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HOST OPERATIONS
2016-17 MANUAL
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Introduction

Information in this document applies to preliminary rounds and the finals site unless otherwise specified.

On behalf of the Division III Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Committees, thank you for being an important part of the 2017 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Championships.

Administration of the Division III ice hockey championships is under the direction of the men’s and women’s committees. The hosts play an integral part in the successful administration of the championship.

This manual outlines the responsibilities of an institution/conference hosting this round of an NCAA championship. It is essential that each host institution/conference staff become familiar with the information and policies included in this manual.

The NCAA considers this hosting opportunity a partnership between the host institution/conference, competition site, committee and the NCAA. The primary objective of each individual involved in the administration of the championship is to provide a memorable championship experience for each participating student-athlete, coach, institutional staff member and tournament attendee.
Role of Division III Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Committees. The NCAA’s core purpose, values and envisioned future provide the framework for all actions in the committee’s administration of the championship and its stewardship of the game. Within the framework and spirit of its charge, the governing sports committee will balance the principle of student-athlete well-being with its efforts to maximize exposure for intercollegiate athletics and revenues from the championship through policies and activities that are subject to the final authority of the NCAA Division III Championships Committee.

Role of Host Institution/Conference. The support, commitment and involvement of the host institution/conference, its key staff members and local media are essential elements in hosting a successful NCAA championship.

The host institution/conference is the local entity responsible for making arrangements for the competition. By submitting a bid, each host institution/conference has agreed to provide services and assistance in connection with the various activities related to the championship.

The responsibilities of the host institution/conference are defined herein. The games management, media and marketing activities associated with the competition are to be administered and approved by the NCAA staff on behalf of the governing sport committee.

The host institution/conference will work in collaboration with the NCAA staff to ensure that the mission of the championship is preserved. The NCAA believes that the most successful host institutions/conferences are those that emphasize service, communication, promotion and marketing of the event, and fiscal responsibility.

Role of NCAA. The NCAA championships and alliances staff, working in conjunction with the NCAA sport committees and other NCAA groups, will lead the planning efforts, management and execution of all NCAA championships and events. The NCAA will oversee all aspects of the championship and its related activities, including facility operations and space allocations, hotel accommodations, media and team operations, hospitality functions and social events, on- and off-ice entertainment, fan and sponsor events, television programming, youth events, as well as many other aspects.

The NCAA will work closely with the host institution/conference, competition venue and local organizing committee to ensure that the championship provides a positive and rewarding experience for student-athletes and fans.

Tournament Director. The tournament director will be an administrator of the host institution and will be responsible for the operation of the championship. Bid proposals from prospective host institutions will be authorized by the tournament director. Specific responsibilities of the tournament director may include direction and supervision of facility arrangements, ticket sales, development of participant information, security, lodging, transportation, promotions, financial administration and adherence to the policies outlined in this manual. The tournament director will also provide the NCAA with a post-championship evaluation including suggestions to improve the championship.

Media Coordinator. The media coordinator, preferably the sports information director of the host institution, will work with the NCAA championship manager to ensure that NCAA media policies are followed. Responsibilities may include planning and supervision of media work areas, coordination of press conferences, statistical services and communications.
Comments and suggestions regarding this manual are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the NCAA championship manager.

### NCAA Ice Hockey Committees and NCAA Staff Directory

#### 2016-17 Division III Men’s Ice Hockey Committee

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Section 1 • Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products

Alcoholic beverages will not be advertised, sold or otherwise made available for public consumption at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the NCAA, unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, nor will any such beverages be brought to the site during the championship (from the time access to the competition site or area is available to spectators, until all patrons have left).

Tobacco products will not be advertised, sold or dispensed at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the NCAA. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue.

Section 2 • Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally challenged. The NCAA will rely on the host institution/conference to confirm compliance with the Act by the various facilities hosting NCAA championship events. The host institution/conference is responsible for determining if the competition site will be in compliance as of the dates of the championship. If the host institution/conference becomes aware that a competition site hosting an NCAA championship event will not be in compliance, it shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to discuss the issue.

Section 3 • Awards

The NCAA will provide all awards for participation in an NCAA championship. The championship manager will provide a manifest of the awards being shipped to your site. You should inventory each box and award ensuring the appropriate quantity and label for the event.

The championship manager will also describe how the awards will be distributed during the championship event.

No additional awards, unless otherwise approved by the championship manager, should be presented to the student-athletes and coaches of the participating teams.

All-Tournament Team (finals only).
At the finals site, a six-member all-tournament team shall be nominated by members of the media, with final selection made by the NCAA championship committee members. The all-tournament team shall consist of the following players: three forwards, two defenders and one goalkeeper. The most outstanding player will be selected from among these players. The host media coordinator shall create a ballot for the members of the media to submit nominations.

All members of the All-Tournament Team will receive a commemorative plaque after the championship.
Awards

Preliminary Rounds. MTM, Inc., the NCAA national office awards supplier, will send official NCAA participant medallions for the non-advancing team’s squad size (23) to the tournament director before competition. When the awards arrive, the tournament director should inventory all awards to be sure they are undamaged, are correctly inscribed and are in the appropriate quantities. The awards boxes should then be retaped, closed and secured in a limited-access area. For the men’s championship, the participant medallions should be placed in the non-advancing team’s locker room following the conclusion of the game. The advancing team will not receive participant medallions at the preliminary round site, but will receive their awards at a subsequent site.

Finals. MTM, Inc., the NCAA national office awards supplier, will send official NCAA awards to the tournament manager approximately two weeks (one week, for women’s ice hockey) before the championship. Four team trophies along with mini-trophies and watches (national champion only) will be provided for members of the official travel party. When the awards arrive the tournament manager should inventory all awards to be sure they are undamaged, are correctly inscribed and are in the appropriate quantities. The awards boxes should then be retaped, closed and secured in a limited-access area.

No additional awards, unless otherwise approved by the championship manager, should be presented to the student-athletes and coaches of the participating teams.

Awards Ceremony.

Preliminary Rounds (women’s only). Each team participating in a first-round game should submit a typewritten awards recipient list for first rounds during the administrative meeting. Following first-round games, an awards ceremony should be held to present the participant medallions to the student-athletes (maximum of 23) on the awards recipient list for the non-advancing team. Both teams should remain on the ice until the conclusion of the awards ceremony.

(Men’s only) Following the conclusion of the men’s preliminary-round games, the participant medallions should be placed in the non-advancing teams’ locker rooms.

Finals. Each team participating at the finals site should submit a typewritten awards recipient list for the finals during the pretournament meeting. For the women’s championship, an awards ceremony will be held immediately after each game Saturday and Sunday at center ice. The awards (trophies out of boxes) should be arranged on a skirted table and staff should be in place and ready to carry the table onto the ice immediately after the conclusion of the third-place and championship games. Members of the ice hockey committee will organize the awards table and present the awards. The procedures for the awards ceremony are included in the Appendixes. The announcer’s script for the ceremony is included in the Appendixes. Following the championship game, an all-tournament team will be recognized before the presentation of the team trophies. Both teams should remain on the ice until the conclusion of the awards ceremony. If possible, arrange for a photographer to take pictures of the awards ceremony. The awards boxes should be kept to give to the teams after the ceremony. The same protocol for the awards presentation is applicable only to the final game of the men’s championship. Following the conclusion of the men’s semi-final games, the team trophies and mini trophies should be placed in the non-advancing teams’ locker rooms.
**Elite 90 Award.**
The NCAA 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 Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s championships. Award winners must meet certain criteria including being a sophomore or above, participating in their sport for at least two years at their school, being an active and traveling member of their team, and being a designated member of the squad size at their championship.

The NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff will determine the winner of this award for each championship and provide to the NCAA championship manager as well as the local host shortly before the championship begins. The winner’s name should not be released to the public until after he/she is publicly recognized. If appropriate, the NCAA championship manager can share the information with the coach of the winning student-athlete to confirm the winner’s attendance at the championship banquet. However, team personnel should make every effort to withhold the news from the winner in advance of the awards presentation.

Refer to Appendixes for more information.

**Ordering Additional Awards.**
Participating institutions may order additional awards after the championship at: [http://www.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa](http://www.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa).

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**Section 4 • Bands, Cheerleaders and Mascots**

**Admission.**
A maximum of 20 band members (including the director), eight cheerleaders and/or spirit squad members and one mascot will be admitted free of charge via a gate list and will be provided a credential for access inside the building. Each institution’s administrator should be asked to submit a type written list to the tournament director at the pretournament meeting before the competition. Live animal mascots are not permitted.

The institution may purchase additional tickets for band members; however, no more than 20 will be permitted to play during any session. The host institution should play electronic music from the time the doors open until the bands begin warming up. The host institution may be asked to provide a band in the event none of the participating teams bring a band.

**Artificial Noisemakers.**
Artificial noisemakers, air horns, electronic instruments, etc. are not permissible. Tournament directors and security are responsible for removing such items from the arena. Bands may not play while the game is in progress.
**Designated Areas.**

Bands, cheerleaders and mascots’ placement must be approved by site representatives (preliminary rounds) or the NCAA tournament director (final). Bands should be seated in the area usually reserved for bands (end zones are preferred, at the same end of the ice as their team bench). Place bands in rows so as not to interfere or block the view of spectators, photographers or teams. Mascots are not permitted on the ice if the mascot must exit the ice through the opposing team’s exit. Band members, cheerleaders and mascots must stay in the designated area.

**Electronic Amplification.**

Full bands are not permitted to use electronic amplification. Small bands (fewer than 10 members) are permitted to use reasonable electronic amplification with the specific approval of the NCAA representative(s). The host institution should be prepared to assist with accommodations.

**Fight Song/Music.**

If a team does not have a band present, it may provide a recording of the institution’s fight song to be played at the first timeout of each period. Bands should alternate each timeout, and only one band can play per timeout. If only one team has a band present, alternate the band and electronic team or house music.

**National Anthem.**

The national anthem will be sung or played by one of the participating institution’s bands (to be determined by a coin flip if there is not mutual agreement) just before the introduction of the starting lineups. If a band or singer is not available, the host will provide a recording of the national anthem. The national anthem will be played before each game, or the first contest of each session, as determined by the men’s or women’s ice hockey committee.

**Color Guard.** The host institution may consider providing a color guard for all sessions of the championship. The color guard should be experienced at presenting the flags to convey the importance of the event.

**Warm-Up Tapes.**

No warm-up tapes are permissible. Only band(s) and electronic music will be used. The host institution will select and administer the music. The host institution must play appropriate electronic music of a general nature throughout the entire pregame period. Host institutions are encouraged to reach out to participating teams to obtain “goal songs”.

**Section 5 • Banquet (Finals Only)**

The maximum amount the finals host will be reimbursed for the championship banquet is $3,450 (Official traveling party of 25 x four teams = 100, plus 15 NCAA committee/staff and host personnel/community VIPs = 115 x $30 = $3,450). Additional attendees may be discussed with and approved by the NCAA championship manager. Host institutions are encouraged to seek sponsorship of any entertainment not included in the approved budget from local chambers of commerce, merchants or other outside sources, but the NCAA national office must be notified of any sponsorship prior to the host institution making a commitment.

**Officials shall NOT be included in any social event involving the participating coaches or student-athletes.**
Arrangements should be made for a banquet to be held Thursday night before the semifinals for the official traveling parties (25 persons) of each of the four participating teams. Additional individuals on the guest list should include members of the ice hockey committee, NCAA staff members, additional host institution personnel (e.g., president, director of athletics, senior woman administrator, tournament director, faculty athletics representative and staff members significantly involved in the conduct of the championship) and community dignitaries. Additional members of each institution's traveling party (e.g., institutional personnel, student-athletes not dressing for the game) may attend the banquet at the institution's expense space permitting. If additional seating is available, an equitable allotment of tickets should be offered to each of the four participating teams.

Each institution should be asked to bring an additional institutional banner no larger than 4x6 and team jersey to be displayed at the banquet and during pre-game introductions. Banners and jerseys will only be displayed if they are received from each team.

**Format.** The banquet agenda should include short welcome statements by representatives of the host institution, community, ice hockey committee, the presentation of the Elite 90 award, and statements by a student-athlete from each institution (if requested by the ice hockey committee). Additional elements may include a presentation of the NCAA Division III Identity video, comments by a local Special Olympics representative, and a championship video produced by the host or NCAA partners with oversight from the championship manager. Further, a benediction (secular only) and announcements of the Player of the Year and all-American teams by an American Hockey Coaches Association representative or a women’s ice hockey committee member are permissible. Speakers are encouraged to maintain an unbiased demeanor.

The format should be approved by the ice hockey committee. The format will be described in the information packet sent to each participating coach. The duration of the banquet should not exceed two hours. It is recommended that the SID staff at the host institution create a slide show presentation for the AHCA awards presentation.

**Setup.**

- **General Seating.** The banquet facility should accommodate up to 200 people. Rounds of eight are preferred. Participating teams should be seated together. If possible, identify team tables with school colors and the team name and/or mascot.

- **Banners.** An NCAA championship banner or the NCAA media backdrop should be hung on the wall behind the podium. Each institution is encouraged to send an additional institutional banner no larger than 4x6 and team jersey to be displayed at the banquet. Banners and jerseys will only be displayed if they are received from each team.

- **NCAA Committee Seating.** A designated table should be available near the front of the room for NCAA committee members and NCAA staff members. If one of the committee members is associated with a participating team, he or she will sit with the team.

**No Alcohol.** Alcohol must not be available (provided or for purchase) for consumption in connection with an NCAA championship.
Showcasing of Awards.
The national championship trophy should be available for viewing during the banquet. Please take appropriate security measures.

Section 6 • Broadcasting/Internet

Webcasting.
Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines: http://www.ncaa.com/broadcast. NCAA partner, Turner Broadcasting, will produce a live web stream of the games contested at the finals site. Preliminary round hosts are encouraged to review the guidelines for webcasting and receive approval for any expense with the NCAA championship manager in advance of the competition.

Section 7 • Commercialism/Contributors

Commercial Identification, Signage and Official Marks.
1. No advertisements shall be displayed on the press tables or the scorer’s table prior to or during the conduct of the championships without the prior approval of the NCAA.

2. **Advertisements.** No advertisements shall be displayed on the ice prior to or during the conduct of the championships without the prior approval of the NCAA.

3. **Alcohol.** The facility agrees that no advertisements denoting, publicizing or promoting the sale of alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages, cigarettes and tobacco products, professional sports organizations, or organizations or individuals promoting gambling or sports wagering shall be hung, installed or displayed anywhere within the facility during the term of the rental period. Any such advertisements existing at the time an agreement is reached between the NCAA and the facility, institution or sponsoring agency will be covered by the facility at its expense, as designated by the NCAA. The NCAA requests that all other permanently affixed advertising, banners, signs or displays in the stadium proper will be covered by the facility at its expense, as designated by the NCAA.

4. **Temporary Banners.** The facility will not permit any temporary banners, signs, displays or advertising to be posted, hung or displayed in the arena prior to or during the conduct of the championship without the prior approval of the NCAA.

5. **Dasher Boards.** The arena will cover all signage on the dasher boards prior to the practice sessions. The dasher boards will remain covered throughout the competition and practice sessions.

6. **Arena Signage.** The arena will darken all commercial advertisements in the spectator seating area that can be viewed from the seats.

7. **Illumination.** All previously contracted static, permanently installed, advertising panels may remain uncovered, but any illumination of such signs must remain off during the NCAA championship.

8. **Electronic Messages.** No electronic board advertising of any kind may be displayed during practice or
competition. This includes promotion of upcoming events in the facility. Public-service or promotional messages provided by the NCAA are permissible; all other messages must be approved in advance by the NCAA championship manager.

9. **Video Screens.** If electronic video replay screens are available, they may be used at the facility’s expense. Replays of any game officials’ calls are not permissible. Video screens may not display advertising.

10. **Announcements.** No announcements, except those approved in advance by the NCAA, or for public emergencies, shall be allowed over the public-address system.

**Local Contributors.**
Local sponsorship programs using the NCAA’s registered marks, logos, references to the championship (including tournament brackets) or game tickets, or involving any tournament function, are strictly prohibited unless specifically approved in advance by the NCAA.

**NCAA Corporate Partners.**
The NCAA administers a national corporate partner program, under the direction of the NCAA Championships and Alliances group, and has established guidelines pertaining to corporate involvement by these partners and local commercial entities.

### Section 8 • Drug Testing

The NCAA is dedicated to fair and equitable competition throughout each round of NCAA championships and strongly supports the drug-testing program established by its membership, to safeguard the health and safety of the participating student-athletes.

**Facility Specifications.**
Hosts must identify two separate rooms (one for each team) where drug testing will be conducted. The area must have controlled access. Only those authorized by the drug-testing crew chief will be allowed in the area. Each room must accommodate the drug-testing crew, selected student-athletes and their institutional representative. Each testing room must have fully equipped restrooms adjacent to or in close proximity to the testing room. These restrooms must be secure and closed to the public.

**Host Notification.**
Announcing in advance whether drug testing will be conducted at a championship is strictly prohibited. All coaches and student-athletes should presume that post-event NCAA drug testing will occur at the championship event.

The drug-testing crew chief or designee will notify the participating team’s representative no earlier than two hours before the start of competition that drug testing will be conducted at the site.

**Media Obligations.**
Each team is provided a postgame cooling-off period. At the conclusion of the cooling-off period, a member of the drug-testing crew will notify the student-athletes who have been selected for testing. Notification may
take place in the locker room (if applicable) or on the field of play. Any student-athlete selected to participate in any postgame news conference is required to attend the news conference prior to checking in at the drug-testing venue. The student-athlete will be escorted to the drug-testing area after all media obligations have been fulfilled.

Next-Day Testing.
If competition begins at 10 p.m. or later (local time), both teams will be given the option to defer testing until the next morning. If a team decides to test the next morning, that determination must be confirmed by the institution no later than immediately following the contest. Once testing has begun, testing must be completed and cannot be deferred until the next morning. If deferred until the following day, the testing must begin no later than 10 a.m. (local time) at the original test site. The host must arrange necessary transportation for teams that elect to test the next morning, or for individuals being tested who need to remain at the facility after other team members have departed.

Participant Notification.
Announcing in advance whether drug testing will be conducted at a championship is strictly prohibited. All coaches and student-athletes should presume that post-event NCAA drug testing will occur at the championship event.

The drug-testing crew chief or designee will notify the participating team’s representative no earlier than two hours before the start of competition that drug testing will be conducted at the site.

Seating.
At team championships, escorts and the drug-testing crew may sit in the non-playing participant or overflow media seating areas on the days when testing occurs.

Site Coordinator.
The tournament manager is responsible for designating an individual, who has no other responsibilities in conjunction with the championship, to serve as the site coordinator for drug testing. This individual will work closely with Drug Free Sport and the drug-testing crew chief. The site coordinator’s responsibilities are outlined completely in the site coordinator’s manual.

- **Confidentiality.** Keep testing information confidential at all times.

- **Contact Information (team championships).** The site coordinator will provide official travel party and the team drug-testing representative’s contact information to the drug-testing crew chief.

- **Couriers (individual-team championship).** The host will provide couriers to notify student-athletes of selection for drug testing immediately after the event for which they were selected. The courier must stay with and escort the student-athlete to the drug-testing area within 60 minutes of notification, unless directed otherwise by the drug-testing crew chief.

- **Drug-Testing Site Coordinator Manual.** The drug-testing site coordinator’s manual, provided by Drug Free Sport, and is available on the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org/drugtesting.
• **Escorts (team championships).** Two individuals (one per team) shall be assigned to serve as escorts for each game in which drug testing will occur. These individuals shall escort selected student-athletes and an institutional representative from the locker room to the drug-testing area.

• **Fluids.** A sufficient supply of individual cans or bottles of non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated fluids (e.g., bottled water, fluid replacement drinks) shall be available for distribution in the drug-testing area to student-athletes, as designated in the site coordinator’s manual. These supplies should be obtained from the supply of beverages provided by the NCAA.

• **Meeting with Tournament Manager.** The site coordinator will meet with the tournament manager to discuss duties and budget development.

• **Second Meeting.** A second meeting shall be scheduled with the tournament manager after the host receives confirmation that testing will take place at a site. If testing will be conducted at the site, the coordinator shall:
  
  – **Assistance.** Assist the drug-testing crew chief during testing as directed.
  
  – **Confirmation.** Review the site coordinator’s copy of the NCAA drug-testing confirmation memorandum.
  
  – **Credentials.** Ensure that the host issues All Access credentials and parking passes for the drug-testing crew and other necessary drug-testing personnel. Credentials should not reference drug-testing, doping control, etc. If an affiliation must be listed on the credential, games management is preferred.
  
  – **Crew Chief.** Contact the drug-testing crew chief assigned to the site to discuss logistics.
  
  – **Meet with Crew Chief.** Meet with the drug-testing crew chief the day prior to the scheduled testing date.
  
  – **Plans.** Meet with the tournament manager to finalize plans.
  
  – **Report.** Submit drug-testing invoice (with receipts) to Drug Free Sport after the championship.
  
  – **Transportation.** Pre-arrange for transportation for student-athletes to and from the competition venue to the drug-testing area and back to the sports venue or team hotel, should transportation become necessary.

• **Transportation/Lodging (drug-testing crew).** The drug-testing crew chief will make arrangements for the crew’s transportation and lodging, but may request the assistance of the site coordinator.

Refer to the Appendixes for common drug testing questions and answers for coaches.

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**Section 9 • Equipment**

The NCAA will provide certain championships equipment (hydration product and equipment, competition playing equipment, etc.) on a sport-by-sport basis that must be used in all championship activity. Each championship will receive information from the NCAA pertaining to any equipment that will be provided.
Cups, Coolers and Water Bottles.
Drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests, cooler carts and water bottles should be provided at team benches (if applicable) for each scheduled practice or competition of any round of an NCAA championship. Participating teams will place any premix fluid replacement in the NCAA-issued coolers and water bottles when applicable. No other cups, cans, coolers or water bottles may be used courtside or in the media areas during championships in which such equipment is provided by the NCAA. If applicable, the host institution/conference may retain the coolers, cooler carts and ice chests after the competition. Participating teams may retain the water bottles and bottle carriers after the competition.

Competitors of NCAA Corporate Champion Coca-Cola may not provide product (beverages, water, isotonics) for any NCAA championship, even if the competition offers product for free or at a reduced cost. The championship budget will cover the purchase of Coca-Cola beverage products.

Photocopy Machine.
At the arena, the host institution will provide at least one photocopy machine with capabilities for reproducing statistics and other materials. This copy machine will be located in an area convenient to the media.

Pucks.
**Preliminary Rounds.** The NCAA will provide the host institution/agency with one hundred (100) practice pucks and fifty (50) game pucks.

**Finals.** The NCAA will provide the host institution/agency with two hundred (200) pucks to be used for practice sessions and competition. The practice pucks will have the STX logo and the game pucks will have the 2017 championship logo. The host should provide game pucks to the members of each team’s official traveling party (25). This is usually done at the team tables at the student-athlete banquet.

Sideline Equipment Hydration Program.
Depending on the championship site, the NCAA and Coca-Cola – a Corporate Champion supporting all NCAA championships – will provide POWERADE branded drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests and, when applicable (depending on the sport), water (squeeze) bottles and cooler carts for the championship. Please note that towels are not part of the equipment provided; any towels used on the sidelines must not contain any corporate logos/marks. Please review the information below as it pertains to the different scenarios that may exist.

**Championship Final Sites and Selected Preliminary Round Site.** All final and selected preliminary round sites will receive POWERADE branded equipment and product. Exact items and quantities will be provided to championship hosts by the NCAA.

If a championship also receives POWERADE branded squeeze bottles, they should be provided to all student-athletes. Non-POWERADE branded squeeze bottles brought by teams/student-athletes will not be allowed.

Coca-Cola will provide a bottled water product (e.g., Dasani), POWERADE powder, and when applicable, POWERADE in bottles. Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice in the NCAA-provided equipment.
Equipment carrying any branding other than POWERADE, however, will not be permitted on the sidelines during NCAA championships.

The POWERADE branded equipment must be used and should be positioned in all areas – specifically on or near the team benches/sidelines and in practice areas, locker rooms, student-athlete hospitality areas and media areas (when applicable). The POWERADE and water products must be made available in any/all areas as referenced above.

On the sidelines and within the competition area, all product should be consumed from the NCAA-provided POWERADE branded water cups or water (squeeze) bottles only.

The host institution/conference may retain the coolers, ice chests and any remaining product after the competition.

**Preliminary-Round Sites NOT Receiving POWERADE Branded Equipment and Product.** The host institution may use other items. These items, however, must not display any commercial marks (e.g., logos and graphics of commercial products such as Gatorade), or such marks must be covered completely (this requirement applies on the sidelines and in competition areas, media areas or any other back-of-house areas).

If the host has to provide and/or purchase product for any NCAA championship use (e.g., student-athlete banquet, committee tent/suite), the host must purchase and provide only Coca-Cola products (e.g., Dasani, POWERADE, Coca-Cola, Sprite). Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice; however, equipment carrying any branding other than POWERADE, as referenced above, must be absent of any commercial marks.

**Use of NCAA-Provided Coolers from Previous Years.** The host may use previously supplied equipment from the NCAA, specifically red POWERADE, equipment; however, they must be used in areas not within television or photographer view [they may not be used on the sidelines or within the competition area(s)].

**Skate Sharpening.**
The host is expected to provide skate sharpening services. This information should be communicated to the traveling teams on the participation call prior to the championship.

**Strobe Lights.**
Requests for installation of strobe lights must be approved by the ice hockey committee, the media coordinator and the NCAA championship manager. See Appendixes for strobe light policies.

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**NCAA Space Requirements.**

**Athletic Training Room.** Provide an athletic training room stocked with towels and other necessary equipment, and staff it with the appropriate personnel prior to and during the games and practice sessions.

Portable baths (hot or cold) must be used under the direction of the host sports medicine staff, athletic trainer or physician within the venue of the championship. If the host sports medicine staff permits the
communal use of the baths, they must be properly disinfected between individual use, filtered and with proper circulation or otherwise maintained in a manner consistent with local public health codes. The NCAA permits ice baths in designated areas as directed by an athletic trainer or team physician when the bath is used as a component of the emergency care plan in the event of an exertional heat injury.

**Band/Cheerleader Warm-up Area.** Provide space for cheerleaders/spirit squad members to dress and warm up. If possible, the area should be carpeted. In addition, provide an area for the bands to store their instruments. (An area under the stands would be sufficient.) This area should not be near the postgame interview area.

**Committee Office (Finals Only).** A room at the arena will be designated as the Division III Men’s/Women’s Ice Hockey Committee office. The room should be large enough to accommodate eight people comfortably and needs to be close to the competition rink, but not visible to the public.

**Entrances.** Entrances must be staffed by an adequate number of event personnel. Signage should be posted to clearly identify all entrances (e.g., team personnel, media, band/cheerleader).

- **Team Personnel Entrance.** An entrance (preferably near the locker rooms) must be identified for student-athletes, coaches and team personnel with credentials.

**Hospitality Room (Finals Only).** A tournament hospitality room should be available. Participating teams’ officials (president, athletics administrators, coaches, sports information personnel and athletic trainers), host institution VIPs, media, ice hockey committee members and NCAA staff members usually are the invited guests. Only Dasani and Coke products should be provided in the refreshment area, and only NCAA, Dasani and/or generic drinking cups (devoid of commercial identification) should be used. On- and off-ice officials should be provided refreshments in a separate officials’ hospitality area.

You may be able to get the refreshments donated; however, sponsors’ banners are not allowed in an on-site hospitality room.

**Interview Room (Finals Only).** A separate interview room, situated in a low traffic area, should be set for 20 individuals. The dais should be elevated, accommodate six people, and have name cards available for all participants. The host will provide adequate TV lighting and sound equipment (microphones, amplifier, etc.). The NCAA will have final approval and direction of all sound and lighting equipment. “Dress” the room appropriately to reflect the prestige of the event by: (a) hanging the NCAA Division III Identity Initiative media backdrop behind the dais and placing NCAA logos on the podium and walls; (b) using skirting on the tables and other areas as necessary; and (c) providing a sound system, if necessary. An experienced moderator with ice hockey knowledge should conduct the press conferences. Game officials should not be allowed in the interview room.

**Scorer’s Box.** There should be enough seats in the scorer’s box for the following individuals: scorer, public-address announcer, scoreboard operator, and video replay official (if applicable). It is the responsibility of the host to ensure the official scorer collects and records the starting lineups and roster according to NCAA rules. All scorer’s box personnel should be directed to wear generic apparel (i.e., no institutional or conference logos).
Competition Ice.
The playing ice should meet all specifications as outlined in the 2016-18 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules and Interpretations Book (see Rule 1).

Concessions.
Food and beverage prices will not be higher than similar events for primary tenants in the facility.

Facility Use.

Preliminary Rounds. Visiting teams must have access to one hour of practice ice before 9 p.m. the day before competition and one hour of practice ice the day of competition. The facility (including locker rooms) must be available two hours before game time (i.e., entire building must be cleared).

Finals. Game and practice facilities must be reserved exclusively for the tournament starting at 6 a.m. the day before competition (Thursday) through midnight the day after competition (Sunday). All space will be available and the facility set up no later than noon of the day of the first practice.

Game Nets.
Practice nets should be used during all practice sessions. Game nets will be available for each contest. Game nets should be used in pregame warm-up sessions.

Goal Crease.
The specifications of the goal crease are outlined in the 2016-18 Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules and Interpretations Book. The crease will use only the markings indicated in the book and will not use the rectangular crease markings. The goal crease area shall be painted a light blue color. Note: The area inside the goal will not be painted.

Ice Markings.
The ice surface will be arranged in accordance with the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules and Interpretations two days before the start of competition (Wednesday). The NCAA will supply stencils and paint to apply ice markings (final site only).

Laundry.
The host of the finals is expected to provide laundry service for all participating teams at no charge to the teams.

Locker Rooms.
A minimum of four locker rooms (two locker rooms for preliminary-round games) with showers must be available for teams. Locker room space for game officials also must be available. Print signs for the team’s locker room doors (with institutional logos and school colors) and officials’ locker room doors.

- Security. Security personnel should be stationed at the door of each locker room (competition days only) after accompanying the teams and officials from the ice.

- Supplies. Each locker room must be clean and adequately supplied with towels, toilet paper, Dasani, POWERADE, soft drinks (Coke products), ice and greaseboards, markers and erasers for all practices
and competition.

- **Supplemental Power.** Hosts should be prepared to supplement power near the visiting team locker rooms(s) to power such things as skate sharpeners and glove drying machines brought by the team(s).

**Locker Room Assignments.** The ice hockey committees reserve the right to assign locker rooms.

**Decorations.** The ice hockey committee recommends that hosts decorate locker rooms. Often local school/club teams have been given this opportunity.

**Media Areas.**
The areas used for the media workroom and the postgame interviews should be near one another and to the locker rooms to facilitate the media’s work and access to coaches and student-athletes. The interview room should not be adjacent to a hospitality area.

- **Access/Security.** A security officer should be stationed outside the media workroom and postgame interview room to check credentials. This individual should be instructed that only credentialed individuals may enter the area. Officials specifically are prohibited from entering this area.

- **Backdrop (Finals only).** The NCAA will provide a media backdrop with the NCAA logos to be hung behind the podium and platform.

- **Holding Area.** An area adjacent to the interview room will be designated as a holding area for student-athletes and coaches waiting to be interviewed. The area should be situated so that student-athletes and coaches do not have to walk through the actual interview room to reach the holding area. Chairs and water should be provided.

- **Press Conference Schedule.** Press conferences should be arranged to take place immediately following the completion of each game in the interview room. Teams are allowed a 10-minute cooling off period from the time the team enters their locker room following the game.

  Head coaches, institutional representatives and members or representatives of the ice hockey committees are required to attend the press conferences. Representatives of the non-advancing team (or runner-up for the finals) will be interviewed first.

- **Postgame Interview Room (also refer to NCAA Space Requirements – Interview Room).** The postgame interview room should be “dressed” appropriately to reflect the prestige of the event by (a) placing NCAA championship signage and logos on the podium and walls; (b) using skirting on tables and other areas as necessary; (c) setting up a platform for the interviewees and moderator; and (d) providing a sound system.

- **Workroom.** The media workroom should be equipped with an adequate number of electrical outlets, Internet access (preferably wireless) and other necessary supplies. NCAA logos should be displayed appropriately.
Parking.
There should be enough parking spaces adjacent to the arena for team personnel, game officials, NCAA committee members and staff and media. In addition, designate an area for team buses to drop off and pick up passengers.

Player Warm-Up.
If locker rooms are not large enough for teams to use as a stretching area, provide separate spaces for two teams to use for stretching and warm-up.

Scoreboard.
If the scoreboard is electronic, the names of the participating institutions shall be displayed. If the scoreboard is not electronic, “Home” and “Visitors” signs will be posted. Corporate signage on the scoreboard should be covered with NCAA championship signage. The scoreboard clock should be used to time practice sessions.

Timing Device/Clock.
Game clocks must be operational at all practice sessions, and host institution personnel must be on hand to operate the clock during practices. The host must provide two backup clocks at the scorer’s table.

Video Screens.
If electronic video replay screens are available, they may be used at the facility’s expense. Replays of any game officials’ calls are not permissible. Video screens may not display advertising.

Videotaping.
The host institution will be required to videotape each game. The two participating teams and the supervisor of officials will be provided a copy of its game tape within three hours of the conclusion of the game. At the finals site, copies of semifinal competition will also be provided to the advancing teams. The game shall be taped in its entirety from warm-up through the conclusion of the game. The host institution will determine appropriate placement for videotaping.

Each participating institution also is permitted to use one camera to videotape the games. The videotapes must not be used for any commercial purposes. Institutional representatives should contact the host tournament director to arrange for camera space.

Section 11 • Financial Administration

Audit.
Sites will be randomly selected for financial and box office audits following the championship.

The NCAA will make best efforts to notify sites selected for audits within 30 days after the submission of financial reports, but reserves the right to audit a site up to one year after the championship. Facility settlements, expense reimbursements and honorariums (finals site only) are subject to change until the audits are reviewed and accepted by the NCAA. If selected for audit, the following documentation will be requested: box office audit reports or sales summaries; ticket purchase invoices or statements; unsold tickets; invoices, contracts or timesheets supporting all expenses; general ledger; bank statements; check
Drug-Testing Expenses.
The budget should be completed only if you have been notified that there is drug testing and returned to The Center. The drug-testing budget and expenses are separate from the financial report form. The drug-testing budget form is an appendix in the drug testing manual (NCAA.org/Student-Athlete Programs/Health and Safety).

Host institutions must complete the online financial report, including payment of the amount due to the NCAA, within 60 days after the final date of competition at the site. Financial reports showing net receipts are not considered complete until payment is received at the national office. Institutions that fail to meet the 60-day reporting period may be assessed a penalty.

Officials.
Refer to Section 19.

Participants.
The NCAA will reimburse the competing institutions for transportation and per diem expenses in accordance with NCAA travel policies. The competing teams will be responsible for their local transportation. Once the championship is completed, participating institutions should submit online expense forms to the travel group at the NCAA national office within 30 days of the competition.

Proposed Budget.
As part of the site-selection process, each prospective host must submit a proposed budget for approval by the NCAA. All receipts and expenses associated with the conduct of the championship competition will be included in the proposed budget. This includes lodging expenses for officials and site representatives, if applicable.

The host institution is responsible for adhering to championship expenses as approved by the NCAA, including (but not limited to) competition site rental, maintenance, insurance, printing of tickets, ushers, maintenance personnel, ticket sellers, ticket takers, minor officials, police and security, promotion, publicity, advertising, meetings, banquets, medical staff. Other expenses not included in the original proposed budget must be approved in advance by the NCAA.

Site Representatives.
The NCAA will provide the NCAA representative with an online expense form to record their expenses. The site representative will need to submit the completed form to the NCAA for payment. The NCAA representative’s hotel room and tax will be paid (via direct bill) by the host institution and submitted on the financial report.
Transportation.
The NCAA will pay for the rental of cars for a predetermined number of game officials and the NCAA committee representative(s). The championships staff will make all arrangements directly through Short’s Travel and communicate arrangements to the individuals who have been approved to rent cars.

Announcer.
Guidelines. All announcements should pertain only to the Division III Men’s or Women’s Ice Hockey Championship. If a special announcement is needed, it should only be made with approval by the committee/representative. Promotional messages and/or announcements at the championship shall be limited to NCAA activities (e.g., game scores from other championships, etc.). **At no time should commercial contributors be recognized.**

See the Appendixes for the announcer’s scripts including team introductions, starting lineups and the crowd control statement. Additional material may be provided by the NCAA championship manager closer to the date of competition.

The announcer will not be a "cheerleader" for the host team. The announcer will adhere to NCAA procedures rather than those that may have been in effect during the regular season. Fans should not be able to distinguish which team is the host team by the announcer’s manner or voice inflection.

The announcer should be asked to: (1) prepare information beforehand; (2) work with each team’s SID to learn the correct pronunciation of all individuals involved (student-athletes, coaches, institutional personnel, officials and NCAA committee members); (3) have team statistical information as well as tournament records on hand for easy reference; and (4) **maintain an unbiased demeanor.**

Meeting with Ice Hockey Committee. The announcer and music director will meet with the committee during the officials’ pregame meeting to review time schedules, coordination of the U.S. national anthem and starting lineups.

Crowd Control. The announcer will review crowd control procedures with the committee and the tournament director. These procedures may include notes regarding intermission between semifinal games, awards ceremony, exits, seating, safety measures, first-aid stations and security measures after each game. The announcer will read the NCAA sportsmanship statement prior to each game and, under special circumstances, when requested by the committee/representative.

Music Policy. Music is permissible at the tournament, provided it is played equally for all teams competing. The committee reminds the host that all NCAA events are considered neutral sites; therefore, no preferential treatment should be given to the home team and warm-up tapes specific to the home team should not be played. The host institution must provide appropriate music of a general nature to be played throughout the entire pregame period. Only the U.S. national anthem may be played prior to competition.
**Coaches and Administrators Meeting.**
The NCAA committee member/site representative will conduct a mandatory coaches and administrators meeting (also referred to as the pretournament meeting) before the start of competition to review policies and procedures governing the conduct of the championship and to introduce the games committee. It is mandatory that each institution’s head coach attend the meeting, and it is strongly encouraged that the athletics director, senior woman administrator or designated institutional administrator (other than a member of the ice hockey coaching staff) of each participating institution, as well as the sports information director and athletic trainer, attend the meeting. At first-round sites, the meeting will be held two hours before the game and the meeting checklist is included in the Appendixes. At the finals site, the meeting time and location on the Thursday prior to competition will be included in the participant manual; the meeting checklist is included in the Appendixes.

**Electronic Transmission.**
The use of electronic audio or video devices that transmit information from any location in the facility to the bench is not permitted. It is permissible to gather statistical information from a designated area and to transmit statistical information to the bench. Computers may be used in the bench areas during games for statistical purposes only. Electronic video devices may be used as aids for postgame analysis.

**Game Times.**

**Preliminary Rounds.** The host institution will determine faceoff times for preliminary-round competition. However, the NCAA ice hockey committees reserve the right to set game times if necessary. For the men’s championship, the committee recommends 7 p.m. (local time) for the preliminary rounds. The committees have designated Saturday as the preferred day of competition for preliminary-round games.

**Finals.** For the men’s championship, the national semifinals will start at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (local time); the women’s game times will be 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (local time). The committee will determine the order of games with the host playing the late game (if applicable). For the women’s championship, the third-place game will start at 3:30 p.m. local time, Saturday. The championship game for both men and women will start at 7 p.m. (local time).

All times and sequence of games are tentative and may be changed by the ice hockey committees.

**Games Committee.**
The ice hockey committee and the tournament director comprise the games committee at the finals site. If a committee member is associated with an involved team, he or she will remove himself or herself from all games committee responsibilities. The chair of the ice hockey committee will chair the games committee, and the NCAA championship manager will work with the committee in an advisory capacity.

For preliminary-round games, the games committee will consist of the NCAA representative and one administrator from each participating institution.

The games committee will actively supervise the conduct of each championship session.

**Game Conditions.**
Refer to the Appendixes for suggestions regarding game conditions at hockey events.
**Lights.** Lights must remain on at all times unless requested by the NCAA for pre-game introductions. Otherwise, light shows or anything that requires lights to be turned off are not permitted.

**Time Clocks.** Game clocks should be in operation at practice sessions to aid in communicating the allocated time to the participating team.

**Rink Dimensions.** The minimum area as described in the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules and Interpretations Book will be the guidelines for determining the playable ice area.

**NCAA Logos.** The placement of NCAA logos on the playing ice surface will be as specified unless otherwise approved by the NCAA staff. [Appendixes]

**Ice Readiness.**
The ice should be set for competition at least two hours before each game time.

**Medical Procedures.**
Each scheduled practice and contest requires (a) the on-site presence of a person qualified and delegated to render emergency care to a stricken participant; (b) planned access to a physician for prompt medical evaluation of the situation, when warranted; (c) planned access to a medical facility, including a plan for communication and transportation between the competition site and the medical facility for prompt medical services, if warranted; (d) access to a working telephone or other telecommunications device, whether fixed or mobile; and (e) a thorough understanding by all parties, including the leadership of the visiting teams, of the personnel and procedures associated with the emergency-care plan. The entire athletics staff (coaching, medical and paramedical personnel) is strongly encouraged to become proficient in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques. The host must provide standard procedures and equipment for handling injuries involving blood.

**Official Scorer’s Personnel.**
**Scorer’s Area.** There should be enough seats in the scorer’s area for the following individuals: official scorer, public address announcer, scoreboard operator, penalty timekeeper, and video replay official (if applicable).

**Neutrality.** All scorers’ area personnel must refrain from cheering for either team and from wearing institutional attire; they are considered “neutral” and must behave in a neutral manner. Personnel should report to the scorer’s area no later than one hour prior to game time to meet with the game officials and committee.

**Tournament Director.** The tournament director may serve only in the capacity of tournament director and may not also serve as a scoreboard operator, timer, public address announcer, etc. This is to ensure that he or she is available to oversee all aspects of the competition and be readily accessible to the ice hockey committee and NCAA staff.

**Pregame Protocol.**
During introductions, players will take off their helmets. It is recommended that nonstarters leave their helmets on the bench and that starters leave their helmets on the goal cage.
The introduction procedure will be as follows: (1) upon returning to the ice, both teams must proceed directly to and remain in their designated half of the ice. The home team will enter the ice surface first, followed by the visiting team; (2) the visiting team starters will be introduced first, then the home team starters; (3) after being introduced, each starter will skate to the blue line; (4) after the introduction of each respective team’s starting lineup, the remaining players will skate to the blue line; (5) the U.S. national anthem only will be played; and (6) after the anthem, the teams may have a short huddle at their respective goals before the face-off.

**Practices.**
All practices at preliminary-round sites will be closed. At the finals site, Thursday practices will be closed and Friday/Saturday practices will be open to the public. For closed practices, the expectation is that all reasonable accommodations be made to ensure that practices remain closed to all individuals, including host institution personnel.

Each participating institution is asked to have an administrator accompany the team to closed practices to ensure that only those individuals affiliated with the institution or designated by the coach (excluding media) are allowed in the closed practice. This individual may be a trainer, sports information director (SID) or other administrator, but not a member of the coaching staff or a student.

**Alternate Practice Site.** The host institution is not obligated to arrange for an alternate practice facility for the visiting team(s) in the event they arrive early. Practice at an alternate site is permissible, but the visiting team is responsible for making these arrangements.

**Schedule.** Security should be provided during practice sessions (including locker-room areas).

- **Preliminary Rounds.** Visiting teams must have access to one hour of practice ice before 9 p.m. the day before competition and one hour of practice ice the day of competition. All practices are closed.

- **Finals.** The following practice times are suggested for the finals site (THURSDAY PRACTICES ARE CLOSED; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY PRACTICES ARE OPEN):

**Women’s Championship**

**Thursday**
10 – 11:30 a.m. Game 1 visitor
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Game 1 home
1:30 – 3 p.m. Game 2 visitor
3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Game 2 home

*The order is subject to change based on team travel and other factors.*

**Friday**
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Officials Skate
8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Game 1 visitor
10 – 11 a.m. Game 1 home
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Game 2 visitor
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Game 2 home
Saturday
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Officials Skate
8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Game 1 visitor
10 – 11 a.m. Game 1 home
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Game 2 visitor
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Game 2 home

Men’s Championship

Thursday
10 – 11 a.m. Semifinal 1 (higher seed)
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Semifinal 1 (lower seed)
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Semifinal 2 (higher seed)
1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Semifinal 2 (lower seed)

Friday
8:45 – 9:30 a.m. Semifinal 1 (higher seed)
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Semifinal 1 (lower seed)
10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Semifinal 2 (higher seed)
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Semifinal 2 (lower seed)

Saturday
11 – 11:45 a.m. Semifinal 1 winner
Noon – 12:45 p.m. Semifinal 2 winner

The scoreboard clock should be used to time practice sessions.

Timing. All practices will be timed by the scoreboard clock beginning at the scheduled practice time, regardless of whether the team has taken the ice. If a team arrives early, it may take the ice as soon as it is available, but it is still limited to the scheduled amount of time. If the team arrives early, any team activity taking place in the playable area will designate the start of practice and the practice clock will begin.

Results Reporting.
During the championships and at the conclusion of the competition, the host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official results to the NCAA official website. Please email a copy of results to ncaa-content@turner.com. Please be sure to submit all information in the following manner:

- Send the information to ncaa-content@turner.com.
- Specify the sport (Division, Championship, Round) in the SUBJECT area.
- Paste the text directly into an email or send email as an attachment in a Word document.
- Please convert photos to JPEG format and attach to the email.

In addition, after each tournament match, each host institution will email Bonnie Johnson (bjohnson@ncaa.org), the Stat Crew packed file from each NCAA tournament game. This information is required immediately at the national office for records, statistics, permanent files, etc. If you do not use
Stat Crew, please mail one set of complete results to Bonnie Johnson, National Collegiate Athletics Association, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222.

Schedule of Events.
The NCAA representative will approve the schedule of events. [Appendixes]

Travel Party – Bench Size – Squad Size

Travel Party. The travel party is 25.

Bench Size. Up to 31 credentials will be provided to each team, 29 of which may be designated as bench personnel. Any additional individuals (excluding spirit squad, mascots and band members) must purchase a ticket from the institution’s allocation.

Squad Size. All teams are limited to 23 student-athletes in uniform.

Section 13 • Insurance

Liability.
NCAA regulations (Bylaw 31.7.4 of the NCAA Manual) require that host institutions and sponsoring agencies of NCAA championships shall have in place primary comprehensive general public liability insurance coverage, with combined single limits of at least $1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Self-insurance programs meet the provisions of this regulation, as long as they meet the specifications (i.e., primary comprehensive general public liability coverage with combined single limits of at least $1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage). Institutions that are covered by state tort laws should provide a statement on institutional letterhead detailing the coverage provided, including limits.

Host institutions must provide the national office with the appropriate certificates of insurance or documentation of self-insurance. The NCAA no longer requires that it be listed as an additional insured. Accordingly, the NCAA will not reimburse institutions for the cost of insurance.

(Note: If host institutions must purchase a special events insurance policy, the institution should submit confirmation in writing. However, the certificate of insurance form must be submitted to the NCAA national office 48 hours before the championship.)

Section 14 • Lodging

NCAA Committee/Representative Accommodations.
For preliminary round games, the host institution should reserve a room for the NCAA representative. For the finals, the NCAA championship manager and the ice hockey committee(s) will arrive at the finals site Wednesday afternoon before the semifinals. The host institution should reserve a total of six rooms for the NCAA championship manager and the committee unless arrangements have already been made through the NCAA and housing partner Anthony Travel. In all cases, the host institution should pay for the committee members’ rooms (single room and tax, but not incidentals) and submit the expenses on the financial report.
The NCAA championship manager will pay for his or her hotel room. Host institutions must include lodging expenses for committee members as a budgeted line item in the games budget.

**Officials.**
For preliminary round games and at the finals site, the host institution must reserve rooms for the on-ice officials at a hotel separate from the participating teams (may be housed at the same hotel as the NCAA committee members/representatives). For the finals, the host institution should reserve rooms for the officials unless arrangements have been made through the NCAA and housing partner Anthony Travel. In all cases, hotel expenses (single room and tax, but not incidentals) for officials required to stay overnight at the championship site will be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA. Host institutions must include lodging expenses for officials as a budgeted line item in the games budget.

**Team Hotels.**
For preliminary round games, the host institution will reserve a block of rooms at a local hotel (not more than 30 minutes from the facility) for each competing team (16 rooms per team) and advise the team(s) of the assignment. **Confirmation of the room block for the dates of the championship (e.g., a hotel lodging contract or the reservation outlined on hotel letterhead from the hotel manager) must be submitted with the bid materials.** Providing the visiting team(s) a list of hotel properties in the locale is insufficient. Failure to make lodging arrangements could negatively affect the host institution’s future hosting opportunities. Additional hotel accommodations may be reserved upon the request of the participating teams. If an institution does not wish to stay at the designated hotel, it must (1) obtain a written release of the reserved rooms from the hotel management; or (2) utilize the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. Institutions that fail to make satisfactory arrangements will be financially responsible for the room charges.

For the finals, the NCAA housing partner Anthony Travel will secure a block of rooms at a local hotel(s); the host will work with the team hotel(s) directly to manage the reservations and rooming lists once the finalists are determined.

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**Section 15 • Marketing and Promotions**

For the finals site, a member of the NCAA marketing staff (either full-time or intern) will provide oversight for the development and execution of the championship marketing plan.

**Banners.**
All commercial identification within the competition area must be covered. Any signage promoting alcohol, tobacco or gambling also must be covered.

**Materials Sent to High Schools or Two-Year Colleges.**
Per Bylaw 13.4.1.2, a host for an NCAA or conference championship may provide printed materials promoting the championship and send it to a high school or two-year college coach or administrator. It is not permissible to send such materials directly to prospective student-athletes.
Promotional Assistance.
Host institutions WILL NOT receive any promotional materials (e.g., posters, flyers and print ads) from the national office. Promotional assistance for championship hosts is now available online. Host institutions are able to customize and download all the necessary artwork for the championship from the online championships promotions website. Television and radio spots are also available through the promotions website.

Each host promotions/marketing contact and tournament director will receive an email with the promotions website address, username, password and specific promotional budget allocated for their respective championship. The reimbursement amount is separate from the marketing/promotions amount included on the host institution’s budget approved by the championship manager. Additional assistance is available by contacting the promotions staff at ncaachampspromotions@ncaa.org.

Championship Logo. The official NCAA championship logo is provided so that you may assist the NCAA in publicizing the championship. The logo should be used as a part of all materials that are produced to promote the championship. NCAA Championship logos are available online at https://ncaa.widencollective.com/. Hosts should contact Durenka Robie (317-917-6825, drobie@ncaa.org) to obtain a password or for answers to any questions concerning the NCAA logo library.

Promotional Products.
No cost downloadable artwork items available on the website include:
- Poster
- Flyer
- Print Ad
- Email Blast
- Banner
- Web Banner
- Billboard
- Table Tent

Signage. Each round of every NCAA championship will receive a shipment of official NCAA signage that helps identify the event as an NCAA championship. The signage includes a quantity of banners displaying NCAA logos in a variety of sizes.

Possible uses of NCAA signage include displaying it at the championship site, especially in the competition area within camera angles, and all related championship functions. Signage should always be displayed during news conferences and banquets.

NCAA-produced signage materials may be reused at other championships. Materials containing NCAA marks and logos may not be sold.

Television/Video and Radio Ticket Spots. The NCAA has developed several platforms for effectively promoting NCAA championships. One of these platforms is technology. The promotions website allows championship hosts to download video and radio spots for immediate use. There are several file options available to hosts. The video and radio spots can be easily uploaded to websites, burned onto discs, used on video boards or sent via email.

:30 Video/TV Spot. The NCAA will create video/television spots for all predetermined championship sites that are not sold out.
The online video spot is not intended to be used for television; however, the quality of the video spot allows for use on websites and video boards. Hosts that would like to order a television broadcast quality version of the championship spot (BETA tape) should contact Tori Alston at 317-917-6222 and provide the name, telephone number and physical shipping address of the individual who should receive the tape. Three file formats are available for download: QuickTime, Real Player and Windows Media.

The video spots are also posted on the NCAA YouTube channel, which can be accessed at www.youtube.com/ncaa.

:30 Radio Spot. The NCAA will provide a radio spot for all predetermined championship sites that are not sold out.

The radio spots can be used on radio stations, websites, burned onto discs or sent via email. The file format available for download is .wav.

Promotional Ideas.
Following are ideas to stimulate hosts’ thoughts in planning their promotional strategies to generate community awareness and support:

Advertising. Plan an advertising campaign to be implemented during the final weeks before the championship, with increased advertising during the final few days.

Banners. Hang at key intersections of the city and on campus.

Billboards. Display throughout the city if they are considered to be an effective advertising medium in the area.

“Buddy” System. Encourage booster and/or alumni groups on campus not only to purchase tickets for themselves, but also to sponsor another person or group to attend the championship (e.g., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, underprivileged children, etc.).

Conference Office Involvement. Make sure ticket order forms and information are available through the nearest conference office and enlist its assistance in promoting the championship through its releases, newsletters, clinics, conference meetings, etc.

Corporate Sales. Establish a program to solicit corporate ticket sales. A committee could be set up to personally solicit each business in the city to encourage the purchase of blocks of tickets for employees, underprivileged children or other citizens.

Electronic Message Boards. Run championship information on electronic message boards on campus and around town.

Fax Cover Page. Include championship information on your athletics department's fax cover page.

Flyers. Distribute ticket flyers at home ice hockey contests and also send to:
• Booster club members.
• Season ticket holders.
• Previous year’s postseason competition ticket holders, if applicable.
• Local chamber of commerce and merchants.
• Faculty, staff and students.
• State high school and junior college coaches associations.
• Conference offices.

**Grade School Involvement.** Plan activities to involve grade school students in the promotion of the championship (e.g., conduct an art contest welcoming the championship and display the art in the airport the week of the championship; award two game tickets to the winning artist).

**Internet.** Provide championship information on your institution's Web page.

**Mailings to Ticket Holders.** Include notice of the championship on all lists and mailings to your institution’s regular-season events (both athletics and general) and on athletics department answering service recordings.

**NCAA Corporate Partners.** Enlist the cooperation and support of the affiliates of NCAA corporate partners in the area to purchase tickets to be used for promotion of the championship.

**“NCAA Week.”** Request your community to declare “NCAA Championship Week” prior to the championship. Information could be distributed at different locations throughout the city in conjunction with the declaration.

**Newspapers.** Alternate morning and evening papers in the metropolitan area and surrounding communities. Be sure to include specific information about how to obtain tickets.

**Promotion at Home Events.** Promote the championship at all home men’s and women’s athletics events on the scoreboard/message board and public-address system. Use PSAs on local radio broadcasts and telecasts of other institutional sporting events

**Public Speaking.** Establish community support by:

• Obtaining the support of key political and corporate leaders.
• Arranging speaking engagements by coaches and athletics department personnel at chamber of commerce meetings, booster club meetings, etc.
• Arranging radio and television appearances by campus or local “personalities” to promote the championship.

**Radio and Television.** Purchase advertising if permitted within the online championships promotions budget or the approved games budget. Also attempt to solicit promotional messages as free public service announcements. Also, consider purchasing tickets to be used as trade-outs for promotional spots on local radio and television stations.
**Speaker’s Bureau.** Establish a speaker’s bureau through the chamber of commerce through which leaders of service organizations would be encouraged to invite someone from the athletics department to speak about the championship.

**Street-Pole Banners.** Display the banners on key streets of the city and on campus.

**Student Involvement.** Direct promotional efforts to student organizations on campus, as well as to faculty and staff. Enlist student organizations to help sell ticket blocks. Visit dormitories, fraternities and sororities, and organize a contest among them to sell tickets.

**Telephone Solicitation.** Conduct a “phone-a-thon” to reach booster club members, corporations, season ticket holders, area high school coaches, members of the chamber of commerce, faculty and staff to encourage ticket sales.

**Ticket Donations.** Distribute a mailing to the parks and recreation department participants in the city soliciting donations for the purchase of tickets for children who participate in the recreational programs.

**Ticket Purchases.** The NCAA does not allow complimentary or discounted tickets for its championships; all tickets must be purchased. However, the NCAA will permit the purchase of championship tickets to use for championship promotional efforts, such as giveaways by radio stations and during halftime promotions. The tournament director should obtain approval from the NCAA for any ticket promotions.

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**Section 16 • Media Coordination and Credentials**

**Credentials.**

**Credentials.** Each team should complete an official traveling party list to identify the 25 individuals who shall receive admittance to the arena without charge. Instructions for completing the official traveling party list will be communicated to the teams via the selections memorandum or participant manual (finals site).

The band members, cheerleaders and mascot will be admitted via a gate list. Each participating institution may request up to six additional credentials for team personnel. Two of the six additional credentials must be used for medical personnel (e.g., athletic trainer). The team personnel credential will allow access to the championship venue, locker room and interview area. Individuals not included in the official traveling party of 25, in the six team personnel or on the gate list must purchase a ticket for admission to the venue.

The host institution will be responsible for producing credentials for preliminary-round games. The NCAA will produce all credentials for the finals site.

**Drug-Testing Team.** In the event of drug testing, “event staff” credentials should be provided to the drug-testing team. A minimum of five nonmedia seats shall be reserved for members of the drug-testing team. Individuals serving in this capacity will be identified for the tournament director at each site by the NCAA game representative/championship manager.

**Volunteers.** It is not permissible to issue credentials to volunteer workers except for those directly involved in event management.
**Interview Room.**
A separate interview room, situated in a low traffic area, should be set for 20 individuals. The dais should be elevated, accommodate six people, and have name cards available for all participants. The host will provide adequate TV lighting and sound equipment (microphones, amplifier, etc.). The NCAA will have final approval and direction of all sound and lighting equipment. “Dress” the room appropriately to reflect the prestige of the event by: (a) hanging the NCAA Division III Identity Initiative media backdrop behind the podium; (b) placing NCAA seals and logos on the podium and walls; (c) using skirting on the tables and other areas as necessary; and (d) providing a sound system, if necessary. Game officials should not be allowed in the interview room.

**Live Scoring.**
Refer to the NCAA broadcasting policies at [www.ncaa.com/media](http://www.ncaa.com/media).

**Media Credentials.**
Final-Round Site - Approximately one month before the start of final site competition, the site media coordinator should send credential application information to media representatives who regularly cover intercollegiate athletics in their markets. The information should direct media to [NCAA.com/media](http://NCAA.com/media), which includes credential application instructions, credential criteria and links to the NCAA media policies. The site media coordinator will approve or deny all credential requests in the online credentialing system. The system will notify via email all media members who apply for credentials whether their request has been granted or denied. If a media member is granted a credential, the site media coordinator is responsible for sending that member of the media information regarding game times, press conference schedules, credential pickup times and location, information on media parking, and how to order a phone line if they need to secure their own (whom to contact, price, etc.).

Preliminary-Round Site – Preliminary-round/site media coordinators should send a credential request form to members of the local media to determine who will be covering the event.

** Working credentials will not be mailed. The media coordinator should issue credentials individually at an appropriate site at the venue or at the designated headquarters hotel. A government-issued photo ID is required to pick up credentials. Credentials are non-transferable and will only be issued to the person whose name appears on the credential. Credential pickup for others is not allowed.

**Credentials List.** The media coordinator must submit a list of all individuals receiving media credentials and their affiliation to the NCAA site representative (preliminary-round games) or championship manager (finals).

**Criteria.** A media agency for purposes of these media criteria means an authorized representative of a single daily, weekly or monthly publication, cable system, radio station/network or television station/network. The media coordinator may authorize more than one representative per publication. Subject to limitations of space, credentials shall be assigned to the working press in accordance with the following priorities:

1. Two individuals, certified by the director of athletics and/or the sports information director of each participating institution, who will represent all campus-related publications and departments.
2. A media agency at the site of the competition that has staffed the games of the host institution on a regular basis throughout the season.
3. A media agency in the geographical area and/or locale of a participating institution that has staffed its games on a regular basis throughout the season and each of its games in the championship.

4. The designated representative of a national television, cable system, radio network or a radio station that originates a daily “sports talk” program, and daily circulation newspapers that do not otherwise meeting the aforementioned criteria.

5. Representatives of other weekly or college newspapers, telephone reporting services, professional sports organizations and personnel, and public television stations will not be issued media credentials.

**Gambling.** NCAA policy prohibits the issuance of media credentials to representatives of any organization that regularly publishes or otherwise promotes the advertising of “tout sheets,” “tip sheets” or other advertising designed to encourage gambling on college sports events. Hosts of NCAA championships competition are subject to the Association’s enforcement procedures if the media coordinator disregards this policy.

**Radio Not Providing Play-by-Play.** Each station or network will be limited to one credential.

**Radio Providing Play-by-Play.** Credentials may be provided to the number of individuals required by a station or network to broadcast games during the regular season. However, in no case will more than four credentials be provided for any single station/network. Broadcasts of any championship game must conform to the general broadcasting policies established by the Association. [NCAA broadcasting policies are available at www.ncaa.com/media.]

**Television.** Television stations and/or networks will be limited to two credentials (one talent and one temporary television) unless a union contract dictates the presence of a sound technician.

**Media Hotel.**
The host media coordinator will provide information regarding lodging to participating media.

**Media Hospitality.**
Media hospitality is encouraged but not required. Disbursements for these items will be guided by the budget that was originally submitted by the tournament director and approved by the championship manager. The media hospitality room should be separate from the committee hospitality room.

**Media Parking.**
Media parking is desired, but the host must make this decision. If media parking is provided, it is the responsibility of the media coordinator to print parking passes, if necessary.

**Postgame Interviews.**
Immediately after a 10-minute cooling-off period (i.e., 10 minutes after a competing team enters its locker room), an interview area will open to all certified members of the news media. Any coach and student-athletes requested by the media must be made available for interviews. The non-winning coach and players will be scheduled in the interview area first. If a team is participating in an awards ceremony, the cooling-off period will begin immediately after the presentation.

Regardless of regular-season radio or television contract(s), participating head coaches are obligated to the entire covering media during the championship and must report to the interview room immediately after
their respective 10-minute cooling-off period. A coach cannot delay a postgame interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to remain for a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by the television entity that has been granted rights to broadcast the championship. (The media coordinator or designee will have the responsibility to terminate the four-minute interview period, not the network that has purchased rights.) After fulfilling this commitment to the media covering the championship, the coach and student-athletes may participate in special interviews.

Coaches cannot make themselves available to selected media representatives before the conclusion of the 10-minute cooling-off period. They may, however, open their locker rooms and/or report to the interview area before the cooling-off period ends and make themselves available to all media representatives staffing the championship. Should a coach permit one media agency to enter the locker room before the 10-minute cooling-off period has ended, the locker room will be opened to all other media representatives desiring access to the area.

**Press Conference Schedule.**
Press conferences should be arranged to take place in the interview room immediately following the completion of each game. The non-advancing coach and selected student-athletes will enter the interview room first. Teams are allowed a 10-minute cooling off period from the time the team enters their locker room following the game.

Head coaches, institutional representatives and members or representatives of the Division III ice hockey committee are required to attend the press conferences.

**Equipment.** The host institution will provide all the necessary equipment (microphones, multi box, adequate lighting) for the interview room.

**Moderator.** The host media coordinator will identify a moderator for each press conference who will keep the conference moving on schedule.

**Security.**
Security personnel should be instructed to monitor the press conferences and working press areas, especially before and after each game, and to limit access in all restricted areas to individuals wearing credentials. It is incumbent on the media coordinator to emphasize the necessity to protect the media areas from the fans and to encourage the security supervisor to designate additional personnel if necessary to staff these areas before and after each game.

**Working Press Room.**
The host media coordinator/SID is responsible for supervising the working press room and for organizing workers to assist in the press operation of the championship. The number of workers will depend on the media demand for each game at the site. The tournament director and media coordinator should assign press runners, quote takers, stat crews, copy machine personnel, etc., as needed.

**Equipment.** The host should provide Internet access (preferably wireless) in the working press room. If wireless access is not available, the host shall provide at least two, but preferably four, Internet connections.
Team Information. The media coordinator shall contact each SID representing a participating team at the site and request that the SID provide media guides, statistics and other updated information to place in the press room the day the team arrives at the site.

Section 17 • Merchandising/Licensing

Exclusive Rights.
The NCAA retains the exclusive right to sell souvenir products at all rounds and sites of all NCAA championships. Any merchandise or material bearing any name, logo, trademarks or service marks of the Association that is sold or distributed at an event sponsored or administered by the Association must have the prior approval of the NCAA. No such merchandise or material will be sold by anyone except as designated by the NCAA.

Team Orders.
Teams selected to participate in NCAA championships will have the opportunity to pre-order merchandise for first rounds through the official NCAA souvenir merchandiser, Event 1, Inc. A memorandum will be sent to each team selected for the championship outlining how to pre-order championship apparel. Orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after first rounds. In addition, teams advancing to the finals site will receive a second notification regarding the opportunity to purchase merchandise for the finals. All orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after the finals.

Hosts will be entitled to a 20 percent commission rate of net sales on site. Net sales are defined as gross sales minus sales tax and credit card fees.

Section 18 • Neutrality

Host institutions should keep in mind that an NCAA event is not a home event. All scorers’ table personnel must refrain from cheering for either team and from wearing institutional attire; they are considered "neutral" and must behave in such a manner. Traditional pregame or between-games activities are not permissible (e.g., permitting mascots to lead "trains" through the stands, etc.). In addition, host institutional signage and pictures of host institution student-athletes on programs should not be used to create a "home" atmosphere.

Section 19 • Officials

Confidentiality.
Participating teams will be advised of the officials assigned to their competitions at the administrative meeting. The committee representative will meet with the officials (separately from the participants’ meeting) to review their responsibilities and distribute the NCAA patches.
**Fees and Expenses.**

Fees, per diem and mileage (if necessary) for referees and linesmen will be paid online through ArbiterPay. Officials must register for ArbiterPay at [www.arbiterpay.com](http://www.arbiterpay.com) and provide their contact information. Hosts will need to include lodging for officials as a budgeted games expense.

Referees will receive a fee of $200, and linesmen will receive a fee of $150 for each game officiated. Referees and linesmen shall also receive a $45 per diem and ground transportation expenses (57 cents per mile, maximum of 1,000 miles roundtrip, excluding local transportation).

A 2-2 officiating system will be used for preliminary rounds and the finals. No back-up official will be assigned for preliminary rounds or the finals. If an official is unable to complete a game, a 2-1 officiating system will be used for the remainder of that game.

Hosts for all rounds should recommend to the ice hockey committee goal judges and penalty box attendants from the local area. Goal judges and penalty box attendants will receive a fee of $50 per game and reimbursement for 53 cents/mile for actual ground transportation expenses incurred, excluding local transportation. Goal judges and penalty box attendants will not receive per diem. **Goal judges and penalty box attendants shall be impartial and retired or active on-ice officials.**

The NCAA staff will utilize the NCAA Travel Expense System to calculate the mileage reimbursement for the goal judges and penalty box attendants and provide the calculations to the tournament director. The host should submit the lodging expenses for the referees/linesmen (if necessary) and the fees and mileage for the goal judges and penalty box attendants through the online financial report within 60 days of the conclusion of competition.

**Lodging.**

Refer to Section 14 (Lodging) for information regarding officials’ lodging.

**Officials Meeting.**

The host must schedule an officials’ meeting for the on-ice and off-ice officials with the site representative (ice hockey committee representative for finals site). This meeting is usually conducted in the officials’ locker room 80 minutes before each game.

**Parking.**

A maximum of eight parking passes will be provided for game officials. The NCAA will provide the names of officials needing parking passes to the tournament director.

**Selection.**

**Preliminary Rounds.** The NCAA men’s and women’s ice hockey officials’ national coordinators assigns officials for all preliminary-round sites, subject to the approval of the ice hockey committees. Before the competition, provide the game officials with the checklist that will serve as a guide in the pregame meeting with major and minor officials.

**Finals.** The NCAA men’s and women’s ice hockey officials’ national coordinators assigns officials for the finals site, subject to the approval of the ice hockey committees. Up to three officials may be approved to fly to
the championship finals site. All other officials must be confirmed from the local region (i.e., within 500 miles one-way).

**Notification.** The NCAA staff will provide the assigned officials’ contact information to the tournament director and the tournament director should contact the officials to obtain arrival times, provide information regarding the officials’ meeting time/location and lodging arrangements, and determine whether they wish to purchase tickets for family members or friends.

**Social Events.**
Game officials are not to be included in tournament social functions (e.g., the banquet at the finals site).

**Uniforms.**
Officials will wear uniforms outlined in the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules and Interpretations Book. Hosts will receive jackets and officials’ patches for each official from the NCAA. Jackets will only be received for officials who did not receive one in a previous round.

**Transportation.**
Travel expenses for the referees will be paid according to the actual mode of transportation and are not to exceed jet coach airfare or 53 cents per mile. These fees will be paid by the NCAA using the ArbiterPay system. Rental cars are not reimbursable unless approved by the NCAA prior to the rental. Officials who receive approval for air travel must make flight arrangements through Short’s Travel Management at 866-655-9215.

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**Section 20 • Participation Gifts**

**Participant Mementos.**

**Preliminary Rounds.** Due to the financial burden on a host institution, to be consistent with NCAA policy, and to provide each student-athlete participating in NCAA preliminary-round competition the same experience, **banquets and mementos will NOT be permitted at preliminary rounds.**

**Finals.** Participation awards are permissible (one per participant) as long as they meet the conditions outlined in Bylaws 16.1.4.2 and 16.1.4.3 and are provided by the NCAA selected student-athlete participation awards licensee. The NCAA championships and alliances group will be responsible for selecting the participation awards that will be provided. Samples of the participation awards may be sent to the finals site to allow participants the opportunity to determine color, style and sizing preferences; the host is responsible for returning the box of samples to the NCAA national office. The NCAA championship administrator will work with the participating institutions regarding delivery of mementos after championship competition. Participant awards will not be distributed at the site of the championship(s).

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**Section 21 • Participating Teams**

**Admittance to Facility.**
Each team should complete a credential list to identify up to 25 individuals who will receive admittance to the arena without charge. Instructions for completing the official traveling party list will be communicated to the teams via the selections memorandum or participant manual (finals site).
The band members, cheerleaders and mascot will be admitted via a gate list. Each participating institution also may request up to six additional credentials for team personnel. Two of the six additional credentials must be used for medical personnel (e.g., athletic trainer). The team personnel credential will allow access to the championship venue, locker room and interview area. Individuals not included in the official traveling party of 25, in the six team personnel or on the gate list must purchase a ticket for admission to the venue. Any exceptions to this list must be approved by the NCAA.

Local Transportation for Teams.
If a team requires local transportation, it may choose to use Go Ground, the NCAA bus transportation provider who can provide assistance for teams. For more information, please go to http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

For teams traveling by air to the host site, the host institution is urged to assist each team in arranging for local transportation (i.e., reserve team buses in advance or provide names and telephone numbers of companies that could be contacted).

Participant Manual.
The tournament director shall compile a participant manual for the competing institutions.

Contents. A template for the preliminary round participant manual will be posted on the respective sport landing pages of www.NCAA.org: Men – click here; Women – click here. The template should be “personalized” with information specific to the host institution. For finals sites, a separate template will be provided by the NCAA championship manager; a final version should be prepared no later than February 6.

Distribution. Following the online selection show on www.NCAA.com, the tournament director for each preliminary-round site selected will email the participant manual to the director of athletics and head coach of each team assigned to the respective preliminary-round site, the NCAA representative and the NCAA championship manager. The manuals should be distributed prior to the conference call with the preliminary-round participants. For the finals site, the NCAA championship manager must review and approve the participant manual before it is made available to the participating teams on www.NCAA.org.

Team Host.
The tournament director should assign a team host to welcome each team and assist the team as needed during the championship.

Travel Reimbursement.
Travel reimbursement policies and forms are available at http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information. Participating institutions must submit the forms online within 45 days of the conclusion of the competition.

Section 22 • Programs
This championship will feature a digital game program that can be viewed online or downloaded at no charge. This program will be available online generally no later than two days prior to the first day of the event.
Content/Editorial. IMG College will be responsible for all program production, including editorial content, layout and design, and advertising.

Some programs include editorial pages with information about the host institution/venue. Should space be allotted, the media contact from the host’s online key contact form will be contacted by IMG College regarding deadlines and specifications for text and photos; these editorial pages will not be display advertisements and are subject to approval by the NCAA and IMG College.

Supplemental Printed Materials. At championships sites where a digital program is available, the host institution/venue may choose to supply supplemental printed materials provided any such materials do not include advertisements.

The NCAA/IMG College will provide a template including QR code linking to the digital program and elements from the NCAA’s Corporate Champions and Partners that must be included on any supplemental materials.

Printed supplements may be handed out free or sold, with all proceeds retained by the host. The host should not include expenses for such supplements in the championship budget and/or financial report.

All supplemental content is subject to NCAA and IMG College approval.

Promotion. The NCAA/IMG College will provide to participating schools a one-sheet PDF to be printed and distributed at the site; this PDF will feature a QR code and URL where the digital program can be accessed. This handout, QR code and/or URL can also be printed and used on signage to direct fans to the digital program.

The NCAA and IMG College encourage all participating schools to promote the digital publication link on athletics and school-affiliated websites and social media outlets. The NCAA and IMG College also encourage all participating schools to share with student-athletes, faculty, alumni organizations or any other group that may have interest, as well as local media outlets.

All digital programs available can be found at http://www.ncaa.com/gameprograms.

Questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your NCAA administrator or Michelle Forkner (mforkner@ncaa.org) or Bonnie Johnson (bjohnson@ncaa.org) at the NCAA.

Section 23 • Safety and Security Plan

The NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop Best Practices for all NCAA championships. The SSAG developed these Best Practices based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own experience and knowledge. All hosts and competition venues are strongly encouraged to refer to the Best Practices located at  http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf (under “Championship Resources”) when developing a safety and security program.

The suggestions outlined in Best Practices for Venue Safety and Security are based on practices that are employed by competition venues across the nation. The need and ability to implement them at each facility and event will vary. Properly trained and equipped personnel constitute the primary element of implementing a successful safety and security program.
Best Practices for championships competition venue safety are intended for guidance purposes only; they are not a requirement under NCAA or other regulations or legislation. In addition, because of the wide variety of designs and sizes of competition venues; and composition and profile of particular events, not all Best Practices will be reasonable or applicable.

The Best Practices should not be viewed as a complete or primary source of information for developing or implementing the safety program for the competition venue hosting an NCAA championship. Rather, facility managers and local public safety personnel should consider the current national threat level, nature of specific threats and the full range of resources available when responding to changes in the threat condition levels.

Please submit your final safety and security plan, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team Contact Information form. Items must be submitted once the opportunity to host has been awarded.

**Crowd Control.** The tournament director must review crowd control policies with the NCAA committee member/site representative (preliminary rounds) or NCAA championship manager (finals site). The tournament director is responsible for strict enforcement of these policies. [See Appendixes for the Crowd Control Statement.]

**Distribution of Materials.** No person or group may distribute the following materials in the facility or adjacent areas that fall under the control of the arena management without the advance written permission of the NCAA: handbills, flyers, newspapers, memorabilia or promotional materials for other events or activities.

**Personnel.** An adequate number of uniformed security (not necessarily uniformed police) must be provided for the team benches, teams' and officials' locker rooms, press conferences and working press areas, postgame interview room, hospitality areas and any other area for which a credential is required or where crowd control is necessary. The committee representative will discuss with the tournament director specific plans in this regard (e.g., number of security personnel necessary in each area). The tournament director is responsible for reviewing all credentials with security personnel.

**Emergency Plans.** Facility management must have specific written policies and procedures outlining the facility’s emergency/evacuation plans and plans for assignment of security officers in and around the competition site. The NCAA committee member/site representative and tournament director should meet with security personnel to discuss existing security procedures, review potential security threats, review the facility to determine potential security problems, and discuss the emergency/evacuation plan.

**Local Spokesperson.** The host institution, working with facility management and federal, state, county and city law-enforcement agencies, shall designate one individual to coordinate security efforts and serve as a local spokesperson during an emergency.

**Prohibited Items.** The tournament director and facility staff are responsible for enforcing the NCAA policies in this regard. Patrons may not bring the following items into the arena: alcoholic beverages, bottles, cans or containers, irritants (e.g., noisemakers), cups or laser pointers. The facility may have additional restrictions on items that may not be brought into the arena.
- **Alcohol.** Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or otherwise made available for public consumption at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the Association, nor will any such beverages be brought to the site during the championship.

- **Irritants.** "Irritants" include such items as oversized flags, banners or signs that may block the view of other patrons. The NCAA committee member/site representative is responsible for determining whether a specific item in this category represents an "irritant" to other patrons, whether content on banners is appropriate for all audiences and whether items should be prohibited.

- **Tobacco.** The use of all tobacco products is prohibited by student-athletes and game personnel (e.g., coaches, officials, athletic trainers, managers) during practice sessions and game competition, as well as during other championship activities (e.g., banquets, autograph sessions, press conferences, postgame interviews, etc.).

**Spectator Photography/Video Cameras.** Still cameras are permitted in the facility. Parents and/or friends may videotape only their team’s games without signing a consent form or obtaining prior approval from the NCAA. Recording devices must be handheld; no tripods or monopods are allowed. The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes (e.g., video clips could be used for an institutional banquet video, but could not be used for a highlight DVD sold to the public).

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**Section 24 • Signage**

**Commercial Identification, Signage and Official Marks.**

**Banners inside facility.** The following banners are permissible inside the facility:
- Banners recognizing NCAA broadcast partners;
- NCAA radio banners (one);
- NCAA banners.

Note: These banners may be used to cover non-permissible signage.

**Covering.** The facility will not permit any advertising banners, signs or displays of any kind to be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within the seating area (i.e., any place that can be seen from the playing ice or seats), including the scoreboard, during the championship session or practices, other than NCAA, TV and radio banners, as specified by the NCAA. No local/school radio banners are allowed.

**Institutional Signage.** Institutional signage does not need to be covered. Championship banners may remain if permanent (not hung seasonally). If temporary and hung on a season basis, they must be taken down.

**Directional Signage.** Directional signage should be posted in all areas used by the participants and the media. A template to create directional signage may be requested from the NCAA.

**NCAA Signage.** Opportunities for NCAA-branded signage will be discussed with the tournament director at the finals site (e.g., in-ice logo, dasher boards, press box, etc.). Basic signage from the NCAA will be sent to preliminary round hosts.
Video Boards and Electronic Messages. No electronic board advertising of any kind or messages promoting non-NCAA events in the facility may be displayed during practice or competition. The following kinds of messages are permissible: announcements of results from other NCAA competition; reminders that NCAA merchandise and concessions are on sale on the concourse; or any public-service announcements or promotional messages and scripting specifically provided by the NCAA. The NCAA will provide content and scripting for the video board production as needed (preliminary rounds and finals). Hosts are encouraged to display team information (e.g., head shots and statistics) on the video board during team introductions.

Section 25 • Tickets

The ticket information and policies are applicable to all rounds of competition unless otherwise noted.

Ticket Allocations.

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Player’s Guest Tickets. Participating institutions may purchase tickets for their student-athletes in accordance with the regulations specified in Bylaw 16.2. A pass gate should be established at the arena to administer the players’ tickets. A designated individual from each participating institution will be responsible for submitting the names of the individuals who will use those tickets to the tournament manager (or his or her designee). Individuals using those tickets will proceed through the pass gate to a nearby area with a table or booth, where they will be identified by the appropriate institution’s designee, given a ticket stub and directed to their seats.

Participating Schools. The visiting school must notify the host institution in writing (via e-mail) if any portion of its ticket allotment has not sold by Noon local time of the host on the day prior to competition.

NOTE: If the host is not notified by the visiting team by the prescribed times, the visiting team may be financially accountable for its total ticket allotment.
Ticket Backs.
Commercial identification on ticket backs to offset printing costs is permitted; however, the NCAA staff must approve all designs. Identification is limited to one logo or the name of the commercial entity.

Computerized Tickets. Host institutions using a computerized ticket system should advise the NCAA of the fact before tickets are printed.

Coupons. Under no circumstances may a “coupon promotion” be included as part of the ticket or ticket-back advertising (e.g., advertising a discount on goods or services by presenting the ticket stub).

Standard Ticket Back Disclaimer Language. Refer to the Appendixes for language that must be included on the ticket back.

Ticket Sales.
Since all members of the general public must have a ticket in order to enter the facility, a minimum number of ticket windows must remain open until the conclusion of the event.

- No complimentary tickets may be issued.
- Standing-room only tickets are not permitted unless approved in advance by the NCAA championship manager. In such cases, the visiting institution is guaranteed a minimum of one-third of both the seated and standing-room tickets available.
- Any special ticket plans (e.g., local contributor/sponsorship packages) must be approved by NCAA staff in advance.
- Minimum ticket prices are as follows; host institutions may charge more if appropriate for the particular market.

### Women’s Ice Hockey

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Children aged two and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

### Men’s Ice Hockey

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Children two (2) years old and under are admitted free with a paying adult, if facility policy allows. No Complimentary tickets will be issued.
**Student Tickets.** Experience has proven that it is best not to allow students of the host team immediately behind the visiting team’s bench. Hosts will create a buffer zone between students and the opponent, either with adults or fans of the visiting team.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and must sign a volunteer release waiver. Individuals with driving responsibilities MUST be 25 years of age or older.

Student-athletes or prospect-aged individuals **MAY NOT** be recruited in any way different than general public volunteers. The LOC cannot make a specific volunteer presentation to student-athletes of the host institution/conference. Student-athletes and prospect-aged individuals may apply to volunteer in the same manner as individuals from the general public. Student-athletes and prospect-aged individuals must be selected by the same criteria as the general public applicants.

**Goals.** The LOC volunteer program should strive to accomplish the following goals:
1. Provide an enthusiastic and warm welcome to guests visiting the area;
2. Answer questions and provide information to visitors; and
3. Contribute to the general aura of excitement surrounding the championships.

**Waivers.** Each volunteer must sign a waiver of liability prior to the start of the championship. If a written volunteer agreement exists, a release component must be added to it if one does not already exist. The host should collect all waivers prior to the championship and keep them on file.

**Recognition.** Following the championship (finals only), the tournament director will be requested to submit a list of key volunteers (maximum of 25 individuals). The NCAA shall prepare an appreciation certificate for each volunteer included on the list. This process may be initiated at any time to allow the host to present the certificates at a volunteer recognition event.
Awards Ceremony Procedures
At the finals site, the trophies and watches should be arranged on two appropriately draped tables, and event personnel should be available and ready to carry the tables onto the ice immediately following the championship game. Carpet strips should be placed in front of the tables for the NCAA ice hockey committee members and NCAA staff to stand on as they present the awards. The same procedures should be followed after the women’s third place game with the semifinalist trophies. Following the conclusion of the men’s semi-final games, the team trophies and mini trophies should be placed in the non-advancing teams’ locker rooms.

As each individual listed on the awards recipient list is announced, he or she will proceed to the awards table to receive the award and shake hands with the committee member and/or NCAA staff. All award recipients will remain on the ice until all awards have been presented. Following the championship game, the all-tournament team will be recognized followed by the awards presentation to the second-place team and then the national champions. All award recipients will remain on the ice until all awards have been presented.
AWARDS CEREMONY SCRIPT - FINALS SITE

FOR WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP ONLY

"Ladies and gentlemen, please direct your attention to the center of the rink for the presentation of the championship trophies and awards.

"Presenting the awards are __________________________ from __________________________, chair of the NCAA Division III Women’s Ice Hockey Committee, __________________________ from ______________, __________________________ from __________________________, and __________________________ from __________________________, members of the Division III Women’s Ice Hockey Committee, and __________________________, NCAA Championships staff.

"First, the fourth-place team, finishing with a record of ________, the (mascot) __________ from __________. Please come forward as your name is read to accept your award. [Read the list of individuals (maximum of 25) who will receive awards in the order listed on the awards recipient form.]

"Will __________________________ (listed on awards recipient form) please come forward to accept the trophy?

"Congratulations to __________________________ for a great season.

________________________________________________________________________________________

"And now the awards for the third-place team, finishing with a record of ________, the (mascot) __________ from __________. Please come forward as your name is read to accept your award. [Read the list of individuals (maximum of 25) who will receive awards in the order listed on the awards recipient form.]

"Will __________________________ (listed on awards recipient form) please come forward to accept the trophy?

"Let’s give a big round of applause to both of these teams for their performance this season and this weekend.”

________________________________________________________________________________________

FOR BOTH MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP

"Ladies and gentlemen, please direct your attention to the center of the rink for the presentation of the championship trophies and awards.
"Presenting the awards are ___________________ from ___________________, chair of the NCAA Division III [Men’s/Women’s] Ice Hockey Committee, ____________________________ from ___________________, __________________ from __________________, _____________ from ____________________________, and ________________ from ____________________________, members of the Division III [Men’s/Women’s] Ice Hockey Committee, and ________________, of the NCAA. We will announce the members of the all-tournament team to be followed immediately by the presentation of the team awards.

"Here are your members of the 2017 all-tournament team (announce name, institution, number and position):

_______________________________________    _______________________________________

_______________________________________    _______________________________________

_______________________________________    _______________________________________

"And, now to the team awards. First, the second-place team, finishing with a record of ________, the (mascot) ______________ from ______________. Please come forward as your name is read to accept your award. [Read the list of individuals (maximum of 25) who will receive awards in the order listed on the awards recipient form.]

"Will _________________________________ (listed on awards recipient form) please come forward to accept the trophy?

"Congratulations to __________________________ for a great season.

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And now, the 2017 national champion, finishing with a record of _____, the (mascot) ______________ from ______________! Please come forward as your name is read to accept your award. [Read the list of individuals who will receive watches and award trophies in the order listed on the awards recipient form.]

"Will _________________________________ (listed on awards recipient form) please come forward to accept the trophy?

"Congratulations to __________________________, the 2017 NCAA Division III [Men’s/Women’s] Ice Hockey national champion!

"Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the NCAA, we thank you for your support of NCAA [Men’s/Women’s] ice hockey. Please travel home safely.”
"The NCAA promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Also, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco products by participants or any other individuals is prohibited at the competition venue during competition and other championship activities. The NCAA thanks you for your cooperation."
DIVISION III MEN’S AND WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY ICE AND DASHER LAYOUT

Team name dashers in alphabetical order = 19 feet wide. All dashers = 30 inches high.
1. **Where is the drug testing facility for this championship?**
   Check with the tournament director, drug-testing site coordinator or the NCAA championships staff member for specific location.

2. **How long does drug testing take?**
   The length of the collection process depends on the student-athlete’s ability to provide an adequate urine specimen. If the student-athlete provides an adequate urine specimen immediately on arriving at the drug-testing facility, the entire process usually is completed in approximately 20 minutes.

3. **What is an institutional representative?**
   At team championships, an institutional representative is an individual from the participating institution (designated by his or her institution) to assist with drug testing in the event drug testing occurs at the championship. Each team must designate an institutional representative during the pre-championship meeting.

4. **When is the institution notified of drug testing?**
   At team championships, an institutional representative from each team will be notified no sooner than two hours prior to the start of their game when drug testing is taking place. Institutional representatives will be notified by an NCAA drug-testing crew member by phone or in person at the locker room or near the playing field.

5. **When are student-athletes notified of their selection for drug testing?**
   - At team championships, immediately after the game, an NCAA drug-testing crew member will provide the institutional representative with a list of student-athletes who have been selected for drug testing.
   - In all cases, at the time of notification, the student-athlete will be instructed to read and sign a drug-testing notification form.

6. **When do student-athletes need to report to drug testing?**
   At team championships, within one hour after the student-athlete has been notified.

7. **What if a student-athlete has trouble providing an adequate urine specimen? Can the student-athlete leave and come back later? What if the team has to leave and a student-athlete is still in drug testing?**
   - A student-athlete cannot be released from the drug-testing site until an adequate specimen is provided, no matter how long it takes.
   - If the rest of the team must depart the championship site prior to a student-athlete completing drug testing, an institutional representative must stay with the student-athlete.
   - A coach should check with the drug-testing site coordinator for information regarding transportation back to the student-athlete’s hotel.
   - If the student-athlete and/or institution incur additional expenses because of the delay in drug testing (e.g., hotel, transportation back to campus), the institution may request reimbursement from the NCAA.
8. **Will the student-athlete or the institution be reminded of their drug-testing obligation if they defer testing until later that session or day?**
   No. Once the student-athlete and the institutional representative have signed the drug-testing notification form, it is their obligation to arrive at the drug-testing site at the appropriate time.

9. **What if we play a late night game (10 p.m. or later start, local time)?**
   - The NCAA’s late night drug testing policy only pertains to team championships.
   - An institution may defer drug testing until the next morning if their game begins at 10 p.m. or later local time.
   - The decision to defer drug testing applies to the entire team and must be determined by the institution immediately after the game and the deferred test must start before 10 a.m. local time the next day.
   - An institutional representative must be present at the collection facility the next morning to identify selected student-athletes.

10. **Must a coach or other institutional representative accompany each student-athlete to the drug-testing site?**
    At team championships, yes. An institutional representative must be at the collection station to certify the identity of each student-athlete. The institutional representative must remain in the collection station until all student-athletes have completed their drug test.
Elite 90 Award Presentation (Finals Only)

The NCAA 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 Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s championships. Award winners must meet certain criteria including being a sophomore or above, participating in their sport for at least two years at their school, being an active and traveling member of their team, and being a designated member of the squad size at their championship. The member institution is responsible for submitting their student-athlete that has the highest GPA and meets all of the other requirements. Mark Bedics and the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff will determine the winner of this award for each championship and provide to the NCAA championship administrator as well as the local host shortly before the championship begins. The winner’s name should not be released to the public until after they are publicly recognized. If appropriate, the NCAA championship manager can share the information with the coach of the winning student-athlete to make sure of that person’s attendance. However, they should not inform the student-athlete. Mark Bedics or another member of the media coordination staff will typically send a template of a release and the logo to the sports information director of the winner’s institution on the morning of the announcement to allow them time to prepare.

Each championship should provide an appropriate forum to adequately recognize and celebrate this award winner amongst their peers and fans of the championship. In addition, information about this award winner may be included in local press releases about the championship and in public address and/or video board announcements during the championship.

Award Presentation. When determining the most appropriate time to present the Elite 90 award, the NCAA and host staff should evaluate the time and venue which will create the greatest impact and amount of exposure for the award winner while also appropriately honoring and celebrating their accomplishments. The presentation should be semi-formal in nature and not be rushed or overshadowed by other presentations or events surrounding it. The award winner should be visible, the announcement clearly audible and the award presentation should receive the full attention and respect of all of those in attendance. The standard award script is listed below:

At this time we would like to present the Elite 90 Award. This award was instituted 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 Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s 90 championships.

The recipient of the Elite 90 Award for Division III (Men’s/Women’s) Ice Hockey with a GPA of X.XXX in (major, is student-athlete and institution).

Presentation at the student-athlete banquet. This award has traditionally been presented at the student-athlete banquet for most NCAA championships. In many cases the student-athlete banquet provides the
best forum for the award presentation and greatest exposure for the winner as it is the one time when all championship participants and administrators are gathered together in one place with a controlled, semi-formal environment complete with a sound system and set program. Presenting at the student-athlete banquet also alleviates any potential conflicts with the winning student-athlete’s participation in or preparation for an NCAA championship event. Guidelines for presentation of this award at the student-athlete banquet are:

- The award should be presented by either the banquet emcee, the NCAA committee chair or the NCAA championships manager
- The award should be presented near the end of the program and be clearly recognizable as the premier award being given (see Student-Athlete Banquet page for sample run of show)
- The award should be presented after attendees have had a chance to finish their meal
- If video screens are available, the video slide or footage of the winning student-athlete provided by BSN may be run as the individual is introduced
- The coach of the winning student-athlete should be informed to help assure the winner’s attendance
- If a photographer is at the student-athlete banquet or championship, a photo should be taken of the recipient receiving the award. This may be used in-venue during competition days to showcase the academic achievement of the student-athlete or provided to the student-athlete as a memento
- If the award winner is recognized primarily at the student-athlete banquet, public address and video board announcements should be made whenever possible and applicable at the actual championship for additional exposure to fans who do not have access to the banquet

In-venue presentation. The NCAA and host staffs are encouraged to look for opportunities for the Elite 90 award winner to be presented their award in the championship venue during a time when the majority of participants and fans are in attendance. While this may not be appropriate for championships that are spread out over multiple venues, large areas, or have multiple games in one day that disperses the crowd chronologically – it should be explored for championships in which the majority of fans are gathered during a predetermined time frame and can provide their undivided attention to the award presentation. The presentation must also not conflict in any way with the student-athlete’s participation or preparation for the championship. Examples could be:

- In a championship with two semifinals played on one day, the award winner could be recognized during the semifinal which they are not participating in
- If the award winner is not participating or completes competition in the championship rounds of a sport but is still in attendance, they may be recognized during breaks between events, weight classes, heats or during a scheduled break in the game
- The award winner could be recognized during a scheduled opening or closing ceremony in which all participating student-athletes are in attendance and fans are encouraged to attend

Other in-venue recognition. If the Elite 90 award winner is not introduced live inside of the competition venue, public address and/or video board announcements recognizing the winner should be played during the championship to recognize this individual. Big Screen Network will provide the following standard PA announcement sometimes accompanied by a video board slide. The Championships Operations point person (or Branding and Fan Experience representative at Equity and Growth championships) will need to provide BSN the name of the winning individual and a headshot photo if a video board is used for the championship.
The Elite 90, an award founded by the NCAA, recognizes 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 their peers. The Elite 89 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s championships.

The recipient of the Elite 90 Award—for the (list year/championship here: 2017 NCAA Division III (Men’s/Women’s) Ice Hockey Championship), with a cumulative grade-point average of (list GPA) in (list Major of Study), is (list winner and school: Jane Doe of State University).

Press release. On the day the winner of the Elite 90 award will be publicly recognized, the NCAA Media Coordination staff will send out a standard press release to the sports information director of the winner’s institution and to the Championships Operations point person. For selected championships, this press release will also be provided to national media by the NCAA Public Relations. If appropriate this press release may also be provided to the host for distribution to local media.

For more information on the Elite 90 award winners, log on to NCAA.com/elite90.
This is the agenda for the conference calls for teams participating in preliminary-round games of the Division III Men’s/Women’s Ice Hockey Championship. Participants shall include directors of athletics (or designated representatives), head coaches and sports information directors of competing institutions; NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Committee representatives; and key host institution personnel.

1. Introductions.

2. Schedule of events.
   a. Practice times.
   b. Game time.
   c. Pregame schedule.
   d. Administrative Meeting.

3. Travel.
   a. Transportation arrangements.
   b. Estimated arrival.
   c. Local transportation arrangements.

4. Travel party/squad size.
   a. Allowable numbers:
      (1) Travel party - 25.
      (2) Squad size – 23.
         (a) All permitted for practice.
         (b) Up to 22 in uniform (19 players and three goal keepers) for pre-game skate.
         (c) Up to 21 in uniform (18 players and three goal keepers) for competition.
      (3) Bench size – 29.
   b. Bands/cheerleaders/mascots.
   c. Team credentials.
(1) Up to 23 student-athletes.

(2) Two (2) coaches.

(3) Up to four (4) team personnel.

(4) Up to two (2) medical personnel.

5. Lodging arrangements.

   a. Misconduct.
   b. Crowd control.
   c. Signage and banners/artificial noisemakers.

7. Facility.

8. Game management.
   a. Uniforms.
   b. Logo policy.
   c. Pucks.
   d. Team introductions.
   e. Starting lineup procedures.

9. Drug testing.

10. Tickets.
   a. No complimentary tickets.
   b. Team pass list.
   c. Tickets available to visiting team (visiting team guaranteed a minimum of one-third of the facility capacity) and method of payment.

11. Media services.
   a. Webcasting, television and statistics.
b. Media/interview room and cooling-off period.

c. Scouting and filming.

12. Medical and emergency procedures.

13. Officials.


15. Adjournment.
Appendix H • Preliminary Round Administrative Meeting

This is the agenda for the onsite administrative meeting for the head coach from each team (required); directors of athletics (or designated institutional administrator), sports information directors and athletic trainers of competing institutions (optional); ice hockey committee representative; and pertinent host institution staff.

1. Introductions.
2. Games committee – composition and responsibilities.
3. Official squad size:
      (1) Student-athletes not within squad size are permitted to practice.
      (2) Up to 22 in uniform (19 players and three goal keepers) for pre-game.
      (3) Up to 21 in uniform (18 players and three goal keepers) for competition.
4. Uniform and logo policy.
5. Misconduct statement.
6. NCAA drug testing policy.
7. Medical procedures.
8. Cheerleaders, bands and mascot.
10. Recording and film exchange.
11. Participant passes and team seating.
12. Post-game media responsibilities.
14. Travel party roster forms.
15. Adjournment.
This is the agenda for the conference call for teams participating at the finals site of the Division III Men’s/Women’s Ice Hockey Championship. Participants shall include directors of athletics (or designated representatives), head coaches and sports information directors of competing institutions; NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Committee members; the NCAA championship manager; and key host institution personnel.

1. Introductions.
   a. Individual introductions with affiliation and championship responsibilities.
   b. Congratulate participating institutions.
   c. Identify games committee (NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Committee and tournament director).
   d. Thank host institution.

2. Game information.
   a. Date and time of game.
   b. Schedule of events including practice schedule.
   c. Uniforms – higher seed wears light-colored jerseys and socks.
   d. Transportation arrangements and estimated time of arrival at the site of the game (team, sports information director and athletics trainer).
   e. Local transportation arrangements.
   f. Team parking.
   g. Must have Participant credential or Team Personnel credential for entry.
   h. Locker room assignments.
   i. Skate sharpening.
   j. Pucks – all practice and competition pucks provided by the NCAA.
   k. Hydration equipment (e.g., squeeze bottles) provided by NCAA.
   l. Laundry – review host’s laundry procedures for visiting teams’ uniforms and practice gear.
   m. Logo policy (Bylaw 12.5.3).
   n. Patches – left chest; if left chest is not possible, then left sleeve.

3. Squad size, official traveling party, per diem, transportation allowance, etc.
   a. Travel party - 25.
   b. Squad size – 23 (all permitted for practice; up to 22 in uniform for pre-game skate – 19 players and three goal keepers; and up to 21 in uniform for competition – 18 players and three goal keepers).

4. Lodging arrangements.

5. Pretournament meeting (attendance by head coach is mandatory; attendance by institutional administrator other than a member of the ice hockey coaching staff, sports information director and athletic trainer is encouraged).

6. Credentials/tickets.
a. Credentials provided for official traveling party (Participant or Team Personnel, maximum of 25).
b. Playing rules limiting the number of players that may participate in the pregame warm-up and be in the bench area will be enforced.
c. Institutions may also request additional Team Personnel credentials (maximum of six, two of which must be medical personnel). These credentials will provide the identified individuals free entry to the venue and access to the respective team’s locker room and hospitality area.
d. The official traveling party form and the gate list for band/cheerleaders/mascot must be emailed or faxed to the tournament director by noon local time on the day prior to competition.
e. No complimentary tickets will be issued.
f. Number of tickets available for each team.
g. Credit card procedure, if applicable.

7. Student-athlete banquet.
   a. Date, time and location.
   b. Team pictures.
   c. Ticket prices for individuals outside of official traveling party.

8. Special Olympics activation.

9. Team flags and jerseys.

10. Required forms (awards recipient list, official traveling party form).

11. Misconduct provisions (Bylaws 31.02.3 and 31.1.8, pre-championship manual).

12. Drug testing.

13. Athletic training.
   a. Athletic training room location and hours of operation.
   b. Medical and emergency procedures.

14. Helmet use required for practice and pre-game warm-up.

   a. Webcasting and statistics.
   b. Media/interview room and cooling-off period.
   c. Videotaping procedures.
   d. Radio rights and arrangements.
   e. Television – all television must have prior approval of the NCAA national office.

16. Officials (2-2 system).
This is the agenda for the administrative meeting at the finals site for the head coach from each team (required); directors of athletics (or designated institutional administrator), sports information directors and athletic trainers of competing institutions (optional); ice hockey committee members; NCAA championship manager; and pertinent host institution staff.

1. **Introductions.**
   a. Have individuals introduce themselves, their affiliation and championship responsibilities.
   b. Congratulate participating institutions.
   c. Thank host institution.

2. **Identify games committee (NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Committee and tournament director).**

3. **Game information.**
   a. Confirm game times and pairings.
   b. Confirm participating teams’ uniforms (home and visitor).
   c. Confirm practice schedule and whether teams will skate Friday morning.
   d. Participant credentials/team personnel credentials/gate lists. (Official traveling party form and gate list are due the day before competition.)
   e. Travel party – 25; Squad size - 23 (all permitted for practice; up to 22 in uniform for pre-game skate - 19 players and three goal keepers; and up to 21 in uniform for competition - 18 players and three goal keepers); Bench size - 29.
   f. Tickets.
   g. Team parking.
   h. Skate sharpening.
   i. Identify bench and warm-up areas.
   j. Introductions and starting lineup procedures.
   k. Ice entrances.
   l. The official scorer will be responsible for collecting team rosters and starting lineups.
   m. Video replay, if applicable.
   n. Seating for noncompeting teams.
   o. Hospitality.
   p. Pucks. (The NCAA will provide all practice and game pucks.)
   q. NCAA patches (if left chest is not possible, then left sleeve).
   r. Laundry.
   s. Hydration product and equipment provided by the NCAA.

4. **Pregame schedule (subject to change).**
   
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b. Officials on ice. 39:00

c. Home team on ice. 38:00

d. Visiting team on ice. 37:30

e. Captains meeting with officials. 24:00

f. Teams leave ice. (Team closest to the ice entrance will leave first) 23:00

g. Starting lineups submitted to official scorer. 15:00

h. Crowd control statement read. 14:00

i. Off-ice officials notify teams to return to ice (three-minute warning) 10:00

j. Home team returns to ice. 7:00

K. Visiting team returns to ice. 6:50

l. Introduction of teams at respective blue lines and U.S. national anthem. 5:00

m. Face-off. 0:00

5. Intermission.

a. Fifteen minutes, unless the games committee determines the ice is not ready for play.

b. Notification of teams three minutes before face-off (home team followed by visiting team)

c. Officials on ice followed by home team and visiting team.


7. Awards ceremony protocol and all-tournament team.


9. Collect all required forms (awards recipient list, official traveling party form, disqualification list).

10. Misconduct statement (Bylaws 31.02.3 and 31.1.8, and pre-championship manual).

11. Logo policy (Bylaw 12.5.3).

12. Drug testing statement.

13. No alcohol or tobacco. Participating teams are reminded that the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco products is not permitted at any time during the championship (e.g., in the venue, locker rooms, team hotels, meetings areas, etc.).


15. Emergency procedures.

a. Benches.
b. Officials.
c. Penalty box.
d. Communication system (i.e., radios).

17. Media.

a. Webcasting and statistics.
b. Ten-minute cooling-off period.
c. Interview area/procedures. Respective participating team’s SID or institutional representative is responsible for bringing coaches and student-athletes to the interview area.
d. Questions of the officials by the media regarding clarification of call(s) are directed to the chair of the games committee, who will meet with the officials and respond to the question.
e. Institutional representatives are reminded that public comments regarding the officials that are deemed inappropriate will be reviewed under NCAA Bylaw 31.1.8.3.
f. All team members and institutional personnel must wear institutional apparel to all press conferences.
All buildings are different and what follows are some suggestions for the building operators to aim for. Each building operator needs to know and understand how their building is operated and how the building reacts to outside and inside conditions. Outside weather conditions need to be factored into how the facility adjusts its HVAC and ice settings. The size and activeness of the crowd will be a factor also.

Control over building temperature and humidity are critical to a good ice surface. Preparation of the building before game time is also an important part of the process as building temperatures and humidity change with the crowds coming in. Anticipating these changes will allow the conditions to still be good by the end of the game. If multiple games are to be played, proper time must be allowed between games to prepare the building and ice surface. Extra time also will be needed before and after the events to maintain proper ice thickness and conditions.

Ice Thickness to be maintained at 1” to 1 ½”. If painting over existing ice, the ice should be cut down to approximately ½” to ¾” inches before repainting for the new event. Then the total ice depth should be built up to and maintained to approximately 1½” during the competition.

The ice should be maintained so that at the END of the period the ice surface temperature should be approximately 20-22 degrees Fahrenheit for Hockey (22-24 for Figure skating). **These temperatures may need to be lower if humidity and water quality can’t be met. Building temperature should be maintained at 55-60 degrees Fahrenheit with a relative humidity (FH) of 50 percent.

If your building temperature is 60 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, the RH should be at 40 percent. If your building humidity goes above 50 percent - the ice surface temperature will promote more snow, chipping and cuts in the surface. If the building equipment will not maintain the proper humidity portable dehumidifiers should be used.

The quality and temperature of the ice making water should be tested and maintained. While many things go into quality ice making water here are a few things that need to be checked. Water temperature, using hot water of 140 to 160 degrees Fahrenheit is required to keep the air out of the ice making water. Total Dissolved Solids-TDS-Should be at 100ppm or less of all solids in the water content.

The building engineers need to know what the system can support based during a full house. Spectators do add humidity and temperature to a building, which makes it harder to maintain the above settings and more critical to have the systems set up to monitor your surface temperature, building temperature/humidity and water quality/temperature (i.e., infrared sensors or thermometers, portable thermometer/hygrometer and water testers). The building engineers need to experiment to determine what their system can handle to maintain a high quality ice surface.

Others items to consider:
1. Recommend that buildings that have a water quality problem, more than 125ppm total dissolved solids use water treatment to improve the water and ice quality. Good ice making water will allow the ice to be run at higher temperatures with much improved ice quality and clarity.

2. Two zambonis should be used for all ice makes during a game.
3. Spectator netting should also be established for the end of the rink areas.

**Digital Indoor Thermometer/Hygrometer**
Using a separate meter aside from the building system is critical. This unit should be at ice level outside the boards to give you a good idea as to the conditions in that part of the building. Using a cheap version such as the Radio Shack Model: 63-1036 at $19.99 is better than nothing; however, a higher quality unit would be preferred.

**Tester, TDS/Temperature**
Hanna instruments Model number DIST5 or equivalent at about $80 is a great way to check your water quality on a regular basis. The unit will give you TDS/Temperature.

**Infrared Thermometers**
Raytek ST60 or equivalent is a good choice for an accurate infrared thermometer at about $250. But it is better to have a $60 Sears infrared thermometer than nothing at all.
Arena Ice Thickness Chart

Date:

At each of the 21 spots, please record the ice thickness and the ice surface temperature.
Thickness range: 1" to 1 ½" – minimum ½" over highest spot on the floor.
Surface temperature range (before ice out): 18° to 22° depending on air temperature and humidity
* the lower the humidity the higher the surface temperature can be

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Ice Plant
Supply Temp.
Return Temp.

Arena
Humidity: _______ Should be below 50%
Temperature: _______ Should not be above 59°
* Taken up to 10ft above the ice
** If temp is 60° or above – humidity should be 40% or lower

Players Bench
Turner Sports Web Operations

Turner Sports in conjunction with CBS will be responsible for setting up all live statistics for the NCAA.com website. Directions, testing protocols, and game settings will be sent out prior to each Championship for the host site to follow to ensure a successful experience.

Host Site Requirements

- Reliable internet connection for the scoring computer
- The latest version of Stat Crew software (please see below)
- Successful test of the software prior to the Championship
- Send Home/Away designations to your live stats contact as soon as you receive them

Stat Crew Requirements

The latest version of Stat Crew version X.16 needs to be downloaded at least one week prior to the start of the Championship. **Note:** If you need assistance with the software please contact your NCAA Championship Manager.

Stat Crew Update

Stat Crew experienced issues with some of the downloaded products of X.16. To resolve these issues, you may either:

1. Re-download the modules from either your school cloud account or the store site and re-install, OR
2. Access the maintenance update for version X.16. To do this, use the Stat Crew Control Panel (red) “Updates” button.

After re-downloading and installing, open Game Reports | Help | About and confirm the date reads August 1, 2014 or later.

Repeat the steps for each sport.

(Does not apply to TAS Tennis or Golf.)

For further questions please contact Stat Crew at support@statcrew.com or (513)-771-4192

**Here are reminder steps for XML activation, if it does not automatically activate:**

1. Open Game Reports | Live | TasFTP Diagnostic Mode, select the FTP Setup button and make sure “Passive mode” is enabled. Click ok to save changes.
2. In Game Reports, select Help | About, make sure version is X.16.
3. Then open Live | Live Setup

Check boxes for:

- Enable XML Stats Feed
- Auto-send FTP
- Auto Copy Files
- Click the Activate button
- Click OK

You should then receive a message that XML has been activated.

Now you are set for live stats with XML data. Complete your FTP destinations and file names before starting the game.
Please ensure all settings are correct and the game ID has been entered correctly.

Testing Protocol

Turner Sports Web Ops or CBS will be in contact with the Host site approximately one week prior to the start of the Championship in order to test the connection settings. It is imperative that a test is done PRIOR to the start of the Championship. Please make sure someone is available to test from the host site at least two days before the Championship begins.

Game Day Protocol

Turner Sports Web Ops or CBS will send out game day settings after successfully completing the testing protocol. Instructions for game day settings will include:

Gametracker ID:
FTP site: ftp.netitor.com
User ID: fanslive
Password: livestats
XML Filename:
Target Directory:

*Please enter all game settings no more than 15 minutes prior to the start of the event.

Note: StatBroadcast will be involved in many of these Championships. The test settings and game settings may change accordingly. More information to come for those Championships.

Troubleshooting Tips

• Please ensure all settings are correct and the game ID is entered and is correct
• Restart Stat Crew

• Check live stats URL to make sure game is live (after the game has started)
• Reach out to your live stats contact

Live Video Streaming Rights Requests

Turner Sports owns the exclusive rights to stream all NCAA Championships. If Turner elects not to exercise its video streaming rights, then certain Third Parties may request permission to video stream select NCAA Championship events. All requests must be made at www.ncaa.com/rights-request

All non-commercial broadcasts will be free of charge and those that have commercials will incur a fee of $1,000 per stream. Please make all streaming requests at least 2 days prior to the start of the requested stream.

Please provide a game day contact number that you can be reached at on the day of the event.

For more information, please contact:
NCAA Web Operations at:
ncaastats@turner.com
or
Jason Venson
404-885-4081
Time: Eighty minutes before opening face-off.

Place: The officials’ locker room unless otherwise specified by the tournament director.


In Attendance: Referees, linesmen, game timekeeper, penalty timekeeper, penalty box judges, official scorer, goal judges, announcer, music director, tournament director, head of officials and NCAA ice hockey committee members/representatives/staff.

The following items should be discussed and/or reviewed with the various game officials:

**On-Ice Officials - Referees and Linesmen. (Supervisor of Officials)**
1. On-ice discussions with captains, players, coaches.
2. Meeting with captains.
3. Disallowed goals (report to scorer).
4. Officials teamwork.
5. Relationship to news media (questions of the officials by the media are directed to the chair of the games committee).
6. Video replay, if applicable.

**Off-Ice Officials.** Minor officials are appointed to act as game officials and must cooperate at all times with the referees. Minor officials are part of a team assigned to officiate a game and must know all the rules of the game. **When requested, minor officials should give their version of a situation only to the proper authority.**

**Goal Judges.**
1. Signaling a goal.
2. Providing advice (upon request).
3. Communication with players (disputed goals).
4. Checking working order of red and green lights.

**Official Scorer. (Site Representative)**
1. Official game program review (digital program).
2. Crediting goals and assists.
3. Penalty report and recording.
4. Definition of shot on goal.
5. Postgame procedures (required signatures, copies to coaches).
6. Responsible for collecting team rosters and starting lineup according to NCAA rules.
7. Neutrality/Dress

**Game and Penalty Timekeeper.**
1. Fifteen-minute pregame warm-up.
3. Clock-malfunction procedures.
4. Penalty situations.
5. Overtime procedures.
6. Intermission length (15 minutes).
7. Three-minute notification before expiration of intermission period to officials/teams.

Announcer.
1. Pregame introduction procedures (neutrality).
2. Announcement (play in progress, end of period).
3. Announcement of roster changes.
4. Procedures for goal/penalty announcements.
5. Awards ceremony.
6. All-tournament team announcement (finals only).

Music Director
1. U.S. national anthem only.
2. Appropriate and neutral music for pregame warm-up and in-game music. Home team warm-up tapes from regular season are not permitted.

Payment of Fees, Travel and Per Diem:
1. Referees and linesmen will be paid through ArbiterPay. Officials should register at https://ncaaicehockey.arbitersports.com as soon as possible if you have not registered. All other officials and table personnel will be paid by the host.

2. Referees will be paid a $200 flat fee, $45 per diem, mileage if greater than 50 miles roundtrip, and baggage fees (finals only) for up to two bags each way. Email baggage receipts to the attention of the NCAA championship manager. If lodging is appropriate, it should be direct billed to the host institution.

3. Linesmen will be paid a $150 flat fee, $45 per diem, mileage if greater than 50 miles roundtrip, and baggage fees (finals only) for up to two bags each way. Email baggage receipts to the attention of the NCAA championship manager. If lodging is appropriate, it should be direct billed to the host institution.

4. Goal judges will be paid $50 per game and mileage if greater than 50 miles roundtrip. No per diem or lodging will be provided. Fees should be paid by the host and included on the financial report.

5. ArbiterPay calculates mileage based on the center point of your zip code to the center of the zip code of the championship site. Local transportation (e.g., from the hotel to the venue) is not reimbursed.

6. Per diem is paid for the day of arrival through the day of departure.

7. A rental car will be provided for officials who fly to the site (finals only).

Purchasing Game Tickets. Two tickets shall be reserved for each official. These are not complimentary tickets; all tickets must be purchased.
The public-address announcer represents an important role in the administration and conduct of the championship. The announcer is responsible to the NCAA Division III Ice Hockey Committee representative(s) at each site.

1. No special announcements shall be made without the committee representative approval. These announcements primarily will be limited to the reporting of scores from other NCAA championships and other announcements provided by the NCAA.

2. The announcer shall not be a “cheerleader” for any team. Fans attending a game should not be able to identify the host team based on the announcer’s delivery. If the competition is played at the traditional home site of a participant, the announcer shall adhere to NCAA procedures rather than those that may have been in effect during the regular season.

3. Prior to the start of competition, the public-address announcer shall read the crowd control statement (See Appendixes).

4. The announcer shall do the following:
   a. Identify the score and all substitutes.
   b. Announce the team taking a timeout.
   c. Identify student-athletes involved in significant plays.

5. The announcer shall meet with the committee representative prior to the game to review time schedules, coordination of the national anthem and lineups.

6. The announcer also should review crowd control procedures with the committee representative and the tournament director (e.g., emergency exits, evacuation procedures, first-aid station, etc.).

7. An announcer shall not recognize corporate contributors or tournament sponsors other than the official NCAA corporate champions and partners included in the provided PA scripts.

8. All emergency calls and announcements must be approved by the committee representative at the site.

9. The announcer should introduce the national anthem as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, please rise and remove your hats to honor America and those who support our freedom at home and abroad for the playing/singing of our national anthem."
Thursday, March 23

Practices and press conferences will take place at venue.

10-11 a.m. TEAM A practice.
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. TEAM B practice.
12:30 -1:30 p.m. TEAM C practice.
1:45 – 2:45 p.m. TEAM D practice.
4:45 p.m. (time tentative) Championship pretournament meeting (TBD).
6:30 p.m. (time tentative) Championship Banquet. (TBD)

Friday, March 24

8:45 – 9:30 a.m. Team A practice.
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Team B practice.
10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Team C practice.
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Team D practice
3 p.m. Semifinal Game #1

Ten minutes after game Press conference

Note: 40 minutes allocated between games.

6:30 p.m. Semifinal Game #2

Ten minutes after game Press conference

Saturday, March 25

11 – 11:45 a.m. Winner semifinal #1 practices.
Noon – 12:45 p.m. Winner semifinal #2 practices.
7 p.m. Championship game

Ten minutes after game Press conference

*All times listed are local.*
Thursday, March 16
Practices and press conferences will take place at venue.

10-11:30 a.m.  Practice – game 1 visitor (closed)
11:45 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.  Practice – game 1 home (closed)
1:30-3 p.m.  Practice – game 2 visitor (closed)
3:15-4:45 p.m.  Practice – game 2 home (closed)
6 p.m.  Coaches and administrators meeting
6:30 p.m. (time tentative)  Championship Banquet. (TBD)

Friday, March 17
7:30-8:30 a.m.  Officials’ skate
8:45-9:45 a.m.  Practice – game 1 visitor (open)
10-11 a.m.  Practice – game 1 home (open)
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  Practice – game 2 visitor (open)
12:30-1:30 p.m.  Practice – game 2 home (open)
2 p.m.  Officials meeting
3:30 p.m.  Semifinal game 1
Immediately following  Post-game interviews
7 p.m.  Semifinal game 2
Immediately following  Post-game interviews.

Saturday, March 18
7:30-8:30 a.m.  Officials
8:45-9:45 a.m.  Practice – game 1 visitor(open)
10-11 a.m.  Practice – game 1 home (open)
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  Practice – game 2 visitor (open)
12:30-1:30 p.m.  Practice – game 2 home (open)
1:30 p.m.  Facility cleared for game preparation
2 p.m.  Officials Meeting
3:30 p.m.  Third-place game
Immediately following  Awards ceremony
Immediately following  Post-game interviews
7 p.m.  Championship game
Immediately following  Awards ceremony
Immediately following  Post-game interviews

*All times listed are local.
The ticket back language should be placed on the back of the ticket stub, but if it cannot be done (e.g., no new ticket stock is produced), this language must at a minimum be posted at all ticket windows for patrons to see, be included as an insert with the ticket mailing, etc. Patrons must be put on notice regarding the restrictions.

If you receive a request for a variance in the standard ticket back language or if there is anything sport or facility specific that should be included, please consult with Josh Logan (jlogan@ncaa.org) and Chris Termini (ctermini@ncaa.org) on any correspondence. In addition, if the championships event uses an official, authorized secondary ticket seller (e.g., PrimeSport), please also consult Josh and Chirs on any correspondence.

NOTE: Child admission policy – choose either the red or green statement from the yellow highlighted language below and delete the verbiage you choose not to use.

NOTE: Re-entry policy - if patrons are allowed to re-enter the facility, please edit the green highlighted “No re-admittance” language as needed.

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TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
The strobe lights are administered and pooled at the discretion of the NCAA or host media coordinator.

A maximum of three sets of strobe lights may be installed at an arena for media agencies require immediate news coverage. Strobe lights for a conventional arena must not exceed 2,400 watt-seconds for each power pack, and the flash duration should be less than 1/1,000 second. A typical approved installation consists of four power packs with tube heads on each pack.

All hanging or installed strobes must be as close to the playing surface as possible, depending upon the physical structure of the arena, near the corners of the playing surface. All strobes must be installed and tested, if necessary, at the site 24 hours before the start of the event during which the strobes will be used. The committee representative of NCAA Championships staff liaison will grant final approval relative to the installation of strobes.

If the physical structure of the arena prevents a media agency from meeting these specifications, the agency may petition the specific sport committee for an exception.

No other strobes, including hand-carried units, are permitted in the arena, and no strobe or any other photography equipment may be placed on or attached to a goal standard.
A CHAMPIONSHIP HOST’S GUIDE FOR CREATING A SUCCESSFUL NCAA.COM BROADCAST

WebStream Sports is responsible for video content and live productions at more than 1,000 events annually. Since 2010, in partnership with Turner Sports and NCAA.com, WebStream has provided championship coverage for hundreds of NCAA events. Its team will work with each host to ensure that live video streams from the championship are high quality and stress free.

Network Connection
To deliver a high quality video production, WebStream Sports requires at least 5 Mbps sustained upload speed, with more preferred, dedicated to two wired Internet lines. It is extremely important that the IP network be addressed early in the planning process.

WebStream’s team normally arrives a day or two prior to the event to test network connectivity with Turner Sports. An IT representative from the host should be available to work through any issues.

Equipment Setup
The producer and equipment will need to be located within 100 feet of the network ports. All equipment can be set on one or two 8’ tables. Please provide four chairs for announcers and production crew.

Our broadcasts generally utilize three to four cameras. The location of cameras varies greatly by sport.

In all cases, the cameras are cabled to the production position. WebStream will work with the host to determine the best camera locations. WebStream will request photos and/or a diagram of the venue. Also, if the institution has streamed events in the past, an idea of where cameras have been located is helpful.

The broadcast equipment requires minimal power. A standard power outlet (dedicated 20 AMP single phase 110V outlet. Non-GFI) will suffice.

If available, an audio feed from the public address system should be provided to the production position on an XLR connector.

Equipment Receiving/Shipping
Broadcast equipment will typically be shipped to the site via special courier. The shipment will contain on average 20-22 boxes ranging from cases the size of a laptop to larger boxes up to 100lbs. Once the equipment is set, the host will need to identify a location to store empty boxes that can be locked.

Following the event, WebStream will coordinate pickup of the equipment.

Crew/Announcers
Turner Sports provides all necessary equipment for a successful broadcast. The production crew and announcers are secured by WebStream Sports.

If the host institution already has contacts with local camera operators, a production company or announcers, please pass that information along. WebStream is happy to work with local crews and/or students at host institutions.

Event Specific Accomodations
WebStream Sports will make every effort to accommodate video needs host institutions might have. Identifying these needs early in the planning process is important. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions regarding the NCAA.com championship productions. All live broadcasts can be found on NCAA.com.

For more information, please contact:
Andrea Crawford
WebStream Sports
andrea@websreamsports.com
317-373-1119
During introductions, players shall take off their helmets. It is recommended that nonstarters leave their helmets on the bench and that starters leave their helmets on the goal cage.

The introduction procedure shall be as follows:

1. Upon returning to the ice, both teams must proceed directly to and remain on their designated half of the ice. The home team shall enter the ice surface first, followed by the visiting team.

2. The designated visiting team starters will be introduced first, then the designated home team starters.

3. After being introduced, each starter shall skate to the blue line.

4. After the introduction of each respective team’s starting lineup, the remaining players shall skate to the blue line and face center ice.

5. The U.S. national anthem shall be played.

6. After the anthem, the teams may have a short huddle at their respective goals before the face-off.

Starting Lineup Script

"Good [afternoon/evening] ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 2017 NCAA Division III Men's/Women's Ice Hockey Championship. Today's [round] game is between [institution] and [institution].

"Let's meet the starting lineup for the [mascot] of [institution].

At left wing, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At right wing, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At center, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At left defense, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At right defense, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

And in goal, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

"The head coach of ________________ is ________________________________.
"Assistant coaches are ____________________________________________________.

"And now, the starting lineup for the [mascot] of [institution].

At left wing, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At right wing, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At center, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At left defense, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

At right defense, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

And in goal, a [class] from [hometown], number [uniform number], [player name].

"The head coach of _________________ is _________________________________.

"Assistant coaches are ____________________________________________________.

"The officials for [today's/tonight's] game are _________________________________.

“And now to honor America and those who defend our freedom at home and abroad, please rise for the playing/singing of our national anthem.”