



2018 DIVISION III WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2018-19 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of 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. Of 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/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

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 team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. 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 Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

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 Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. 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

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the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport 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

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I and II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division III) 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

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

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, which discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives 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 to policies and procedures outline.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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 current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA 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 found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions when 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 when 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

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

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 that 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.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) 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 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.]

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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
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 rounds 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 collect 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 manager in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sport 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 sport committee, in consultation with participating institutions, may reschedule the game on the nearest possible date.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.
- The governing sport 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

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before May 1 of the preceding academic year to be excused from competing on that day. The notification shall be valid for a period of two years. 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 (i.e., 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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Saint Vincent College

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Matt Schoultz, chair
Head Women's Volleyball Coach
Lawrence University

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Volleyball Coach
Carnegie Mellon University

NEW ENGLAND REGION

Moira Long
Head Women's Volleyball Coach
Springfield College

NEW YORK REGION

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Head Women's Volleyball Coach
Ithaca College

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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.

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
CENTRAL REGION		
Beth Wilmeth, chair	University of Northwestern-St. Paul	Upper Midwest
Jeanne Czipri	Central College (Iowa)	American Rivers
Natalia Koryzna	Westminster College (Missouri)	SLIAC
Dana Moore	The College of St. Scholastica	Upper Midwest
Rachelle Sherden	Gustavus Adolphus College	MIAC
GREAT LAKES REGION		
Sue Hozak, chair	Saint Vincent College	Presidents' AC
Sarah Davis	The College of Wooster	NCAC
Lauren London-Law	Washington and Jefferson College	Presidents' AC
Jason Miller	Heidelberg University	OAC
Abby Smith	Mount St. Joseph University	HCAC
Jamie Wozniak	Trine University	MIAA
MID-ATLANTIC REGION		
Kim Kelly, chair	Carnegie Mellon University	UAA
Brianna Baker	Mount Aloysius College	AMCC
Holly Motheral	Messiah College	MAC Commonwealth
Andrew Pile	Dickinson College	Centennial
Chuck Sack	Neumann University	Atlantic East
Sarah Twiggs	Landmark Conference	Landmark
Justin Turco	Salisbury University	Capital
James Wagner	Colonial States Conference	Colonial States
Michele Zabinski	DeSales University	MAC Freedom
MIDWEST REGION		
Matt Schoultz, chair	Lawrence University	Midwest
Kristy Duncan	Illinois College	Midwest
Becca Saal	Carroll University	CCIW
James Seitelman	Aurora University	Northern Athletics
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NEW ENGLAND REGION		
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Marybeth Lamb	Bridgewater State University	MASCAC
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Bob Weiner	Keene State College	Little East

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
NEW YORK REGION		
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Stefanie Carrington	Bard College	Liberty
Rhonda Faunce	Elmira College	Empire 8
Tim Gaiser	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	Skyline
Steve Macias	The City College of New York	CUNYAC
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Pete Way	Cazenovia College	NEAC
SOUTH REGION		
Danny Miller, chair	Averett University	USA South
Kait Harris	Rhodes College	SAA
Andrea Hoover-Erbig	Virginia Wesleyan University	ODAC
Madison Machurek	LaGrange College	USA South
WEST REGION		
Ed Garza, chair	Austin College	SCAC
Sabrina Bingham	Hardin-Simmons University	ASC
Chris Duarte-McDermott	Whittier College	SCIAC
Don Flora	Southwestern University (Texas)	SCAC
Matt Helm	Whitman College	NWC

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. Eastern time	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
Friday, Oct. 12	Bid materials and template for participant manual for regionals available on ncaa.org .
Wednesdays, Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31	Published rankings.
Monday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. Eastern time	Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors.
Friday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. Eastern time	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and bid materials for regional tournaments.
Monday, Oct. 29, at noon Eastern time	Site Representative 101 teleconference.
Monday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. Eastern time	Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors.
Sunday, Nov. 4	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Monday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. Eastern time	Teleconference with confirmed site representatives.
Monday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. Eastern time	Teleconference with confirmed regional host tournament directors and site representatives.
Monday, Nov. 5, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time	Online selection show to announce teams selected to the championship.
Monday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m. Eastern time	Regional teleconferences with assigned teams.
Monday, Nov. 5 by 5 p.m. Eastern time	Final published ranking.
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11	Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10.)
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 15-17	Eight-team finals at the A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh, hosted by Saint Vincent College and SportsPITTSBURGH.
Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 12-16	AVCA Convention (Minneapolis).

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Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 4-6

Annual committee meeting (Indianapolis).

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Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11

Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10.)

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 15-17

Championship at the A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh, hosted by Saint Vincent College and SportsPITTSBURGH.

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (8)

One week before finals (Friday-Sunday)

Finals

Weekend before Thanksgiving (Thursday-Saturday)

FUTURE DATES

2019 Regionals (eight sites)

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 15-17; on the campuses of competing institutions.

2019 Finals

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

2020 Regionals (eight sites)

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15; on the campuses of competing institutions.

2020 Finals

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21; Columbus, Ohio.

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 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 Division III Women's Volleyball Committee will not consider any results for rankings and selections that are not conducted in accordance with the 2018 and 2019 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 2018 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the 2018 and 2019 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).

EQUIPMENT

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N is the official volleyball for the 2018 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship. Each participating team will receive two volleyballs following its final match at the regional championship and at the championship finals, if applicable.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

[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

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 2018 and 2019 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. (See [Appendix A](#) for the championship bracket.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Practice Day	55-minute practices. Banquet (finals site only)
Day 1	25-minute practices/four matches.
Day 2	55-minute practices/two matches.
Day 3	55-minute practices/one match.

START TIMES

Recommended match times for regionals are:

	Friday-Sunday format	Thursday-Saturday format
Day 1	12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.	12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.
Day 2	2:30/5 p.m., +/- one hour	4:30/7 p.m. OR 5:30/8 p.m.
Day 3	Not later than 2 p.m.	7 p.m.

There will be a minimum of 45 minutes between matches. Matches will not start before the scheduled time. Any match times different from the times listed above must be submitted to the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee for approval. The Thursday-Saturday format will be followed at regionals only if a team with a no-play Sunday policy is participating at the site.

TRAVEL PARTY

The squad size for championship competition is 17. Not 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 22. Please refer to the [NCAA travel policies](#) that are available online for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses.

Section 2•2 Results

REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published rankings will be released on [ncaa.com](#) the last three weeks of the regular season (Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31) and in conjunction with selections (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 or 317-917-6775).

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 2018 championship: Pool A - 43, Pool B - 2 and Pool C - 19. (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 43 conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2018 championship are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
American Southwest Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Capital Athletic Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	North Atlantic Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	North Eastern Athletic Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Northwest Conference
Empire 8	Ohio Athletic Conference
Great Northeast 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
New England Collegiate 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 final ranking and the ranking preceding the final ranking.
 - 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 an explanation of OWP and OOWP calculations. Strength of schedule will be weighted 2/3 OWP and 1/3 OOWP.

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.
- Won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season.
- Division III nonconference strength of schedule.

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 ranking or selection purposes.

PAIRINGS

After all 64 teams have been 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.

After regional competition concludes, results from regionals will be added to the score-reporting system and the committee will use the updated information to evaluate and rank the eight teams advancing to the finals site. The committee will then pair the teams according to traditional bracketing principles (No. 1 vs. No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, etc.).

Section 2•5 Site Selection

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2018 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. 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 5 p.m. Eastern time Oct. 26.

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. Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagrams 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 its 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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please email Barb Hallam at bhallam@ncaa.org or championshipbid@ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

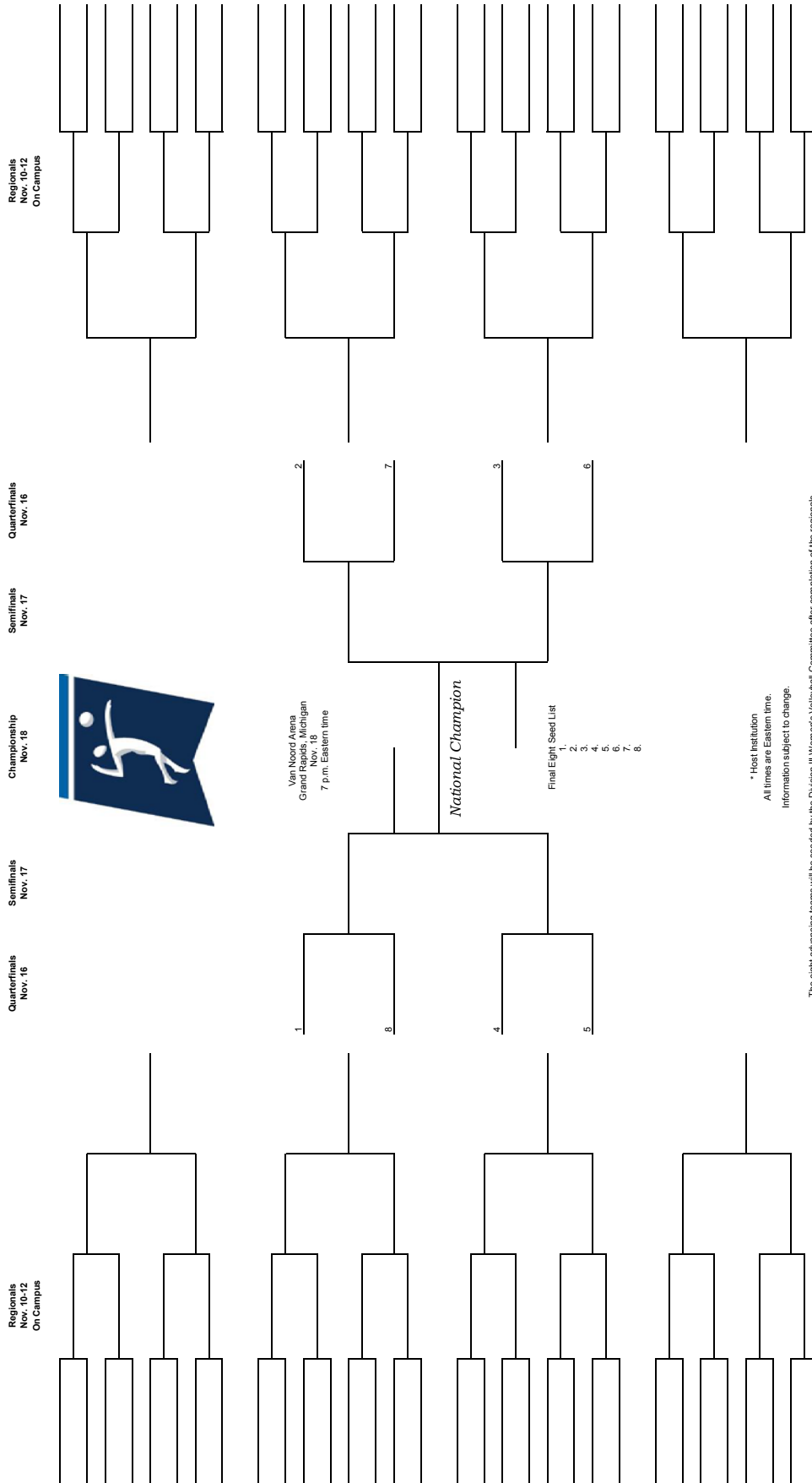
A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Profile System under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

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Appendix A • Bracket



Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

CENTRAL REGION

American Rivers Conference (9)

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

Luther College
 Nebraska Wesleyan University
 Simpson College
 Wartburg College

AQ - Conference Championship

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Blackburn College
 Eureka College
 Fontbonne University
 Greenville University
 Iowa Wesleyan University

MacMurray College
 Principia College
 Spalding University
 Webster University
 Westminster College (Missouri)

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Washington University in St. Louis

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

North Coast Athletic Conference (9)

Allegheny College
Denison University
DePauw University
Hiram College
Kenyon College

Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Wittenberg University
The College of Wooster

AQ - Conference Championship

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)

AQ - Conference Championship

Presidents' Athletic Conference (9)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Case Western Reserve University

AQ - Conference Championship

Pool B (1)

Thomas More College (ACAA)

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Capital Athletic Conference (8)

Christopher Newport University
 Frostburg State University
 University of Mary Washington
 Penn State Harrisburg

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

AQ - Conference Championship

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)

AQ - Conference Championship

Colonial States Athletic Conference (9)

Bryn Athyn College
 Cairn University
 Cedar Crest College
 Centenary University (New Jersey)
 Clarks Summit University

Keystone College
 Notre Dame of Maryland University
 Rosemont College
 Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

Landmark Conference (7)

Catholic University
 Elizabethtown College
 Goucher College
 Juniata College

Moravian College
 University of Scranton
 Susquehanna University

AQ - Conference Championship

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)

Albright College
 Alvernia College
 Arcadia University
 Hood College
 Lebanon Valley College

Lycoming College
 Messiah College
 Stevenson University
 Widener University

AQ - Conference Championship

MID-ATLANTIC REGION CONTINUED

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Carnegie Mellon University

AQ - Conference Championship

MIDWEST REGION

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Midwest Conference (10)

Beloit College
 Cornell College
 Grinnell College
 Illinois College
 Knox College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (12)

Alverno College
 Aurora University
 **Benedictine University (Illinois) (reclassifying to Division II)
 Concordia University Chicago
 Concordia University Wisconsin
 Dominican University (Illinois)
 Edgewood College

Illinois Institute of Technology
 Lakeland University
 Marian University (Wisconsin)
 Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Rockford University
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

University of Chicago

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

MIDWEST REGION CONTINUED

Pool B (3)

Finlandia University (ACAA)
Maranatha Baptist University

Mount Mary University (ACAA)

Pool B (9)

Trinity Washington University

University of Valley Forge (ACAA)

Atlantic East Conference (7)

Cabrini University
Gwynedd Mercy University
Immaculata University
Marymount University (Virginia)

Marywood University
Neumann University
Wesley College

**Reclassifying to Division II - not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

NEW ENGLAND REGION

Commonwealth Coast Conference (9)

Curry College
Endicott College
Gordon College
University of New England
Nichols College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)

Albertus Magnus College
Anna Maria College
Colby-Sawyer College
Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Lasell College
Norwich University

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Little East Conference (9)

Castleton University
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

AQ - Conference Championship

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Bridgewater State University
Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Salem State University
Westfield State University
Worcester State University

AQ - Conference Championship

NEW ENGLAND REGION CONTINUED

New England Collegiate Conference (9)

Bay Path University
Becker College
*Dean College (active 2021-22)
Eastern Nazarene College
Elms College

Lesley University
Mitchell College
New England College
Newbury College
Southern Vermont College

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

North Atlantic Conference (6)

Husson University
Maine Maritime Academy
University of Maine at Presque Isle

State University of New York at Canton
Northern Vermont University-Johnson
Northern Vermont University-Lyndon

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Brandeis University

AQ - Conference Champion

Pool B (1)

Pine Manor College (ACAA)

*Provisional – not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

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)

AQ - Conference Championship

Empire 8 (9)

Alfred University
 Elmira College
 Hartwick College
 Houghton College
 Nazareth College

The Sage Colleges
 St. John Fisher College
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Utica College

AQ - Conference Championship

Liberty League (8)

Bard College
 Clarkson University
 Ithaca College
 Rochester Institute of Technology

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

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

North Eastern Athletic Conference (12)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

NEW YORK REGION CONTINUED

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

St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)
St. Joseph's College (Long Island)
Sarah Lawrence College
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Yeshiva University

AQ - Conference Championship

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 of New York at Cortland
The State University of New York at Fredonia
State University of New York at Geneseo

State University of New York at New Paltz
State University of New York at Oneonta
State University of New York at Oswego
Plattsburgh State University of New York
State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (2)

New York University

University of Rochester

AQ - Conference Championship

Pool B (2)

Alfred State College (ACAA)
College of New Rochelle

*State University of New York at Delhi (active 2022-23)

*Provisional – not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

SOUTH REGION

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Southern Athletic Association (8)

Berry College
 Birmingham-Southern College
 Centre College
 Hendrix College

Millsaps College
 Oglethorpe University
 Rhodes College
 University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

USA South Athletic Conference (15)

Agnes Scott College
 Averett University
 Berea College
 #Brevard College (active 2021-22)
 Covenant College
 Greensboro College
 Huntingdon College
 LaGrange College
 Mary Baldwin University

Maryville College (Tennessee)
 Meredith College
 Methodist University
 North Carolina Wesleyan College
 #Pfeiffer University (active 2021-22)
 Piedmont College
 Salem College (North Carolina)
 William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Emory University

AQ - Conference Championship

#Reclassifying to Division III

WEST REGION

American Southwest Conference (10)

*Belhaven University (active 2019-20)
 Concordia University Texas
 East Texas Baptist University
 Hardin-Simmons University
 Howard Payne University
 LeTourneau University

Louisiana College
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 McMurry University
 Sul Ross State University
 University of Texas at Dallas

AQ - Conference Championship

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

AQ - Regular Season Championship

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Austin College
 Centenary College (Louisiana)
 Colorado College
 University of Dallas
 *Johnson & Wales University (Denver) (active 2022-23)

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Pool B (2)

University of California, Santa Cruz
 Mills College (ACAA)

**The University of Texas at Tyler (reclassifying to Division II)

*Provisional – not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**Reclassifying to Division II - not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

Appendix C • OWP and OOWP Calculation Explanation

Strength of Schedule Calculation

The strength of schedule is made up of two factors: the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and the opponents' opponents' winning percentage (OOWP).

Opponents' Winning Percentage. Take each opponent's won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents' winning percentage.

To Calculate. Team A's schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Record	vs. Team A	Wins	Losses
Team B	21-7	1-0	20	7
Team C	14-11	0-1	14	10
Team D	9-14	0-1	9	13
Team E	8-17	0-1	8	16
Team F	19-8	1-0	18	8
Totals:			69	54

$69 \div (69 + 54) =$
.561 (OWP)

Opponents' Opponents' Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents' won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents' opponents' won-lost record. 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. Using the total opponents' won-lost record for Teams B, C, D, E and F (Team A's opponents), perform the same calculation as the OWP.

	Opponents' Wins	Opponents' Losses
Team B	35	75
Team C	63	40
Team D	55	55
Team E	75	37
Team F	44	60
Totals:	272	267

$272 \div (272 + 267) =$
.505 (OOWP)

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of .561; Team A has an OOWP of .505 and Team C has an OOWP of .456; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

Strength of Schedule Calculation. To calculate the strength of schedule, add two-thirds of the OWP to one-third of the OOWP. Team A's strength of schedule calculation is as follows:

	Value	Weight	SOS Value
OWP	.561	.667	.374
OOWP	.505	.333	.168
Strength of Schedule			.542