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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

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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.

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 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.]

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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•2 National Committee

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Manual.]

The NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship is under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee, which is subject to the final authority of the NCAA Division III Championships Committee.

Current members of the committee are:

EAST REGION

Tom Di Camillo
Commissioner
State University of New York Athletic Conference

Craig Russell
Head Men's Ice Hockey Coach
Plymouth State University

WEST REGION

Jared Phillips
Assistant Athletics Director
Gustavus Adolphus College

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Head Men's Ice Hockey Coach
Lawrence University

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

Tuesday, Feb. 5	Mock ranking (non-publicized).
Tuesday, Feb. 12	First ranking (publicized).
Tuesday, Feb. 19	Second ranking (publicized).
Friday, Feb. 22	Deadline to submit materials to host any round of the championship.
Tuesday, Feb. 26	Third ranking (publicized).
Sunday, March 3	Championship selection.
Monday, March 4	Fourth ranking (publicized) and Online Selection Show on www.NCAA.com (10:30 a.m. Eastern time).
Saturday, March 9	First round (four single sites).
Saturday, March 16	Quarterfinals (four sites).
Friday, March 22	Semifinals (3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern time).
Saturday, March 23	Championship game (7 p.m. Eastern time).

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2019 First Round (four sites)	March 9, at campus sites to be determined.
2019 Quarterfinals (four sites)	March 16, at campus sites to be determined.
2019 Semifinals and Final	March 22-23, at a host site to be determined.

DATE FORMULA

The four first-round games are held the Saturday before the quarterfinals. Quarterfinals are held the Saturday before the semifinals and final. The semifinals and final are held the fourth full weekend in March (including Friday).

FUTURE DATES

2020 First Round (four sites)	March 14, at campus sites to be determined.
2020 Quarterfinals (four sites)	March 21, at campus sites to be determined.
2020 Semifinals and Final	March 27-28, HarborCenter, Buffalo, New York; hosted by Buffalo State and Pegula Sports and Entertainment.

Section 1•4 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

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 sports committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, would reschedule the game on the nearest possible date if a participating school has a conflict.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.

The governing sports 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 1•5 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 1•6 Equipment

PUCKS

For preliminary rounds, the NCAA will provide the practice and game pucks. One hundred practice pucks and 50 game pucks will be shipped to each host institution. The NCAA will also provide pucks for the semifinals and final.

Section 1•7 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules shall be followed. 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.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

Each participating institution should bring both home and away uniforms to the site of the competition. The higher seed will wear light-colored uniforms. For more information on uniforms, please see Rule 3-9 of the [NCAA Ice Hockey 2018-19 and 2019-20 Rules and Interpretations](#).

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

NCAA Division III institutions in good standing that sponsor intercollegiate men's ice hockey are eligible for the Division III championship.

The Division III championship shall comprise 12 teams. The championship playoff format involves four single first-round games and four quarterfinal games that are played on the campuses of the participating institutions. All rounds of the championship are single-elimination. The four quarterfinal winners will advance to a non-predetermined site for the semifinals and championship game, which will be played March 22 and 23.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Practice Schedule

During preliminary competition, all practice times will be scheduled with the host institution and be a minimum of one hour in length on the competition ice. During the semifinals and final competition, the following schedule will be used.

Tentative Practice Schedule (Thursday)

10 - 11 a.m.	Semifinal 1 (higher seed)
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Semifinal 1 (lower seed)
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Semifinal 2 (higher seed)
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	Semifinal 2 (lower seed)

Tentative Practice Schedule (Friday)

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	Semifinal 1 (higher seed)
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.	Semifinal 1 (lower seed)
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Semifinal 2 (higher seed)
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Semifinal 2 (lower seed)

Tentative Practice Schedule (Saturday)

11 - 11:45 a.m.	Semifinal 1 winner
Noon - 12:45 p.m.	Semifinal 2 winner

Note: All practice times are tentative and subject to change.

START TIMES

Faceoff for preliminary-round competition shall be determined by the host institution. However, the committee reserves the right to set game times, if necessary. The committee recommends 7 p.m. (local time) for the first and quarterfinal rounds.

The national semifinals will start at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, March 22. The committee will determine the order of games. The committee may determine that the host will play in the late game.

The championship will start at 7 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday, March 23.

Times and sequence of games are tentative and may be changed by the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

TRAVEL PARTY AND SQUAD SIZE

For Division III men's ice hockey, each team is allowed a travel party size of 28. This number includes a squad size of 23.

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for an official travel party of 28 persons. Please refer to the NCAA travel policies on www.ncaa.org for all information regarding transportation and travel parties.

Note: Current playing rules permit only players in uniform and eight additional team personnel (maximum of 30) to occupy the bench area. The number of participants eligible for pregame warmup is 23 (not more than 20 players and three goalkeepers).

Section 2•2 Results

During the championship and at the conclusion of the competition, the host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official results to the NCAA official website. Please email a copy of results to ncaa-editorial@turner.com. Please be sure to submit all information in the following manner:

- Send the information to ncaa-editorial@turner.com.
- Specify the sport (Division, Championship, Round) in the SUBJECT area.
- Paste the text directly into an email or send email as an attachment in a Word document.
- Please convert photos to JPEG format and attach to the email.

SCORE REPORTING

All institutions sponsoring Division III men's ice hockey are required to submit game files only to collegehockeystats.net. Institutions are no longer required to submit their schedule or game results in the NCAA online score-reporting system. Results must be reported by 10 a.m. on the following dates to ensure consideration in the weekly review/rankings:

- Feb. 4
- Feb. 11
- Feb. 18
- Feb. 25
- March 3 (Selections)

Rankings. The Men's Ice Hockey Committee will publish rankings on the following dates:

- Feb. 5 (non-publicized)
- Feb. 12
- Feb. 19
- Feb. 26
- March 4 (Selections)

The committee will rank eligible teams by applying the championships selection criteria.

Section 2•3 Selections Information

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

The Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee will select teams to the championship based on the following selection principles:

After the determination of the automatic (Pool A) berths, the committee will determine the at-large Pool B and Pool C selections.

Pool C will be comprised of institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champions and independent institutions not selected as the Pool B berth.

At-large berths from Pool B and Pool C will be selected on a national basis. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pool C.

2019 Berths

Pool A = 8 institutions
 Pool B = 0 institutions
 Pool C = 4 institutions

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To be considered during the selection process either as an automatic berth (Pool A) or at-large (Pool B and Pool C), an institution must play at least 70 percent of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

For the Division III championship, a 12-team format will be used. Automatic-qualification privileges have been granted to the following conferences:

Commonwealth Coast Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
New England Hockey Conference
New England Small College Athletic Conference
Northern Collegiate Hockey Association
State University of New York Athletic Conference
United Collegiate Hockey Conference

COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see NCAA 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.

IN-REGION COMPETITION

Definition of In-Region Competition

1. All competition within an institution's defined sport region.
2. All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another.
3. All competition within an institution's membership geographical region (NCAA Bylaw 4.13.1.1).
4. All competition against conference opponents.

The NCAA uses a [mileage calculator](#) to confirm distances from campus to campus.

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

SELECTION CRITERIA

For the 2019 and 2020 championship seasons, the men's ice hockey committee will utilize the PairWise ranking system, which incorporates the criteria outlined below. Also refer to Appendix C for additional detail.

- Ratings Percentage Index (RPI).
- Quality Win Bonus (applied to RPI).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results vs. common opponents.
- Nullification (Bylaw 31.02.4).

Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting any round of competition of the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship 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."

All member institutions can 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 championship manager.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Friday, Feb. 22, 2019.

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 be paid by the NCAA rather than the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting any round of competition of the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information (located at championships.ncaa.org) for the applicable competition venue. 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 the deliberation 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 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.

To view the *Best Practices for NCAA Championships Competition Venue Safety and Security* form, click [HERE](#).

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 Liz Turner Suscha at 317-917-6189 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

SEEDING AND PAIRING

[Reference: Championship Structure in this handbook and Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee will rank the teams using the selection criteria. The highest-ranked teams will be given consideration as host sites, assuming they meet the requirements of Bylaw 31.1.3.2.3. The committee will pair the teams regionally, based on geographic location of all participants and final seeding. Teams located more than 500 miles from one another will only be paired if it is not possible to pair them with opponents located within 500 miles. Please refer to [Appendix A on page 18](#) for the Division III men's ice hockey bracket.

Section 3 • Student-Athlete Affidavit

[Reference: Bylaw 18.4.1.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

If requested by the Championships Committee, the student-athlete shall certify his or her amateur standing under the provisions of Bylaw 12 by signing an affidavit that is administered by the chair of the games committee and taken on a form prescribed by the Championships Committee.

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Appendix A • Bracket



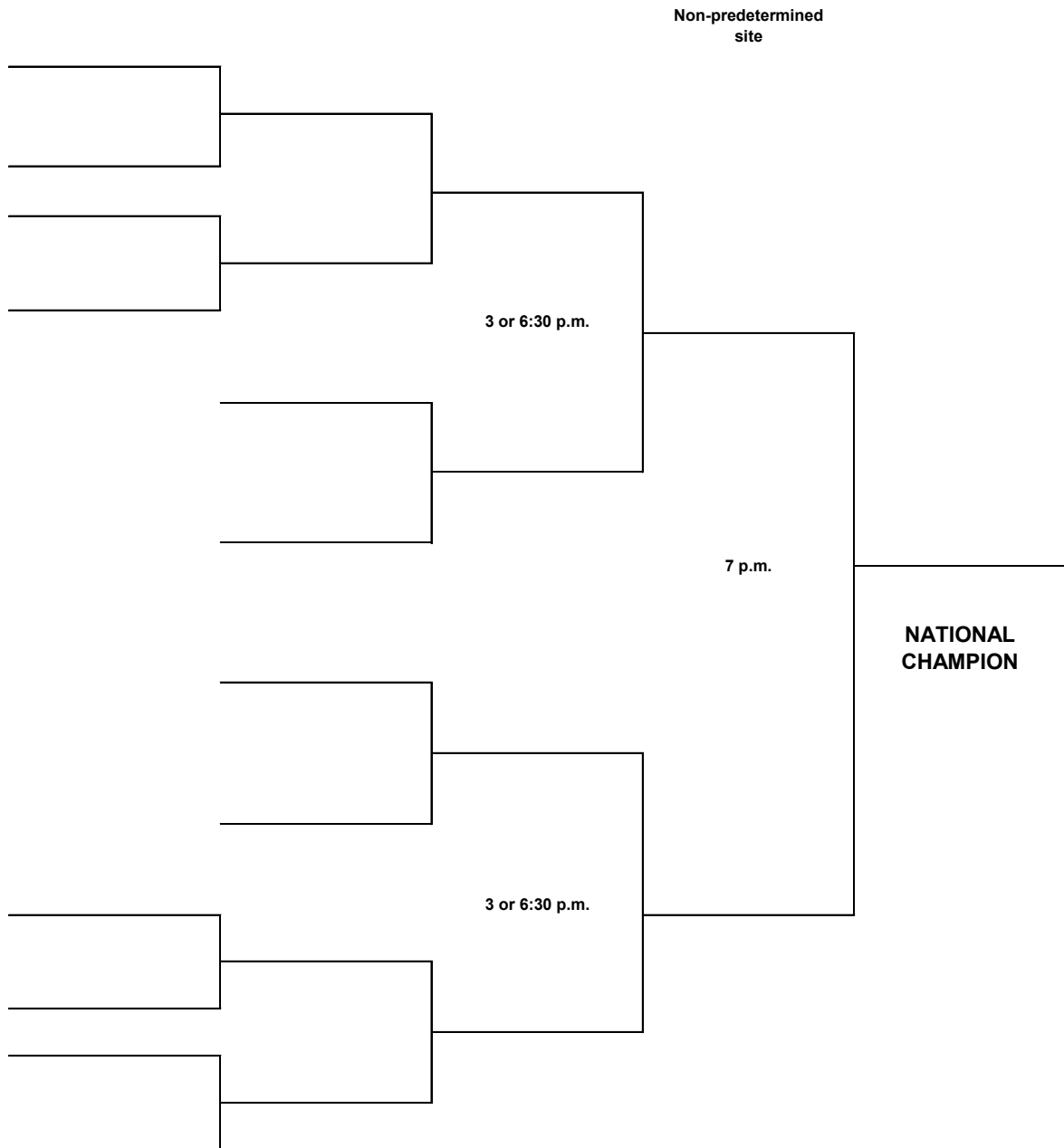
2019 Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship

First Round
March 9

Quarterfinals
March 16

Semifinals
March 22

Final
March 23



*Indicates host institution; all games are Eastern time

NOTE: Bracket placement of first round sites is subject to the discretion of the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

EAST REGION

Commonwealth Coast Conference (8)

Becker College
Curry College
Endicott College
University of New England

Nichols College
Salve Regina University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New England University

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)

Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Plymouth State University

Salem State University
Westfield State University
Worcester State University

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

New England Hockey Conference (10)

Babson College
Castleton University
Hobart College
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
University of Massachusetts Boston

New England College
Norwich University
Skidmore College
University of Southern Maine
Suffolk University

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

New England Small College Athletic Conference (10)

Amherst College
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Connecticut College
Hamilton College

Middlebury College
Trinity College (Connecticut)
Tufts University
Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
Williams College

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

State University of New York Athletic Conference (9)

College at Brockport, State University of New York
Buffalo State, State University of New York
State University of New York at Cortland
The State University of New York at Fredonia
State University of New York at Geneseo

Morrisville State College
State University of New York at Oswego
Plattsburgh State University of New York
State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

United Collegiate Hockey Conference (10)

Chatham University
Elmira College
King's College (Pennsylvania)
Lebanon Valley College
Manhattanville College

Nazareth College
Neumann University
Stevenson University
Utica College
Wilkes University

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Pool B Teams (3)

Anna Maria College
Bryn Athyn College

State University of New York at Canton

WEST REGION

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)

Augsburg University
Bethel University (Minnesota)
Concordia College, Moorhead
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Saint John's University (Minnesota)
St. Olaf College
University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (12)

Adrian College
Aurora University
The College of St. Scholastica
Concordia University Wisconsin
Finlandia University
Lake Forest College

Lawrence University
Marian University (Wisconsin)
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Northland College
St. Norbert College
Trine University

AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Pool B Teams (5)

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

University of Wisconsin-Stout
University of Wisconsin-Superior

Appendix C • Selection Criteria

2018-19 NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S ICE HOCKEY SELECTION CRITERIA DETAIL

The selection criteria below are applied to Team A vs. Team B (two teams at a time). The "Pairwise" process applies the criteria simultaneously to every possible pair and counts how many pairs each team wins. Teams are ranked based on the total number of comparisons won.

Selection Criteria

- Rating Percentage Index (RPI)
- Quality Win Bonus (QWB) *applied to RPI
- Results vs. Common Opponents
- Head-to-Head

Calculation of Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

- RPI formula is 25-21-54 (25% winning percentage, 21% opponents' winning percentage and 54% opponents' opponents' winning percentage)
- Head-to-head games are excluded in the OWP calculation.
- "Negative wins" are removed from the RPI calculation.
- Includes 1.2/.8 Home/Away weighting.
- No adjustment to calculation for games decided in overtime.
- RPI is the tiebreaker if tied on criteria points.

Quality Win Bonus (QWB)

- Not a separate criterion but added to the RPI.
- Sliding scale, maximum of 5.0 points (Top 20 teams for both men and women)

Results vs. Common Opponents

- Weighted equally by opponents instead of games.
- Only results against Division III opponents are included.

	Team A	Team B
vs Team Strong	0-1-0 (0.000)	0-3-0 (0.000)
vs Team Weak	3-0-0 (1.000)	1-0-0 (1.000)
If game is weighted:	3-1-0 (0.750)	1-3-0 (0.250)

Head-to-Head Results

- Each game counts one point in the criteria comparison.