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.

Appendices. 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
[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, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, 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 $\frac{2}{4}$ 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 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 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

**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 on or before 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. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution’s policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).
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Section 1.4 Important Dates

Oct. 14, or 14 days before the first day of competition

Each coach will be responsible for submitting a schedule of your institution’s season, using the schedule certification form, which is available online at www.ncaa.org. Send to Michael Fine (email: rulesmfine@yahoo.com).

Oct. 14, or 14 days before the first day of competition

Your institution is required to enter your team’s entire schedule in the NCAA online score-reporting system. It will be your institution’s responsibility to enter all match results online, beginning with your first match.

Monday, October 16-Monday, March 26

Each institution will be responsible for entering results in the online score-reporting system and submitting score report forms to the respective regional chair by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday.

Wednesday, February 14

National committee ranking call No. 1 and release of RPI.

Wednesday, February 28

National committee ranking call No. 2 and release of RPI.

Wednesday, March 14

National committee ranking call No. 3 and release of RPI.

Monday, March 26

Institutions must notify the national office if any student-athletes are ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

Wednesday, March 28

National committee selection call and release of final RPI.

Wednesday, March 28, at 4 p.m. Eastern time

Championship selections announced via an online selection show on www.NCAA.com.

Monday, April 2, at 1 p.m. Eastern time

Conference call with the head coaches of the eight teams selected for the championship.

Friday-Tuesday, April 6-10

Opening round matches hosted by selected participating institutions or at final site.

Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14

National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2018 Finals

Saturday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. Central time (6:30 p.m. Eastern) at the Tropicana Lanes in St. Louis, Missouri.
DATE FORMULA
The National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship will be held annually the second Thursday of April (Thursday-Saturday).

FUTURE DATES

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Section 1•5 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

Section 1•6 Equipment

Each student-athlete is limited to using six bowling balls during the championship.

Per Bylaw 12.5.4, all equipment can bear only the official manufacturer’s mark. Balls with extra commercial marks in or on them will be excluded from championship competition.

Any equipment that did not meet official specifications can be altered by the competing coach or player and submitted for reapproval prior to the start of the first block of competition.

All equipment must be approved by the head official and checked into the paddock before to competition on Thursday. Alterations of the ball surface may also be made in between competition blocks/rounds or during practice.

Section 1•7 Rules

For the championship, the 2016-17 and 2017-18 NCAA Women’s Bowling Rules Book will be used. The rules book is available for purchase or download on the NCAA website at http://www.ncaapublications.com/.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

Uniforms must comply with the provisions set forth in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 NCAA Women’s Bowling Rules Book.

LOGOS

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

The 2018 National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship will be an eight-team, double-elimination tournament. Six conferences have been granted automatic qualification, and four additional teams will be selected at-large (a total of 10 teams selected), and placed into the bracket or opening-round structure. The women’s bowling committee will follow the below procedure during the selection process.

- The top six teams will be placed in the bracket.
- Opening-rounds will be contested between the lowest ranked teams.
- Opening-round teams and matchups will be determined by the women’s bowling committee based on selection criteria.
- Opening-round matches will be conducted before the first scheduled championship round, and hosted by participating institutions, unless otherwise determined by the committee and with approval by the Competition Oversight Committee (COC).
- The advancing teams from the opening-round matches will earn the remaining berths in the championship bracket.

Each round, other than the championship final, will consist of teams competing in a best-of-three match, bowled in the following order:

- Five-person team match
- Baker total pin fall
- Best-of-seven baker match play

The championship final will use a best-of-seven baker match play format only.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*All times listed are local to the host location and are subject to change.

APRIL 5-7 OR 9
Opening-round teams arrive on-site (practice day).

APRIL 6-8 OR 10
Opening-round matches hosted by participating institution or at championship site.

CHAMPIONSHIP

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| Thursday, April 12            | Rounds 1 and 2                          |
| Friday, April 13              | Rounds 3 and 4                          |
| Saturday, April 14            | Rounds 5 (if necessary)                 |
|                               | Championship final                      |

TRAVEL PARTY

The travel party for the National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship is 13 persons. The number of eligible players in uniform shall not exceed 10.

Section 2•2  Regular-Season Competition

In order to be considered for the championship, teams must comply with the following regulations during the regular season.
• Only competition against NCAA member schools will be used for consideration; however, outside competitions against non-member schools will count toward the day of competition limitations. This includes club and NAIA programs which may be played but will not count toward NCAA selection.

• Institutions are required to participate in a minimum of 15 days of competition to be considered for selection. A day of competition is defined as any day on which a team competes using one of the approved formats. NCAA teams at the same tournament/invitational must randomly select the order in which matches will count. If a tournament manager chooses to predetermine the NCAA teams’ rotation before competition, that is acceptable as well.

• Matches — number per day. A maximum number of matches (identified by a win or loss) during each day of competition will count toward a team’s daily performance, with the number of matches based on the following guidelines.

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• Note: For information regarding pool play contest guidelines and maximum matches per day, see rule 7.3a.

• Forfeits are not counted toward championship selection. Unopposed matches are to be considered “No Contests” and are not to be recorded within the online system.

• When competing at tournaments where NCAA varsity and club teams are present, only competition against NCAA varsity teams can count toward championship selection.

• Each NCAA varsity team will be able to count only the first five or six predetermined matches each day based on the chart above.

• Only team competition can count toward championship selection.

• For purposes of an institution’s won-lost record, competition must be against another team.

• For each match, scores must count for each competing team as either a win or a loss.

• The results of each date of competition must be reported online (http://web1.ncaa.org/champsel_new/exec/login) and complete tournament/dual match/invitational results must be sent to the respective regional advisory committee chair by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday.

• Institutions will need to indicate whether the matches they played were in Baker or regular team format. The appropriate box must be checked in the online score-reporting system when a Baker match is played.

• Schedule certification and event certification forms must be completed and verified by the regional advisory committee chair for results to be declared official.

• A predetermined schedule of matches must be completed prior to the start of competition.

• For more information, please see rule 7.7.

Section 2.3 Forms

Schedule Certification Form
Each coach will be responsible for submitting a schedule certification form to Secretary-Rules Editor Michael Fine no later than Oct. 14, or 14 days before the start of the institution’s season (first competition), whichever is earlier. All matches, including those against non-NCAA institutions, must be included on the form. If an institution does not complete and submit this form by the above deadline, it will be fined $200.

NCAA Event Certification Form
When hosting an event, the event manager must submit an event certification form to Mr. Fine at least ten days before the
start of the event. Designated pre-event information also must be provided to all participating teams at least ten days before the event. The event manager must submit a complete event certification form, the post-event report, a summary copy of event standings (team and individual) and the head officials’ form to Mr. Fine within seven days of the conclusion of the event. **Failure to submit these forms by the designated deadlines will result in a $200 fine.**

**Score Reporting**
All institutions that sponsor women’s bowling must report results via the NCAA online score-reporting system. The system and instructions are available at [http://web1.ncaa.org/champsel_new/exec/login](http://web1.ncaa.org/champsel_new/exec/login). Only results against NCAA institutions should be included in the score-reporting system. Each institution must enter its complete schedule online no later than Oct. 14, or 14 days before the start of the institution’s season (first competition), whichever is earlier. Each institution is responsible for entering complete and accurate match results in the online system by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday, October 16 through March 26. If an institution fails to submit results by a designated deadline, the institution’s coach and director of athletics will receive a written warning. **Any subsequent failure to submit complete and accurate match results by a designated score-reporting deadline will result in a $200 fine per occurrence.**

**Score Sheet**
In addition to entering results in the online score-reporting system, coaches must submit an electronic score report form (two pages) to their respective regional advisory committee chair by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday following competition. If an institution fails to submit score sheets by a designated deadline, the institution’s coach and director of athletics will receive a written warning. **Any subsequent failure to submit score sheets by a designated deadline will result in a $200 fine per occurrence.**

**Section 2•4 Selection Information**

Teams for the championship will be selected by the Women’s Bowling Committee on March 28. The eight selected teams will be announced via an online selection show March 28 at 4 p.m. Eastern time on [www.NCAA.com](http://www.NCAA.com).

In order to be considered for the NCAA championship, a team must compete in a minimum of 15 days of competition. A day of competition is defined as any day on which an institution competes using one of the approved formats.

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**
The following conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2018 championship.

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**AT-LARGE SELECTION**
Four teams will be selected at-large using the criteria

**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 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

**Section 2•5 Selection Criteria**
The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
• Strength of schedule; and
• Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

The Women’s Bowling Committee has received approval from the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of teams for the Women’s Bowling Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

**Overall Criteria (Primary)**
- Overall won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results versus common opponents
- Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents’ winning percentage)
- Rating Percentage Index (RPI) (See Appendix A)

**Secondary Criteria (Baker)**
- Overall won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results versus common opponents
- Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents’ winning percentage)
- Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

**Secondary Criteria (Regular Team)**
- Overall won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results versus common opponents
- Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents’ winning percentage)
- Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

**Tiebreaker**
- Event finish between two teams in the same conference
- Event finish between two teams not in the same conference
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Appendix A • Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

THE RATING PERCENTAGE INDEX (RPI)

Factor I: Overall winning percentage — 25%

Factor II: Opponents’ average winning percentage — 50%

Factor III: Opponents’ opponents’ average winning percentage — 25%
# Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

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Appendix C • 2018 National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship Bracket

All matches will be webcast live via www.ncaa.com. A live broadcast of the championship finals will air on ESPNU Saturday, April 15 at a time to be determined.

Bracket Note:
1. If the winner of Match 9 defeats the winner of Match 5, then Match 13 is necessary.
2. If the winner of Match 10 defeats the winner of Match 6, then Match 14 is necessary.

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