Wnba 2k26 cover WNBA 2K26 has not been officially announced by 2K Sports, so there is no confirmed cover athlete. However, based on recent trends and the growing popularity of the WNBA, here are some potential candidates who could grace the cover if the game is released:

### Possible WNBA 2K26 Cover Athletes:

- Caitlin Clark (Indiana Fever) The NCAA's all-time leading scorer and #1 draft pick would be a strong contender due to her massive popularity.
- A'ja Wilson (Las Vegas Aces) A two-time WNBA MVP and champion, Wilson has been a dominant force and was on the cover of NBA 2K24's WNBA Edition.
- Breanna Stewart (New York Liberty) A two-time WNBA champion and MVP, Stewie is one of the league's biggest stars.
- Angel Reese (Chicago Sky) The "Bayou Barbie" has a strong social media presence and was a key rookie in 2024.
- Sabrina Ionescu (New York Liberty) Known for her three-point shooting and breaking records, she's a fan favorite.
- Paige Bueckers (If she declares for the 2025 draft) A college superstar who could make an immediate impact in the WNBA.

### Past WNBA 2K Covers:

- WNBA 2K24 (Special Edition) A'ja Wilson (Las Vegas Aces)
- Expanded WNBA 2K26 Cover Athlete Predictions

### **1. The Superstar Favorites**

- Caitlin Clark If she has a ROY-caliber season, she's a LOCK. 2K loves capitalizing on record-breaking hype.
- A'ja Wilson If she wins a 3rd MVP or another title, she could be the first back-to-back WNBA 2K cover athlete.
- Breanna Stewart A 2x champ and face of the Liberty, she's overdue for a solo cover.

### Angel Reese

- If she dominates rebounds and becomes a viral sensation (like she did in college), she's in the mix.
- Cameron Brink (LA Sparks) A defensive force with charisma-could be a surprise pick.
- Rickea Jackson (LA Sparks) If she emerges as a top scorer, she could be a sleeper choice.

### **3. The Veteran Legends (Special Edition Covers)**

- Candace Parker Even retired, she's iconic enough for a throwback cover.
- Sue Bird or Maya Moore If 2K does a WNBA 75th Anniversary theme, these legends could appear.

# 4. The International Wildcards

- Ezi Magbegor (Seattle Storm) Australia's rising star could get love if she becomes an MVP candidate.
- Possible Cover Art Styles
- "Rookie Takeover" Caitlin Clark or Angel Reese mid-shot with a bold, modern design (similar to Ja Morant's 2K24 cover).
- "Dynasty Mode" A'ja Wilson holding a trophy with a Las Vegas neon aesthetic.
- "Legends vs. New School" Diana Taurasi passing the torch to Caitlin Clark (dual cover).
- "Global Domination" Group shot with A'ja, Stewie, and Ezi Magbegor representing different countries.

### Dark Horse Picks

- Aliyah Boston (Indiana Fever) If she becomes a double-double machine alongside Clark.
- Dearica Hamby (LA Sparks) If she leads the league in rebounds and makes a playoff push.
- When Will We Know?
- If WNBA 2K26 happens, the cover athlete typically gets revealed around May-June 2026 (based on past 2K cycles).

• 2K might also drop hints during the WNBA All-Star Game (July 2025) or around the 2025 Draft.

### What If There's No WNBA 2K26?

- Since the WNBA has only had special editions (not full standalone games), 2K might just:
- Add WNBA stars to NBA 2K26 as a playable mode.
- Release another \*WNBA 2K24-style\* special edition update.

## TIER 1: THE OBVIOUS CHOICES (Safe Bets)

- Caitlin Clark If she averages 20+ PPG as a rookie, it's over. 2K would sell a million copies off her alone.
- Breanna Stewart The only reason she hasn't been on a cover yet is because 2K loves new narratives.

### TIER 2: THE SLEEPER PICKS (If They Go Nuclear in 2025)

- Angel Reese If she leads the league in rebounds and starts trash-talking on Instagram, 2K will have to put her on.
- Paige Bueckers IF she declares for the 2025 Draft and immediately balls out, she's a dark horse.
- Rhyne Howard If Atlanta makes a surprise Finals run, she could sneak in.

## TIER 3: THE LEGEND WILDCARDS (Throwback Covers)

- Diana Taurasi "GOAT Edition" If she retires, 2K might drop a career tribute cover.
- Lisa Leslie or Sheryl Swoopes For a "WNBA 30th Anniversary" special edition.
- Lauren Jackson If 2K wants to tap the Australian market, she's the pick.

## TIER 4: THE INTERNATIONAL PUSH

- Satou Sabally (Germany) If the Wings win it all, she's the first non-U.S. cover athlete.
- Ezi Magbegor (Australia) If she becomes a DPOY candidate, she's in the mix.
- Emma Meesseman (Belgium) A long shot, but if she carries a team, why not?

### COVER ART CONCEPTS (Let's Get Creative)

- "Rivalry Edition" Caitlin Clark & Angel Reese back-to-back ( chaos).
- "Triple Threat" A'ja, Stewie, and Sabrina Ionescu in a power pose.
- "Streetball Vibe" Rookies Clark, Reese, and Brink in a WNBA x AND1 style.
- "Breaking Barriers" Taurasi passing a ball to Clark (symbolic torch-pass).

# NUCLEAR TAKE: WHAT IF...

- 2K does a fan vote? Clark vs. Reese would break the internet.
- They do a "Team USA" cover before the 2026 Olympics? (A'ja, Stewie, Brittney Griner).
- They troll everyone and put LeBron on it (lol, but imagine).
- REALISTIC TIMELINE
- June 2025: 2K teases WNBA 2K26 during the Finals.
- April 2026: Cover athlete reveal (right before the draft).
- July 2026: Game drops mid-season.

### WHAT IF THERE'S NO STANDALONE GAME?

- "WNBA Ultimate Pack" Paid DLC with updated rosters and classic teams.
- BONUS: WHAT WE REALLY WANT IN WNBA 2K26
- WNBA MyCareer Take a player from college to the pros.
- All-Time Teams 1999 Houston Comets vs. 2023 Aces.
- WNBA Park Like the NBA 2K Neighborhood but with WNBA-themed events.
- "The Sandlot" Mode Play pickup games with pros in streetwear.

### "The Time Machine Cover"

• 2016 U.S. Olympic Team - Maya Moore, Diana Taurasi, and Sue Bird in full Red, White & Blue dominance.

- A futuristic, cyberpunk WNBA star (think Blade Runner meets Space Jam).
- "Create-Your-Own Cover Star" Upload your face via 2K app and become the cover athlete.

### 3. "The Meme Cover"

- Angel Reese pointing at Caitlin Clark (with the Larry O'Brien Trophy photoshopped into a WNBA trophy).
- A'ja Wilson mid-scream after a dunk, captioned: "AND1.5" (a nod to WNBA rim height jokes).

## 4. "The Group Cover"

- All 12 WNBA Team Logos forming a collage, with no single star-pure league pride.
- "The Trash Talkers" Reese, Clark, and Taurasi glaring at the camera with speech bubbles.

### FUTURE LEGENDS: 2026 ROOKIES WHO COULD STEAL THE COVER

- Assuming they declare early
- JuJu Watkins (USC) If she dominates college and goes #1 in 2026.
- Hannah Hidalgo (Notre Dame) Steals the cover (literally, with her defense).
- MiLaysia Fulwiley (South Carolina) If her highlights break the internet.
- THE CORPORATE CONSPIRACY THEORY COVER
- Shaquille O'Neal (as a "WNBA superfan") Shaq in a wig, shooting a free throw.
- The "NFT Cover" A digital-only version tied to a blockchain (2K would totally try this).