



**WBCA Town Hall**  
**February 8, 2021**



# KEY TOPICS

- **2021 Regular season overview.**
- **2021 Championship planning.**
- **Committee update.**
- **Other information.**







# 2021 Regular Season Overview

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**WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL**





# Championship Update

## Lynn Holzman



# San Antonio region to host 2021 Division I Women's Basketball Championship

**64-team championship tips March 21**

February 5, 2021 12:30pm | By Meghan Durham

San Antonio and the surrounding region will play host to the 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

The tournament will feature 64 teams competing from March 21 through April 4 to earn the right to hoist the national championship trophy at the Alamodome, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee announced Friday.

"We appreciate the historical significance of moving the entire championship to one region and want to acknowledge the work by the Women's Basketball Committee and staff, our hosts, local organizers and ESPN that has allowed us to make plans for a successful 2021 championship," said Lynn Holzman, NCAA vice president of women's basketball.

"We're fortunate to be working with San Antonio, which features one of the most experienced local organizing committees in the country, and our No. 1 priority is to focus on creating and implementing safety controls in an environment for student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and everyone else associated with the championship."

"San Antonio was already poised to successfully host the NCAA Women's Final Four this year, but to bring all 64 teams in this prestigious championship tournament to our city is a remarkable opportunity for our event and hospitality industry," added San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg. "I can assure the NCAA and the teams we will deliver the best, safest and most memorable experience possible."





**2021**

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 960 student-athletes
- 64 teams
- 63 games
- 10 game days
- 9 practice courts
- 7 team hotels
- 6 competition courts
- 3 Texas counties
- 1 National Champion!

Facility	County	First Round	Second Round	Regional Semifinals & Finals	National Semifinal & Championship
Alamodome	Bexar	UIW <i>2 courts</i>	UIW <i>2 courts</i>	UIW & UTSA <i>2 courts</i>	UIW & UTSA <i>1 court</i>
UTSA Convocation Center	Bexar	UTSA	UTSA		
St. Mary's (DII) Bill Greehey Arena	Bexar	St. Mary's & Houston	St. Mary's & Houston		
Texas, Austin Frank Erwin Center	Travis	Texas			
Texas State Strahan Arena	Hays	Texas State			



# 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE MARCH/APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14	15 SELECTION SHOW 7 p.m. on ESPN	16 Team Arrival	17 Team Arrival	18 Team Practice	19 Team Practice	20 Team Practice
21 FIRST ROUND <i>Alamodome (2 courts), UTSA, St. Mary's, Texas, Texas State</i>	22 FIRST ROUND <i>Alamodome (2 courts), UTSA, St. Mary's, Texas, Texas State</i>	23 SECOND ROUND <i>Alamodome (2 courts), UTSA, St. Mary's</i>	24 SECOND ROUND <i>Alamodome (2 courts), UTSA, St. Mary's</i>	25 Team Practices	26 Team Practices	27 REGIONAL SEMIFINAL <i>Alamodome (2 courts)</i>
28 REGIONAL SEMIFINAL <i>Alamodome (2 courts)</i>	29 REGIONAL FINAL <i>Alamodome (2 courts)</i>	30 REGIONAL FINAL <i>Alamodome (2 courts)</i>	31 Team Practice	1 Team Practice	2 NATIONAL SEMIFINAL WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR <i>Alamodome (1 court)</i>	3 Team Practice
4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR <i>Alamodome (1 court)</i>						

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# HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACT ON PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- COVID testing prior to arrival, on arrival and during.
- Behavioral risk mitigation.
- Universal distancing and masking.
- Controlled environment.
- Kinexon movement tracing devices (e.g., practice, competition).
- Single hotel occupancy.





# HEALTH AND SAFETY ITEMS

## *COMING SOON*

- More details – Medical Protocol.
- Code of Conduct.
- Team Replacement Policy.
- Teamworks: Weekly Messaging.
  - All DI teams should register now.
  - Conference Commissioner & WBB contact will be copied.
- Fan attendance.







# Committee Update

## Nina King



# Committee Action/Updates

- Neutrality – For the 2021 championship, a team may not be assigned to play in their home facility.
- Championship Eligibility Waiver – Voted to allow conferences to submit waivers on behalf of their member institutions.
- Selection Orientation Meeting – February 10-11, Indianapolis, IN.





# 2021 DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE



**Deneé Barracato**  
Northwestern



**Rhonda Bennett\***  
Nevada



**Greg Burke**  
Northwestern State



**Derita Ratcliffe Dawkins**  
Arkansas



**Beth Goetz**  
Ball State



**Nina King**  
Duke



**Kurt McGuffin**  
Tennessee-Martin



**Lisa Peterson**  
Oregon



**Debbie Richardson**  
Atlantic 10



**Jill Shields**  
Kansas State

**SATX<sup>21</sup>**



*\*Appointed 1/20/21 to replace Tamica Smith Jones immediately.*



# KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Monday, February 15: Top 16 Reveal on ESPN Big Monday
- Friday, February 26: Championship eligibility waivers due (conference or school can submit), AQ requirements due (conference)
- Monday, March 1: Top 16 Reveal on ESPN Big Monday
- Monday, March 15: Selection Monday







**Other Information – VP Update**  
**Lynn Holzman**



February 5, 2021

Web Version

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## NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Update - February 2021

As Division I women's basketball leaders continue to focus on taking strategic steps to improve our game, we want to keep you apprised of significant developments. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the staff liaisons associated with the specific topic.

### 1. 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship update.

#### a. Championship announcement – [SAN ANTONIO IS TOURNEY TOWN!](#)

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**BIGGER**  
THAN THIS.



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# WBB VP UPDATE

- NCAA Evaluation Tool
- NCAA COVID-19 Resources



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## COVID-19 Coronavirus

The NCAA continues to closely monitor COVID-19 and is taking proactive measures to mitigate the impact of the virus. When it comes to decision-making, our commitment is this: protect the health and safety of college athletes.

### COVID-19 Hotline

The NCAA has established a hotline to allow college athletes, parents or others to report potential return-to-sport concerns.

[Learn More >>](#)

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### RESOCIALIZATION OF COLLEGIATE SPORT

DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION, SECOND EDITION

#### Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition, Second Edition - Updated

This publication extends previous guidance and provides updated recommendations about the protection of athletes and prevention of community spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Updates - Vaccines and Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants

Requirements for Conducting Fall Sports and

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### GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR GAME DAY OPERATIONS - BASKETBALL

#### Guidance and Recommendations for Game Day Operations - Basketball

The focus of this document is to outline guidance and recommendations for institutions as they host basketball competition in their facility

Guidance and Recommendations for Men's and Women's Basketball Officiating

COVID-19 Guidance on Multiple Teams in the Same Location

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### SOCIAL SERIES

#### NCAA Social Series

NCAA Social Series is a weekly show featuring expert insiders providing an in-depth look at issues impacting college sports.

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- Strategic Plan downloads available:  
[www.ncaa.org/wbbstrategicplan](http://www.ncaa.org/wbbstrategicplan)
- Year One Victories
- Year Two Priorities
- TIP with Excellence Toolkit
- Conference Strategic Planning Template

The screenshot shows the NCAA Women's Basketball website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Student-Athletes', 'Division I', 'Division II', 'Division III', and 'My Apps'. A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar, a large banner features the 'WOMEN'S BASKETBALL' logo and the text '2019-24 STRATEGIC PLAN'. Underneath the banner, a link reads 'Download the NCAA Women's Basketball 2019-24 Strategic Plan'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a video player showing a woman holding a basketball, with the title 'We TIP with Excellence and Integrity - NCAA Women's Basketball'. The right column is titled 'The Game Plan' and contains a paragraph about the strategic plan, followed by a bulleted list of goals: 'Unify and grow the women's basketball community', 'Empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential', 'Celebrate and elevate the game; and', and 'Create an inspiring experience for all involved'.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2019-24 STRATEGIC PLAN

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**The Game Plan**

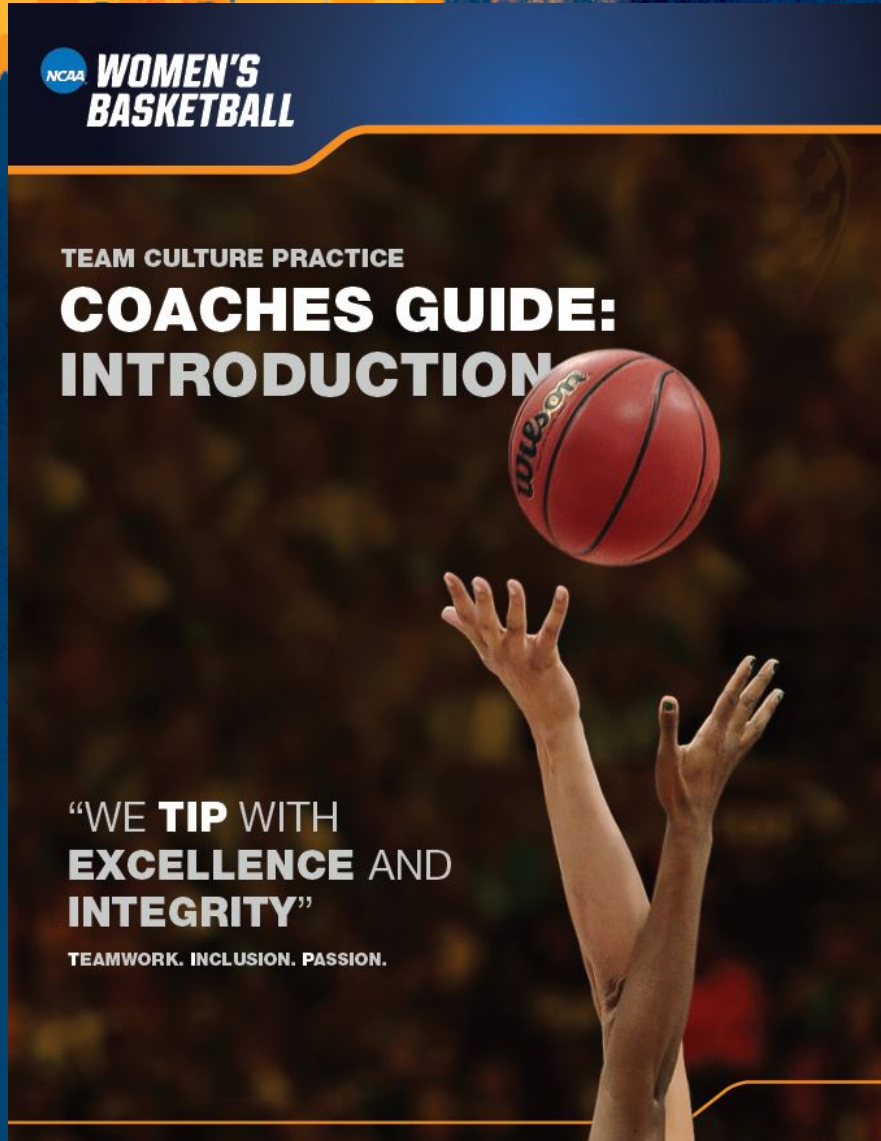
The NCAA Women's Basketball community has created a progressive and comprehensive strategic plan that will guide Divisions I, II, and III for the next five years (2019–2024). The shared vision and corresponding strategies are designed to:

- Unify and grow the women's basketball community
- Empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential
- Celebrate and elevate the game; and
- Create an inspiring experience for all involved





# WBB VP UPDATE



2019-24 STRATEGIC PLAN		
<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b>		
<b>Women's Basketball Strategic Initiatives</b> Connecting Conference Strategies to NCAA National Goals		
<b>VISION STATEMENT</b> <i>(Insert a simple and concise statement that serves as an aspirational guidepost for the future of women's basketball for the conference.)</i>		
<b>CONFERENCE LEVERS TO DRIVE STRATEGIES</b>		
<div>1. Networks and Digital Platforms</div> <div>2. Conference Championship</div> <div>3. Other Conference Events (Media Day, etc.)</div> <div>4. Campus-Hosted Events and Programming</div> <div>5. Centralized Conference Services and Programs (officiating, scheduling, student-athlete development, etc.)</div> <div>6. Governance Influence</div>		
NCAA OBJECTIVE	CONFERENCE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES YEAR 1	CONFERENCE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES YEAR 2
<b>LEADERSHIP</b> ▶ Drive awareness and advocate for women's basketball ▶ Position coaches as ambassadors ▶ Fiscal responsibility and sustainability ▶ Engage with youth basketball programs		
<b>TRANSFORMATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE</b> ▶ Student-athlete well-being ▶ Post-athletic transition ▶ Lead change in culture, health and safety, and social justice		
<b>QUALITY COMPETITION</b> ▶ Competitive parity ▶ Innovations to elevate the game ▶ Enhanced officiating program		
<b>MEMORABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> ▶ Quality championship format, site selection and management ▶ Integrity in seeding, selection and bracketing ▶ Optimize student-athlete experience ▶ Optimize fan experience		
<b>BUILDING AFFINITY</b> ▶ Cohesion and vision around the future of the game ▶ Tell our compelling story ▶ Build a fan base		

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# Legislative Update

## Binh T. Nguyen



# LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

1. Transfers/name, image, and likeness.
2. Temporary recruiting dead period.
3. Presidential Forum sustainability review.
4. Comprehensive review of the recruiting calendar.
5. Test score requirements.





# QUESTIONS

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**Thank you!**