



*2015 DIVISION III WOMEN'S*  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2015-16 MANUAL***

# NCAA GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2015-16 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific.

## Section 1•1 Definitions

**Pre-Championship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Pre-championship meeting for coaches and administrators.

**Appendixes.** Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources. Championship Administrator. The NCAA staff member responsible for the operational oversight of the championship. NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

**Playing Rules.** The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

**Predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

**Preliminary Rounds.** The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

**Regional Alignment.** The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

**Schedule of Events.** Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

**Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the selection process.

**Site Selection.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

**Squad Size.** Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes' optimal experience.

**Executing** championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

**Coordinating** all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

**Integrating** championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

**Enhancing** the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

## Section 3 • Concussion Management

*[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook for additional guidance on concussions online at: <http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4374-2014-15-ncaa-sports-medicine-handbook.aspx>.

## Section 4 • Conduct

### Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I and Division III Manuals and Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Constitution 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

### Section 4•2 Drug Testing

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I, II, and III Manuals.]*

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

### Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere policy and procedure and fines

### Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through Internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

## POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

## HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

No predetermined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

## Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators will be copied on the email and asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes and coaches.

## Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution which has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to [NCAA.org](http://NCAA.org).

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athletes and team as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](http://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

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2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

## Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities, etc.

## Section 9 • Division III

### Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams possible while minimizing missed class time; to emphasize regional competition in regular-season scheduling; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and a limited number of at-large teams, realizing that this may be done at the expense of leaving out some championship-caliber teams.

### Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship administrator in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sports committee to consider an accommodation and a change to the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, may reschedule the game on the nearest possible date.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.

The governing sports committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

## Section 9•3 Religious Conflicts

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**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall submit its written policy to the NCAA championship administrator and governing sports committee in writing on or before Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution, and such adjustment shall not require its team or an individual competitor to compete before the time originally scheduled.

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, a student-athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).



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# Section 1 • General Administration

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Director of Athletics  
Fontbonne University

**MIDWEST REGION**

**Matt Schoultz**  
Head Women's Volleyball Coach  
Lawrence University

**NEW ENGLAND REGION**

**Christi Kelsey**  
Head Women's Volleyball Coach  
Williams College

**SOUTH REGION**

**Mika Robinson**  
Assistant Director of Athletics / Head Women's Volleyball  
Coach  
Berry College

**GREAT LAKES REGION**

**Ellen Dempsey**  
Director of Athletics  
Hiram College

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION**

**Marie Stroman**  
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**NEW YORK REGION**

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## Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Bylaw 21.4.1.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual]

An advisory committee in each of the eight sport regions shall assist the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Conference commissioners shall appoint conference representatives on the regional advisory committees.

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>		
Maria Eftink, chair	Fontbonne University	SLIAC
Jane Becker	Augsburg College	MIAC
Rebecca Cox	Martin Luther College	Upper Midwest
Jenna Ness	Loras College	IIAC
Mary Ann Sprague	Principia College	SLIAC
<b>GREAT LAKES REGION</b>		
Ellen Dempsey, chair	Hiram College	NCAC
Jon Bennett	Mount St. Joseph University	HCAC
Kirsta Cobb	Ohio Wesleyan University	NCAC
Curt Conser	Geneva College	Presidents' AC
Denise Van De Walle	Saint Mary's College (Indiana)	NCAC
Kate Witte	Ohio Northern University	OAC
		MIAA
<b>MID-ATLANTIC REGION</b>		
Marie Stroman, chair	Middle Atlantic Conference	Middle Atlantic
Shelley Bauder	Moravian College	Landmark
Mark Birtwistle	Eastern University	MAC Freedom
Mary Kate Boland	Franklin & Marshall College	Centennial
Orlin Jespersen	Cabrini College	Colonial States
Phil Pisano	Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College	AMCC
Matt Troy	University of Mary Washington	CAC
Dave Trumbo	Stevenson University	MAC Commonwealth
<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>		
Matt Schoultz, chair	Lawrence University	Midwest
Stacy Boudreau	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	WIAC
Karen Bunkenburg	North Central College	CCIW
Jeff Meeker	Cornell College	Midwest
Paul Schlomer	Edgewood College	Northern Athletics
<b>NEW ENGLAND REGION</b>		
Christi Kelsey, chair	Williams College	NESCAC
Andrea Belis	Becker College	NECC
Mickey Cahoon	Clark University (Massachusetts)	NEWMAC
Richard Casali	Framingham State University	MASCAC
Josh Edmed	Connecticut College	NESCAC
Karol L'Heureux	University of New England	Commonwealth Coast
Courtney O'Clair	Plymouth State University	Little East
Brett Sayer	Colby-Sawyer College	North Atlantic
Samantha Shomo	Anna Maria College	GNAC

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>NEW YORK REGION</b>		
Don Perkins, chair	Kean University	NJAC
Maria DePeters	Buffalo State, State University of New York	SUNYAC
Ladi Iya	University of Rochester	UAA
Karina Jorge	The City College of New York	CUNYAC
Jillian Kalvik	Sarah Lawrence College	Skyline
Russ Rogers	Stevens Institute of Technology	Empire 8
Shelly Roiger	St. Lawrence University	Liberty
Eddie Stawinski	Montclair State University	NJAC
Fred Wallace	Morrisville State College	NEAC
<b>SOUTH REGION</b>		
Mika Robinson, chair	Berry College	SAA
Joeleen Akin	Agnes Scott College	Great South
Erin Albert	Bridgewater College (Virginia)	ODAC
Kevin Daniels	William Peace University	USA South
James Neyhouse	Centre College	SAA
<b>WEST REGION</b>		
Ed Garza, chair	Austin College	SCAC
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Scott Peluso	LeTourneau University	ASC
Kurt Vlasich	Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges	SCIAC
Kip Yoshimura	Pacific University (Oregon)	NWC

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Friday, Aug. 7</b>	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 29</b>	Bid materials available on <a href="http://www.ncaa.org">www.ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Thursday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m. Eastern time</b>	Teleconference with institutions interested in hosting regional tournaments.
<b>Thursdays, Oct. 22 and 29 and Nov. 5</b>	Published rankings.
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. Eastern time</b>	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and bid materials for regional tournaments.
<b>Monday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. Eastern time</b>	Site Representative 101 teleconference.
<b>Monday, Nov. 2, at noon Eastern time</b>	Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors and site representatives.
<b>Sunday, Nov. 8</b>	Selection of teams and regional sites.
<b>Monday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. Eastern time</b>	Site Representative 101 teleconference.
<b>Monday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. Eastern time</b>	Online selection show to announce teams selected to the championship.
<b>Monday, Nov. 9, at noon Eastern time</b>	Teleconference with confirmed regional host tournament directors and site representatives.
<b>Monday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. Eastern time</b>	Regional teleconferences with assigned teams.
<b>Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15</b>	Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include teams with a no-play-on-Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14.)

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Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21	Eight-team finals at the Van Noord Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, hosted by Calvin College.
Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 16-20	AVCA Convention (Omaha, Nebraska).
Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 1-3, 2016	Annual committee meeting.

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Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15	Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include teams with a no-play-on-Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12-14.)
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21	Championship at the Van Noord Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, hosted by Calvin College.

### DATE FORMULA

Regionals (8)	One week before to finals (Friday-Sunday)
Finals	Weekend before Thanksgiving (Thursday-Saturday)

### FUTURE DATES

2016 Regionals (eight sites)	Friday-Sunday, Nov. 11-13; on the campuses of competing institutions.
2016 Finals	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19; Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
2017 Regionals (eight sites)	Friday-Sunday, Nov. 10-12; on the campuses of competing institutions.
2017 Finals	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18; Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sites for regionals are determined by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Finals sites are recommended by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee, with final approval given by the Division III Championships Committee.

## Section 1•5 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sports committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, would reschedule the contest on the nearest possible date if a participating school has a conflict.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.

The governing sports committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

## Section 1•6 Rules

*[Reference Bylaws 17.30, 18.6 and 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division III Manual]*

Per Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports in which the NCAA develops playing rules. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for rankings and selections that are not conducted in accordance with the 2014 and 2015 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. Contests against NAIA institutions using NAIA rules (e.g., unlimited substitutions) do not count toward selections or statistics but do count as dates of competition.

The 2015 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the 2014 and 2015 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. Questions regarding the interpretation of NCAA women's volleyball rules should be directed to NCAA secretary-rules editor Anne Pufahl (phone: 414-430-0111; email: [anne.pufahl@marquette.edu](mailto:anne.pufahl@marquette.edu)).

## EQUIPMENT

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N is the official volleyball for the 2015 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship. Each participating team will receive two volleyballs following its final match at the regional championship or at the championship finals.

## Section 1•7 Uniforms

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*[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Playing uniforms must be of the same style for each member of a team. Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warm-up shirts and uniforms as well as to competitive uniforms.

Each team must bring two sets of jerseys of different colors to the championship site. It is suggested that institutions bring an extra uniform jersey to the competition site in the event the blood rule is applied.

## LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

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The championship provides for a field of 64 teams. Eight sites will be selected to host regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the championship site and compete in a single-elimination format according to the 2014 and 2015 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. (See [Appendix A](#) for the championship bracket.)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Wednesday</b>	55-minute practices. Banquet (finals site only)
<b>Thursday</b>	25-minute practices/four matches.
<b>Friday</b>	55-minute practices/two matches.
<b>Saturday</b>	55-minute practices/one match.

### START TIMES

Recommended match times for regionals are:

<b>Day 1</b>	12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
<b>Day 2</b>	3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
<b>Day 3</b>	7 p.m. (Saturday) or 2-4 p.m. (Sunday)

The Division III Women's Volleyball Committee must approve any match times different from the times listed above.

### TRAVEL PARTY

The squad size for championship competition is 17. No more than 17 student-athletes may be in uniform on the bench.

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of 20. Please refer to the [NCAA travel policies](#) that are available online for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses.

## Section 2•2 Results

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### REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published rankings will be released on [NCAA.com](#) the last three weeks of the regular season (Oct. 22, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5). The rankings will be recommended by the regional advisory committees and may be adjusted by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. The primary criteria for each institution, listed alphabetically by region, will be included as part of the published rankings.

### SCORE-REPORTING

Institutions submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (<http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login>), and this information is transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sport committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines are communicated to SIDs in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Michelle Forkner ([mforkner@ncaa.org](mailto:mforkner@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6775).

### STAT CREW

Hosts for regionals and the finals should use Stat Crew programs to submit statistics for postseason contests. Immediately following each match or day of competition, a packed file from each regional or championship contest must be sent to Michelle Forkner ([mforkner@ncaa.org](mailto:mforkner@ncaa.org)) and [ncaastats@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaastats@ncaa.org). For questions regarding Stat Crew, please contact Ms. Forkner.

## Section 2•3 Selections Information

[Reference Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

### ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2015 championship: Pool A - 44, Pool B - 0, Pool C - 20. (Note: The number of berths for Pools B and C may be adjusted based on sponsorship numbers at the time of selections.) Pool A includes the conferences that have been awarded automatic qualification. Pool B includes independent institutions and institutions from conferences that do not meet the automatic-qualification criteria. Pool C includes those Pool A institutions that do not receive their conference's automatic bid and the remaining teams in Pool B. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pool B or Pool C and no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region. A regional summary of the institutions in each pool is included in [Appendix B](#).

The Division III Women's Volleyball Committee will select teams from Pools B and C on a national basis using regional selection criteria. The committee will select teams in Pools B and C based on the criteria listed in this section.

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The 44 conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2015 championship are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New England Collegiate Conference
American Southwest Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
Capital Athletic Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	North Atlantic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	North Coast Athletic Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	North Eastern Athletic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Empire 8	Northwest Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Ohio Athletic Conference
Great South Athletic Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Skyline Conference
Landmark Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Liberty League	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	University Athletic Association
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	USA South Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

### REGIONAL COMPETITION

Per Bylaw 31.3.4.3, all members of a conference will be placed in the same region for evaluation purposes, unless the Championships Committee has granted an exception. For the exceptions, members of these conferences shall be placed in their natural geographic regions for evaluation purposes.

### SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS

Institutions must play at least 70 percent of their scheduled competition against in-region, Division III institutions to be considered for selection to NCAA championships. Institutions unable to meet this requirement may request a waiver for selection consideration.

The Division III Championships Committee will review all waiver requests. Information required as part of the waiver process includes proposed schedules, schedules from the past two seasons, a summary of scheduling challenges the institution is facing and proposed solutions. In addition, an institution may include any other historical information illustrating difficulty in scheduling at least 70 percent of its contests against in-region Division III institutions.



Competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

### PRIMARY CRITERIA

The primary criteria emphasize Division III competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents.
- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the rankings at the time of selection.
  - Conference postseason contests are included.
  - Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).
  - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).
    - See Appendix C for explanation of OWP and OOWP calculations. Strength of schedule will be weighted 2/3 OWP and 1/3 OOWP.
- Won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season.

### SECONDARY CRITERIA

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against opponents from other classifications (i.e., NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Women's Volleyball Committee for selection purposes.

### PAIRINGS

Once selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. A team may be moved to balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).

Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.

Teams from the same conference will not be paired to play each other in the first contest of the regional tournament as long as geographic proximity is maintained.

The highest-seeded team that has submitted a bid and meets all selection criteria will be selected as the host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained.

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2015 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions (if applicable) and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). In order to submit a bid, locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid." The deadline to submit all bid materials for hosting preliminary rounds for this championship is Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.

In addition to projected ticket sales (if applicable) and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging
- Game officials lodging
- State and city taxes/fees
- Ticket and facility fees.

Per diem, mileage and baggage fees for committee members and site representatives will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Referees and line judges will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and baggage fees.

### FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting regional competition of the Division III Women's Volleyball Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram or pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations regarding prospective host sites.

### KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Contact information can be updated via the Championships Bid and Profile System at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org).

### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue that includes the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at:

[http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf](http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please email Barb Hallam at [bhallam@ncaa.org](mailto:bhallam@ncaa.org) or [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

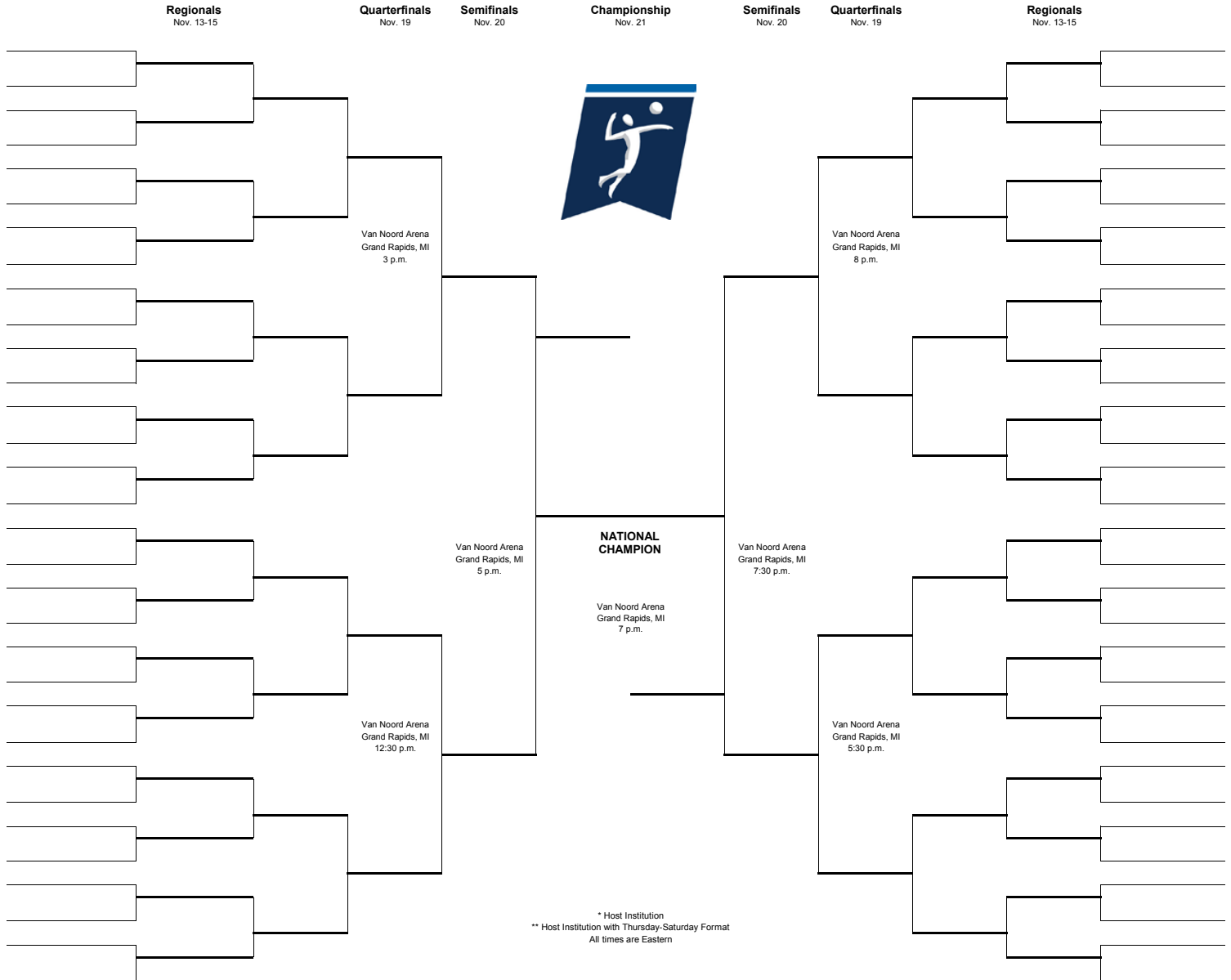
A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Profile System under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

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# Appendix A • Bracket



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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Buena Vista University  
 Central College (Iowa)  
 Coe College  
 University of Dubuque

Loras College  
 Luther College  
 Simpson College  
 Wartburg College

#### Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

Augsburg College  
 Bethel University (Minnesota)  
 Carleton College  
 Concordia College, Moorhead  
 Gustavus Adolphus College  
 Hamline University

Macalester College  
 College of St. Benedict  
 St. Catherine University  
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
 St. Olaf College  
 University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

#### St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)

Blackburn College  
 Eureka College  
 Fontbonne University  
 Greenville College  
 MacMurray College

Principia College  
 Spalding University  
 Webster University  
 Westminster College (Missouri)

#### University Athletic Association (1)

Washington University in St. Louis

#### Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (9)

Bethany Lutheran College  
 Crown College (Minnesota)  
 Martin Luther College  
 University of Minnesota, Morris  
 North Central University

Northland College  
 University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
 The College of St. Scholastica  
 University of Wisconsin-Superior

#### Pool B (1)

Nebraska Wesleyan University

#### Provisional (2)

Illinois Institute of Technology (18-19)

Iowa Wesleyan College (SLIAC) (18-19)

**GREAT LAKES REGION**

**Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)**

Anderson University (Indiana)  
Bluffton University  
Defiance College  
Earlham College  
Franklin College

Hanover College  
Manchester University  
Mount St. Joseph University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Transylvania University

**Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)**

Adrian College  
Albion College  
Alma College  
Calvin College  
Hope College

Kalamazoo College  
Olivet College  
Saint Mary's College (Indiana)  
Trine University

**North Coast Athletic Conference (9)**

Allegheny College  
Denison University  
DePauw University  
Hiram College  
Kenyon College

Oberlin College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Wittenberg University  
College of Wooster

**Ohio Athletic Conference (10)**

Baldwin Wallace University  
Capital University  
Heidelberg University  
John Carroll University  
Marietta College

University of Mount Union  
Muskingum University  
Ohio Northern University  
Otterbein University  
Wilmington College (Ohio)

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (10)**

Bethany College (West Virginia)  
Chatham University  
Geneva College  
Grove City College  
Saint Vincent College

Thiel College  
Thomas More College  
Washington and Jefferson College  
Waynesburg University  
Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Case Western Reserve University

**Provisional (1)**

Berea College (18-19)

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION**

**Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (10)**

D'Youville College  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Hilbert College  
La Roche College  
Medaille College

Mount Aloysius College  
Penn State University, Altoona  
Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College  
University of Pittsburgh, Bradford  
University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

**Capital Athletic Conference (9)**

Christopher Newport University  
Frostburg State University  
University of Mary Washington  
Marymount University (Virginia)  
Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg

Salisbury University  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Wesley College  
York College (Pennsylvania)

**Centennial Conference (11)**

Bryn Mawr College  
Dickinson College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Gettysburg College  
Haverford College  
Johns Hopkins University

McDaniel College  
Muhlenberg College  
Swarthmore College  
Ursinus College  
Washington College (Maryland)

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (12)**

Cabrini College  
Cairn University  
Cedar Crest College  
Centenary College (New Jersey)  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Immaculata University

Keystone College  
Marywood University  
Neumann University  
Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Rosemont College  
Summit University of Pennsylvania

**Landmark Conference (8)**

Catholic University  
Elizabethtown College  
Goucher College  
Juniata College

Moravian College  
University of Scranton  
Susquehanna University  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)**

Albright College  
Alvernia College  
Arcadia University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College

Lycoming College  
Messiah College  
Stevenson University  
Widener University

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)**

Delaware Valley College  
DeSales University  
Eastern University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

King's College (Pennsylvania)  
Manhattanville College  
Misericordia University  
Wilkes University

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Carnegie Mellon University

**Pool B (1)**

Trinity Washington University

**Provisional (2)**

Southern Virginia University (16-17)

University of Valley Forge (16-17)

**MIDWEST REGION**

**College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (8)**

Augustana College (Illinois)  
 Carthage College  
 Elmhurst College  
 Illinois Wesleyan University

Millikin University  
 North Central College  
 North Park University  
 Wheaton College (Illinois)

**Great South Athletic Conference (2)**

Finlandia University

Mount Mary University

**Midwest Conference (11)**

Beloit College  
 Carroll University (Wisconsin)  
 Cornell College  
 Grinnell College  
 Illinois College  
 Knox College

Lake Forest College  
 Lawrence University  
 Monmouth College (Illinois)  
 Ripon College  
 St. Norbert College

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (12)**

Alverno College  
 Aurora University  
 Benedictine University (Illinois)  
 Concordia University Chicago  
 Concordia University Wisconsin  
 Dominican University (Illinois)

Edgewood College  
 Lakeland College  
 Marian University (Wisconsin)  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Rockford University  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

**University Athletic Association (1)**

University of Chicago

**Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
 University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
 University of Wisconsin-Platteville

University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
 University of Wisconsin-Stout  
 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Pool B (1)**

Maranatha Baptist University



**NEW ENGLAND REGION**

**Commonwealth Coast Conference (9)**

Curry College  
 Eastern Nazarene College  
 Endicott College  
 Gordon College  
 University of New England

Roger Williams University  
 Salve Regina University  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Western New England University

**Great Northeast Athletic Conference (12)**

Albertus Magnus College  
 Anna Maria College  
 Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)  
 Johnson & Wales University (Rhode Island)  
 Lasell College  
 Mount Ida College

Norwich University  
 Rivier University  
 Simmons College  
 University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)  
 Saint Joseph's College (Maine)  
 Suffolk University

**Great South Athletic Conference (1)**

Pine Manor College

**Little East Conference (8)**

Eastern Connecticut State University  
 Keene State College  
 University of Massachusetts Boston  
 University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Plymouth State University  
 Rhode Island College  
 University of Southern Maine  
 Western Connecticut State University

**Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)**

Bridgewater State University  
 Framingham State University  
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
 Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Salem State University  
 Westfield State University  
 Worcester State University

**New England Collegiate Conference (9)**

Bay Path University  
 Becker College  
 Daniel Webster College  
 Elms College  
 Lesley University

Mitchell College  
 Newbury College  
 Regis College (Massachusetts)  
 Southern Vermont College

**New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)**

Amherst College  
 Bates College  
 Bowdoin College  
 Colby College  
 Connecticut College  
 Hamilton College

Middlebury College  
 Trinity College (Connecticut)  
 Tufts University  
 Wesleyan University (Connecticut)  
 Williams College

**New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (11)**

Babson College  
 Clark University (Massachusetts)  
 Emerson College  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Smith College

Springfield College  
 U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
 Wellesley College  
 Wheaton College (Massachusetts)  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**North Atlantic Conference (7)**

Castleton University  
Colby-Sawyer College  
Green Mountain College  
Husson University

Johnson State College  
Lyndon State College  
Maine Maritime Academy

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Brandeis University

**Pool B (1)**

University of Maine at Presque Isle

**NEW YORK REGION**

**City University of New York Athletic Conference (9)**

Baruch College  
Brooklyn College  
The City College of New York  
Hunter College  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Lehman College  
Medgar Evers College  
College of Staten Island  
York College (New York)

**Empire 8 (8)**

Alfred University  
Elmira College  
Hartwick College  
Ithaca College

Nazareth College  
St. John Fisher College  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Utica College

**Liberty League (7)**

Bard College  
Clarkson University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Skidmore College

St. Lawrence University  
Union College (New York)  
Vassar College

**New Jersey Athletic Conference (9)**

Kean University  
Montclair State University  
New Jersey City University  
Ramapo College  
Rowan University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark  
Stockton University  
William Paterson University of New Jersey

**North Eastern Athletic Conference (11)**

Cazenovia College  
Gallaudet University  
Keuka College  
Lancaster Bible College  
Morrisville State College  
Penn State Berks College

Penn State University, Abington  
College of Saint Elizabeth  
State University of New York at Cobleskill  
State University of New York Polytechnic Institute  
Wells College

**Skyline Conference (11)**

Farmingdale State College  
State University of New York Maritime College  
Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
College of Mount St. Vincent  
State University College at Old Westbury  
Purchase College, State University of New York

The Sage Colleges  
St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)  
St. Joseph's College (Long Island)  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Yeshiva University

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)

College at Brockport, State University of New York  
Buffalo State, State University of New York  
State University College at Fredonia  
State University College at Geneseo  
State University College at New Paltz

State University College at Oneonta  
State University of New York at Cortland  
State University of New York at Oswego  
Plattsburgh State University of New York  
State University of New York at Potsdam

### University Athletic Association (2)

New York University

University of Rochester

### Pool B (2)

College of New Rochelle

State University of New York at Canton

### Provisional (4)

Alfred State College (18-19)  
Bryn Athyn College (NEAC) (18-19)

Houghton College (Empire 8) (16-17)  
Pennsylvania College of Technology (NEAC) (18-19)

## SOUTH REGION

### Great South Athletic Conference (3)

Agnes Scott College  
Salem College

Wesleyan College (Georgia)

### Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)

Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Emory and Henry College  
Guilford College  
Hollins University  
Lynchburg College

Randolph College  
Randolph-Macon College  
Roanoke College  
Shenandoah University  
Virginia Wesleyan College  
Washington and Lee University

### Southern Athletic Association (8)

Berry College  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Centre College  
Hendrix College

Millsaps College  
Oglethorpe University  
Rhodes College  
University of the South

### USA South Athletic Conference (13)

Averett University  
Covenant College  
Ferrum College  
Greensboro College  
Huntingdon College  
LaGrange College  
Mary Baldwin College

Maryville College (Tennessee)  
Meredith College  
Methodist University  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Piedmont College  
William Peace University

### University Athletic Association (1)

Emory University

### Pool B (1)

Rust College

**WEST REGION**

**American Southwest Conference (9)**

Concordia University Texas  
 East Texas Baptist University  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Howard Payne University  
 LeTourneau University

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 Sul Ross State University  
 University of Texas at Dallas  
 University of Texas at Tyler

**Great South Athletic Conference (2)**

Mills College

University of California, Santa Cruz

**Northwest Conference (9)**

George Fox University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield College  
 Pacific Lutheran University  
 Pacific University (Oregon)

University of Puget Sound  
 Whitman College  
 Whitworth University  
 Willamette University

**Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)**

California Institute of Technology  
 California Lutheran University  
 Chapman University  
 Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
 University of La Verne

Occidental College  
 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges  
 University of Redlands  
 Whittier College

**Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

Austin College  
 Centenary College (Louisiana)  
 Colorado College  
 University of Dallas

Schreiner University  
 Southwestern University (Texas)  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Trinity University (Texas)

**Provisional (1)**

Belhaven University

**Reclassifying (1)**

McMurry University (ASC) (18-19)

## Appendix C • OWP and OOWP Calculation Explanation

**Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).** Take each opponent's regular winning percentage against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question) and average the percentages.

To calculate, Team A's schedule is as follows:

OPPONENT	RECORD	VS. TEAM A	REVISED RECORD	REVISED W-L PERCENTAGE
Team B	21-7	0-1	21-6	.7778
Team C	11-15	0-1	11-14	.4400
Team D	7-20	0-1	7-19	.2692
Team E	13-13	0-1	13-12	.5200
Team F	23-6	1-0	22-6	.7857
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>74-56 (.5692)</b>	<b>.5585 (OWP)</b>

Team A's Opponents' Average Winning Percentage = .5585

**Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).** The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by computing the opponents' winning percentage for each opponent, then averaging the percentages. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

To calculate: Take the schedules of Teams B, C, D, E and F and perform the same calculation as above (OWP). It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (e.g., if Teams A and B have the same OWP of .5692, and Team A has an OOWP of .6125 and Team B has an OOWP of .4567, then Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).