2017 Division II Baseball Championship

Pre-Championship 2016-17 Manual
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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 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 • Division II

Section 9•1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. (Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual’s future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.
Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division’s priorities and emphasize the division’s position within the Association: Learning, Service, Passion, Sportsmanship, Resourcefulness and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: (Revised: 1/14/97)

a. Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution’s student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution’s student body; (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

b. That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

c. Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution’s mission and philosophy; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

d. That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

e. Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

f. Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

g. That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large; (Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)

h. Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; (Revised: 1/14/97)

i. Recognizing the need to “Balance” the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)

j. That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget, and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and (Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

k. That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. (Revised: 1/14/97)

Section 9.2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere
to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletic participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit a complete and accurate Division II Code of Conduct form before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of $500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 defines misconduct as: “… 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.”

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day’s competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Submit an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct Form before the start of the first competition of the championship.
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship events.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include but are not limited to:

a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;

b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;

c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;

d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association’s travel guarantee for the individual involved;

e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;

g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and

h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the president/chancellor of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

Section 9•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences, pre-championship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship administrator and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of $500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president/chancellor, university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and the compliance director. The NCAA championship administrator will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

Section 9•4 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 prior to Sept. 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. (Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)

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

- May 18-22: Regionals, on-campus sites.
- May 27-June 3: Finals; Grand Prairie, Texas.

### DATE FORMULA

The finals begin the fourth Saturday in May (Saturday to Saturday). Regionals are the Thursday through Monday before the finals.
FUTURE DATES

2018 Dates
May 17-20, 2018  Regionals: On-campus sites.
May 26-June 2, 2018  Finals: TBD.

2019 Dates
May 16-20, 2019  Regionals: On-campus sites.
May 25- June 1, 2019  Finals: TBD.

2020 Dates
May 14-18, 2020  Regionals: On-campus sites.
May 23- 30, 2020  Finals: TBD.

Section 1.5 Equipment

The Rawlings FSR1NCAA flat-seam baseball has been selected as the official baseball for all NCAA championship tournaments.

The appropriate number of balls will be sent to all tournaments. The balls will be shipped from the manufacturer to the director of athletics or tournament director at the host institution. Each team must furnish its own practice balls.

Section 1.6 Rules

NCAA Baseball Rules shall be followed to the letter. 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.

Section 1.7 Uniforms

Once a team enters the stadium/field, it must be in full pregame or regular-game uniform (no shorts permitted). In addition, team representatives must be in appropriate attire, not necessarily in uniform, for all other championship functions (press conferences, all practices, banquets, autograph sessions, etc.), which shall include warm-ups, batting practice and infield practice. Team personnel must remain in uniform until they exit the facility.

For the regionals and finals, teams must be in pregame or regular-game uniform for warm-ups, batting practice, infield practice and competition at the site.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.
Section 2•1 Championship Format

All regular-season contests must be completed the Saturday before selections. All games must be scheduled to start not later than 3 p.m. local time the Sunday of selections. (Allowances will be made for weather delays at the NCAA championship manager’s discretion.)

The procedures outlined below shall be used in the conduct of the regional competitions. All regionals will begin Thursday, May 18. Except for the reason of inclement weather, the format listed below may not be altered unless prior approval is granted by the Division II Baseball Committee. If inclement weather is involved, the last possible time a regional championship game will be permitted to start is 7:30 p.m. local time, Tuesday, May 23. If a regional cannot be completed, refer to the criteria for determining which team will advance to the championship (see pages 18; Length of Game — Halted-Game Rule). Prospective host institutions must submit recommended dates and starting times for all games within the proposed budget material for approval by the committee.

The championship provides for eight regional sites that shall be double-elimination tournaments.

**Six-Team Regional.** Seed No. 1 will play Seed No. 6; Seed No. 2 will play Seed No. 5; and Seed No. 3 will play Seed No. 4.

**Seven-Team Regional.** Seed No. 1 will have a buy; Seed No. 4 will play Seed No. 5; Seed No. 2 will play Seed No. 7; and Seed No. 3 will play Seed No. 6.

**Eight-Team Regional.** Seed No. 1 will play Seed No. 8; Seed No. 4 will play Seed No. 5; Seed No. 2 will play Seed No. 7; and Seed No. 3 will play Seed No. 6.

(See Appendix D for number of teams ranked per region.)

During the first day of competition, only the host institution for a regional competition (not the No. 1 seed) may schedule its game at any of the established starting times; however, the game it replaces shall be played at the time originally scheduled for the host team. It should be noted that the pairings in the bracket may not be altered and the game times during the remainder of the tournament may not be adjusted. If no games are played the first day due to inclement weather, the host must play at the time as determined by the bracket.

**Championship Finals.** The eight regional champions will advance to the championship finals. The Division II Baseball Committee will finalize pairings and game times during a teleconference, Monday, May 22.

Four teams will be placed in one bracket and four teams will be placed in the other. Teams are paired yearly on a rotating basis. The bracket will be a true double-elimination format. The two bracket winners will play to determine the national champion Saturday, June 3.

Regional bracket pairings can be found in Appendix C.

**DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAM**

For first-round games during championship competition when teams are seeded, the higher-seeded team shall be designated as the home team. In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to a formula applied by the games committee.

In determining which of two teams in any game will be the home team, the games committee or the committee representative shall designate the home team using the following guidelines (except “if necessary” games):

1. The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times in that particular tournament.
2. If the two teams are equal in this respect but unequal in the number of times they were the visitor, then the team that has been the visitor more often will be designated the home team.
3. If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the games committee or the committee representative shall observe the following procedures in the order stated:
   - If the two teams have met previously in that particular tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question;
The team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding games; or
- If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by lot.

*In an “if-necessary” game, the teams will reverse home and away designation regardless of the above guidelines but remain in the same dugout and same uniforms.

The home team shall occupy the third-base dugout, take infield practice first and wear white or light-colored uniforms. The visiting team must wear a uniform of contrasting color. The games committee in conjunction with the NCAA point person will resolve any conflict in the selection of uniforms. All decisions are final and assignments of uniform color are mandatory.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*All times listed are local (Grand Prairie, Texas)*

**Thursday, May 25**
Teams arrive.
5:30 p.m. Championship administrative meeting.

**Friday, May 26**
9 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. Team practices.
3 p.m. Umpires meeting.
6 p.m. Championship banquet.

**Saturday, May 27**
1 p.m. Game No. 1
5 p.m. Game No. 2

**Sunday, May 28**
1 p.m. Game No. 3
5 p.m. Game No. 4

**Monday, May 29**
1 p.m. Game No. 5
5 p.m. Game No. 6

**Tuesday, May 30**
3 p.m. Game No. 7
7 p.m. Game No. 8

**Wednesday, May 31**
3 p.m. Game No. 9
7 p.m. Game No. 10

**Thursday, June 1**
3 p.m. Game No. 11
7 p.m. Game No. 12

**Friday, June 2**
3 p.m. TBA (if necessary)
7 p.m. TBA (if necessary)
*If only one game, start time will be 6 p.m.*

**Saturday, June 3**
7 p.m. Championship game.
Awards presentation and fireworks immediately following.
START TIMES
Start times will be determined by the NCAA in conjunction with the host institution. It is preferred that regional hosts adhere to the recommended game times noted on the regional bracket located in the appendixes of this manual. The committee will make every attempt not to start a game before 10 a.m. (noon on Sunday) or after 11 p.m.; however, games may be started up until 11:59 p.m.

LENGTH OF GAME — HALTED-GAME RULE
All games shall be nine innings. If play has been stopped before nine innings have been completed, the halted-game rule (Rule 5-9) shall be used. [Note: The 10-Run Rule - Rule 5-8-b-(4) - shall not be used for regionals.]

In Division II, the games committee will make the decision as to when a game will be started, suspended, restarted or declared completed. If a regional cannot be completed, a team will advance to the final based on the following:

1. Until one team becomes 3-0, the highest-seeded team that has not been eliminated will advance to the finals.
2. If teams have an equal number of losses, the higher-seeded team, as determined by the Division II Baseball Committee before the start of regional play, will advance to the finals.

Championship Finals. The eight regional champions will advance to the championship. The championship bracket, including dates and game times, may be found in Appendix A on page 23.

TRAVEL PARTY
The travel party for the Division II Baseball Championship is 29 persons. The number of eligible players in uniform shall not exceed 25. At the administrative meeting, each coach shall designate the 25 eligible players who will participate in the championship. A roster will be provided to list the 25 players, as well as the other personnel to be allowed in the dugout during the game.

A maximum number of people in the dugout area is 34. This includes 25 eligible players in uniform, seven others in uniform (coaching staff included) and two non-uniformed personnel who regularly have performed functions during the season. Non-uniformed personnel may not participate in pregame warm-ups or game-type functions on the field or in the bullpen.

Postseason Roster Replacements. Changes to the official squad list may only be made before the first pitch of the tournament. Changes shall not be permitted for any reason, including injury. (Note: Changes would be permitted between regionals and the championship).

Section 2.2 Results

SCORE REPORTING
The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are now combined for Division II baseball. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will then be imported into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SID's in a memo from the media services staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Dave Lentz (dlentz@ncaa.org or 317-917-0783.

The regional advisory committee will conduct its weekly rankings on the following Tuesdays: April 18*, April 25, May 2 and May 9. The national committee will conduct its weekly rankings on the following Wednesdays: April 19*, April 26, May 3 and May 10.

*Practice ranking, nonpublished. (See Appendix D for number of teams ranked per region.)

Section 2.3 Selection Information

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS
The Division II championship provides for a maximum field of 56 teams. Twenty-three conferences have been granted automatic qualification privileges. The remaining teams will be selected at-large by the baseball committee.
AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2017 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship:

- California Collegiate Athletic Association
- Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
- Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
- Conference Carolinas
- East Coast Conference
- Great American Conference
- Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Great Lakes Valley Conference
- Great Midwest Athletic Conference
- Gulf South Conference
- Heartland Conference
- Lone Star Conference
- Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
- Mountain East Conference
- Northeast-10 Conference
- Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
- Pacific West Conference
- Peach Belt Conference
- Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
- Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
- South Atlantic Conference
- Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Sunshine State Conference

Conference AQs must be determined and submitted by the commissioner to the NCAA by 4 p.m. EST, May 14.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

In considering teams for at-large selection, the committee will place special emphasis on games played within each team’s geographical region.

IN-REGION COMPETITION

Regional pairings will be determined by the Division II Baseball Committee.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located at http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must:

- Have an overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better.
- Compete in at least 24 contests (if extenuating circumstances prevent an institution from meeting this requirement, the institution may request a waiver from the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee).

NCAA BYLAW 31.3.3.1.1 — 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 Constitution 3.3.4.4) of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an:

- Overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better.
- Compete in at least 15 contests, of which a minimum of 10 games must be played against in-region NCAA Division II opponents and at least one versus an in-region, non-conference NCAA Division II opponent. (If extenuating circumstances prevent an institution from meeting this requirement, the institution may request a waiver from the baseball committee.)
SELECTION CRITERIA

NEW! Effective 2015-16 the new Division II team sport selection criteria will be implemented. Note: Primary and secondary criteria will no longer be used.

Required Selection Criteria

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.3.1 in the NCAA Manual]

- In-region winning percentage;
- Division II winning percentage;
- Division II strength of schedule (opponents’ average winning percentage and opponents’ opponents’ average winning percentage);
- Division II head-to-head competition; and
- Results versus Division II common opponents.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3.1, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to use the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Baseball Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Sport-specific Selection Criteria

- Division II record on the road.
- Division II results versus teams with a record of .500 or better.
- Results versus ranked Division II opponents.

Tie-Breaking Criteria

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the tie-breaking criteria will be reviewed. The criteria listed will be evaluated in priority order.

1. Head-to-head competition (minimum of two contests); and
2. Results versus common opponents.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Baseball Committee. The Division II Baseball Committee should contact a regional advisory committee upon making its final selection of teams if its selection of teams differs from the results put forth by the regional advisory committee via the RAC balloting process. Coaches’ polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Division II Baseball Committee for selection purposes.

Regular-Season Contests.

At the time the game is scheduled, both teams shall agree as to whether the game is to be counted for purposes of won-lost records and team and individual statistics. A game will be counted by both teams as an official contest unless both teams agree in writing before the game that it is to be an exhibition contest. If it is an exhibition contest, the team and the individual statistics and records cannot be counted for either team. In any event, the contest or exhibition remains countable as a contest for the purpose of Bylaws 17.2.7.1 and 17.02.3. Further, all games must be regulation length (See Rule 5-8 of the 2015-16 NCAA Baseball Rules Book). All varsity games played between four-year, degree-granting institutions in the traditional season must be counted for purposes of won-lost record and team/individual statistics.

Coaches should be aware of the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of competition). Any participation by a student-athlete against outside competition, however limited, shall constitute a season of competition.

No games played during the fall will be included in a team’s won-lost record and statistics, except for schools located in Puerto Rico (Bylaw 17.2.5.1).

Section 2.5 Site Selection

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

The top-seeded team, as determined by the baseball committee, shall be provided the opportunity to host the regional competition, provided that team meets the criteria listed below. If the top-seeded team does not meet the criteria or elects not to host, the opportunity to host would then go to the next highest-seeded team.
Regional Site Criteria

1. Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
2. Crowd control and behavior of the prospective host.

The following additional criteria have been approved:

3. The facility must be enclosed so admission can be charged and provide for sufficient spectator seating.
4. The host must have adequate field preparation resources available (e.g., tarp, drying agents, personnel) to maximize play of the field in case of inclement weather.
5. A full infield tarp and an adequate number of individuals to serve as a tarp crew are required. (The Division II Baseball Committee may grant a waiver of this requirement based on geography and field specs).
6. There must be a covered area for the working media and game operations personnel.
7. The host must provide protective screens for each team during practices and games.
8. Weather permitting, at least one practice session, maximum of 60 minutes, must be available to each team on the competition field the day before the first day of competition.
9. Eight hotel rooms shall be reserved for the umpires, NCAA site representative and umpire evaluator, if assigned, at a property separate from the team properties.
10. If teams are housed in separate properties, the host must negotiate comparable room rates at each property.
11. A minimum of 16 double/double rooms shall be reserved for each of the participating teams. If teams are housed in separate properties, teams will be assigned according to a random draw.
12. All housing must be located within a reasonable and comparable distance from the site of competition.

Facilities must have ample field lighting and permanent or temporary seats for 250 in order to be considered to host regional competition.

BID MATERIALS

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2017 championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific question (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 bit, you must first locate the desired championship in the “Championships Available for Bidding” section and select “Start Bid.”

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the Championships Bid and Profile System at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for preliminary rounds is Monday, May 8.

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

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees
- Ticket and facility fees

Committees/site representative’s per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials game fees, per diem mileage (if applicable) and luggage fees (if applicable) will be reimbursed by the NCAA via ArbiterPay.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2017 championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at championships.ncaa.org. Any supporting information — e.g., facility diagram, 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 of prospective host sites.
A competing institution that cannot restrict access and charge admission at its venue, cannot establish a barrier between spectators and the field, or does not meet the minimum field requirements as outlined in the NCAA Baseball 2017 and 2018 Rules and Interpretations Manual, may not host NCAA postseason competition.

KEY CONTACTS
Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at championships.ncaa.org.

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, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at: http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf?division=d2

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT
[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA 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 after the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION
If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Eric Breece at 317-917-6222 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.
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May 27
Southeast
Game 6
7 p.m. Monday
May 29
Winner Game 6
Central *
Game 2
7 p.m. Saturday
May 27
Winner Game 2
South
Game 10
7 p.m. Wednesday
May 31
Loser Game 6
Loser Game 2
Winner Game 5
Loser Game 1
Loser Game 3
Winner Game 4
Winner Game 7
Loser Game 5
Loser Game 4
Winner Game 10
Winner Game 9
Loser Game 8
Loser Game 3
Loser Game 1
Loser Game 2
Winner Game 3

BRACKET TWO
East *
Game 3
3 p.m. Sunday
May 28
West
Game 8
7 p.m. Tuesday
May 30
Winner Game 8
Midwest*
Game 4
7 p.m. Sunday
May 28
Winner Game 4
South Central
Game 9
3 p.m. Wednesday
May 31
Winner Game 9
Game 7
3 p.m. Tuesday
May 30
Loser Game 8
Loser Game 4
Loser Game 2
Loser Game 1
Loser Game 3
Loser Game 5
Loser Game 7
Loser Game 6

* Denotes home team
ALL times are Eastern time

Bracket Notes:
1 If after Game 11 both teams have one loss, these teams will play an
"if necessary" game at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 2.
2 If after Game 12 both teams have one loss, these teams will play an
"if necessary" game on Friday, June 2. If this is the only game on
Friday, it will be played at 3 p.m. If there are two games, it will be at 7
p.m.
3 If any "if necessary games" are played on Friday, June 2, Games 14
and 15 (if necessary) will be played at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on
Saturday, June 3.
4 If the winners of Games 11 and 12 are both undefeated, they will
play Game 13 at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 2; Game 14 at 3 p.m. on
Saturday, June 3; and Game 15 (if necessary) at 7 p.m. on Saturday,
June 3.

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Six-Team Regional Bracket (four-day/double elimination)

(Region Name) May 18-21

Day One Games 1, 2 & 3

Day Two Games 4, 5 & 6

Day Three Games 7, 8 & 9

Day Four Games 10 & 11 (if necessary)

Recommended game times
3-game days: 11 a.m., 3 & 7 p.m.
2-game days: Anytime after noon local time

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2017 NCAA Division II
Baseball Championship Regionals
Seven-Team Regional Bracket (five-day/double elimination)
May 18-22

Recommended game times
3-game days: 11 a.m., 3 & 7 p.m.
2-game days: Anytime after noon local time

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Eight-Team Regional Bracket (five-day/double elimination)
May 18-22

Recommended game times
4-game days: 10 a.m., 1:30, 5 & 8:30 p.m.
3-game days: 11 a.m., 3 & 7 p.m.
2-game days: Anytime after noon local time

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# Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

## ATLANTIC REGION

**Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (5)**
- Chowan University
- The Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)
- Saint Augustine’s University
- Virginia State University
- Winston-Salem State University

**Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (16)**
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Clarion University of Pennsylvania
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Gannon University
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
- Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
- Mercyhurst University
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
- Seton Hill University
- Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- West Chester University of Pennsylvania

**Mountain East Conference (12)**
- University of Charleston (West Virginia)
- Concord University
- Fairmont State University
- Glenville State College
- Notre Dame College (Ohio)
- Shepherd University
- Urbana University
- The University of Virginia’s College at Wise
- West Liberty University
- West Virginia State University
- West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Wheeling Jesuit University

**Independent (1)**
- Bluefield State College

* Not eligible for championship
### CENTRAL REGION

**Great American Conference (12)**
- University of Arkansas, Monticello
- Arkansas Tech University
- East Central University
- Harding University
- Henderson State University
- Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- Oklahoma Baptist University *
- Ouachita Baptist University
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Southern Arkansas University
- Southern Nazarene University
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University

**Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (13)**
- University of Central Missouri
- University of Central Oklahoma
- Emporia State University
- Fort Hays State University
- Lindenwood University
- Missouri Southern State University
- Missouri Western State University
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Northeastern State University
- Northwest Missouri State University
- Pittsburg State University
- Southwest Baptist University
- Washburn University of Topeka

**Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (15)**
- Augustana University (South Dakota)
- Bemidji State University
- Concordia University, St. Paul
- University of Mary
- University of Minnesota, Crookston
- University of Minnesota Duluth
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Minot State University
- Northern State University
- St. Cloud State University
- University of Sioux Falls
- Southwest Minnesota State University
- Upper Iowa University
- Wayne State College (Nebraska)
- Winona State University

* Not eligible for championship

### EAST REGION

**Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (12)**
- Bloomfield College
- Caldwell College
- Chestnut Hill College
- Concordia College (New York)
- Dominican College (New York)
- Felician College
- Goldey-Beacom College
- Nyack College
- Philadelphia University
- Post University
- University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
- Wilmington University (Delaware)

**East Coast Conference (6)**
- University of Bridgeport
- Long Island University/LIU Post
- Mercy College
- Molloy College
- Queens College (New York)
- St. Thomas Aquinas College

**Northeast-10 Conference (15)**
- Adelphi University
- American International College
- Assumption College
- Bentley University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Le Moyne College
- Merrimack College
- Pace University
- Saint Anselm College
- Saint Michael’s College
- The College of Saint Rose
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Stonehill College

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## MIDWEST REGION

### Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (13)

| Ashland University                      | Ohio Dominican University                        |
| Davenport University *                  | Purdue University Northwest *                    |
| University of Findlay                   | Saginaw Valley State University                 |
| Grand Valley State University           | Tiffin University                               |
| Hillsdale College                       | Walsh University                                |
| Lake Erie College                       | Wayne State University (Michigan)               |
| Northwood University (Michigan)         |                                                 |

### Great Lakes Valley Conference (16)

| Bellarmine University                   | Missouri University of Science and Technology   |
| Drury University                        | Quincy University                              |
| University of Illinois at Springfield   | Rockhurst University                           |
| University of Indianapolis              | Saint Joseph’s College (Indiana)               |
| Lewis University                        | University of Southern Indiana                 |
| Maryville University of Saint Louis     | Truman State University                        |
| McKendree University                    | William Jewell College                         |
| University of Missouri-St. Louis        | University of Wisconsin-Parkside               |

### The Great Midwest Athletic Conference (7)

| Alderson Broaddus University            | Malone University                              |
| Cedarville University                   | Ohio Valley University                         |
| Davis and Elkins College                | Trevecca Nazarene University                   |
| Kentucky Wesleyan College               |                                                 |

### Independent (2)

| Oakland City University                 | Salem International University                 |

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### SOUTH REGION

**Gulf South Conference (13)**
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Auburn University at Montgomery *
- Christian Brothers University
- Delta State University
- Lee University
- Mississippi College
- University of North Alabama
- Shorter University
- Union University
- Valdosta State University
- University of West Alabama
- University of West Florida
- University of West Georgia

**Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)**
- Albany State University (Georgia)
- Benedict College
- Claflin University
- Clark Atlanta University
- Kentucky State University
- Lane College
- LeMoyne-Owen College
- Miles College
- Morehouse College
- Paine College
- Spring Hill College *
- Tuskegee University

**Sunshine State Conference (10)**
- Barry University
- Eckerd College
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida) *
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- Lynn University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Rollins College
- Saint Leo University
- University of Tampa

**Independent (2)**
- Palm Beach Atlantic University

### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

**Heartland Conference (9)**
- University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
- Lubbock Christian University
- Newman University
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University
- Rogers State University
- St. Edward’s University
- St. Mary’s University (Texas)
- Texas A&M International University

**Lone Star Conference (7)**
- Angelo State University
- Cameron University
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Tarleton State University
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- West Texas A&M University

**Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (9)**
- Adams State University
- Colorado Christian University
- Colorado Mesa University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University at Pueblo
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- New Mexico Highlands University
- Regis University (Colorado)

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## SOUTHEAST REGION

### Conference Carolinas (10)

- Barton College
- Belmont Abbey College
- Emmanuel College (Georgia) *
- Erskine College
- King University
- Limestone College
- North Greenville University
- Pfeiffer University
- Southern Wesleyan University

### Peach Belt Conference (13)

- Armstrong State University
- Augusta University
- Columbus State University
- Flagler College
- Francis Marion University
- Georgia College
- Georgia Southwestern State University
- Lander University
- University of Montevallo
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- University of North Georgia
- University of South Carolina Aiken
- Young Harris College

### South Atlantic Conference (11)

- Anderson University (South Carolina)
- Brevard College
- Carson-Newman University
- Catawba College
- Coker College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Lincoln Memorial University
- Mars Hill College
- Newberry College
- Tusculum College
- Wingate University

## WEST REGION

### California Collegiate Athletic Association (12)

- University of California, San Diego
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, San Bernardino
- California State University, San Marcos *
- California State University, Stanislaus
- San Francisco State University
- Sonoma State University

### Great Northwest Athletic Conference (6)

- Central Washington University
- Concordia University Portland *
- Montana State University Billings
- Northwest Nazarene University
- St. Martin’s University
- Western Oregon University

### Pacific West Conference (11)

- Academy of Art University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Biola University *
- California Baptist University
- Concordia University Irvine *
- Dixie State University
- Fresno Pacific University
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Holy Names University
- Point Loma Nazarene University

* Not eligible for championship
### Division II Baseball

#### Future Championship Pairings

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      | G2 Central v South  
      | G3 East v West  
      | G4 Midwest v South Central |
| 2018 | G1 East v Midwest  
      | G2 Southeast v South Central  
      | G3 South v Atlantic  
      | G4 West v Central |
| 2019 | G1 Atlantic v West  
      | G2 South v South Central  
      | G3 Central v East  
      | G4 Midwest v Southeast |
| 2020 | G1 Atlantic v East  
      | G2 Central v Midwest  
      | G3 South Central v West  
      | G4 Southeast v South |
| 2021 | G1 Central v Atlantic  
      | G2 East v South Central  
      | G3 Midwest v South  
      | G4 West v Southeast |
| 2022 | G1 Atlantic v Midwest  
      | G2 South v West  
      | G3 South Central v Central  
      | G4 Southeast v East |
| 2023 | G1 East v South  
      | G2 Central v Southeast  
      | G3 Atlantic v South Central  
      | G4 Midwest v West |
| 2024 | G1 West v East  
      | G2 South Central v Midwest  
      | G3 Southeast v Atlantic  
      | G4 South v Central |
| 2025 | G1 Atlantic v South  
      | G2 Central v West  
      | G3 Midwest v East  
      | G4 South Central v Southeast |
| 2026 | G1 East v Central  
      | G2 Southeast v Midwest  
      | G3 West v Atlantic  
      | G4 South Central v South |
| 2027 | G1 West v South Central  
      | G2 South v Southeast  
      | G3 East v Atlantic  
      | G4 Midwest v Central |
| 2028 | G1 South v Midwest  
      | G2 Southeast v West  
      | G3 Atlantic v Central  
      | G4 South Central v East |
| 2029 | G1 Central v South Central  
      | G2 East v Southeast  
      | G3 Midwest v Atlantic  
      | G4 West v South |
| 2030 | G1 South Central v Atlantic  
      | G2 West v Midwest  
      | G3 South v East  
      | G4 Southeast v Central |

**NOTE:** Home team is BOLD
Appendix D • Regional Bid Allocations 56-Team Bracket

The 56-team bracket will include 8 regional tournaments, with the allocation of bids shown below. Additionally, RACs in those regions with expanded regional brackets will rank additional teams. These regional ranking numbers are also indicated in the table below.

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