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2026 – 2027 & 2027-2028 NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING &
DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

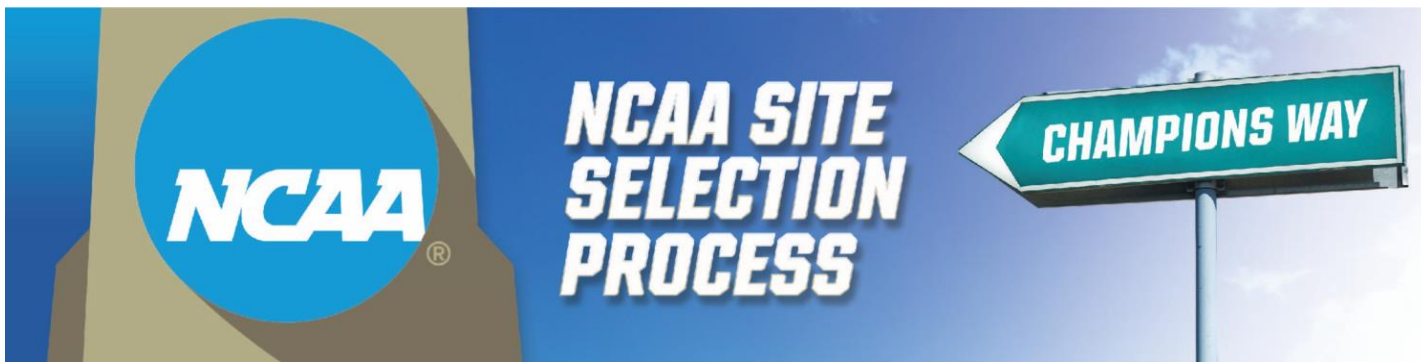


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SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA” and/or “Association”) is pleased to provide to member institutions/conferences the opportunity to submit a proposal to host one or more NCAA championships.

The information contained in this document and the accompanying attachments provides the minimum bid specifications for hosting any of these championships, as well as essential information that will provide assistance in the development of a creative, comprehensive and competitive bid proposal. The NCAA awards the privilege of hosting an NCAA championship several years in advance so those communities may work collaboratively with the NCAA to create positive experiences for its student-athletes, participating institutions, fans and the community.

A member institution or member conference of the NCAA must be designated as the host institution/conference for the championship. The administration of the championship is under the authority of the respective sports committee subject to final authority from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee and Division II and Division III Championships Committees. All activities and events associated with the championship are to be approved by the sports committee.



SECTION II: CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

DATE FORMULAS FOR FINALS	
Combined Men's & Women's Championships	Third Wednesday through Saturday in March

Available championship dates for bid are as follows:

March 17-20, 2027

March 15-18, 2028

The championship provides for a field of 579 student-athletes (260 Male, 319 Female).

SECTION III: GENERAL FACILITY AND EVENT REQUIREMENTS

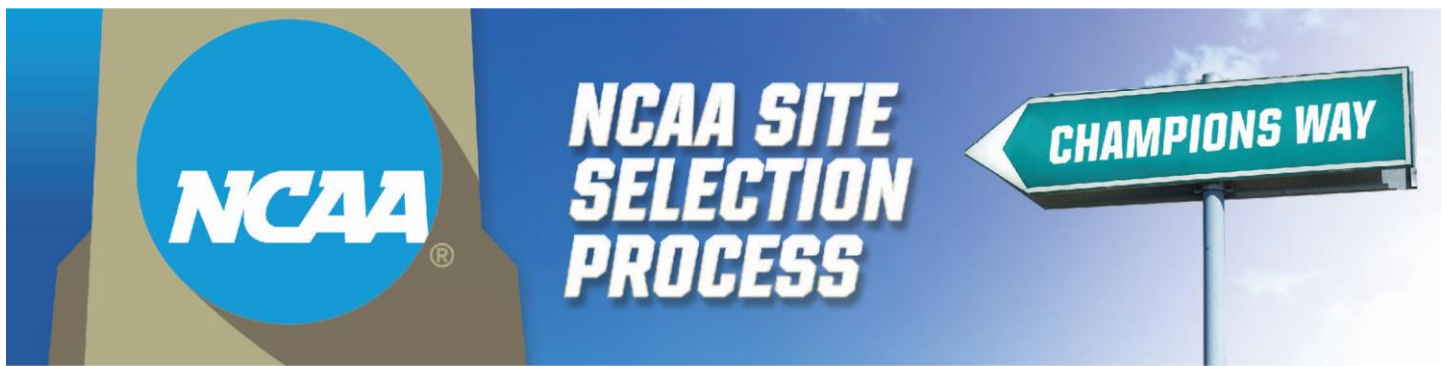
1. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which went into effect January 26, 1992, requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally disabled. The facility must agree that it will be in compliance with all applicable city, state or federal regulations concerning access and seating for people with disabilities.
2. The facility must be available by Noon, Monday preceding the competition through the conclusion of the championships for the purpose of preparing for, practicing for and conducting the competition.
3. The host and facility agree that the facility shall be clean and accessible, and playing conditions must be safe and of championships caliber.
4. The NCAA specifically disclaims any responsibility to investigate the safety or code compliance of the facility and parking lots or the component products, equipment, materials, designs and constructions.
5. The facility shall be in accordance with the current NCAA Swimming & Diving Rules as far in advance as possible, but in no event later than Monday before the competition.
6. The competition pool must meet NCAA rules. Specific expectations are listed below:
 - a. 25-yard course.
 - b. Minimum water depth of 7 feet (2.13 meters).
 - c. Not less than 8 lanes, 7 feet in width, with additional width outside lanes 1 and 8.
 - d. Track style starting blocks (wedges) are preferred for the championships.
 - e. Electronic relay judging platforms (RJPs). Specifications must meet NCAA rules.
 - f. Electronic timing system.
 - g. Backstroke ledges are preferred for the championship.
7. The diving well must meet NCAA rules. Specific expectations are listed below:
 - a. Be at least 60 feet in length and 75 feet in width.
 - b. Two one-meter diving springboards (less than one year old preferred).
 - c. Two three-meter diving springboards (less than one year old preferred).
 - d. Surface of the boards and platforms must be non-slip and safe.
 - e. It will be the responsibility of the host to make any necessary updates to the boards to ensure student-athlete safety.
 - f. It is preferred that the diving well be separated from the swimming competition and warm-up pools.
 - g. A permanent hot tub should be available for divers. If a permanent hot tub is not available, a temporary tub must be provided. Hosts must secure necessary approval in advance of the championships.



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- h. The host must have all diving equipment and areas previewed by a qualified diving specialist prior to the arrival of the NCAA committee/staff and must make any necessary adjustments.
8. The facility must have a comprehensive evacuation plan in case of inclement weather conditions or emergencies.
9. Programs, official NCAA merchandise only (unless a buyout exists) and concessions may be sold.
10. The facility must provide the following additional space at its expense with all areas subject to the approval of the NCAA:
 - a. First aid/medical/athletic training area for all student-athletes.
 - b. Media work area large enough to hold 10 people with adequate tables, chairs, internet service (preferably wireless) copy machines, phone lines and facsimile lines available.
 - c. Private meeting room for swimming and diving committee (large enough to hold 12-15 people).
 - d. Head table for 10 persons, to include official scorers, time-keepers, and designated committee members.
 - e. A statistics control area containing two copy machines. The copy machines shall include a collator and automatic stapler. The facility shall be responsible for the installation, service costs and two different colors of paper for the machine during the championships.
 - f. The facility shall provide the use of a facsimile machine within the facility.
 - g. A room for drug testing, with a waiting area and gender specific toilet facilities and a minimum of 500 square feet of space.
 - h. Area for press, coaches and officials hospitality to accommodate at least 6, 5ft. round tables.
 - i. Two areas, one for student-athlete hospitality and one for volunteer hospitality (preferred).
 - j. Ticket sales area.
 - k. Area for merchandise and concession sales.
 - l. Minimum spectator seating for 2,000.
 - m. Minimum of two locker rooms available for student-athletes (see page 5 for number of participants)



- locker rooms must accommodate).
- n. Enough deck space to accommodate seating for a minimum of 800 people.
11. The facility shall provide, at its expense, two tables with skirting for NCAA awards ceremony as well as an awards stand that is large enough to accommodate 8, 4 person relay teams.
 12. The host will make available a banquet space to accommodate a minimum of 900-1,000 individuals, participating student-athletes and institutional personnel, on Tuesday evening prior to the championships.
 13. The facility shall designate a parking area for the participating institutions and meet personnel. Parking passes should be provided for meet personnel. Maps and parking fee information (if applicable) should be included in the coaches' information packet.
 14. The facility shall be responsible for and pay the costs of the coordination and installation of official NCAA championship signage.
 15. The facility shall provide a scoreboard with eight-lane display that can also display the top 10 teams (preferably 20).
 16. The facility shall provide a scoreboard with the capability to interface with diving programs, score cards, or electronic pads in order to display diving scores and provide personnel to run the program.
 17. The facility shall have video replay capabilities.
 18. If broadcast rights are obtained in the future, the NCAA will work with future hosts on the details of the requirements. For broadcast specific details please reference the General Section, Broadcast, Media and Internet. Please complete the power verification form and attach it with your bid (available in the bid portal).



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YES NO NO with Exception

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SECTION IV: EVENT HISTORY

The chart below contains information on previous hosts, attendance and ticket price history since the 2017-18 season.

Year	Host	Attendance	Ticket Prices
2018	Franklin College and Indiana Sports Corporation	10,816	All-Session Adult: \$65 All-Session Student: \$25 Single Session Adult: \$12 Single Session Student: \$6
2019	Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the Greensboro Aquatic Center	11,740	All-Session Adult: \$65 All-Session Senior: \$65 Single Session Adult: \$12 Single Session Senior: \$10
2020	Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the Greensboro Aquatic Center	0	All-Session Adult: \$70 All-Session Senior: \$55 Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Senior: \$10
2021	N/a	0	All-Session Adult: - All-Session Student: - Single Session Adult: - Single Session Student: -
2022	Franklin College and Indiana Sports Corporation	11,109	All-Session Adult: \$65 All-Session Student: \$25 Single Session Adult: \$12 Single Session Student: \$6
2023	Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the Greensboro Aquatic Center	11,187	All-Session Adult: \$75 All-Session Child/Senior: \$70 Single Session Adult: \$20 Single Session Student: \$15
2024	Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the Greensboro Aquatic Center		
2025	Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the Greensboro Aquatic Center		
2026	Franklin College and Indiana Sports Corporation		

SECTION V: LODGING

The NCAA has partnered with On Location to manage the NCAA Championship Housing Program and all championship housing needs. On Location serves as the housing partner for hundreds of events annually and, through strong relationships with various hotel brands, can deliver the appropriate mix of amenities, location and price for hundreds of thousands of room nights each year. Utilizing their expertise, On Location will be responsible for managing the selection and contracting process for all championship housing accommodations.

Housing will be required for all participating teams, NCAA staff, committee members, media, game officials, and other special guests as designated by the NCAA. Separate hotels are needed for the NCAA, media, officials, and participating teams unless specified otherwise by the NCAA. It may be permissible for the media or game officials to be assigned to the same property as the NCAA headquarters hotel. (Game officials and teams may not stay in the same hotel.) Efforts will be made to provide some preference to the official corporate champion/partner in the hotel category (should one exist at the time of contracting) of the NCAA. While hotels are the primary housing offerings that will be contracted, alternative options may be considered in certain situations.

Bids will be awarded contingent upon the successful negotiation of housing needs at reasonable rates. Failure to secure such reasonable rates and properties may result in rescinding of the bid award.

The host institution/conference or sponsoring agency must guarantee sufficient housing is available to meet the room block needs identified in the sport specific bid specification. Properties must meet the required service levels and be in reasonable proximity to the event venues. Rooms should not be secured or contracted nor should rates be discussed with specific properties, unless requested to do so by the NCAA.

Bid responses may highlight any recommended properties On Location should consider when contracting. Specifications should also disclose any special relationships, agreements and/or financial arrangements you may have in place with the recommended properties. On Location will take into consideration all recommendations when selecting hotels; however, guarantees cannot be made that contracts will be secured with these properties.

All hotels contracted must have experience with and understand the needs of large sports related groups. For certain championship events, additional room blocks may be required for fan travel.



The NCAA or its designees shall have the exclusive right to sell products licensed by the Association for merchandising at the selected hotels (inside and outside the premises controlled by the hotels). The hotel will provide adequate space in its lobby for such sales.

Contracted properties will be responsible for complying will all requirements in the contract terms as presented in the sample contract.

Hotel Room Block

	Number of Hotels	Service Level	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Notes
Teams ¹	Various		50	250	250	250	250	200	
Headquarters	1	Full	60	80	80	80	80	50	NCAA, Committee, Officials, etc.
Total			110	330	330	330	330	250	

The host institution is financially responsible for the game official accommodations to be reimbursed by the NCAA.

All hotels shall be in close proximity (ideally within walking distance) from the competition venue. The team hotel(s) must be of comparable quality and distance from the competition venue.

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SECTION VI: NCAA/HOST RESPONSIBILITY

NCAA PROVIDES:

1. Transportation and per diem reimbursement for the participants.
2. Transportation, lodging (room and tax), per diem and game fee for all officials.
3. Transportation, lodging (room and tax) and per diem for the NCAA sport committee.
4. Awards for participating teams.
5. Hydration product (e.g., water, electrolyte solution, coolers, etc.)
6. Official souvenir program in digital form.
7. Credentials.
8. Basic championship signage.
9. Volunteer and officials apparel.
10. Backstroke flags and lane lines.
11. Mementos to the official traveling parties of the participating teams.
12. Funding for promotional efforts.

HOST INSTITUTION/CONFERENCE AND/OR SPONSORING AGENCY PROVIDES:

1. Facilities.
2. Volunteers.
3. Public relations coordination.
4. First aid/medical services/AED on-site/ambulance on-site.
5. Championships hospitality.
6. Food/beverage concessions.
7. Public address system.



8. Support personnel – ticket takers, media runners, etc.
9. Security.
10. On-site Timing Technician.
11. Media room (fully equipped).
12. Media seating/work area with constant refreshments.
13. Tickets.
14. Appropriate directional signage within and outside the venue.
15. Other items as later requested by the NCAA.

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SECTION VII: TRANSPORTATION

Local transportation for the participating teams shall be the responsibility of the participating institutions.

SECTION VIII: MARKETING REQUIREMENTS

1. **Marketing Plans.** Upon selection, the host is required to submit a marketing plan for review and approval prior to activation by the NCAA marketing staff. Please refer to the appropriate marketing plan template as a guide.
2. **Budgets.** When the proposed budget is submitted, a minimum of \$4,000 should be allocated for these purposes. The marketing budget should only include items needed for: marketing, advertising, printing costs, grassroots opportunities and promotions.
3. **Creative Process.** A creative marketing assistance website is available to the host for their marketing needs. This marketing website, NCAACHampsPromotion.com, is a comprehensive tool designed to help hosts create marketing pieces which will generate awareness and promote tickets and or attendance for the championship.

Hosts should customize and download all necessary artwork to promote the championship. Every effort should be made to use the online marketing templates, produce the items locally and obtain reimbursement for production costs, up to the reimbursable allocation provided.

All artwork and reimbursement requests must be approved by the NCAA prior to proceeding with production. Artwork requests and approvals will be managed through the website. Should you not have a local vendor, a list of preferred NCAA vendors is available on the website.

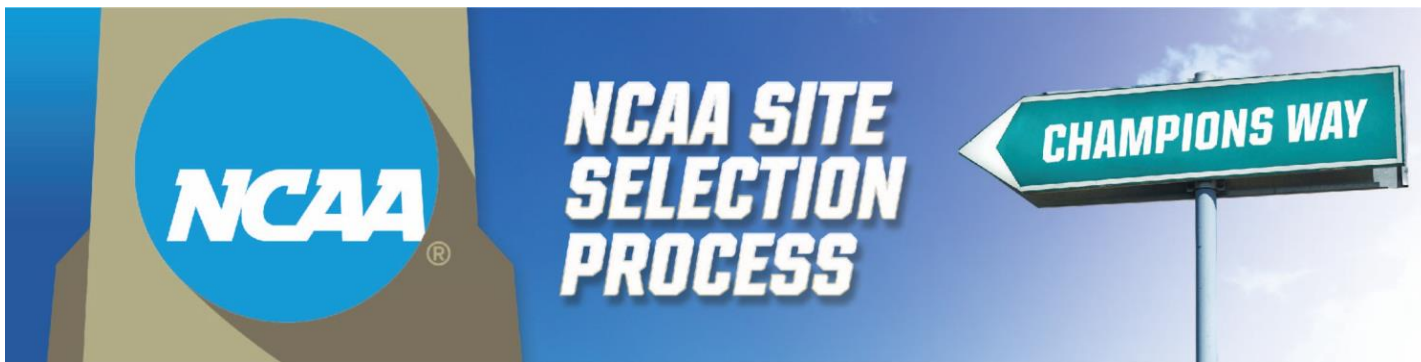
4. **Radio/TV.** The NCAA will provide the following television and radio elements to assist in promoting and selling tickets to the championship. Several formats will be provided in order to allow for use over a variety of platforms (e.g., websites, tv commercials, videoboards). All spots will be made available for download via the online marketing website NCAACHampsPromotion.com.
5. **Support Documents.** Hosts should refer to the following support documents when developing marketing plans and budgets: NCAA Ticket Promotional Use Guidelines, NCAA Sales Commission Guidelines, and NCAA Micro-Site Guidelines.



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SECTION IX: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Championships

Monday

Practice 4 – 9 p.m.

Registration – Noon- 9 p.m.

Tuesday

Practice – 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration – 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Scratch Box – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Diving Coaches Meeting – 2:30 p.m.

Swimming Coaches Meeting – 3:30 p.m.

Championship Banquet – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Warm-up – 7– 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Scratch Box – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Swimming Trials – 10 a.m.

Diving Trials – 1 p.m.

Swimming Finals – 6 p.m.

Diving Finals – Approximately 7:30 p.m.



Thursday

Warm-up – 7 – 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Scratch Box – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Swimming Trials – 10 a.m.

Diving Trials – 1 p.m.

Swimming Finals – 6 p.m.

Diving Finals – Approximately 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Warm-up – 7 – 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Scratch Box – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Swimming Trials – 10 a.m.

Diving Trials – 1 p.m.

Swimming Finals – 6 p.m.

Diving Finals – Approximately 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Warm-up – 7 – 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Scratch Box – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Swimming Trials – 10 a.m.

Diving Trials – 1 p.m.

Swimming Finals – 6 p.m.

Diving Finals – Approximately 7:30 p.m.

*All times local



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SECTION X: ANCILLARY EVENTS

Coaches Association

CSCAA may conduct a meeting during championships week. This meeting is open to all member coaches.

SECTION XI: VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Approximately 100-150 volunteers per day will be needed for various assignments, including: relay take off judges, timers, registration personnel, results runners, hospitality personnel, and ticket and merchandise sales.

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SECTION XII: BUDEGT HISTORY

The chart below contains the three-year average of expenditures for the championships.

Expenditures Three-Year Average	
Total Expenses	\$137,778.00
Promotion	\$4,476.00
Tickets	\$3,598.00
Facility	\$23,283.00
Personnel	\$26,224.00
Entertainment	\$54,066.00
Equipment	\$9,786.00