

# ***NCAA<sup>®</sup> SITE SELECTION PROCESS***





2028, 2029, and 2030 NCAA DIVISION II  
MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER 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	
First/Second Rounds:	Friday-Sunday one week prior to Thanksgiving
Third Round:	Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend
Quarterfinals:	Saturday after Thanksgiving weekend
Semifinals / Finals:	Thursday-Sunday two weeks after Thanksgiving

The championships provide for a field of 56 teams (women) and 40 teams (men). All matches through the quarterfinals will be played at the site of participating institutions. Winners will advance to the joint men's and women's championships final site on the following dates:

### 2028

Men: December 7 & 9

Women: December 8 & 10

### 2029

Women: December 6 & 8

Men: December 7 & 9

### 2030

Men: December 12 & 14

Women: December 13 & 15

Preference will be given to locations with permanent structures to accommodate ticketing, concessions, team and official locker rooms, press working area, press conference area, training room, etc.

\*Note: Division II is in the middle of the triennial budget process. Any recommendations that impact the format (e.g., championship structure, participants) would be effective for the 2027-28 academic year. The Division II Championships Committee will review sport committee requests in February 2026. If a request is submitted that impacts the format of this championship, the bid specs will be updated by March 1, 2026 to serve as notice to bidders on the potential change(s). Final approval by the Division II governance structure is anticipated by late October 2026. Championship managers will communicate with bidders in early November to confirm any changes to the format as part of the bid review process.





### SECTION III: GENERAL FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The stadium must be modern, clean and accessible. Playing surface must be safe and of championship caliber. Grass playing surface is preferred, grass-like synthetic turf is acceptable. In accordance with the soccer rulebook, the field dimensions must be between 115-120 yards in length and 70-75 yards in width.
2. 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).
3. Championship Parking. The host institution/sponsoring agency agrees to provide 20 complimentary parking spaces in prime locations to be used at the sole discretion of the men's and women's soccer committees. There should be enough parking spaces adjacent to the competition site for the committee, team personnel, game officials, NCAA staff and media. In addition, designate an area for team buses to drop off and pick up passengers.
4. The NCAA shall have the exclusive right to sell products licensed by the NCAA for marketing. Only NCAA-licensed merchandise may be sold at the stadium (inside and outside).
5. The host institution/sponsoring agency shall make every effort to restrict the retail sale of souvenir merchandise that has not been authorized by the NCAA and shall confiscate any "pirated" merchandise that may become available for sale in its market.
6. The host institution/host agency shall maintain throughout the term of the lease, comprehensive general public liability insurance with single limits of at least \$1 million covering personal injury and property damage, and shall provide the NCAA national office with the appropriate certificate. The host institution/host agency further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the NCAA and its employees from and against all claims of liability to third parties for injury to or death of persons or loss of damage to property arising out of or in connection with the performance of the contract between the two parties.
7. The host institution/host agency shall provide at the stadium one photocopy machine with capabilities for reproducing statistics and other material on bond paper with a minimum per-copy speed of 60 per minute. These copy machines shall be located in an area convenient to the media.
8. Upon request, the stadium shall arrange with the local telephone company to install two (2) business private lines (BIS) toll- restricted in the working press area of the facility as designated by the committee. The NCAA also requires a minimum of six complimentary portable two-way radios be provided.
9. The stadium shall not permit any banners, signs, displays or advertising to be posted, hung or displayed in the stadium during any session of the tournament games.
  - Exception: Television broadcast entities may display a maximum of two television banners at NCAA championship sites. The television banners may only display the name and logo of the broadcast network.



Television (Turner, CBS, ESPN, CBS College, etc.) may have only two banners. National radio (Westwood One) may display a maximum of one banner. Local radio or student radio may not display any banners at NCAA championships. The NCAA staff on site must approve of the designated location of the network banner placement. The NCAA committees may authorize the posting of appropriate institutional (team) banners. No other signage may be affixed in the venue area.

10. Any bids submitted for stadiums that are under construction must include detailed construction timelines and completion date.
11. Minimum press requirement to be provided the sites.
  - a. Press box area with a minimum of 10 media positions and five photography/television spaces.
  - b. At least 18 feet of space to be afforded to photographers from the restraining sideline to the first row of seats on each side.
  - c. Working pressroom for 10 to 15 persons with tables and chairs.
  - d. Interview room for 15 persons. The host institution/host agency shall provide: elevated interview and camera areas, adequate TV lighting, sound equipment (microphones, amp, etc.). The NCAA shall have final approval and direction of all sound and lighting equipment.
  - e. Refreshment/hospitality area for 40 persons. Only NCAA approved and/or generic drinking cups (devoid of commercial identification) should be used in the refreshment area.
  - f. Additional pipe and drape, platforms, etc., as designated by the men's and women's soccer committees.
  - g. Public address systems as designated by the men's and women's soccer committees.
  - h. Chairs as designated by the men's and women's soccer committees.
  - i. Skirting, pipe and drape for work areas as designated by the men's and women's soccer committees.
  - j. The postgame news conference room should be "dressed" appropriately to reflect the prestige of the event by: (a) placing NCAA seals and logos on the podium and walls; (b) using draping on tables and other areas as necessary; (c) setting up a platform for the interviewees and moderator; and (d) providing a sound system, if necessary. Security personnel should be stationed outside the room to check credentials; the soccer committee representative(s) should be given access to this area.
12. The host/institution shall provide an elevated area for each team to videotape its own game if it wishes to do so.
13. Each participating team is automatically authorized to videotape its own game; it is not necessary to have them sign a form.



14. Locker rooms. One locker room for each team (minimum total of two) and two locker rooms for the game officials shall be provided. Additionally, one on-site committee meeting room/office area must be made available. *NOTE: Preference will be given to bids with four team locker rooms.*
15. The host/institution shall provide an athletic training room stocked necessary equipment, and staff with appropriate personnel prior to, during and post-game and during practice sessions.
16. Equipment. The host/institution must ensure the following equipment is at the game site: public-address system, two stopwatches, two compressed air-horns, scoreboard and an American flag (a Canadian flag when appropriate) properly displayed. NCAA logos and seals properly displayed.
17. The stadium shall submit the following information to the men's and women's soccer committees:
  - a. Description of stadium and field marking including logos, etc.
  - b. Description of stadium boxes sound system.
  - c. Description of existing advertising contracts.
  - d. Number of private suites and availability.
18. Minimum seating capacity in the stadium should be 1,000.
19. Drug Testing Area. The stadium shall make available a dedicated area for NCAA drug testing, should it be designated. Two facilities, or a divided facility, must be provided for drug testing. Each must facilitate the movement of five crew members, five to 10 student-athletes and any witnesses. Each must contain two separate areas: a quiet waiting area and an area for specimen collection.
20. The competition site must be available to the NCAA from 9 a.m. Tuesday prior to the championships through Sunday. Please ensure that one practice field (2 or more is preferred) is available the day prior to each day of competition.
21. The field must be properly marked, including coaching and photographers boxes, in accordance with NCAA rules. Place appropriate NCAA logos on playing surface (if applicable). All seating or standing arrangements at the field should not allow spectators closer than 20 feet from touch and goal lines.
22. Create team signage for the scoreboard rather than having "home" and "away" signs, as well as for each locker room, indicating team assignments for each game.



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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
2017	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics and Kansas City Sports Commission	3609	All-Session Adult: \$20 All-Session Student: \$15 Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Student: \$10 Single Session Group (min.10): \$5
2018	* Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and SportsPITTSBURGH	1203	All-Session Adult: \$20 All-Session Student: \$15 Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Student: \$10 Single Session Group (min.10): \$5
2019	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania and SportsPITTSBURGH	782	All-Session Adult: \$25 All-Session Student: \$15 Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Student: \$10 Single Session Group (min.10): \$5
2020	University of Tampa and Tampa Bay Sports Commission	Cancelled	
2021	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	1088	All-Session Adult: \$25 All-Session Student: \$15 Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Student: \$10 Single Session Group (min.10): \$5
2022	* Seattle Pacific University	1630	All-Session: \$20 Single Session Adult: \$12 Single Session Student: \$8 Single Session Group: \$5
2023	Wingate University	550	Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Student: \$10 Single Session Group: \$5
2024	Wingate University	896	Single Session Adult: \$15 Single Session Student: \$10 Single Session Group: \$5

\*Championships part of DII Fall Festival.



**Attendance History:**

The average overall attendance for the DII Men's and Women's Soccer Championships has varied over the years, based on location of the event and location of the participating institutions. The average per-session attendance is approximately 200. The average weekly attendance is approximately 1,000.

**Media Attendance:**

Typical media attendance at the event consists of local media outlets, and those from the eight competing institutions.

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## SECTION V: LODGING

### General Guidelines:

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 with all requirements in the contract terms as presented in the sample contract.



#### Hotel Room Block

	Number of Hotels	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Notes
Teams <sup>1</sup>		72	144	144	108	72	36	
Headquarters/Officials <sup>2</sup>		12	32	38	38	38	30	
<b>Total</b>		84	176	176	146	110	66	

<sup>1</sup> Required room types per team: 16 Doubles, 2 King/Suite

<sup>2</sup> Required room types for HQ/officials: All King rooms

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

All hotels shall be in close proximity from the competition venue. If using more than one hotel for team accommodations, hotels must be of comparable quality and distance from the competition venue.

Although it is suggested that there be three hotels, it is permissible to use more or less, so long as each room block is maintained as listed above. A complimentary bedroom suite (for the head coach or administration) is also recommended a part of this room block requirement.

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## **SECTION VI: NCAA/HOST RESPONSIBILITY**

### **NCAA PROVIDES:**

1. Transportation and per diem reimbursement for the participating teams.
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 the participating teams.
5. Official souvenir program. (Digital)
6. Credentials.
7. Funding for volunteer apparel.
8. Funding for promotional efforts.
9. Signage.
10. Equipment (game balls, Hydration product/equipment).

### **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 – ushers, ticket takers, media runners, etc.

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9. Security.
10. Media room (fully equipped).
11. Media seating/work area with constant refreshments.
12. Tickets.
13. All computers, printers, video equipment, photocopy machines, telephone lines, DSL lines, etc. necessary to administer the championships, and as may be required by the NCAA.
14. Appropriate directional signage within and outside the venue.
15. Head table personnel (e.g., public address announcers, official scorer, matchmaker, chief of head table operations, etc.)
16. Other items as requested by the NCAA.

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## **SECTION VII: TRANSPORTATION**

There are no additional transportation requirements from the host for the DII men's and women's soccer championships outside of the parking requirements listed in Section III.

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## SECTION VIII: MARKETING

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](http://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 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](http://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

### **Tuesday**

Committee facility walk-through. (Stadium)

Coaches meeting.

### **Wednesday**

Practices for teams competing on Thursday.

Walkthroughs for each team on game field (if separate practice facility is used).

Community engagement. (Various locations)

### **Thursday**

First men's/women's semifinal match.

Second men's/women's semifinal match.

Practices for teams competing on Friday.

Walkthroughs for team competing on Friday on game field (if separate practice facility is used).

Community engagement. (Various locations)

### **Friday**

Advancing Team Practices (teams that compete Thursday).

First men's/women's semifinal match.

Second men's/women's semifinal match.

### **Saturday**

Advancing Team Practices (teams that compete Friday).

Men's/Women's Championship game.

Awards ceremony.

### **Sunday**

Men's/Women's Championship game.

Awards ceremony.



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## **SECTION X: ANCILLARY EVENTS**

At this time, there are no ancillary events in conjunction with these championships. The committee encourages the host to creatively engage in community outreach during the championship.

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## SECTION XI: VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The following positions must be filled by host staff and volunteers throughout the week:

1. Media runners.
2. Public address announcer and spotters.
3. Merchandise sales attendants.
4. Hospitality coordinator.
5. National anthem singers and color guards.
6. Ticket sellers/takers/ushers.
7. Game day manager, and assistants to help with pregame activities and awards ceremony.
8. Drug-testing couriers, if applicable.
9. In-game fan engagement and promotions assistance.
10. Ball runners. Six per game—must be age 10 or older.
11. Other duties to be determined.

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## SECTION XII: BUDGET HISTORY

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

Expenditures Three-Year Average	
Total Expenses	\$94,810.00
Promotion	\$2,628.00
Tickets	\$3,690.00
Facility	\$3,400.00
Personnel	\$33,676.00
Entertainment	\$26,298.00
Equipment	\$3,610.00
Officiating Expenses	\$3,400.00