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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

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

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes’ optimal experience.

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

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

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.
Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Concussion Management

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

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

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

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


Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution’s withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal
shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

**Section 4.2 Drug Testing**

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

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

**Section 4.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship**

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

**Section 4.4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies**

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

**Section 4.5 Sports Wagering Policy**

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

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

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

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

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

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

Section 6 • Fan Travel

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics
equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer’s normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete’s institution’s official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer’s or distributor’s normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2½ square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete’s institution’s official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer’s trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

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

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

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

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

Section 9 • Division III

Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams possible while minimizing missed class time; to emphasize regional competition in regular-season scheduling; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and a limited number of at-large teams, realizing that this may be done at the expense of leaving out some championship-caliber teams.

Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

If an institution’s commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship administrator in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sports committee to consider an accommodation and a change to the championship schedule.
The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, may reschedule the game on the nearest possible date.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.
- The governing sports committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 9.3 Religious Conflicts

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before May 1 of the preceding academic year to be excused from competing on that day. The notification shall be valid for a period of two years. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution, and such adjustment shall not require its team or an individual competitor to compete before the time originally scheduled.

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, a student-athlete must compete according to the institution’s policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).
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# Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Bylaw 21.4.1.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual]

An advisory committee in each of the eight sport regions shall assist the Division III Softball Committee in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Conference commissioners shall appoint conference representatives on the regional advisory committees.

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### Section 1.4 Important Dates

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<td>Tuesday, Jan. 17</td>
<td>Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, March 1</td>
<td>Bid information for selection of regional and super regional sites available online at <a href="http://www.NCAA.org">www.NCAA.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Thursdays, April 20, April 27, May 4 and Monday, May 8</td>
<td>Published rankings.</td>
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<td>Friday, April 21, 5 p.m. Eastern time</td>
<td>Deadline for submitting bid materials to serve as a host institution for a 2017 regional or super regional tournament.</td>
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<td>Sunday, May 7</td>
<td>Selection of teams.</td>
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<td>Monday, May 8, 1 p.m. Eastern time</td>
<td>Online selection show to announce teams and regional sites selected for the championship.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, May 9, 11 a.m. Eastern time</td>
<td>Regional teleconferences with respective regional host and participating teams.</td>
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<td>Friday-Sunday, May 12-14</td>
<td>Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play-on-Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13.)</td>
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<td>Monday, May 15, noon Eastern time</td>
<td>Teleconferences with respective super regional host and participating teams.</td>
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<td>Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20</td>
<td>Super regionals.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monday, May 22, 11 a.m. Eastern time</td>
<td>Teleconference with eight teams advancing to the finals.</td>
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Thursday-Tuesday, May 25-30  Championship at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; hosts — University of Central Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City All Sports Association.

Monday-Wednesday, June 19-21  Committee annual meeting (Indianapolis).

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Friday-Sunday, May 12-14  Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play-on-Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13.)

Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20  Super regionals.

Thursday-Tuesday, May 25-30  Championship at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; hosts — University of Central Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City All Sports Association.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATE FORMULA

Regionals (16): One week before the super regionals (Friday-Sunday)

Super Regionals (8): One week before the finals (Friday-Saturday)

Finals: Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Tuesday)

FUTURE DATES

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<td>2019</td>
<td>May 10-12</td>
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Sites for regionals and super regionals are determined by the Division III Softball Committee. Finals sites are recommended by the Division III Softball Committee, with final approval from the Division III Championships Committee. (See Appendix A for brackets).

Section 1•5  Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

If an institution’s commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sports committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, would reschedule the game on the nearest possible date if a participating school has a conflict.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.

The governing sports committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 1•6  Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams possible while minimizing missed class time; to emphasize regional competition in regular-season scheduling; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and a limited number of at-large teams, realizing that this may be done at the expense of leaving out some championship-caliber teams.
Section 1•7 Equipment

BALLS
The Rawlings NC12L is the official softball for the championship. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc. will supply softballs for all championship rounds; no other softball shall be used.

BATS
Bats used in competition MUST appear on the current NCAA Approved Softball Bat List, which is posted on www.sup.arbitersports.com. The bat list will be updated the second Monday of January, March, April and July. Additional lists will be posted when a manufacturer withdraws a bat model or the results of bat testing dictate assessing strikes against and/or removing a model. When reviewing the bat list, please note that a bat on the list with a strike(s) may be used in competition. Also, a summary of changes to the listing appears in a separate document. DEL means that model was deleted from the list.

Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for legally equipping their team. They are to provide umpires with a current bat list and highlight and indicate the number of each model of bats their team will be using during each game. Bats are to be checked before every game.

BAT TESTING
Bat testing will be conducted daily before competition at all Division III regionals and super regionals and at the finals.

Section 1•8 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. 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 NCAA softball rules shall be followed, including the rules and changes/modifications below:

1. The complex must be enclosed so that admission can be charged.
2. It is highly recommended that a facility have a skinned infield and a natural grass outfield. However, the softball committee will consider facilities with artificial surfaces when selecting sites.
3. The backstop must be at least 25 feet (maximum 30 feet) from home plate. When the backstop is wood, cement or brick, padding is required from dugout to dugout, beginning no higher than 1 foot off the ground and extending to the top of the wood, cement or brick or 6 feet from the ground, whichever is shorter. (Effective for the 2017 season.)
4. It is highly recommended that the playing field be enclosed completely by sideline fences and a permanent home-run fence in a smooth arc of not more than 235 feet from home plate.

For all new construction after 2016, it is required that the fence be 6 feet or higher and be a minimum of 190 feet in left and right fields and 220 in center field. By 2017, an institutional field with a 4-foot fence must be a minimum of 210 feet in left and right fields and 230 in center field, and it is highly recommended that a municipal field with a 4-foot fence used by the institution be at those same distances.

5. If a temporary home-run fence is used, it must be secured so as not to collapse on and displace the foul pole and to prevent balls from rolling under.

6. The international tiebreaker will not be used in championship play.

Section 1•9 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Each competing team selected for the NCAA championship must bring two sets of uniforms of different colors. The visiting
team must wear a contrasting color jersey from the home team. Determination of uniform jersey colors must be approved by the NCAA site representative. As a reminder, when teams play back-to-back games, they must be prepared to change uniforms, if necessary. Noncompliance with this policy may result in misconduct as outlined in this manual. On the field, including the practice areas and the bench and dugout, each team is limited to eligible players in uniform and coaches, athletic trainers and managers, all of whom shall be in appropriate team colors.

LOGOS

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

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The championship provides for a field of 62 teams. Four teams will compete at 14 regional sites, and three teams will compete at two regional sites in a double-elimination tournament. The 16 teams advancing from regionals will compete in a two-team, best-of-three tournament at eight super regional sites.

The eight teams advancing from super regionals will compete at the finals site in a double-elimination tournament. The final two teams will compete in a best-of-three series to determine the national champion.

Regionals. The procedures outlined below shall be used in the conduct of all regional tournaments.

Regionals will begin Friday, May 12. All regional tournaments will be conducted for a three-day period. (Regional competition will be conducted Thursday-Saturday for regional sites with a team that has a no-play Sunday policy and the inclement weather formula will be adjusted accordingly.) Every attempt should be made to complete regional competition by the Sunday before super regionals. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day.) If exceptions (e.g., weather) preclude the completion of competition by Monday, the advancing team will be determined based on the inclement weather formula in this section.

Four-Team Regionals. Games 1 and 2 will be played on the first day; Games 3, 4 and 5 will be played on the second day; and Game 6 (and Game 7, if necessary) will be played on the third day. The procedure below will be observed. Games follow in chronological order. No exceptions to game order will be permitted.

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Three-Team Regionals. Games 1 and 2 will be played on the first day; Games 3 and 4 will be played on the second day. Game 5, if necessary, will be played on the third day. Games follow in chronological order. No exceptions to game order will be permitted.

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Scenario 1 If two teams remain:

Game 4 – Two remaining teams play. If the undefeated team wins, that team wins the regional tournament and advances to the super regional tournament. If the 1-1 team wins, then Game 5 is played and the winner advances to the super regional tournament.

Scenario 2 If three teams remain (i.e., all three teams have one loss):

Game 4 – No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed

Game 5 – No. 1 seed vs. winner of Game 4. Winner of Game 5 advances to the super regional tournament.
Super Regionals. Super regionals will be conducted for a two-day period beginning May 19. Game 1 will be played on the first day; Game 2 (and Game 3, if necessary) will be played on the second day. Every attempt should be made to complete super regional competition by the Saturday before the NCAA Division III Softball Championship. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day.) If exceptions (e.g., weather) preclude the completion of competition by Sunday, the advancing team will be determined based on the inclement weather formula in this section.

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STARTING TIMES

Recommended starting times for regional and super regional games are included on the brackets in Appendix A. Prospective host institutions may request alternate starting times for regional and super regional games in their bid materials for approval by the NCAA Division III Softball Committee. Games times should be scheduled a minimum of two hours apart and must follow the championship format below.

Regional and super regional start times:
- Thursday or Friday games shall be scheduled between noon and 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday games shall be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday games shall be scheduled between noon and 8:30 p.m.

The committee shall determine game times for the finals.

LENGTH AND SCHEDULE OF GAMES

All games shall be seven innings, except that a five-inning, eight-run rule will be used in all rounds of the championship. If play is stopped before a seven-inning game is completed and the eight-run rule is not in effect, the game shall resume from the point of interruption. Every attempt should be made to complete regional competition by Saturday and super regional competition by Saturday. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day.)

If competition has to be extended to the additional day, it must be completed without starting a game after midnight that day. (If the regional or super regional final begins before 11:59 p.m. that day and an “if necessary” game becomes necessary to determine the champion, that game will immediately follow.)

If play is suspended before the regional or super regional championship game and competition at that round ceases, see the inclement weather advancement formula outlined below.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The committee reserves the right to revise the game schedule because of inclement weather or unforeseen consequences.

Four-team Regionals. If inclement weather limits play, every effort has been made to complete competition by Sunday and competition cannot be completed by Monday, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on the following:

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6 games played  
Winner of Game 6 unless each team has one loss (i.e., the teams are tied), then:
1) Head-to-head competition
2) Highest remaining seed

Three-team Regionals. If inclement weather limits play, and every effort has been made to complete competition by
Sunday and competition cannot be completed by Monday, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on
the following:

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| 4            | Winner of Game 4 unless each team has one loss (i.e., the teams are tied), then:
                              1) Head-to-head competition
                              2) Highest remaining seed |

Super Regional. If inclement weather limits play, and every effort has been made to complete competition Saturday and if
competition cannot be completed by Sunday, the team that will advance to the finals will be based on the following:

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<td>Winner of Game 1</td>
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<td>If each team has a loss, the highest seed</td>
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SQUAD SIZE
Each team is limited to 20 eligible players in uniform and an official travel party of 23. In addition, each team may request
a maximum of five bench passes (two of which may only be utilized by medical personnel). Bench passes provide free
admission to the competition venue and access to the dugout. Each team will submit a credential list and may request a
maximum of 23 participant credentials and a maximum of five bench passes. Any individuals not included on the credential
list must purchase a ticket for admission to the venue. A participating institution’s sports information director will receive a
separate media credential and is not included in the allotment of participant credentials or bench passes.

Teams will submit a roster for each round of competition (i.e., regionals, super regionals and the finals). Once competition
begins at each round, no changes may be made to a team roster for any reason. Coaches may include different individuals for
each round (e.g., do not need to designate the same student-athletes on the super regional roster as for the regional roster.)

The number of people allowed in the dugout shall not exceed 30, and 31 if the host provides a bat handler. A bat handler
must be at least 13 years of age. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly
conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the contest to allow a competing
institution to conform to the rule.

There will be no exceptions regarding this section.

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

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for an official travel party of 23 persons.

Section 2•2  Results

REGIONAL RANKINGS
Each regional advisory committee shall conduct a telephone conference each Wednesday beginning April 5 to rank the
designated number of teams in the respective sport region and submit its recommendation to the Division III Softball Committee
for review and final determination of rank order.

Published rankings will be released on NCAA.com the last three weeks of the regular season (April 20, April 27 and May
4) and in conjunction with selections (May 8). The primary criteria for each institution, listed alphabetically by region, will be included as part of the published rankings via links for each region included at the bottom of the rankings page. Note that score-reporting deadlines will begin several weeks before the published rankings.

**SCORE REPORTING**

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will be transferred to the score-reporting system for use by the Softball Committee. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a preseason memorandum distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the score-reporting process, please contact Michelle Forkner (mforkner@ncaa.org or 317-917-6775).

### Section 2.3 Selections Information

**ALLOCATION OF BERTHS**

As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2017 championship: Pool A — 42, Pool B — 1, Pool C — 19. (Note: The number of pools may be adjusted based on sponsorship numbers at the time of selections.)

Pool A includes the conferences that have been awarded automatic qualification. Pool B includes independent institutions and institutions from conferences that do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria. Pool C includes those Pool A institutions that do not receive their conference’s automatic bid and the remaining teams in Pool B. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pool B or Pool C and no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region. A regional summary of the institutions in each pool is included in Appendix B.

The Division III Softball Committee will select teams from Pools B and C on a national basis using primary and secondary selection criteria. The committee will select teams in Pools B and C based on the criteria listed in this section.

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

Conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2017 championship are:

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<td>New England Small College Athletic Conference</td>
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<td>New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference</td>
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COUNTABLE COMPETITION
For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

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

In-region competition is defined as follows:
1. Contests against Division III opponents within an institution's established sport region.
2. Contests against Division III opponents within an institution's defined membership region. (Constitution 4.13.1.1)
3. Contests against Division III institutions within a 500-mile radius. The NCAA Travel Expense System (TES) (https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles) will be utilized to confirm the distance from campus to campus.
4. Contests against conference opponents.
5. Contests against institutions in any year of the provisional or reclassifying process into Division III (within the same defined membership region).

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

Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.4.2 – Selection Criteria.]

PRIMARY CRITERIA
The primary criteria emphasize Division III competition (all contests leading up to the NCAA championships). All criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents.
- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the rankings at the time of selection.
  - Conference postseason contests are included.
  - Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).
  - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).
  - See Appendix C for explanation of OWP and OOWP calculations. Strength of schedule is weighted at 2/3 OWP and 1/3 OOWP.

SECONDARY CRITERIA
If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against out-of-region Division III and all other opponents, including those contests versus opponents from other classifications (i.e., NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage.
● Results versus common non-Division III opponents.

Coaches’ polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Softball Committee for selection purposes.

PAIRINGS
[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.5.1 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the teams from Pool B and Pool C are selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity and assigned to a regional site. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained (within 500 miles). Flights shall be minimized. Teams from the same conference will not be paired to play one another in the first game of regionals as long as geographic proximity is maintained.

Section 2.5 Site Selection

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting a regional or super regional of the 2017 NCAA Division III Softball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions (if applicable) and ensure that the institution’s key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the “Championships Available for Bidding” section and select “Start Bid.” The highest-ranked teams will be given consideration as regional and super regional sites, assuming they meet the requirements of Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for hosting a regional or super regional round for this championship is 5 p.m. Eastern time April 21.

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

● Lodging for committee members and site representatives.
● Lodging for umpires.
● State and city taxes/fees.
● Ticket and facility fees.

Per diem, mileage and baggage fees for committee members and site representatives will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Umpires will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and baggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2017 NCAA Division III Softball Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at championships.ncaa.org. Supporting information (e.g., facility diagram or pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility’s profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations regarding prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS

Institutions interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2017 NCAA Division III Softball Championship must submit a key contacts form via the Championships Bid and Profile System by 5 p.m. Eastern time Friday, April 21.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, in addition to the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, which is located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.
CONTACT INFORMATION
If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Barb Hallam (bhallam@ncaa.org; 317-917-6570) or email championshipbid@ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT
[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]
A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the “budget” tab not later than 60 days of the conclusion of competition.
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Appendix A • Brackets

2017 NCAA Division III Softball Championship
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 25-30

Game No. 1
11 a.m.
Thursday

Game No. 2
1:30 p.m.
Thursday

Loser of Game No. 1
Game No. 5
11 a.m.
Friday

Loser of Game No. 2
Loser of Game No. 7

Game No. 3
4 p.m.
Thursday

Game No. 4
6:30 p.m.
Thursday

Loser of Game No. 3
Game No. 6
1:30 p.m.
Friday

Loser of Game No. 4
Loser of Game No. 8

Game No. 7
4 p.m.
Friday

Game No. 8
6:30 p.m.
Friday

Game No. 9
4 p.m.
Saturday

Game No. 11
Noon
Sunday

Game No. 15
1 p.m.
Monday

Game No. 13
5 p.m.
Sunday
("If necessary")

Game No. 17
11 a.m.
Tuesday
("If necessary")

Game No. 14
7:30 p.m.
Sunday
("If necessary")

Game No. 16
3:30 p.m.
Monday

Loser of Game No. 9

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* If only one "If necessary" game is needed, it will be played 45 minutes following Game No. 12.
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Information subject to change.
2017 NCAA Division III Softball Championship Regional Bracket
Four-Team Regional Site
May 12-14

#2

Game 1
Winner Game 1
Friday, May 12, noon

#3

Game 2
Winner Game 2
Friday, May 12, 2:30 p.m.

#1

Game 3
Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m.

#4

Game 4
Winner Game 4
Saturday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.

Loser Game 1
Saturday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.
Loser Game 2

#5

Game 5
Winner Game 5
Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m.

Loser Game 3

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2017 Three-team Regional Bracket

Day 1
Game 1 - No. 1 seed vs. No. 3 seed
Game 2 - No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed

Day 2
Game 3 - No. 1 seed vs. No. 2 seed
Game 4 - See scenarios below

Day 3
Game 5 (if necessary) - See scenarios below

Scenario 1
If two teams remain after Game 3:
Game 4 – Two remaining teams play. If the undefeated team wins, that team wins the regional tournament and advances to the super regional tournament; if the 1-1 team wins, then Game 5 is played on Day 3 and the winner advances to the super regional tournament.

Scenario 2
If three teams remain after Game 3 (i.e., all three teams have one loss):
Game 4 - No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed
Game 5 - No. 1 seed vs. winner of Game 4; winner of Game 5 advances to the super regional tournament.
2017 NCAA Division III Softball Championship
Super Regional
May 19 and 20

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*Denotes host institution
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### Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

#### ATLANTIC REGION

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| **Centennial Conference (9)**     | Muhlenberg College, Swarthmore College, Ursinus College, Washington College (Maryland) |
| Dickinson College                  |                                                                              |
| Franklin & Marshall College       |                                                                              |
| Gettysburg College                |                                                                              |
| Haverford College                 |                                                                              |
| McDaniel College                  |                                                                              |

| **Landmark Conference (7)**       | Moravian College, University of Scranton, Susquehanna University             |
| Catholic University               |                                                                              |
| Drew University                   |                                                                              |
| Elizabethtown College             |                                                                              |
| Juniata College                   |                                                                              |

| **Old Dominion Athletic Conference (11)** | Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, Virginia Wesleyan College |
| Bridgewater College (Virginia)      |                                                                              |
| Eastern Mennonite University       |                                                                              |
| Emory and Henry College            |                                                                              |
| Guilford College                   |                                                                              |
| Lynchburg College                  |                                                                              |
| Randolph College                   |                                                                              |

| **Southern Athletic Conference (7)** | Millsaps College, Rhodes College, University of the South                        |
| Berry College                       |                                                                              |
| Birmingham-Southern College        |                                                                              |
| Centre College                      |                                                                              |
| Hendrix College                     |                                                                              |

| **USA South Athletic Conference (16)** | Maryville College (Tennessee), Meredith College, Methodist University, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Piedmont College, Salem College, Wesleyan College (Georgia), William Peace University |
| Agnes Scott College                 |                                                                              |
| Averett University                  |                                                                              |
| Covenant College                    |                                                                              |
| Ferrum College                      |                                                                              |
| Greensboro College                  |                                                                              |
| Huntingdon College                  |                                                                              |
| LaGrange College                    |                                                                              |
| Mary Baldwin University             |                                                                              |

| **Pool B (3)**                      | Trinity Washington University                                              |
| Emory University (UAA)              |                                                                              |
| Pine Manor College                  |                                                                              |

*Berea College (active 2017-18)*

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## CENTRAL REGION

### Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)
- Anderson University (Indiana)
- Bluffton University
- Defiance College
- Franklin College
- Hanover College
- Manchester University
- Mount St. Joseph University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Transylvania University

### Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)
- Adrian College
- Albion College
- Alma College
- Calvin College
- Hope College
- Kalamazoo College
- Olivet College
- Saint Mary’s College (Indiana)
- Trine University

### North Coast Athletic Conference (9)
- Allegheny College
- Denison University
- DePauw University
- Hiram College
- Kenyon College
- Oberlin College
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Wittenberg University
- College of Wooster

### Ohio Athletic Conference (10)
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Capital University
- Heidelberg University
- John Carroll University
- Marietta College
- University of Mount Union
- Muskingum University
- Ohio Northern University
- Otterbein University
- Wilmington College (Ohio)

### Presidents’ Athletic Conference (10)
- Bethany College (West Virginia)
- Chatham University
- Geneva College
- Grove City College
- Saint Vincent College
- Thiel College
- Thomas More College
- Washington and Jefferson College
- Waynesburg University
- Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

### Pool B (1)
- Case Western Reserve University (UAA)
### EAST REGION

#### Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (10)
- D'Youville College
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Hilbert College
- La Roche College
- Medaille College
- Mount Aloysius College
- Penn State University, Altoona
- Penn State University Erie, the Behrend College
- University of Pittsburgh, Bradford
- University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

#### City University of New York Athletic Conference (7)
- Baruch College
- Brooklyn College
- Hunter College
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Lehman College
- College of Staten Island
- York College (New York)

#### Colonial States Athletic Conference (12)
- Cabrini College
- Cairn University
- Cedar Crest College
- Centenary College (New Jersey)
- Clarks Summit University
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Immaculata University
- Keystone College
- Marywood University
- Neumann University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Rosemont College

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)
- Albright College
- Alvernia University
- Arcadia University
- Hood College
- Lebanon Valley College
- Lycoming College
- Messiah College
- Stevenson University
- Widener University

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)
- Delaware Valley College
- DeSales University
- Eastern University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham
- King’s College (Pennsylvania)
- Manhattanville College
- Misericordia University
- Wilkes University

#### New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)
- Kean University
- Montclair State University
- New Jersey City University
- The College of New Jersey
- Ramapo College
- Rowan University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark
- Stockton University
- William Paterson University of New Jersey

#### Pool B (1)
- University of Valley Forge
## GREAT LAKES REGION

### College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)
- Augustana College (Illinois)
- Carroll University (Wisconsin)
- Carthage College
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Millikin University
- North Central College
- North Park University
- Wheaton College (Illinois)

### Midwest Conference (10)
- Beloit College
- Cornell College
- Grinnell College
- Illinois College
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lawrence University
- Monmouth College (Illinois)
- Ripon College
- St. Norbert College

### Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (12)
- Alverno College
- Aurora University
- Benedictine University (Illinois)
- Concordia University Chicago
- Concordia University Wisconsin
- Dominican University (Illinois)
- Edgewood College
- Lakeland College
- Marian University (Wisconsin)
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Rockford University
- Wisconsin Lutheran College

### Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)
- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville
- University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- University of Wisconsin-Stout
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

### Pool B (4)
- Finlandia University
- Maranatha Baptist University
- Mount Mary University
- University of Chicago (UAA)
## MIDWEST REGION

### Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)
- Buena Vista University
- Central College (Iowa)
- Coe College
- University of Dubuque
- Loras College
- Luther College
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Simpson College
- Wartburg College

### Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)
- Augsburg College
- Bethel University (Minnesota)
- Carleton College
- Concordia College, Moorhead
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hamline University
- Macalester College
- College of St. Benedict
- St. Catherine University
- Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota
- St. Olaf College
- University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

### St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)
- Blackburn College
- Eureka College
- Fontbonne University
- Greenville College
- *Iowa Wesleyan University (active 2018-19)*
- MacMurray College
- Principia College
- Spalding University
- Webster University
- Westminster College (Missouri)

### Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (9)
- Bethany Lutheran College
- Crown College (Minnesota)
- Martin Luther College
- University of Minnesota, Morris
- North Central University
- Northland College
- University of Northwestern-St. Paul
- The College of St. Scholastica
- University of Wisconsin-Superior

### Pool B (1)
- Washington University in St. Louis (UAA)

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### NEW ENGLAND REGION

#### Commonwealth Coast Conference (10)
- Curry College
- Eastern Nazarene College
- Endicott College
- Gordon College
- University of New England
- Nichols College
- Roger Williams University
- Salve Regina University
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western New England University

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

#### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)
- Bridgewater State University
- Fitchburg State University
- Framingham State University
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Salem State University
- Westfield State University
- Worcester State University

#### New England Collegiate Conference (10)
- Bay Path University
- Becker College
- Daniel Webster College
- Elms College
- Lesley University
- Mitchell College
- Newbury College
- Regis College (Massachusetts)
- Southern Vermont College
- Wheelock College

#### New England Small College Athletic Conference (10)
- Amherst College
- Bates College
- Bowdoin College
- Colby College
- Hamilton College
- Middlebury College
- Trinity College (Connecticut)
- Tufts University
- Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
- Williams College

#### New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (10)
- Babson College
- Clark University (Massachusetts)
- Emerson College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Smith College
- Springfield College
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- Wellesley College
- Wheaton College (Massachusetts)
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### North Atlantic Conference (7)
- Castleton University
- Husson University
- Johnson State College
- Lyndon State College
- University of Maine, Farmington
- New England College
- Thomas College

#### Pool B (2)
- Brandeis University (UAA)
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
## NORTHEAST REGION

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

### Great Northeast Athletic Conference (12)
- Albertus Magnus College
- Anna Maria College
- Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
- Johnson & Wales University (Rhode Island)
- Lassell College
- Mount Ida College
- Norwich University
- Rivier University
- University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)
- Saint Joseph’s College (Maine)
- Simmons College
- Suffolk University

### Liberty League (7)
- Clarkson University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- University of Rochester (Liberty/UAA)
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- St. Lawrence University
- Skidmore College
- Union College (New York)

### North Eastern Athletic Conference (12)
- Cazenovia College
- State University of New York at Cobleskill
- Gallaudet University
- Keuka College
- Lancaster Bible College
- Morrisville State College
- State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
- Penn State Berks College
- Penn State University, Abington
- *Pennsylvania College of Technology (active 2017-18)
- College of Saint Elizabeth
- Wells College
- Wilson College

### Skyline Conference (10)
- Farmingdale State College
- Mount Saint Mary College (New York)
- College of Mount St. Vincent
- State University College at Old Westbury
- Purchase College, State University of New York
- The Sage Colleges
- St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn)
- St. Joseph’s College (Long Island)
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Yeshiva University

### State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)
- College at Brockport, State University of New York
- Buffalo State, State University of New York
- State University of New York at Cortland
- The State University of New York at Fredonia
- State University of New York at Geneseo
- State University of New York at New Paltz
- State University of New York at Oneonta
- State University of New York at Oswego
- Plattsburgh State University of New York
- State University of New York at Potsdam

### Pool B (3)
- College of New Rochelle
- New York University (UAA)
- State University of New York at Canton

*Alfred State College (active 2018-19)

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## WEST REGION

### American Southwest Conference (11)

*Belhaven University (active 2019-20)
Concordia University Texas
East Texas Baptist University
Hardin-Simmons University
Howard Payne University
LeTourneau University

Louisiana College
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Sul Ross State University
University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)
University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at Tyler

### Northwest Conference (8)

George Fox University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Pacific Lutheran University

Pacific University (Oregon)
University of Puget Sound
Whitworth University
Willamette University

### Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)

California Lutheran University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
University of La Verne

Occidental College
Pomona-Pitzer Colleges
University of Redlands
Whittier College

### Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)

Austin College
Centenary College (Louisiana)
University of Dallas
Schreiner University

Southwestern University (Texas)
Texas Lutheran University
Trinity University (Texas)

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Appendix C • Strength of Schedule Calculation

The strength of schedule is made up of two factors: the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and the opponents' opponents' winning percentage (OOWP).

**Opponents’ Winning Percentage.** Take each opponent’s won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents’ winning percentage.

**To Calculate.** Team A’s schedule is as follows:

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<th>vs. Team A</th>
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\[
\frac{69}{(69 + 54)} = .561 \text{ (OWP)}
\]

**Opponents’ Opponents’ Winning Percentage (OOWP).** The strength of each opponent’s schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents’ won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents’ opponents’ won-lost record. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

**To Calculate.** Using the total opponents’ won-lost record for Teams B, C, D, E and F (Team A’s opponents), perform the same calculation as the OWP.

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\[
\frac{272}{(272 + 267)} = .505 \text{ (OOWP)}
\]

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of .561; Team A has an OOWP of .505 and Team C has an OOWP of .456; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

**Strength of Schedule Calculation.** To calculate the strength of schedule, add two-thirds of the OWP to one-third of the OOWP. Team A’s strength of schedule calculation is as follows:

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