



## MEMORANDUM

Nov. 4, 2024

TO: NCAA Division I Conference Commissioners.

FROM: Lynda Tealer  
Senior Vice President of Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: 2025-26 Automatic-Qualification Online Process.

NCAA Division I conferences eligible for automatic qualification for future championships are required to submit an automatic-qualification form for all seasons by **Feb. 1, 2025**.

The NCAA currently grants automatic qualification to the following Division I championships:

Baseball  
Men's and Women's Basketball  
\*Women's Beach Volleyball  
\*Women's Bowling  
Field Hockey  
Football (FCS)  
Men's and Women's Golf  
\*Men's Gymnastics  
Men's Ice Hockey  
\*Women's Ice Hockey  
Men's and Women's Lacrosse  
Women's Rowing  
Men's and Women's Soccer  
Softball  
Men's and Women's Tennis  
\*Men's Volleyball  
Women's Volleyball  
\*Men's Water Polo  
\*Women's Water Polo  
Men's Wrestling

\* Denotes a National Collegiate Championship.

Before completing the forms, review the legislative provisions outlined in NCAA Bylaws 18.5 and 31.3.4 pertaining to automatic qualification. Links to these bylaws are embedded in the online form for your convenience. Additionally, please be sure to review your current written conference policy regarding teams subject to postseason restrictions (e.g., APP penalties, reclassifying institutions, etc.). This policy must align with the conference's current practice in consideration of automatic qualification for championships. Please review your written conference policy describing how the conference will designate a replacement automatic qualifier per the [Division I and National Collegiate Team Replacement Policy](#).

**NEW:** Please note that the automatic qualification application has been refreshed and migrated to the My Apps space. As such, your previous login credentials no longer are valid. Instead, please use your single-source sign-on credentials to access the new AQ Forms application within your existing My Apps account. While the functionality of the application has not changed significantly, it now includes some expanded features.

- Conferences can request to have a sport added to their list of sponsored sports.
- Conferences can request late access to the previous year's automatic qualification forms.
- Conferences can request late access to the current year's automatic qualification forms.
- Easy delete option of schools that need to be removed from the list of conference members.
- Expanded automated email notifications throughout the application process.

Also note that your automatic qualification form history migrated to the new application, so you continue to have access to any previously submitted forms.

Please complete the necessary information for all your sports, then fill out the final confirmation and contact section. Submission of this final section will complete the process for all sports. You are not required to complete the form at one time; you may save at any point and continue later. A progress bar, as well as checkmarks next to completed sports, will assist you in keeping track of where you are in the process. You may access and, if necessary, edit the form at any time before the due date.

All automatic-qualification data is retained at the national office. Therefore, for previously submitted applications, most questions will populate with last year's responses. Please confirm information copied from a previous year and make adjustments as necessary.

Also attached for planning purposes is a summary of selection dates and automatic qualifier notification due dates for 2025-26. Conference offices, or their designees, should notify the NCAA of their automatic qualifier by sport via the following link: <https://go.planningpoint.net/Registration/AQ>. Specific information regarding each championship's reporting timeline can be found in the respective prechampionships manual. Selection and notification dates for future years also are available via the [NCAA Championships Schedule](#) application on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

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Please contact Kerstin Hunter, coordinator for championships and alliances, at 317-917-6222 or [khunter@ncaa.org](mailto:khunter@ncaa.org) if you have any questions regarding this process or access to the application.

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Attachment

cc: Selected NCAA Staff Members



## Division I Championships

### 2025-26 Automatic Qualification

Championship	Selection Announcement Date	Notification Due Date
Baseball	May 25, 2026	May 24, 2026
Men's Basketball	March 15, 2026	March 15, 2026
Women's Basketball	March 15, 2026	March 15, 2026
Women's Beach Volleyball	April 26, 2026	April 25, 2026
*Women's Bowling	March 25, 2026	March 22, 2026
Field Hockey	November 9, 2025	November 9, 2025
Football	November 23, 2025	November 22, 2025
Men's Golf	May 6, 2026	May 5, 2026
Women's Golf	April 29, 2026	April 28, 2026
*Men's Gymnastics	April 7, 2026	April 5, 2026
Men's Ice Hockey	March 22, 2026	March 21, 2026
*Women's Ice Hockey	March 8, 2026	March 8, 2026
Men's Lacrosse	May 3, 2026	May 3, 2026
Women's Lacrosse	May 3, 2026	May 3, 2026
Women's Rowing	May 19, 2026	May 18, 2026
Men's Soccer	November 17, 2025	November 16, 2025
Women's Soccer	November 10, 2025	November 9, 2025
Softball	May 10, 2026	May 10, 2026
Men's Tennis	April 27, 2026	April 26, 2026
Women's Tennis	April 27, 2026	April 26, 2026
*Men's Volleyball	April 26, 2026	April 25, 2026
Women's Volleyball	November 30, 2025	November 29, 2025
*Men's Water Polo	November 24, 2025	November 23, 2025
*Women's Water Polo	April 27, 2026	April 26, 2026
Wrestling	March 11, 2026	Results from the qualifying tournaments must be submitted by March 8, 2026.

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