2018 DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP 2018-19 MANUAL
# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 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, 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/or administrators.

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

Championship Manager. 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 selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. 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 Divisions I and II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division 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, which 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.

FAILRE 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 outline.

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 current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions’ athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA 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 found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON
In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions when 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 when 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
On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board’s decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

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 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, 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 2-1/4 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 collect data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division III

Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

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

Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

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

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

**Section 9.3 Religious Conflicts**

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

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, a student-athlete must compete according to the institution’s policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).
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Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

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

An advisory committee in each of the eight sport regions shall assist the Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Conference commissioners shall appoint conference representatives on the regional advisory committees.
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**Section 1•4 Important Dates**

- **Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. Eastern time** Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
- **Friday, Oct. 12** Bid materials and template for participant manual for regionals available on ncaa.org.
- **Wednesdays, Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31** Published rankings.
- **Monday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. Eastern time** Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors.
- **Friday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. Eastern time** Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and bid materials for regional tournaments.
- **Monday, Oct. 29, at noon Eastern time** Site Representative 101 teleconference.
- **Monday, Oct. 29, at 1 p.m. Eastern time** Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors.
- **Sunday, Nov. 4** Selection of teams and regional sites.
- **Monday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. Eastern time** Teleconference with confirmed site representatives.
- **Monday, Nov. 5, at 11 a.m. Eastern time** Teleconference with confirmed regional host tournament directors and site representatives.
- **Monday, Nov. 5, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time** Online selection show to announce teams selected to the championship.
- **Monday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m. Eastern time** Regional teleconferences with assigned teams.
- **Monday, Nov. 5 by 5 p.m. Eastern time** Final published ranking.
- **Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11** Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10.)
- **Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 15-17** Eight-team finals at the A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh, hosted by Saint Vincent College and SportsPITTSBURGH.
- **Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 12-16** AVCA Convention (Minneapolis).
Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 4-6
Annual committee meeting (Indianapolis).

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11
Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 8-10.)
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 15-17
Championship at the A.J. Palumbo Center, Pittsburgh, hosted by Saint Vincent College and SportsPITTSBURGH.

DATE FORMULA
Regionals (8)
One week before finals (Friday-Sunday)
Finals
Weekend before Thanksgiving (Thursday-Saturday)

FUTURE DATES
2019 Regionals (eight sites)
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 15-17; on the campuses of competing institutions.
2019 Finals
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23; Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2020 Regionals (eight sites)
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15; on the campuses of competing institutions.
2020 Finals
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21; Columbus, Ohio.

Sites for regionals are determined by the Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee. Finals sites are recommended by the Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee, with final approval given by the Division III Championships Committee.

Section 1.5  Rules

[Reference Bylaws 17.30, 18.6 and 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division III Manual]
Per Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports in which the NCAA develops playing rules. The Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee will not consider any results for rankings and selections that are not conducted in accordance with the 2018 and 2019 NCAA Women’s Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. Contests against NAIA institutions using NAIA rules (e.g., unlimited substitutions) do not count toward selections or statistics but do count as dates of competition.

The 2018 NCAA Division III Women’s Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the 2018 and 2019 NCAA Women’s Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. Questions regarding the interpretation of NCAA women’s volleyball rules should be directed to NCAA secretary-rules editor Anne Pufahl (phone: 414-430-0111; email: anne.pufahl@marquette.edu).

EQUIPMENT

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N is the official volleyball for the 2018 NCAA Division III Women’s Volleyball Championship. Each participating team will receive two volleyballs following its final match at the regional championship and at the championship finals, if applicable.

Section 1.6  Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]
Playing uniforms must be of the same style for each member of a team. Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warm-up shirts and uniforms as well as to competitive uniforms.

Each team must bring two sets of jerseys of different colors to the championship site. It is suggested that institutions bring an extra uniform jersey to the competition site in the event the blood rule is applied.

LOGOS
Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.
Section 2.1 Championship Format

The championship provides for a field of 64 teams. Eight sites will be selected to host regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the championship site and compete in a single-elimination format according to the 2018 and 2019 NCAA Women’s Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. (See Appendix A for the championship bracket.)

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START TIMES

Recommended match times for regionals are:

| Day 1     | 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. |
|           | 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. |
| Day 2     | 2:30/5 p.m., +/- one hour |
|           | 4:30/7 p.m. OR 5:30/8 p.m. |
| Day 3     | Not later than 2 p.m. |
|           | 7 p.m. |

There will be a minimum of 45 minutes between matches. Matches will not start before the scheduled time. Any match times different from the times listed above must be submitted to the Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee for approval. The Thursday-Saturday format will be followed at regionals only if a team with a no-play Sunday policy is participating at the site.

TRAVEL PARTY

The squad size for championship competition is 17. Not more than 17 student-athletes may be in uniform on the bench.

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of 22. Please refer to the NCAA travel policies that are available online for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses.

Section 2.2 Results

REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published rankings will be released on ncaa.com the last three weeks of the regular season (Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31) and in conjunction with selections (Nov. 5). The rankings will be recommended by the regional advisory committees and may be adjusted by the Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee. The primary criteria for each institution, listed alphabetically by region, will be included as part of the published rankings.

SCORE-REPORTING

Institutions submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrLv/login), and this information is transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sport committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines are communicated to SIDs in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Michelle Forkner (mforkner@ncaa.org or 317-917-6775).
Section 2•3  Selections Information

[Reference Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2018 championship: Pool A - 43, Pool B - 2 and Pool C - 19. (Note: The number of berths for Pools B and C may be adjusted based on sponsorship numbers at the time of selections.) Pool A includes the conferences that have been awarded automatic qualification. Pool B includes independent institutions and institutions from conferences that do not meet the automatic-qualification criteria. Pool C includes those Pool A institutions that do not receive their conference’s automatic bid and the remaining teams in Pool B. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pool B or Pool C and no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region. A regional summary of the institutions in each pool is included in Appendix B.

The Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee will select teams from Pools B and C on a national basis using regional selection criteria. The committee will select teams in Pools B and C based on the criteria listed in this section.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The 43 conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2018 championship are:

| Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference | New England Small College Athletic Conference |
| American Southwest Conference | New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference |
| Capital Athletic Conference | New Jersey Athletic Conference |
| Centennial Conference | North Atlantic Conference |
| City University of New York Athletic Conference | North Coast Athletic Conference |
| College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin | North Eastern Athletic Conference |
| Colonial States Athletic Conference | Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference |
| Commonwealth Coast Conference | Northwest Conference |
| Empire 8 | Ohio Athletic Conference |
| Great Northeast Athletic Conference | Old Dominion Athletic Conference |
| Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference | Presidents’ Athletic Conference |
| Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference | Skyline Conference |
| Landmark Conference | Southern Athletic Association |
| Liberty League | Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Little East Conference | Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference |
| Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference | St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association | State University of New York Athletic Conference |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth | University Athletic Association |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom | Upper Midwest Athletic Conference |
| Midwest Conference | USA South Athletic Conference |
| Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference | Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| New England Colleges Conference | |

REGIONAL COMPETITION

Per Bylaw 31.3.4.3, all members of a conference will be placed in the same region for evaluation purposes, unless the Championships Committee has granted an exception. For the exceptions, members of these conferences shall be placed in their natural geographic regions for evaluation purposes.

SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS

Institutions must play at least 70 percent of their scheduled competition against in-region, Division III institutions to be considered for selection to NCAA championships. Institutions unable to meet this requirement may request a waiver for selection consideration.

The Division III Championships Committee will review all waiver requests. Information required as part of the waiver process includes proposed schedules, schedules from the past two seasons, a summary of scheduling challenges the institution is
facing and proposed solutions. In addition, an institution may include any other historical information illustrating difficulty in scheduling at least 70 percent of its contests against in-region Division III institutions.

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 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 2.4 Selection Criteria

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

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

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

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.
- Won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season.
- Division III nonconference strength of schedule.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee. Coaches’ polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Women’s Volleyball Committee for ranking or selection purposes.

PAIRINGS
After all 64 teams have been selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. A team may be moved to balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).

Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.

Teams from the same conference will not be paired to play each other in the first contest of the regional tournament as long as geographic proximity is maintained.

After regional competition concludes, results from regionals will be added to the score-reporting system and the committee will use the updated information to evaluate and rank the eight teams advancing to the finals site. The committee will then pair the teams according to traditional bracketing principles (No. 1 vs. No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, etc.).
Section 2.5  Site Selection

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS
Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2018 NCAA Division III Women’s Volleyball 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.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM
The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. In order to submit a bid, locate the desired championship in the “Championships Available for Bidding” section and select “Start Bid.” The deadline to submit all bid materials for hosting preliminary rounds for this championship is 5 p.m. Eastern time Oct. 26.

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

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

FACILITY PROFILE
Institutions interested in hosting regional competition of the Division III Women’s Volleyball 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 diagrams or pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility’s profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in its deliberations regarding prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS
Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Contact information can be updated via the Championships Bid and Profile System 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 that includes 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, are located at: http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf

CONTACT INFORMATION
If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please email Barb Hallam at bhallam@ncaa.org or championshipbid@ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT
[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]
A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Profile System under the “budget” tab not later than 60 days after the event.
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#### American Rivers Conference (9)
- Buena Vista University
- Central College (Iowa)
- Coe College
- University of Dubuque
- Loras College
- Luther College
- Nebraska Wesleyan University
- Simpson College
- Wartburg College

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

### St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (10)
- Blackburn College
- Eureka College
- Fontbonne University
- Greenville University
- Iowa Wesleyan University
- MacMurray College
- Principia College
- Spalding University
- Webster University
- Westminster College (Missouri)

### University Athletic Association (1)
- Washington University in St. Louis

### Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (9)
- Bethany Lutheran College
- Crown College (Minnesota)
- Martin Luther College
- University of Minnesota, Morris
- North Central University
- Northland College
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- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Hilbert College
- La Roche College
- Medaille College
- Mount Aloysius College
- Penn State University, Altoona
- Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College
- University of Pittsburgh, Bradford
- University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

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Capital Athletic Conference (8)
- Christopher Newport University
- Frostburg State University
- University of Mary Washington
- Penn State Harrisburg
- Salisbury University
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Southern Virginia University
- York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

Centennial Conference (11)
- Bryn Mawr College
- Dickinson College
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Gettysburg College
- Haverford College
- Johns Hopkins University
- McDaniel College
- Muhlenberg College
- Swarthmore College
- Ursinus College
- Washington College (Maryland)

AQ - Conference Championship

Colonial States Athletic Conference (9)
- Bryn Athyn College
- Cairn University
- Cedar Crest College
- Centenary University (New Jersey)
- Clarks Summit University
- Keystone College
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Rosemont College
- Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

Landmark Conference (7)
- Catholic University
- Elizabethtown College
- Goucher College
- Juniata College
- Moravian College
- University of Scranton
- Susquehanna University

AQ - Conference Championship

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)
- Albright College
- Alvernia College
- Arcadia University
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**Pool B (3)**
- Finlandia University (ACAA)
- Maranatha Baptist University

**Pool B (9)**
- Trinity Washington University

**Atlantic East Conference (7)**
- Cabrini University
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Immaculata University
- Marymount University (Virginia)

**NEW ENGLAND REGION**

**Commonwealth Coast Conference (9)**
- Curry College
- Endicott College
- Gordon College
- University of New England
- Nichols College
- Roger Williams University
- Salve Regina University
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western New England University

**Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)**
- Albertus Magnus College
- Anna Maria College
- Colby-Sawyer College
- Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
- Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
- Lasell College
- Norwich University
- Regis College (Massachusetts)
- Rivier University
- Simmons University
- University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)
- Saint Joseph’s College (Maine)
- Suffolk University

**Little East Conference (9)**
- Castleton University
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Keene State College
- University of Massachusetts Boston
- University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
- Plymouth State University
- Rhode Island College
- University of Southern Maine
- Western Connecticut State University

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

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### NEW ENGLAND REGION CONTINUED

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## New York Region

**City University of New York Athletic Conference (9)**

- Baruch College
- Brooklyn College
- The City College of New York
- Hunter College
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Lehman College
- Medgar Evers College
- College of Staten Island
- York College (New York)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Empire 8 (9)**

- Alfred University
- Elmira College
- Hartwick College
- Houghton College
- Nazareth College
- The Sage Colleges
- St. John Fisher College
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Utica College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Liberty League (8)**

- Bard College
- Clarkson University
- Ithaca College
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Skidmore College
- St. Lawrence University
- Union College (New York)
- Vassar College

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**New Jersey Athletic Conference (9)**

- Kean University
- Montclair State University
- New Jersey City University
- Ramapo College
- Rowan University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark
- Stockton University
- William Paterson University of New Jersey

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**North Eastern Athletic Conference (12)**

- Cazenovia College
- Gallaudet University
- Keuka College
- Lancaster Bible College
- Morrisville State College
- Penn State Berks College
- Penn State University, Abington
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- College of Saint Elizabeth
- State University of New York at Cobleskill
- State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
- Wells College

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### NEW YORK REGION CONTINUED

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### SOUTH REGION

#### Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)
- Bridgewater College (Virginia)
- Eastern Mennonite University
- Emory and Henry College
- Ferrum College
- Guilford College
- Hollins University
- University of Lynchburg
- Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
- Roanoke College
- Shenandoah University
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Washington and Lee University

#### Southern Athletic Association (8)
- Berry College
- Birmingham-Southern College
- Centre College
- Hendrix College
- Millsaps College
- Oglethorpe University
- Rhodes College
- University of the South

#### USA South Athletic Conference (15)
- Agnes Scott College
- Averett University
- Berea College
- #Brevard College (active 2021-22)
- Covenant College
- Greensboro College
- Huntingdon College
- LaGrange College
- Mary Baldwin University
- Maryville College (Tennessee)
- Meredith College
- Methodist University
- North Carolina Wesleyan College
- #Pfeiffer University (active 2021-22)
- Piedmont College
- Salem College (North Carolina)
- William Peace University

#### University Athletic Association (1)
- Emory University

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## WEST REGION

### American Southwest Conference (10)
- *Belhaven University (active 2019-20)
- Concordia University Texas
- East Texas Baptist University
- Hardin-Simmons University
- Howard Payne University
- LeTourneau University
- Louisiana College
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- McMurry University
- Sul Ross State University
- University of Texas at Dallas

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### Northwest Conference (9)
- George Fox University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Linfield College
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Pacific University (Oregon)
- University of Puget Sound
- Whitman College
- Whitworth University
- Willamette University

**AQ - Regular Season Championship**

### Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)
- California Institute of Technology
- California Lutheran University
- Chapman University
- Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges
- University of La Verne
- Occidental College
- Pomona-Pitzer Colleges
- University of Redlands
- Whittier College

**AQ - Conference Championship**

### Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)
- Austin College
- Centenary College (Louisiana)
- Colorado College
- University of Dallas
- *Johnson & Wales University (Denver) (active 2022-23)
- Schreiner University
- Southwestern University (Texas)
- Texas Lutheran University
- Trinity University (Texas)

**AQ - Conference Championship**

### Pool B (2)
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- Mills College (ACAA)
- **The University of Texas at Tyler (reclassifying to Division II)**

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Appendix C • OWP and OOWP Calculation Explanation

Strength of Schedule Calculation

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

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

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

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\[ 69 \div (69 + 54) = \] 0.561 (OWP)

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

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

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\[ 272 \div (272 + 267) = \] 0.505 (OOWP)

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of 0.561; Team A has an OOWP of 0.505 and Team C has an OOWP of 0.456; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

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

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