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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/confereee 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-predicted 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 2¼ square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete’s institution’s official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer’s trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

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

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

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

**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:

- Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;
- Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association’s travel guarantee for the individual involved;
- 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;
- Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
- Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
- 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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Section 1•3  Division II Code of Conduct

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 manifest not only in athletic participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the championships committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and misconduct incident to the competition.

MISCONDUCT

The pre-championship manual and NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 define 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 an administrative meeting before the start of the championship with the coaches 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), or 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 sports committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

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

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

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

● Public or private reprimand of the individual;
● Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved and/or banishment of the individual from participating in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
● Cancellation of payment of the Association’s travel guarantee to the institution for the individuals involved;
● Withholding of all or a portion of the institution’s share of revenue distribution;
● Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more subsequent championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
● Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships; and/or
● Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.

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. Again, congratulations to you and your team. We hope this year’s championship experience is one that you will cherish for years to come.

Section 1•4  Important Dates

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DATE FORMULA

Regionals (4) Two weekends before finals (Friday-Saturday, Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday).

Finals Competition will occur on the Friday-Saturday of the second full weekend in March (full weekend is defined as Friday-Saturday).

FUTURE DATES

2019 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships March 8-9

2020 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships March 13-14

Section 1•5 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization. The 2015-16 and 2016-17 NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations will be followed. Questions regarding rules interpretations should be directed to Chuck Barbee, secretary-rules editor; phone: 480-772-2472; email: ncaaruleseditor@gmail.com

Section 1•6 Uniforms

LOGOS

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

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships shall be conducted in the following 10 weight classes:

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START TIMES (TENTATIVE)

Friday, March 9
11 a.m. Preliminaries and first rounds
6 p.m. Quarterfinals and first- and second-round consolations

Saturday, March 10
10 a.m. Semifinals and wrestle-backs
7 p.m. Championships finals

*All times are local and subject to change.

TRAVEL PARTY

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

HOUSING

Hotel reservations for the official travel parties of the competing teams, the referees and the Division II Wrestling Committee representatives shall be made by the NCAA in consultation with the host institution. Rooms will be allocated according to the number of student-athletes who have qualified from each institution. The following formula will be used for the team hotels:

*During Festival years, number of rooms provided may be different than other championship years.

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Requests for hotel rooms must be made immediately upon communication from the national office. A deadline will be given. After this deadline, institutions will have to make their own hotel arrangements. Once the teams/qualifiers have been determined and assigned to a team hotel, the reservations should be reconfirmed in the names of the institutions and, thereafter, the institutions shall be responsible for the reservations.

Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the NCAA. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, the institution must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel’s general manager or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, the institution is responsible for securing arrangements at another property. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of the rooms at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms.
Section 2.2 Results

QUALIFYING INFORMATION/FORMS
The tournament managers of all qualifying tournaments are responsible for submitting the list of qualifiers (and alternates in rank order to Alaina Keller (317-917-6267; akeller@ncaa.org) of the NCAA immediately after the conclusion of the tournament. The form must be completed online at http://www.nwcaonline.com/nwcaonline/default.aspx.

Section 2.3 Selection Information

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS
For 2017, the Championships Committee has allocated 160 positions for the championships:

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QUALIFYING STANDARDS
To be eligible to participate in the 2017 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, all participants must qualify through their respective qualifying tournament.

Super Regional tournaments should use true fourth-place match in these scenarios: 1) If the fourth- and fifth-place wrestlers have not met previously in the tournament; or 2) If the fifth-place finisher defeated the fourth-place finisher in the tournament.

No true fourth-place match will be held: 1) If the fourth-place wrestler defeated the fifth-place wrestler earlier in the tournament. 2) In a case where the individuals have wrestled two times in the tournament before the placement rounds, the wrestler with the most recent win will have precedence. 3) Any true fourth-place match will not result in any additional placement points or bonus points toward team scoring. The true fourth-place match is only for qualifying purposes.

REPLACEMENT POLICY
Qualifying-tournament personnel must submit the names of the individuals who have qualified for the championships before the established deadlines. Only those individuals listed on the qualifiers list for the respective national championships will be allowed to compete. Replacements on the list are permitted until the established deadline. In Division II, a replacement must be the next-best wrestler from the qualifying tournament at the weight class in which the replacement is required. As such, it is imperative that Division II qualifying tournaments list the fifth-place finishers in each weight class. There will be no replacements after noon Eastern time on Tuesday, March 6. The contact person for replacements is Alaina Keller. She can be reached at 317-917-6267 or akeller@ncaa.org.

PAIRINGS
For the Division II championships, a pairings formula will be used to determine the placement in the bracket. Please see Appendix A for more specific information. The draw will take place Feb. 26, 2018. The group draw for the previous year’s championships cannot be selected as the group in the following year. The NCAA championships manager will email the group that was selected to all coaches on the same day it is drawn.

SEEDING
When compiling a student-athlete’s won-lost record for seeding purposes at the qualifying tournaments, all matches in which NCAA rules are followed shall be counted, including open or unattached competition.
REGISTRATION

The list of entrants submitted by the qualifying tournament managers does not constitute the official entry. Each head coach, or the appointed institutional representative, must verify the entry of the student-athlete(s) at the site of the national championships before the competition.

Failure to meet the entry and registration deadline of noon on Thursday, March 9, will eliminate a contestant from the championships.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

U.S. Cellular Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Hosted by University of Upper Iowa

Tuesday, March 6
Noon Replacement deadline

Wednesday, March 7
Noon-8 p.m. Registration

Thursday, March 8
9 a.m. Registration opens
1 p.m. NCAA mandatory administrative meeting
Noon Registration closes

Friday, March 9
8:45 a.m. Medical/skin examinations
9 a.m. Weigh-ins
11 a.m. Preliminaries and first round
5:15 p.m. Grand March
6 p.m. Quarterfinals and first- and second-round consolations

Saturday, March 10
7 a.m. Practice
8:50 a.m. Medical/skin examinations
9 a.m. Weigh-ins
10 a.m. Semifinals, wrestle-backs (seventh-, fifth- and third-place matches)
6:40 p.m. Parade of All-Americans
7 p.m. Championships finals. Trophies and awards follow the next weight class final.

* All times are local.

Section 2.4 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the Division II Wrestling Championships must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution’s key contacts and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under “championships available for bid” and select “add bid.”

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championships manager.
As a reminder, prospective hosts’ budgets should include committee/site representative’s lodging expense, game officials’ lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative’s per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RefPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE
Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the Division II Wrestling Championships 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.

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, are located at:

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT
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 the championships manager at 317-917-6316 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.
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**Appendix A • Bracket Information**

**Championships Pairing Formula**

Division II - Pairing Formula For the Championships

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E = Super Regional One  
M = Super Regional Two  
C = Super Regional Three  
W = Super Regional Four

The NCAA staff liaison to the Division II Wrestling Committee will randomly select either Group A, B, or C on the Monday two weeks before the championships*. The group that is selected will be how the student-athletes in the 125-pound class will be placed into the bracket. For instance, if Group B is selected, the 125-pound class will be placed according to Group B, the 133-pound class will be placed according to Group C, the 141-pound class will be placed according to Group A, the 149-pound class will be placed according to Group B, etc. through the heavyweight class. This eliminates the need to seed the student-athletes and, as such, should eliminate any politics from the process.
## Appendix B • Regionalization

### Structure for 2018 Championships Season

**SUPER REGIONAL ONE (East)**
- Alderson Broaddus University
- American International College
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Gannon University
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- Long Island University/LIU Post
- Mercyhurst University
- Millersville University of Pennsylvania
- Notre Dame College (Ohio)
- Ohio Valley University
- Seton Hill University
- Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
- West Liberty University
- Wheeling Jesuit University

**SUPER REGIONAL TWO (Midwest)**
- Ashland University
- Bellarmine University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Coker College
- Emmanuel College (Georgia)*
- University of Findlay
- University of Indianapolis
- King University
- Lake Erie College
- Limestone College
- Newberry College
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Queens University of Charlotte
- Tiffin University
- University of Wisconsin-Parkside

**SUPER REGIONAL THREE (Central)**
- Augustana University (South Dakota)
- University of Central Missouri
- Drury University
- Lindenwood University
- University of Mary
- Maryville University of Saint Louis
- McKendree University
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Minot State University
- Northern State University
- Southwest Minnesota State University
- St. Cloud State University
- Truman State University
- Upper Iowa University

**SUPER REGIONAL FOUR (West)**
- Adams State University
- California Baptist University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- Chadron State College
- Colorado Mesa University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University-Pueblo
- Fort Hays State University
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Newman University
- New Mexico Highlands University
- Ouachita Baptist University
- San Francisco State University
- Simon Fraser University
- Western State Colorado University

*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition*
Appendix C • Sports Information

Bye Points. A bye point will be awarded to wrestlers who win their next match after the bye.

Medical Examination/Skin Checks. All student-athletes shall be examined by qualified physicians (at the national tournament, one of them must be a dermatologist; a dermatologist is recommended at regionals) and/or certified athletic trainers for communicable diseases before the competition.

If a student-athlete has been diagnosed as having a skin condition, and is currently being treated by a physician (ideally a dermatologist) who has determined that it is safe for that individual to compete without jeopardizing the health of the opponent, the student-athlete may compete. However, the student-athlete or his or her coach or athletic trainer shall provide current written documentation from the treating physician to the medical professional at the medical examination with the approved NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form describing: (1) the diagnosed skin disease or condition; (2) the prescribed treatment and the time necessary for it to take effect; and (3) that the skin disease or condition would not be communicable or harmful to the opponent at the time of competition. Such documentation shall be furnished at the medical examination. (The NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form is available online in the OPC system at www.NWCAonline.com.)

The medical/skin examination shall be conducted in a private, secure area. Only participants will be admitted to the medical check area. Student-athletes who fail to pass the skin examination will not have their transportation and per diem paid by the NCAA.

Medical checks will also be performed before weigh-ins during all days of competition at the regional and championship sites.

Failure to receive a medical examination during the designated time will result in disqualification. The tournament physician, as designated by the host institution and the NCAA, shall examine the skin of all participants during the medical examinations. The tournament physician/dermatologist shall report the results of positive skin examinations to the chair of the governing committee or a designated representative, who shall then be responsible for the administrative enforcement of the medical recommendation if it involves disqualification from the tournament. Any participant who fails the medical/skin check at the official time is able to have the same doctor/dermatologist re-examine him the morning of the first day of competition before weigh-ins to see if the condition has improved to an acceptable level.

No media are permitted at the medical examinations.

Weigh-Ins. It is mandatory that all participants in each weight class weigh in. The weigh-ins will be supervised by the Division II Wrestling Committee (at championships).

Digital scales are recommended for use at all weigh-ins.

The weigh-ins shall be conducted in a private and secure area only. Only participants and properly credentialed tournament officials will be admitted to the weigh-in area. All participants must report to all weigh-ins clean shaven, nails trimmed and hair at proper length. Student-athletes who fail to make weight will not have their transportation and per diem paid by the NCAA. In addition, participants who fail to weigh in during the designated time will be disqualified.

Student-athletes must complete a medical/skin check and receive medical clearance before weigh-ins on the two days of competition. Media are not permitted at weigh-ins.

The weigh-ins will be conducted at the following times:

- 8:45 a.m. Friday, March 9
- 8:50 a.m. Saturday, March 10

Times are subject to change if the session times change.