviewed the list of potential cities that have inquired about hosting the Women's Final Four and the timeline for site selection.
- 3. Championship operational changes.** Rachel Kay reviewed a list of potential operational changes for the championship. The men's basketball committee has increased its bench limit from 18 to 20 chairs during the championship to better align with regular-season practices. Men's basketball is also requiring that a team physician occupy one of those additional seats. The women's basketball committee agreed that the increase to 20 made sense for equality and student-athlete well-being. Also, while the men's basketball committee no longer requires the head coach to attend the administrative meeting during the first round of the championship, the women's basketball committee reaffirmed the importance of the head coach attending this meeting and did not amend this policy. Lastly, Ms. Kay outlined a potential new credentialing system for teams during the championship, which would simplify the types of credentials and access restrictions to allow more comprehensive and flexible usage by teams. The new system would also provide more clarity, enabling the host staff and facility security staff to provide enhanced enforcement during the championship. A subgroup of the committee has been involved with this review and the committee members in attendance supported the new system.
- 4. Selection, seeding and bracketing.** Rick Nixon reviewed the changes the NCAA Men's Basketball Committee is making to team sheets for the coming season. The RPI subcommittee will examine how to best break down the RPI report for women's basketball, if necessary.
- 5. Access to game video.** The committee shared primary avenues for viewing games during the regular season, including DirecTV, ESPN3, DVSport and Synergy.

6. Future meetings and teleconferences. Ms. Cleaver reviewed teleconferences and meetings for the committee through the end of the year.

Committee Chair: Terry Gawlik, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Big Ten Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Anucha Browne, Championships and Alliances
Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Jill Bodensteiner, University of Notre Dame; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Leslie Claybrook, Southeastern Conference.
Terry Gawlik, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Big Ten Conference.
Jeff Konya, Oakland University; Horizon League.
Debbie Richardson, Atlantic 10 Conference.
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.
Absentees:
Rhonda Bennett, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
DeJuena Chizer, University of Houston; American Athletic Conference.
Teresa Phillips, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Tamica Smith Jones, University of California, Riverside; Big West Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
Ceal Barry, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Anucha Browne, Championships and Alliances.
Meredith Cleaver, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Tracie Hitz, Championships and Alliances.
Rachel Kay, Championships and Alliances.
Tina Krah, Championships and Alliances.
Rick Nixon, Championships and Alliances.
Gabrielle Nottage, Championships and Alliances.
Jerrell Price, Championships and Alliances.
Natalie Steger, Championships and Alliances.