Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2017-18 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships — 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men’s championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women’s championships, five are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men’s and women’s championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-Championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.
Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.
Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.
Championship Manager(s). The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.
Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.
NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.
Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.
Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.
Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.
Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.
Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.
Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).
Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team and/or individual selection process.
Site Selection. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.
Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.
Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes’ optimal experience.
Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.
Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.
Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.
Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.
Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution’s withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of
the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship
that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the
bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be
ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions
II and III Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4
(Division I), 18.4.1.5 (Divisions II and III) and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-
athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-
athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics
and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics
as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally
recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach
of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the
event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of
participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to
adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to,
failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-
in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. Click here to see
the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member’s or student-athlete’s own behalf or on
the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or
contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports
wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry
fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or
professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in
emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in
exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.
STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete’s institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions in which there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests in which there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

No predetermined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to ncaa.com/travel to search and book online.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[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 • Religious Conflicts**

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

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution’s policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).
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Section 1 • General Administration

Section 1•1 NCAA Tournament Operations

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Current members of the committee are:

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

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<td>Sunday, April 22</td>
<td>National committee selection of teams.</td>
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<td>Monday, April 23</td>
<td>Teleconference with seven participating teams and host site (1 p.m. Eastern time).</td>
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<td>First Opening Round match.</td>
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CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2018

First Opening Round  April 28 – Campus of one of the competing institutions.

Second Opening Round  April 30 - If on campus of one of the competing institutions. Or May 1 – If at the Finals site; Pauley Pavilion, University of California, Los Angeles.

Semifinals and Final  May 3 and 5 – Pauley Pavilion; University of California, Los Angeles, host.

DATE FORMULA
The National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship will take place the first full weekend in May (Thursday and Saturday).

FUTURE DATES

2019

First Opening Round  April 27 – Campus of one of the competing institutions.

Second Opening Round  April 29 - If on campus of one of the competing institutions. Or April 30 - If at the Finals site; Walter Pyramid, Long Beach State University, host.

Semifinals and Final  May 2 and 4 – Walter Pyramid; Long Beach State University, host.

Section 1•4  Equipment

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

The use of electronic audio or video devices that transmit information from any location in the facility to the bench is not permitted (no video-to-video, audio-to-audio or video still pictures on the bench). It is permissible to gather statistical information from a designated area and to transmit statistical information to the bench. Computers may be used in the bench areas during the match for statistical purposes only.

ELECTRONIC SCORESHEETS

Effective with the 2010-11 season, the NCAA Men’s Volleyball Committee approved the use of electronic scoresheets, provided that it includes the following features: score tracking, libero tracking, rotations, substitutions, timeouts, sanctions and the ability to resolve scoring discrepancies.

GAME BALLS

Molten is the official volleyball for the National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship. The National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship is played with the V5M5000.

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.

All NCAA men’s volleyball competitions will be governed by the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (USAV DCR) unless modified by this document. The following modifications have been approved by the NCAA Men’s Volleyball Committee. All rules adopted by USA Volleyball prior to Aug. 1 of each year automatically will be adopted for use unless otherwise modified.

Section 1.6 Uniforms

Competing teams are required to bring both light and dark uniforms to the championship. The Men’s Volleyball Committee will coordinate choice of uniforms for the championship matches. The higher-seeded team in each match will wear light uniforms. The opposing team will wear jerseys of contrasting color.

Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warmup uniforms and competitive uniforms.

LOGOS

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

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The 2018 National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship is a four-team, single-elimination tournament. Five conferences have been granted automatic qualification into the bracket or opening round structure and two teams will be selected at-large and the following will apply:

- The top two teams will be seeded and separated in the bracket.
- Opening rounds will be contested between the lowest-ranked teams (regardless of conference RPI) on campuses.
- Opening round teams and matchups will be determined by the Men’s Volleyball Committee selection process.
- Opening round matches will be conducted before the first scheduled championship round on the campus of participating institutions, unless otherwise determined by the committee and with approval by the Competition Oversight Committee (COC).
- The advancing teams from the opening round matches will earn the remaining berths in the championship bracket.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

* All times listed are local (Los Angeles, California) and are subject to change.

OPENING ROUNDS
April 27, 29 or 30
Opening round teams arrive on site.

April 28 or 30, or May 1
Time TBD Opening round matches on campus or at the championship site.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Tuesday, May 1
Championship teams arrive in Los Angeles.

Wednesday, May 2
10 to 10:30 a.m. Semifinal No. 1 visitor news conference.
10 to 11:25 a.m. Semifinal No. 1 home practice.
11:30 a.m. to noon Semifinal No. 1 home news conference.
11:35 a.m. to 1 p.m. Semifinal No. 1 visitor practice.
12:30 to 1 p.m. Semifinal No. 2 home news conference.
1 to 1:30 p.m. Semifinal No. 2 visitor news conference.
1:10 to 2:35 p.m. Semifinal No. 2 home practice.
2:45 to 4:10 p.m. Semifinal No. 2 visitor practice.
6:30 p.m. Reception.
7 to 8:30 p.m. Championship banquet.

Thursday, May 3
10 to 11 a.m. Semifinal No. 1 home practice.
11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Semifinal No. 1 visitor practice.
12:10 to 1:10 p.m. Semifinal No. 2 home practice.
1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Semifinal No. 2 visitor practice.
6 p.m. Semifinal No. 1. (Live on NCAA.com)
8 p.m. (approx.) NCAA news conference.
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**START TIMES**

Pairings and seedings for the National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship will be established by the committee once the teams are selected. The committee will determine the order and time of matches in consultation with the NCAA broadcast partners. Any changes must first be approved by the NCAA Men’s Volleyball Committee.

**TRAVEL PARTY**

The travel party for the National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship is 21 persons. The number of eligible players in uniform shall not exceed 15.

### Section 2.2 Selection Information

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

The following conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2018 championship:

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Automatic qualifiers will be determined by a method of selection established by each of their respective conference offices.

**AT-LARGE SELECTION**

Two teams will be selected at-large using the criteria set forth in section 2.3 of this manual.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located at [http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).
Section 2•3 Selection Criteria

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

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

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Men’s Volleyball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the volleyball championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Primary Criteria

- Rating Percentage Index (25 percent the institution’s winning percentage; 50 percent opponents’ success; 25 percent opponents’ strength of schedule);
- Results of the RPI
- Head-to-head competition;
- Results versus nonconference opponents;
- Home and away results;
- Results versus common opponents; and
- Results versus teams already qualified and other teams under consideration.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

BID MATERIALS

Any institution interested in hosting opening round competition 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 by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, April 13, 2018. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the “Championships Available for Bidding” section and select “Start Bid.”

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the Championships Bid and Profile System at championships.ncaa.org.

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

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

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

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2018 championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at championships.ncaa.org. Any supporting information — e.g., facility diagram, pictures — may be uploaded and attached to that facility’s profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.
SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its 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.


FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the online host reporting system to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Ethan Walker at 317-917-6476 or email at ewalker@ncaa.org.
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2018 National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship

Pauley Pavilion
Los Angeles, California
May 3-5

OPENING ROUND GAMES

#1 Seed

Opening Round Match 1
Apr. 28
Time TBD

Winner of Opening Round Game 1

Match 1
May 3, 9 p.m. EST
Live on NCAA.com

Winner of Semifinal Match 1

Match 3
May 5, 7 p.m. EST
Live on ESPNU

#2 Seed

Opening Round Match 2
Apr. 30 or May 1
Time TBD

Winner of Opening Round Match 2

Match 2
May 3, 11:30 p.m. EST
Live on NCAA.com

Winner of Semifinal Match 2

Winner of Opening Round Match 3

NATIONAL CHAMPION

*Opening round matches will be contested Apr. 28 at TBD and Apr. 30 or May 1 at TBD. All times are Eastern time. Information subject to change. For more details, visit NCAA.com.

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### EAST REGION

**Conference Carolinas (9)**
- Barton College
- Belmont Abbey College
- Emmanuel College (Georgia)*
- Erskine College
- King University
- Lees-McRae College
- Limestone College
- University of Mount Olive
- North Greenville University

**Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (8)**
- University of Charleston (West Virginia)
- George Mason University
- Harvard University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)

**Independent (7)**
- Alderson Broaddus University
- Coker College
- Lincoln Memorial University
- University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon
- University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
- University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
- Queens University of Charlotte

### MIDWEST REGION

**Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (8)**
- Ball State University
- Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne
- Lewis University
- Lindenwood University
- Loyola University Chicago
- McKendree University
- The Ohio State University
- Quincy University

### WEST REGION

**Big West Conference (6)**
- California State University, Northridge
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Hawaii, Manoa
- Long Beach State University

**Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (6)**
- Brigham Young University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- Grand Canyon University
- Pepperdine University
- University of Southern California
- Stanford University

**Independent (1)**
- Concordia University Irvine

* Not eligible for championship