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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

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

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

Championship Administrator. The NCAA staff member responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Concussion Management

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I, Manuals Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal

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shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

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

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Division I); 18.4.1.5 (Divisions II and III) and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

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

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

Section 6 • Fan Travel

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics

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equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2¼ square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

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

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

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

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

Section 9 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

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

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

Feb. 10	Last day for qualification waivers to be accepted.
Feb. 16	Last day for regular-season competition to count toward selections.
Feb. 17-19	Qualifying scores shall be obtained in a designated NCAA qualifying match.
Feb. 20	Scores entered online and data files from designated qualifier due, noon Eastern time.
Feb. 21	All paper targets used in the designated qualifying must be received by the NCAA.
Feb. 22	Teleconference with full committee and announcement of team and individual qualifiers.
Feb. 27	Institutional representative must submit initial team roster and confirm individual qualifiers to the NCAA.
March 2	Administrative conference call for head coaches of all institutions and individuals participating in the NCAA Rifle Championships.

March 8	Arrival of officials at championships.
March 8	Arrival of teams and individuals at championships.
March 8	Championships registration and equipment check.
March 8	Deadline for institutions to make adjustments to their team roster.
March 9	Practice day - Air Rifle and Smallbore.
March 10	Individual and team competition – Smallbore.
March 11	Individual and team competition – Air Rifle.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2017 Finals – March 10-11, 2017 Columbus, Ohio; The Ohio State University, host.

FUTURE DATES

2018 Finals – March 9-10, 2018 TBD, host.

Section 1•4 Equipment

All rifles and related equipment must conform to the USA Shooting Rules Book, as specified in the rules book and the 2016-17 NCAA Rules Modification document.

At all 2017 NCAA qualifier matches, head coaches will be required to perform pre-competition equipment checks.

A voluntary equipment inspection shall take place before the start of the 2017 NCAA Rifle Championship. This equipment inspection will be conducted on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Additionally, random post-competition equipment inspections shall take place each day of competition at the NCAA Rifle Championships.

Section 1•5 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The championships will be conducted according to the 2014 USA Shooting Rules (Second Print, effective 1/2014), 2016-17 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications, NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Operations Manual and NCAA Bylaws.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

For uniform regulations, please see rule 7.5 in the USA Shooting Rules.

LOGOS

For logo policy information, please refer to the General Administrative Guidelines of this manual, Section 7 on page 5.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The competitive events for the 2017 National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Rifle Championships will be individual smallbore rifle three-position (60 shots) and air rifle (60 shots), with individual finals in each event, team smallbore rifle three-position and team air rifle.

All NCAA member institutions that sponsor the sport of intercollegiate rifle and are otherwise eligible may participate in the championships if selected.

The individual and team events in smallbore will be conducted Friday, March 10. The individual and team competition in air rifle will be conducted Saturday, March 11. An institution must qualify for both events unless an institution sponsors only one discipline. The overall team champion will be determined by combining the smallbore and air rifle team totals into one aggregate score for each institution. It will not be permissible for an institution to change the composition of its team between the two events in the team competition. Each team will consist of five individuals with the top four scores in each discipline counting toward the team score. All competitors who have qualified for the championships are eligible for the individual championships in each discipline. The relay format of the championships will place at least one competitor from each institution as counters on each relay in both smallbore and air rifle.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times are tentative and are subject to change.

Wednesday, March 8

3 p.m.	Games committee, tournament director, chief range officers and chief statistician meeting
3:15 - 7 p.m.	Registration
3:30 - 7 p.m.	Equipment checks

Thursday, March 9

8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Practice (smallbore and air rifle)
11:30 a.m.	Administrative/coaches meeting
TBD	NCAA banquet

Friday, March 10

9:45 a.m.	Individual and team competition with finals — smallbore
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Saturday, March 11

9:45 a.m.	Individual and team competition with finals — air rifle
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Note: Finals are for individuals only (smallbore and air rifle).

TRAVEL PARTY

[Reference: NCAA Travel Policies]

For teams and individuals selected for the championships, the following travel party information applies:

1-3 Student-Athletes selected	1 Non-Athlete
4-5 Student-Athletes selected	2 Non-Athletes

Section 2•2 Participation Procedures

ADJUSTED PLACE STANDINGS

[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.3-(a) in the NCAA Manual.]

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, the points the student contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association. The placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

ALTERNATES

A total of four alternates (two in each discipline) will be selected by the committee. Institutions will only be reimbursed for alternates if the shooters actually compete in the championships.

MIXED TEAMS

In accordance with NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet policy, an institution may compete with an all-male or all-female team or a mixed team of males and females. If an institution has two or more teams, the members of these teams must be listed on separate squad lists.

Any institution that sponsors rifle may choose to qualify a combined team to compete in the championships. The team must shoot as a combined team in an NCAA qualifying event and must be composed of student-athletes listed on a squad list (either mixed team, men's team or women's team). Only one team from an institution may qualify to compete in the championships. Teams must declare their qualifying squad before the beginning of the competition at the NCAA qualifier match.

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL ROSTER CONFIRMATIONS

Teams

Teams qualifying to participate in the championships will be announced on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m. Eastern time. An institution that has qualified a team in the championships may select as team members for the actual competition any of the student-athletes listed on their squad list. The initial five-person team roster must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 27, at noon Eastern time. Any changes to the initial five-person team roster must be made to the NCAA no later than check-in at team registration on Wednesday, March 8.

Following team registration, the committee may consider a team substitution only in extenuating circumstances.

Individuals

Individuals qualifying to participate in the championships will also be announced on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m. Eastern time. Individual acceptance must be received by the NCAA no later than Monday, Feb. 27, at noon Eastern time.

Institutions that qualify to participate in the team competition at the championships shall not be eligible to qualify any individual qualifiers for the championships.

Section 2•3 Qualifying Procedures

SCORE REPORTING

For all NCAA regular-season competition and NCAA qualifier matches, each host institution must submit individual and team results for all participants at that match to the NCAA via the online NCAA Rifle Score-Reporting System (www.ncaarifle.org).

Failure to submit completed results via the online NCAA Rifle Score-Reporting System or submitting inaccurate information can result in a financial penalty or removal from championships consideration. Score reporting **MUST** be submitted via the online NCAA Rifle Score-Reporting System. No other methods of score reporting will be accepted.

Score Verification Process – Electronic Target Data Files/Paper Targets

All institutions must retain their electronic target data files or paper targets for the entire academic year. The NCAA will be conducting random score verification at several points throughout the season.

The NCAA will require host institutions selected for score verification to submit the electronic target data files/paper

targets for select matches. Upon notification of score verification, an institution must provide the requested data files/paper targets within five business days.

QUALIFYING RESTRICTIONS

All regular-season scores must be received by the NCAA no later than the Monday following competition. All NCAA qualifier scores must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 20, at noon Eastern time.

The committee will consider qualification waivers for those institutions that fail to meet minimum qualifying requirements. These waivers must be sent to the NCAA by Feb. 10, 2017. "Certified competition" is defined as competition conducted under NCAA Bylaws. No regular-season scores after Feb. 16, 2017, will be accepted.

Institutions may use only certified 60-shot smallbore and/or 60-shot air rifle competition for qualification to the championships. Only competition against NCAA varsity teams of four-year degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition against U.S. four-year institutions may be counted for selection purposes.

Section 2•4 Selections Information

A maximum of 48 competitors will be selected to attend the championships.

Within the guidelines of this policy, the top eight or fewer teams in the combined smallbore and air rifle will qualify for the championships.

The committee will notify the teams and individuals that have qualified on Feb. 22. The committee also will select and identify a total of four alternates (two in each discipline).

- Feb. 22 – Notify teams and individuals.
- Feb. 27 – Teams submit initial five-person roster and individual qualifiers confirm participation by noon Eastern time.
- March 8 – Deadline for institutions to make changes to their team roster.

Acceptance of the invitation is a commitment to participate, unless the competitor is medically disqualified. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in penalties being assessed by the Men's and Women's Rifle Committee.

METHOD

The below methods will be used to select teams and individuals.

Teams

The top eight teams in the aggregate smallbore and air rifle will be determined by using the three highest regular-season combined scores with not more than one match at any given site. The average of the three highest combined scores will then be added to the results of the designated qualifier to determine the teams that advance to the championships. If a total qualifying score of a single-discipline team exceeds the score of one of the top eight teams in that discipline, they will be selected to participate in the championships, but only in that particular discipline. This scenario would reduce the number of individual qualifiers selected to the championships to three.

Teams will be limited to a maximum of five competitors (combined air rifle and smallbore) during the NCAA rifle championships.

Institutions that qualify to participate in the team competition at the championships shall not be eligible to qualify any individual qualifiers for the championships.

Team Ties

Should two teams' qualifying scores be tied, the following tie-breaker procedures will be followed in order until the tie is broken:

1. Team aggregate score from the designated NCAA qualifier match.
2. Total center count of the eight counting team scores from both disciplines (4 smallbore & 4 air rifle) of the NCAA qualifier match.
3. Aggregate score of the fifth-squadded team member(s) from both disciplines at the NCAA qualifier match.
4. Total center count of the fifth-squadded team member(s) from both disciplines at the NCAA qualifier match.

5. Counting back the combined score from your eight counting scores in each 10-shot series, beginning with the last series of air rifle (and then the next-to-last 10-shot series, etc.) of the NCAA Qualifier match.
6. Counting back the combined score of the fifth squadded team member in each 10-shot series, beginning with the last series of air rifle (and then the next-to-last 10-shot series, etc.) of the NCAA Qualifier match.
7. In the unlikely event that the procedures above do not break the tie, a coin toss will be conducted by the NCAA rifle committee chair/NCAA staff liaison to break the tie.

Individuals

In odd years, selections will start in descending order with the air rifle list and alternate with the smallbore list, until a total of 48 competitors and four alternates are identified. In even years, selections will start in descending order with the smallbore list and alternate with the air rifle list, until a total of 48 competitors are identified. In each discipline, the last competitor must be ranked at or above the first uninvited individual.

A student-athlete who qualifies for the individual championships, but is unable to participate, will be replaced by a student-athlete from the respective discipline. This replacement will be taken from an alternate list. Replacement for the individual championships will occur only if slots are available within the cap of 48.

Individual Ties

Should individual qualifying scores be tied, the following tie-breaker procedures will be followed in order until the tie is broken:

1. Highest number of center shots from the NCAA Qualifier match.
2. Highest score of the last 10-shot series from the NCAA Qualifier match, working backward by 10-shot series until the tie is broken.
3. NCAA Qualifier match scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using center shots (i.e., a center shot outranks a 10 that is not a center shot) beginning with the last shot, then the next-to-last shot, etc.
4. If electronic targets are used at the NCAA Qualifier match, scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using decimal ring scores, beginning with the last shot, then the next-to-last shot, etc.
5. In the unlikely event that the procedures above do not break the tie, a coin toss will be conducted by the NCAA rifle committee chair/NCAA staff liaison to break the tie.

Section 2•5 Travel Information

Travel information will be provided to teams and individuals selected. For general policy information, please see the NCAA Travel website at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

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Georgia Southern University
Jacksonville State University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Morehead State University
Murray State University
North Carolina State University
Texas Christian University
The Citadel
The Ohio State University
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
University of Akron

University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Kentucky
University of Memphis
University of Mississippi
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
University of Nevada, Reno
University of North Georgia
University of Tennessee at Martin
University of Texas at El Paso
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
Virginia Military Institute
West Virginia University
Wofford College