



**2026 NCAA Men's Final Four
Local Organizing Committee (LOC)
Committee Description**

Division: Education
Committee: Read to the Final Four

Division Co-Chairs:

- Claire Fiddian-Green
- Frederick Yeakey
- Dr. Latha Ramchand

Committee Members:

- Nicholas Schellinger (Co-Chair)
- Jacob Sipes (Co-Chair)
- Lee Ann Kwiatkowski (Co-Chair)

Indiana Sports Corp Staff:

- Ashleigh Newbold (Division Lead)
- Alyssa Chavez (Committee Lead)

Overview:

The Education Division will be responsible for executing educational programming, support and development opportunities for the following target markets:

- Youth K-7
- College Students
- Student-Athletes
- Teachers
- Professionals & Emerging Leaders

This committee will work with the NCAA to promote and execute Read to the Final Four – a literacy challenge aimed at creating a lifelong love and interest in reading for 3rd Grade students across the State of Indiana.

Objectives:

1. Develop program milestones and goals from March 2025 – April 2026.
2. Promote the program to superintendents, teachers, libraries, community centers, small business bookstores, and related groups.
3. Engage students and teachers through implementing creative activation at schools.

4. Identify barriers and solutions to increase participation, including implementing teacher support programs to assist them with the program.
5. Develop a multi-year strategy to support improved literacy rates throughout the state.
6. Consider legacy projects that include library/media center renovation.

Expectations:

- Commitment to the committee through April 2026.
- Become an Indiana Sports Corp member – starting at \$50/year, less than \$5/month.
- Attend the first LOC Meeting in February 2025 focused on onboarding and learning about the NCAA Men’s Final Four.
- Attend monthly committee and LOC meetings starting next June 2025.
 - Meetings will be a mix of in-person and virtual.
 - Meetings may increase leading up to the event.
- Attend and lead consistent editorial meetings in collaboration with the Public Relations Committee.
- Be an advocate for the 2026 NCAA Men’s Final Four and Indiana Sports Corp through sharing opportunities within personal and professional networks.
- Be an active participant in committee and subcommittee meetings by completing assigned tasks, engaging in conversations and planning, and being a strong contributor to the team.

Benefits:

- Expand your network and build your personal brand
- Develop mentor/mentee relationships
- Be a part of the team hosting world-class sporting events
- Make an impact in the community
- Represent the city of Indianapolis
- Event and Indiana Sports Corp swag when available