2017 DIVISION II MEN’S
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PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2017-18 MANUAL
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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2017-18 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships — 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of 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. Of the women’s championships, five are National Collegiate Championships, 13 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/or administrators.  
Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.  
Championship Manager(s). The NCAA staff member(s) 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.  
Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.  
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 team and/or individual selection process.  
Site Selection. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.  
Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.  
Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes’ optimal experience.

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

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

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.
Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.
Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

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

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

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

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

For further details, please refer to the NCAA Sports Sport Science Institute website for additional guidance.

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 Manual, 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 sport 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 Divisions 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 to policies and procedures.

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 in which 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 in which 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, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

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 grade-point average 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-athlete(s) 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.

Section 7 • Logo Policy
A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics
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 rounds 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

1. 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.

2. Higher education has lasting importance on an individual’s future success. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate.
3. Division II members abide by the following principles that help define and distinguish the division:

   a. Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution’s educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight; (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   b. Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution’s budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a “partial scholarship” model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well; (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   c. Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This “Life in the Balance” emphasis facilitates learning through: (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   (1) **Academics.** Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution’s student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution’s student body; (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   (2) **Athletics.** Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division’s 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA’s three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission; (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   (3) **Community Engagement.** Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   (4) **Post-graduation Success.** Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation; (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   d. Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a “game environment” initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

   e. Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division’s governance structure. (Adopted: 1/21/17 effective 8/1/17)

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### 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 athletics 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 a 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 sport 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 a 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 manager 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 manager 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 September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (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

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The 2018 NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer Championship will be a part of the Division II National Championships Festival.

Section 1•5 Equipment

BALL
The Wilson FORTE FYbrid II NCAA championship soccer ball will be used in all NCAA tournament games. Only Wilson balls may be used for practice and warm-ups; other manufactured balls are not allowed. These balls (Wilson FORTE FYbrid II) will be sent by the manufacturer to the tournament manager at the host institution for each round of competition. The host institution is responsible for “breaking in” the game balls for each tournament game.

BALL PERSONS AND ROTATION
The host institution is recommended to arrange for six ball persons (minimum of four). These ball persons must be at least 10 years of age. A six-ball rotation will be used for all rounds of the championship. One ball will be in play; one ball will be on each sideline of each half of the field (four balls total) and one ball will be at the scorer’s table. If due to extenuating circumstances six balls are not available, the 2016 and 2017 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules stipulate that not fewer than five balls must be available for use in a game, and the balls shall be identical in size, make, grade and color. Otherwise, the official will not start the game.

Section 1•6 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 the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules shall be followed to the letter.

SUSPENDED GAMES
In the case of inclement weather or other factors leading the referee to suspend a game, the officials, games committee and coaches shall refer to the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules. For NCAA championships competition, a game must be played for the full 90 minutes (as opposed to 70 minutes for the regular season) to be considered a completed game.
Section 1.7 Uniforms

Competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored jerseys, and light- and dark-colored stockings available. In preliminary-round competition, the home team must wear a uniform in clear contrast with the visiting team. In case of conflict, the designated home team must wear white or light-colored uniforms. The higher-seeded team is home team for preliminary-round competition. For the semifinals and final, the games committee will determine the home teams.

Student-athletes competing in an intercollegiate soccer championship shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to both warm-ups and competitive uniforms.

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

The NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer Championship provides for a 38-team, single-elimination tournament. Two (2) to six (6) teams will be chosen from each of the eight (8) regions. The Men’s Soccer Committee will select the following number of teams to participate (based on sport sponsorship per region):

- Central – 2
- Atlantic, South and South Central – 4 each
- East, Midwest, Southeast and West – 6 each

The 2017 championship bracket has been established as follows:

First and Second Round: Teams paired within respective regions.

Third/Quarterfinal Round:
- Atlantic vs. East (Highest remaining seed from Atlantic to host)
- South Central vs. West (Highest remaining seed from South Central to host)
- South vs. Southeast (Highest remaining seed from South to host)
- Midwest vs. Central (Highest remaining seed from Midwest to host)

Semifinals:
- South/Southeast vs. Midwest/Central
- Atlantic/East vs. South Central/West

START TIMES

For preliminary-round competition, it is recommended that all single-game sessions start at 1 p.m., or 7 p.m. if lights are available. Doubleheaders shall start at 10 a.m., or 4 p.m. if lights are available. All game times are subject to approval by the Division II Men’s Soccer Committee. Sunday game times shall be no later than 1 p.m. local time.

TRAVEL PARTY

The official travel party is 28. The number of student-athletes in uniform shall not exceed 24 from the start of the pregame warm-up through the entire game. 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 competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

On its bench, each team is limited to a maximum of 28 persons. The tournament manager may provide one additional team physician or doctor credential. The home team or higher-seeded team (if at a neutral site) shall occupy the bench to the right of the scorer’s table (when facing the field).

Section 2•2 Results

The sports information director of the host institution, or an appointed representative, is responsible for reporting all tournament results.

REGULAR-SEASON SCORE REPORTING AND STATISTICS

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are now combined for Division II men’s soccer. 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 transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Rick Nixon (rnixon@ncaa.org or 317-917-6539).
Section 2.3 Selection Information

Allocation of Berths

The championship provides for a maximum of 39 teams. Eighteen conferences have been granted Automatic Qualification privileges. The remaining teams will be selected at-large by the men’s soccer committee.

Automatic Qualification

The following conferences receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2017 NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer Championship.

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Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3.1; Criteria for Selection in Team Sports]:

- To be considered for championship selection, a team must satisfy all scheduling requirements as outlined by championships policy in that sport (e.g., minimum number of Division II or in-region contests).

- The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition: (Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/15)
  - Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;
  - Nullification.

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 3.2.4.4) 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 Men’s Soccer Committee.)
- A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s soccer playing season in any one year to 18 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.19.7.3, 17.19.7.4 and 17.19.7.5. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10).
SELECTION CRITERIA

Required Selection Criteria. Following confirmation of the availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships and the application of any nullification, the following required selection criteria shall be applied in no particular order:

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

SPORT-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

- Division II results versus teams with a winning record;
- In-region strength of schedule; and
- Performance Indicator (PI).

In-region is defined as the following:
- Sport region (as defined in the sport-sponsorship list);
- Contiguous states (refer to the “Regionalization Talking Points” on ncaap.org);
- Members of the same conference; and
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

PAIRINGS

Each participating team shall be assigned to a tournament site within the team’s respective region. Two to six teams will be selected from each of the eight geographic regions. All pairings are outlined in the bracket located in the Appendixes of this manual.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Air Travel. If you are located more than 600 miles from the host site, please contact Short’s Travel Management at 866-655-9215 as soon as possible to arrange your air travel. Be prepared to provide the names of the members of the travel party of 28.

Ground Travel. If you are within 600 miles from the host site, you will travel via bus and must make your arrangements via Go Ground at 866-386-4951. The ground transportation portal may be accessed at www.gochampionships.com (same username/password used for Short’s Travel expenses).

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for an official travel party of 28. Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies may be found online at www.ncaap.org. Registration with an institutional email address is required to access the information located on www.ncaap.org. The NCAA travel department may be reached at 317-917-6757, or by email at travel@ncaap.org.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

PROSPECTIVE PRELIMINARY-ROUND HOST

The top-seeded team, as determined by the Men’s Soccer 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 regional advisory committee chair, in consultation with the directors of athletics of the competing institutions, shall recommend the specific playing dates and times of the first-, second-, third-round and quarterfinal games. Those recommendations shall be subject to approval by the national committee.

The first four rounds of the championship will be conducted on the campuses of the participating institutions. The 2017 semifinals and final will be co-hosted by Rockhurst University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the Kansas City Sports Alliance. It will be a dual championship with Division II women’s soccer.

A competing institution that cannot charge admission at its home facility, cannot establish a barrier to separate the spectators from the field of play, or that does not have a field that meets minimum-size requirements (70 yards x 115 yards) may not serve as host. Preference will be given to institutions with grass fields 70 yards x 115 yards and larger. Grass-like artificial turf is considered a grass field. Institutions serving as host for any rounds of competition must charge admission.

An evaluation will be made of institutional facilities to determine if they are acceptable for championship play. Selection of host sites will be based partly on the quality of the playing facility. An online facility evaluation form must be completed by each institution interested in hosting any round of competition.

Institutions with inadequate playing surfaces (e.g., artificial, carpet-like surface, minimum dimensions, etc.) may request a waiver of the policy. An institution with artificial turf that is requesting a waiver should submit two proposed budgets for each round of competition in which it is interested in hosting: one for its artificial-turf site and one for an alternate site with natural grass, in case the scenario develops that it may be paired with another institution that has artificial turf. It is the responsibility of the regional chair to speak with both institutions regarding this situation (if it presents itself) before the committee’s Monday conference call to select subsequent round sites. For purposes of this guideline, “artificial turf” means that an institution has played more than 50 percent of its home games on artificial turf. In Division II, carpet-like surfaces are considered an inadequate playing surface.

Additional General Requirements:
- Facility amenities (e.g., restrooms, media, locker rooms, concessions).
- Event management (e.g., hotels, restaurants, transportation, location).
- Revenue potential (e.g., guidelines that ensure fiscal responsibility and are appropriate for the particular event, as recommended by the governing sports committee and approved by the Division II Championships Committee).
- Attendance history and potential.
- Geographical location (e.g., fewest number of flights).

**BID MATERIALS**

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2017 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.”

**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 bit materials for preliminary rounds is **Friday, Oct. 27.**

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 Soccer 2016 and 2017 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 ebreece@ncaa.org.
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Appendix A • Bracket

2017 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship

First Round  
November 9 or 10

Second Round  
November 11 or 12

Third Round  
November 16 or 17

Quarterfinals  
November 18 or 19

Semifinals  
November 30

Final  
December 2

Super Region 1
4 East  
5 East
3 East  
6 East

1 East  
Highest Remaining seed from Atlantic to host 3rd QF
4 Atlantic
2 Atlantic
3 Atlantic

Super Region 2
4 West  
5 West
3 West
6 West

1 West  
Highest Remaining seed from South Central to host 3rd QF
4 South Central
2 South Central
3 South Central

Super Region 3
4 Midwest  
5 Midwest
3 Midwest
6 Midwest

1 Midwest  
Highest Remaining seed from Midwest to host 3rd QF
4 Central
2 Central

Super Region 4
4 South  
5 South
3 South

1 South  
Highest Remaining seed from South to host 3rd QF
4 Southeast
5 Southeast
3 Southeast
6 Southeast

Children's Mercy Victory Field at Swope Soccer Village
Kansas City, Missouri
9 p.m.  
Live on NCAA.com

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CHAMPION

Children's Mercy Victory Field at Swope Soccer Village
Kansas City, Missouri
4 p.m.  
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All times are Eastern times.
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Appendix B • Future Pairings Rotation

2018
East/Atlantic vs. Southeast/South
Central/Midwest vs. West/South Central

2019
Atlantic/East vs. Midwest/Central
South/Southeast vs. South Central/West

2020
East/Atlantic vs. West/South Central
Southeast/South vs. Central/Midwest

2021
Midwest/Central vs. South Central/West
Atlantic/East vs. South/Southeast

2022
Southeast/South vs. West/South Central
East/Atlantic vs. Central/Midwest

2023
South/Southeast vs. Midwest/Central
Atlantic/East vs. South Central/West
## Appendix C • Sport Sponsorship

### ATLANTIC REGION

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## EAST REGION

### Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (13)
- Bloomfield College
- Caldwell College
- Chestnut Hill College
- Concordia College (New York)
- Dominican College (New York)
- Felician College
- Georgian Court University
- Goldey-Beacom College
- Holy Family University
- Nyack College
- Post University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- Wilmington University (Delaware)

### East Coast Conference (10)
- University of Bridgeport
- Daemen College
- University of the District of Columbia
- Long Island University/LIU Post
- Mercy College
- Molloy College
- New York Institute of Technology
- Queens College (New York)
- Roberts Wesleyan College
- St. Thomas Aquinas College

### Northeast-10 Conference (14)
- Adelphi University
- American International College
- Assumption College
- Bentley University
- The College of Saint Rose
- Franklin Pierce University
- Le Moyne College
- Merrimack College
- University of New Haven
- Saint Anselm College
- Saint Michael’s College
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Stonehill College

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### MIDWEST REGION

**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7)**
- Ashland University
- Davenport University *
- Northern Michigan University
- Northwood University (Michigan)
- Purdue University Northwest *
- Saginaw Valley State University
- Tiffin University

**Great Lakes Valley Conference (15)**
- Bellarmine University
- Drury University
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- University of Indianapolis
- Lewis University
- Maryville University of Saint Louis
- McKendree University
- University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Missouri University of Science and Technology
- Quincy University
- Rockhurst University
- University of Southern Indiana
- Truman State University
- William Jewell College
- University of Wisconsin-Parkside

**Great Midwest Athletic Conference (11)**
- Alderson Broaddus University
- Cedarville University
- Davis and Elkins College
- University of Findlay
- Kentucky Wesleyan College
- Lake Erie College
- Malone University
- Ohio Dominican University
- Ohio Valley University
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- Walsh University

**Independent (1)**
- Oakland City University

### SOUTH REGION

**Gulf South Conference (12)**
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Auburn University at Montgomery *
- Christian Brothers University
- Delta State University
- Lee University
- Mississippi College
- University of Montevallo
- Shorter University
- Spring Hill College *
- Union University
- University of West Alabama
- University of West Florida

**Sunshine State Conference (11)**
- Barry University
- Eckerd College
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- Lynn University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- Rollins College
- Saint Leo University
- University of Tampa

**Independent (1)**
- University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon

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### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

#### Heartland Conference (12)
- Dallas Baptist University
- Eastern New Mexico University
- Lubbock Christian University
- Midwestern State University
- Newman University
- Oklahoma Christian University
- Rogers State University
- St. Edward’s University
- St. Mary’s University (Texas)
- Texas A&M International University
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- West Texas A&M University

#### Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (11)
- Adams State University
- Colorado Christian University
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Colorado Mesa University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University-Pueblo
- Fort Lewis College
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Regis University (Colorado)
- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- Westminster College (Utah) *

### SOUTHEAST REGION

#### Conference Carolinas (11)
- Barton College
- Belmont Abbey College
- Chowan University
- Emmanuel College (Georgia) *
- Erskine College
- King University
- Lees-McRae College
- Limestone College
- University of Mount Olive
- North Greenville University
- Southern Wesleyan University

#### Peach Belt Conference (8)
- Clayton State University
- Flagler College
- Francis Marion University
- Georgia Southwestern State University
- Lander University
- University of North Georgia
- University of South Carolina Aiken
- Young Harris College

#### South Atlantic Conference (11)
- Anderson University (South Carolina)
- Carson-Newman University
- Catawba College
- Coker College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Lincoln Memorial University
- Mars Hill University
- Newberry College
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Tusculum College
- Wingate University

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## WEST REGION

### California Collegiate Athletic Association (13)
- 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
- University of California, San Diego
- Humboldt State University
- San Francisco State University
- Sonoma State University

### Great Northwest Athletic Conference (7)
- Concordia University Portland
- Montana State University Billings
- Northwest Nazarene University
- Saint Martin's University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Simon Fraser University
- Western Washington University

### Pacific West Conference (14)
- Academy of Art University
- Azusa Pacific University
- Biola University *
- California Baptist University
- Chaminade University
- Concordia University Irvine
- Dixie State University
- Dominican University of California
- Fresno Pacific University
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Holy Names University
- Notre Dame de Namur University
- Point Loma Nazarene University

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