



**NCAA Division I Staff/Division II Presidents Council Approve Blanket Waiver:  
Women's Basketball Staff Member Attendance at the Next Generation Showcase –  
Approved October 2019**

International NBA Academy teams from Africa, China, Europe, Global (Australia) and Latin America (Mexico) and India will attend the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship as part of Next Generation Saturday programming. The weekend is designed to give the high school aged participants the opportunity to experience the NCAA Women's Final Four, receive educational programming, and scrimmage in the Next Generation Showcase.

The NCAA Division I staff and Division II Presidents Council approved a blanket waiver permitting Divisions I and II women's basketball coaches and women's basketball specific staff members to attend the Next Generation Showcase during the recruiting dead period on Saturday, April 4, 2020, from 3 to 7 p.m. Central time at the Capital One Center Court inside the 2020 NCAA Women's Final Four Tourney Town (Fan Festival) within New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The blanket waiver approval only permits attendance at Next Generation Showcase events occurring in the NCAA Women's Final Four Tourney Town on April 4, 2020, and does not permit Divisions I or II women's basketball coaches or women's basketball specific staff members to attend any other events involving prospective student-athletes during the dead period. Further, specifically in Division II, this blanket waiver will be applicable for the next five years (i.e., April 2020 through April 2024).

As part of the blanket waiver, Division I institutions should note that attendance at the Next Generation Showcase does not count toward the institution's 112 recruiting person days. All other Division I and Division II recruiting legislation (e.g., contact with a prospective student-athlete) continues to apply.

In granting this request, the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief and Division II Presidents Council noted:

- The celebratory nature of the NCAA Women's Final Four Tourney Town, including the Next Generation Showcase, will provide daily educational programming and opportunities for the participants to participate in community engagement around the Women's Final Four festivities.
- Approval of the blanket waiver allows the NCAA Divisions I and II governance structures time to assess the basketball recruiting dead period legislation and events held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championships.
- The blanket waiver was supported by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.
- The blanket waiver was requested by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee and supported by the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee.

Finally, the staff noted that recruiting legislation permits NCAA Division III women's basketball coaches and basketball specific staff members to attend the Next Generation Showcase events.

See Case Nos. 1086219 (Division I) and 1082303 (Division II) in NCAA Requests/Self-Reports Online via the search tab. Additional information regarding blanket waivers can be found on the Committee for Legislative Relief [homepage](#).

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.10 (recruiting person days – women's basketball), 13.1.2.3 (general restrictions – staff members and governing board), 13.1.2.5 (off campus contacts or evaluations), 13.1.7.6 (evaluations – women's basketball), 13.1.7.5.1 (academic year recruiting periods), 13.17.3 (women's basketball), NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.17.2 (women's basketball), and NCAA Division III Bylaw 13.1.5 (evaluations)]