1. **2017-18 National Governing Softball Committee Members.**

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<td>Jen Starek, chair</td>
<td>East Region</td>
<td>Head Softball Coach</td>
<td>University of New Haven</td>
<td>September 2018</td>
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<td>John Wilson, Jr.</td>
<td>Atlantic Region</td>
<td>Assistant Athletics Director</td>
<td>Virginia State University</td>
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<td>Kristy Bayer</td>
<td>Central Region</td>
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<td>Rob Fournier</td>
<td>Midwest Region</td>
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<td>Wayne State University (Michigan)</td>
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<td>Patrick Peasant</td>
<td>South Region</td>
<td>Head Softball Coach/Assistant AD</td>
<td>Miles College</td>
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<td>Daven Bond</td>
<td>South Central Region</td>
<td>Head Softball Coach</td>
<td>Colorado Christian University</td>
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<td>Stacey Vallee</td>
<td>Southeast Region</td>
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<td>Francis Marion University</td>
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<td>Brandon Davis</td>
<td>West Region</td>
<td>Associate Director of Athletics</td>
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2. **2017-18 Softball Sponsorship.**

- Division I – 296
- Division II – 292
- Division III – 415

Note: The above sponsorship numbers include provisional and reclassifying members.

3. **2017 Championship.** The NCAA Division II Softball Championship provided for a field of 64 teams. The championship was held in Salem, VA and was hosted by the Mountain East Conference and City of Salem. The 64 teams participated in regionals at 16 institutional sites and then super regionals at eight institutional sites in double-elimination tournaments to determine the final eight participants.

The 2017 Division II Softball Championship featured the first year where teams were seeded at the final site based on regional RPI. The No. 1 and No. 2 teams met in the best-of-three final series and Minnesota State took the series 2-0 over Angelo State. Each game in the championship was aired via webcast on www.NCAA.com.

4. **Dates for 2018 Division II Softball Championship.** The 2018 championship will take place May 24-28 at the Moyer Sports Complex in Salem, Virginia.

- Selection Announcement: Monday, May 7 (Time TBD)
- Regionals: May 10-12
- Super Regionals: May 17-18
- Championship: May 24-28
5. **Future Championship Dates and Sites.**

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<td>April 26</td>
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<td>May 6 – 7</td>
<td>May 12 – 16</td>
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6. **Selection Requirements.** The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championship competition [Bylaw 3.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]: A team must have a .500 overall Division II record or above to be selected. Selection of teams shall be completed by Sunday, May 6. The softball committee will select eight teams from each region to participate in the championship. The softball committee shall have full authority to select the teams to compete in the respective regional tournaments. Each conference shall appoint regional advisory committees (RACs) to assist in evaluating teams, but recommendations of the advisory committee members are not binding on the softball committee.

- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;
- Nullification;
- In-region winning percentage;
- Division II winning percentage;
- Division II strength of schedule;
- Division II head-to-head competition; and
- Results versus Division II common opponents.

The Division II Softball Committee has received approval from the Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Softball Championship (not in priority order):

- Results vs. ranked Division II opponents;
- In-region Ratings Percentage Index (RPI); and
- In-region non-conference won-lost record.

All selection criteria are weighted equally. Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Softball Committee. Coaches’ polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Division II Softball Committee for selection purposes. Additionally, conference standings are not used as part of the selection criteria.

**NOTE:** Beginning in 2018-19, in-region, non-conference won-lost record will be replaced with Division II results vs. teams with a winning record.

7. **Annual Meeting.** The national softball committee's 2018 annual meeting will take place June 12-13 in Indianapolis. If you have issue that you would like the national softball committee to discuss, please forward them in writing to Molly Simons at the NCAA National Office by June 1, 2018.

8. **The Championships Committee Took the Following Actions on 2017 Committee Recommendations:**


- Approved that beginning in 2018-19, selection criteria will include Division II results vs. teams with a winning record and remove in-region, non-conference won-lost record.

This annual report is provided by the NCAA Division II National Softball Committee to outline key actions taken by the softball committee and the Division II Championships Committee during the past year and to provide general information regarding the softball championship. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the softball committee or Molly Simons, NCAA Championships & Alliances, (317-917-6222; msimons@ncaa.org).