

2021-22 NCAA Championships  
Officials & Key Personnel Code of Conduct  
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The NCAA's top priority is the safety of the student-athletes, coaches, officials, staff, family, and fans who may attend our championships. The nature of COVID-19 is such that our individual actions affect not only our well-being, but also that of every other person we interact with or every person who uses the same spaces we use.

To keep our championships as safe as possible, it is important that all Tier 1 participants are aware of, and their actions are informed by, the health and hygiene recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [NCAA resocialization of collegiate sport documents](#).

Therefore, the following requirements must be followed at all times when participating in a 2021-22 NCAA championship. The applicable sport committee has full authority with respect to the administration of this championship. Failure to comply with COVID-19 requirements may result in sanctions, including but not limited to, elimination from competition or participation in the championship for reckless or egregious conduct that places others at unnecessary increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. The sport committee will be informed by medical experts in reaching its decision, which shall be immediate and final.

**Requirements:**

- All officials and key personnel will be considered Tier 1 and must be tested for COVID-19 or meet the requirements for exemption from testing\*. All participating institutions must also attest to, and provide documentation (if requested), prior to traveling to a host/competition site. Tier 1 individuals will complete all necessary consents and releases with respect to personal and health information.
  - Pre-arrival COVID-19 testing requirements:
    - Negative antigen within one day of arrival, OR
    - Negative PCR within two days of arrival.
  - Criteria for COVID-19 testing exemption:
    - Fully vaccinated, or documentation of COVID-19 infection within 90 days. Documentation is either a PCR test or antigen test with supporting medical records documenting COVID-19 infection.
  - Definitions of fully-vaccinated:
    - Being 14 days past completing primary series of vaccination, OR
    - Having completed a primary series of vaccination and have received a booster.
- Any Tier 1 participant who chooses not to participate in testing for COVID-19 (and does not qualify for a testing exemption) for any reason will be in violation of the protocol and will not be allowed to participate in the championship.

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- If a Tier 1 individual tests positive before arrival or is determined to be in close contact with someone with COVID-19, that person will be managed by the local public health authority and cannot travel to the host/competition site until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed and local health officials clear the individual to do so.
- It is the responsibility each officials and member of key personnel to ensure they are COVID-19 negative prior to travel. All officials and key personnel must attest that they are compliant with the prescribed COVID-19 protocols. Furthermore, each official shall be prepared to submit (if requested) test results on previous positive COVID-19 PCR tests within 90 days of the event and/or records of vaccination dates. For individuals who tested positive by antigen only, there must be supporting medical records supporting a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19. All records must be official and include the date and location of the test or vaccine.
- There will not be on-site testing scheduled at any round of NCAA championships for screening unvaccinated, asymptomatic individuals. Testing on-site at NCAA championships will be required only for those who are symptomatic or based on a risk assessment of a documented close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- When traveling or at a host/competition site, Tier 1 individuals, should engage only in scheduled activities. Individual or group trips, appointments, and activities or meetings with individuals who are not a part of the tested community are strongly discouraged. Masking protocols apply to all Tier 1 individuals, including those who have previously contracted COVID-19 within 90 days or who have already received the COVID-19 vaccine, and should be in keeping with guidance from local public health authorities or updated CDC recommendations.
- If a Tier 1 participant has close contact (defined as less than 6 feet of physical distance for 15 cumulative minutes or more over a 24-hour time period) with someone that is not a part of the tested community, they must inform the NCAA championship manager or site representative immediately. While fully vaccinated, up-to-date, Tier 1 participants (those who have completed the primary series of vaccination and booster, if eligible) and Tier 1 participants who have had a documented COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days will not be required to quarantine, additional testing or quarantine may be needed before they can join championship activities.
- Wearing a high-quality, well-fitting mask should be based on local protocols or updated CDC recommendations.

These requirements are necessary to allow for Tier 1 individuals to participate safely in the 2021-2022 NCAA Championships. The respective sport committee reserves the right to alter these requirements based on advice of medical experts. If a need to do so arises, the committee will inform Tier 1 participants via email or text communication established prior to the championship.