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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2016-17 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.
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.
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.


**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, Manuals 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
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

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

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4
(Division I); 18.4.1.5 (Divisions II and 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, that 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 policy and procedure and fines.

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 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 GPA 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-athletes 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.]

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, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, 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 2¼ 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

**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 (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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**Jay Gardiner, chair**
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### CHAMPIONSHIP DATE

**Sunday, May 28**  
Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

### DATE FORMULA

- **First Round (2)**: Tuesday before the second round
- **Second Round (16)**: Wednesday before the third round
- **Third Round (8)**: Two weekends before final (Saturday)
- **Quarterfinals (4)**: Wednesday before semifinals
- **Semifinals (2)**: One weekend before final (Sunday)
- **Final**: Sunday of Memorial Day weekend

### FUTURE DATES

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**  
Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA
Section 1.5 Equipment

In accordance with Bylaw 12.5.3, athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, gloves, helmets, sticks) may bear only the manufacturer’s normal label or trademark as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public. Failure to comply with this regulation may jeopardize a student-athlete’s eligibility (http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4399-mens-lacrosse-2017-and-2018-rules-and-interpretations.aspx).

The official supplier for NCAA Lacrosse is STX.

Section 1.6 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules, including men’s lacrosse. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes from games not played in accordance with the NCAA rules book.

The NCAA Men’s Lacrosse Rules will be followed in all tournament games. Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be addressed to Willie Scroggs, Secretary-Rules Editor, Men’s Lacrosse, P.O. Box 2126, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515; email: williescroggs@unc.edu.

Section 1.7 Uniforms

The Men’s Lacrosse Committee shall determine the home team. The home team shall wear its white or light-colored jerseys. However, this rule may be waived if both coaches agree to do so before the game. When jersey colors are not sufficiently contrasting, the home team shall change its jerseys.

Student-athletes competing in each championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institutions in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warm-up uniforms as well as uniforms for competition.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.
Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

START TIME
5 p.m. Sunday, May 28 – Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

TRAVEL PARTY
The official travel party is 33 persons.

Division III teams located within 500 miles of their competition site are required to use ground transportation. Teams located outside 500 miles may use air transportation. All air transportation must be arranged through Short's Travel Management.

All ground transportation payable by the NCAA must be arranged through GO Ground Options. The costs will be paid to the operator directly, eliminating the need for you to claim reimbursement.

Local transportation is not reimbursable by the NCAA. Participating institutions are responsible for arranging their own local transportation and may do so using the NCAA provider, GO Ground Options, or a provider of their choice.

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division III General Section]

Please refer to the NCAA Travel Policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

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- Website: http://www.ncaa.com/travel

Section 2•3 Results

SCORE-REPORTING SYSTEM
The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are combined for Division III men’s lacrosse. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will then be imported into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Dominique Steen at (dsteen@ncaa.org or 317-917-6185).

Copies of results will be obtained off the NCAA website, as posted by the host institution’s sports information director. These results must be posted on the day of the event and shall include at a minimum: (1) score by periods; (2) first and last name for all goals scored for each team, along with their total goals for the game; (3) total shots for each team; (4) first and last name of all goalies who play; (5) total saves for each goalie for each team and (6) announced attendance. A computer-generated box score will suffice as long as it includes all information listed. If the form does not, such information shall be added manually to the sports information director’s web report.
STAT CREW

All host sites should use Stat Crew programs to submit statistics for postseason contests. At the end of each game or day of competition, a packed file from each preliminary/championship contest must be sent to ncaastats@ncaa.org and Dominique Steen at (dsteen@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office. These files should be sent immediately following each contest or day of competition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dominique Steen.

REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published regional rankings will be released on www.NCAA.com the last three weeks of the regular season on:

- Wednesday, April 19, 2017.
- Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Section 2.4 Selections Information

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

The Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee will select teams to the championship based on the following selection principals:

- After the determination of the automatic berths (Pool A), the committee will determine the Pool B selections followed by the Pool C selections. Pool B is reserved for independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not receive automatic qualification. The number of eligible institutions in Pool B is determined by subtracting the number of eligible institutions in Pool A (total number of institutions in conferences with automatic qualification) from the total number of active Division III institutions sponsoring the sport. Pool B = (number of independents and non-qualifying conference members) divided by (the access ratio for Pool A) - the result truncated to the nearest whole number (e.g., 5.61 truncates to 5).
- Berths from Pools B and C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pools B and C.
- Pool A: 24 teams
- Pool B: 3 teams
- Pool C: 7 teams

Bylaw 31.02.4 – Nullification. Nullification is a penalty imposed on an institution by the Championships Committee for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate competition.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.3 in the NCAA Manual]

The 24 conferences granted automatic qualification (Pool A) for the 2017 championship are as follows:

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IN-REGION DEFINITIONS
1. All competition within an institution’s defined sport/evaluation region. (See Appendix B on page 19).
2. All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another. The NCAA Travel Expense System (TES) will be utilized to confirm distance from campus to campus.
3. All conference competition.
4. All competition within an institution’s defined geographic membership region. (Constitution 4.13.1.1).

Region 1
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Region 2
New York, Pennsylvania.

Region 3
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

Region 4

To be considered during the selection process for either an automatic berth (Pool A) or an at-large berth (Pool B and Pool C), an institution must play at least 70 percent of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

Bylaw 31.3.2.3 – Exception. For sports with a spring NCAA championship, an institution may exempt out-of-region contests conducted during one institutional period (e.g., spring break) (Adopted: 4/15/14 effective 8/1/14).

Bylaw 31.3.4 – Selection of Balance of Championship Field (Pools B and C). Once the official representative(s) of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall complete the championship field in accordance with the minimum requirements and selection criteria approved for the particular championship as approved by the Championships Committee. There shall be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region (Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, for the championship selection during the 1999-00 academic year and there after, 4/13/10).

Bylaw 31.3.4.1.1 – Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, 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•5 Selection Criteria

PRIMARY CRITERIA
[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.2.1 in the NCAA Manual]
The primary criteria for ranking and selection (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Win-loss 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.
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage (OWP) 2/3 weight
  - Opponents’ Opponents’ Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) 1/3 weight
"NOTE: 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 ranking and selections.

SECONDARY CRITERIA

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.2.2 in the NCAA Manual]

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 versus opponents from other classifications.

- Non-Division III win-loss percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.
- Non-Division III strength of schedule.

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

An institution must play a minimum of 10 games during the traditional season against Division III opponents to be considered for selection.

Section 2.6 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting a preliminary round of competition of the 2017 NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution’s key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the “Championships Available for Bidding” section and select “Start Bid.”

Please note the change in process allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Friday, April 28, 2017.

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.

As a reminder, prospective hosts’ budgets should include committee/site representative’s lodging expense, game officials’ lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative’s per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RefPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse 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 diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility’s profile.

KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can
be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit the key contacts form is Friday, April 28, 2017.

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, which would be inclusive of 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 is located at: http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the championship manager Will Hopkins at whopkins@ncaa.org or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.
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2017 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship

First Round
May 9

Second Round
May 10

Third Round
May 13

Quarterfinals
May 17

Semifinals
May 21

Championship
May 28

Gillette Stadium
Foxboro, Massachusetts
5 p.m.
Live on NCAA.com

NATIONAL CHAMPION

* Host Institution
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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### NORTH 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

**Empire 8 (9)**
- Alfred University
- Elmira College
- Hartwick College
- Houghton College
- Ithaca College
- Nazareth College
- St. John Fisher College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Utica College

**Great Northeast Athletic Conference (9)**
- Albertus Magnus College
- Anna Maria College
- Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
- Johnson & Wales University (Rhode Island)
- Lasell College
- Mount Ida College
- Norwich University
- Rivier University
- St. Joseph’s College (Maine)

**Liberty League (8)**
- Bard College
- Clarkson University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Skidmore College
- St. Lawrence University
- Union College (New York)
- Vassar College

**Little East Conference (8)**
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Keene State College
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
- Plymouth State University
- Salem State University
- University of Southern Maine
- Western Connecticut State University

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (1)**
- Manhattanville College

**New England Collegiate Conference (5)**
- Becker College
- Daniel Webster College
- Mitchell College
- Regis College (Massachusetts)
- Wheelock College
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### Pool B Teams (2)

| *Alfred State College | State University of New York at Canton |

### 104 Institutions
### SOUTH REGION

#### Capital Athletic Conference (9)
- Christopher Newport University
- Frostburg State University
- University of Mary Washington
- Marymount University (Virginia)
- Salisbury University
- *Southern Virginia University
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- Wesley College
- York College (Pennsylvania)

#### Centennial Conference (9)
- Dickinson College
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Gettysburg College
- Haverford College
- McDaniel College
- Muhlenberg College
- Swarthmore College
- Ursinus College
- Washington College (Maryland)

#### College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (7)
- Augustana College (Illinois)
- Carroll University (Wisconsin)
- Carthage College
- University of Dubuque (Iowa)
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- North Central College

#### Colonial States Athletic Conference (8)
- Cabrini College
- Centenary College (New Jersey)
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Keystone College
- Immaculata University
- Marywood University
- Neumann University
- Rosemont College

#### Landmark Conference (7)
- Catholic University
- Drew University
- Elizabethtown College
- Goucher College
- Moravian College
- University of Scranton
- Susquehanna University

#### Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (8)
- Adrian College
- Albion College
- Alma College
- Calvin College
- Hope College
- Kalamazoo College
- Olivet College
- Trine University

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)
- Albright College
- Alvernia University
- Arcadia University
- Hood College
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lycoming College
- Messiah College
- Stevenson University
- Widener University
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (7)
Delaware Valley College
DeSales University
Eastern University
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham
King's College (Pennsylvania)
Misericordia University
Wilkes University
AQ

Midwest Lacrosse Conference (8)
Aurora University
Beloit College
Benedictine University (Illinois)
Concordia University Chicago
Concordia University Wisconsin
Cornell College
Fontbonne University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
AQ

North Coast Athletic Conference (9)
Denison University
DePauw University
Hiram College
Kenyon College
Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Wabash College
Wittenberg University
College of Wooster
AQ

Ohio Athletic Conference (9)
Baldwin Wallace University
Capital University
Heidelberg University
John Carroll University
University of Mount Union
Muskingum University
Ohio Northern University
Otterbein University
Wilmington College (Ohio)
AQ

Ohio River Men’s Lacrosse Conference (8)
Bethany College (West Virginia)
Hanover College
Mount St. Joseph University
Saint Vincent College
Thiel College
Transylvania University
Washington and Jefferson College
Westminster College (Pennsylvania)
AQ

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (10)
Bridgewater College (Virginia)
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
Lynchburg College
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Roanoke College
Shenandoah University
Virginia Wesleyan College
Washington and Lee University
AQ

Southern Athletic Association (8)
Berry College
Birmingham-Southern College
Centre College
Hendrix College
Millsaps College
Oglethorpe University
Rhodes College
University of the South
AQ
### Pool B Teams (14)

- Colorado College
- University of Dallas
- Ferrum College
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Greensboro College
- Huntingdon College
- La Roche College
- Methodist University
- North Central University
- Northland College
- University of Northwestern-St. Paul
- Piedmont College
- Southwestern University (Texas)
- Whittier College

### 130 Institutions

### 234 Institutions

### 232 Institutions eligible for NCAA championship

*Provisional Member – Not eligible for NCAA championship*
Appendix C • OWP and OOWP 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:

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\[
\text{Strength of Schedule} = \frac{69}{69 + 54} = 0.561 \quad \text{(OWP)}
\]

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.

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\text{Strength of Schedule} = \frac{272}{272 + 267} = 0.505 \quad \text{(OOWP)}
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It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of 0.561; Team A has an OOWP of 0.505 and Team C has an OOWP of 0.456; 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:

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