2016 NCAA Division III Men’s Soccer Championship
Preliminary-Round Information and Bid Checklist

Selections

Selections for the 2016 NCAA Division III Men’s Soccer Championship will be announced at 1 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, November 7 via web stream on NCAA.com.

Preliminary-Round Schedule

First/Second Rounds: Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2016*
Sectionals: Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20, 2016*

*Institutions with a Sunday no-play policy will compete on Friday & Saturday

As outlined on page 17 of the 2016 NCAA Division III Soccer Pre-Championship Manual, all double header sessions shall start at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or 5 p.m. and 7:30 if lights are available. There shall be a 30-minute break between games of a doubleheader. If the visiting team and host site cannot agree on a start time, the men’s soccer committee will make the final decision. During the first day of competition, the top two teams on the championship bracket will play the first game, and the bottom two teams on the championship bracket will play the second game.

A host institution desiring to deviate from these times shall indicate its requested start time(s) on the facility evaluation form and notify its regional advisory committee chair by Oct. 30.

Note: Due to a bracket increase to a 62-team bracket, the tournament will no longer feature single game first-round sites on Thursday and single game second-round sites on Sunday. The two teams who receive a first-round bye will host first-round competition on Saturday and play the winner on Sunday; if there are Sunday no-play teams involved, it will be Friday and Saturday.

Bid Checklist

The following materials must be submitted by institutions that wish to be considered as hosts for preliminary-round competition. All materials are due by 11 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, Oct. 30.

Aside from the submission of your institution’s certificate of insurance, each of the online forms listed below may be accessed and submitted through the championships host portal, at: https://championships.ncaa.org.

To begin the process of submitting a bid, you will need to locate the specific divisional sport and round in the Championships Available for Bidding section and click on Start Bid.
Proposed Budget(s). An online proposed budget must be completed for each round of competition you wish to host. For those institutions submitting bids for multiple rounds, a ‘copy’ function is available via the Budget System tab and will allow you to copy the budget for another round. The appropriate round and date of competition must be indicated on each budget. Please be sure to include projected ticket sales in the Receipts section.

Please carefully review pages 22-24 of the 2016 NCAA Division III Soccer Pre-Championship Manual, prior to submitting a proposed budget, and make note of the following for all preliminary-round games:

- Institutions will not receive an honorarium for hosting non-predetermined competition. NCAA staff will override the honorarium listed upon the host’s submission of the financial report. In addition, hosts will not receive per diem; consult the 2016-17 travel policies for further detail.

- All lodging expenses for officials and site representatives (if needed) must be included in your budget. Officials’ fees, per diem and travel expenses do not need to be included, nor do per diem and travel expenses for site representatives – the NCAA will pay those expenses directly.

Facility Profile. An online facility profile must be completed and/or maintained as necessary by each institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition. Information regarding video board, LED board and/or ribbon boards should be entered via the “Boards/Control Room” tab of the applicable venue profile.

A facility profile can be maintained and updated on a regular basis. If a facility can host multiple sports, check the appropriate box(es) under the Sports tab of the facility profile to provide the information for that facility. Refer to page 22 of the pre-championship manual for facility requirements and site selection procedures.

Key Contacts. The key contacts for your institution should be entered and/or maintained as necessary within your profile. Please enter the information for the key personnel associated with running a championship at your site.

If you previously submitted key contacts for this championship, a key contact form will automatically be created by the system. Please review the information by clicking on the PDF icon next to the Contacts link to ensure accuracy. This step is imperative to prevent incorrect or duplicate information. If edits need to be made, please click on the Contacts link and make the necessary updates.

Personnel who will administer the competition should be listed within the key contacts section of the Championships Bid and Host portal. Information must be entered on both the General tab and the Role/Titles by Sport or Facility tab. Please include the proper mailing address for overnight deliveries. P.O. box addresses are not acceptable.
Safety and Security Plan. Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships, which can be found here. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program.

As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue. You must also submit the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document. These documents should be uploaded in the document section of the facility profile. Both documents can be uploaded under the Safety and Security tab.

Liability Insurance. Host institution must maintain and provide proof of at least $1 million of general liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. Certificate must be submitted to NCAA prior to competition. State institutions subject to state governing tort laws are permitted to provide proof of limited liability under state laws instead of GL coverage. (This is the minimum requirement per NCAA bylaws).

If applicable, off-campus venue must also maintain and provide a minimum of $1 million in general liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. NCAA must be named as an additional insured.

All insurance must be provided by an insurance company with an A.M. Best Rating of A-, VII or higher.

Additional Host Information/Resources

Host Operations Manual. The 2016 NCAA Division III Soccer Championships Host Operations Manual will assist your institution in all stages of the bidding and hosting process.

Drug Testing. Drug testing may occur at any round of the championship and the assistance of the host institution will be a vital part of the testing. You will be notified in advance if the round
you are hosting has been selected for drug testing. Please review the [site coordinator manual](#) and note that The National Center for Drug-Free Sport will provide materials to assist in the program.

**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 facility will be in compliance as of the dates of the championship. If the host institution/conference becomes aware that a facility hosting an NCAA championship event will not be in compliance, the host institution/conference shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to discuss the issue.

**NCAA Bylaw 31.** Please review Bylaw 31 of the NCAA Division III Manual as it contains policies regarding the administration of an NCAA event.

**Contact Information.** If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Nick Strah at 317-917-6674 or [nstrah@ncaa.org](mailto:nstrah@ncaa.org) or John Bugner at 317-917-6529 or [jbugner@ncaa.org](mailto:jbugner@ncaa.org).