



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

**Division:** Education  
**Committee:** Teacher Support & Development

### **Division Co-Chairs:**

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

### **Committee Members:**

- Sara Marshall (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Sean Smith (Co-Chair)
- Rachel Hathaway (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 establish programs that engage teachers statewide with programs and opportunities that provide opportunities for development, resources, and support that is truly needed.

### **Objectives:**

1. Develop program milestones and goals from March 2025 – April 2026.
2. Develop programs that support teachers through professional development opportunities, resources, and support.
3. Assist with engagement and outreach for youth education programs associated with the Final Four like Read to the Final Four and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Program.

4. Create opportunities for recognition of teachers in the lead-up to and/or onsite at the Final Four.

**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