



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Member Institutions, Conferences, Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Sports Commissions, Sports Venues, Cities and Municipalities Interested in Hosting NCAA Championships.

FROM: Anthony Holman
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SUBJECT: NCAA Championship Bid Management System Launch Delayed.

The NCAA is writing to provide an important update on the anticipated launch of the new NCAA Championship Bid Management System for potential hosts interested in submitting bids for NCAA championships during the 2028-31 bid cycle.

Following feedback from internal and external stakeholders during User Acceptance Testing (UAT), the launch of the NCAA Championship Bid Management System is being delayed. We are grateful to those who took part in the testing process and provided feedback. We anticipate that the resulting updates and additional development will take approximately one month. The new anticipated launch date is **Monday, November 9.**

Regardless of the revised launch date, potential host sites will have at least 60 days to submit bids after the bid portal opens. The delayed system launch will not shorten the time available to submit bids.

In the interim, potential hosts are reminded that bid specifications for available championships remain available on the NCAA [Site Selection Bid Process](#) page. Potential hosts are encouraged to review the applicable specifications and begin developing bid materials now rather than waiting for the bid portal to open. They may also contact the NCAA staff members assigned to the respective championships; a complete list of staff assignments and contact information is available under Bid Resources on the Site Selection Bid Process page.

During the month of October, additional user training and education sessions will be provided. Dates and times for those sessions will be shared in a separate communication next week.

Thank you for your continued interest in hosting NCAA championships and for your partnership in supporting exceptional championship experiences for student-athletes, participating institutions and fans.

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