

Division II Preliminary Round Video Streaming Requirements

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Since the 2019-20 academic year, video streaming is listed as a facility requirement in minimum bid specifications for prospective regional hosts and video streaming is required to be implemented for preliminary-round contests in the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's volleyball and wrestling.

The division's minimum standards for video streaming of preliminary-round contests are the following:

- At least one camera must be used. Institutions may produce a multi-camera video stream if technically possible. In addition, cell phones are not permitted as the camera source.
 - Preliminary round hosts in **basketball, football and volleyball** are required to have multiple cameras (at least two) (06/23, 02/24, 06/24, 10/24).
 - Effective for the 2026-27 academic year, preliminary round hosts in **volleyball** will be required to have a minimum of three cameras (one mounted net camera and two that can provide unobstructed views of all four lines), with a minimum frame rate of 60 frames per second (120 frames per second is preferred). Video must have a minimum resolution of 1080p (02/26).
- Excluding wrestling, at least one broadcaster must be assigned for each contest to provide commentary in the live video stream.
- Personnel must be able to deliver neutral audio play-by-play and color commentary. (Host institutions may choose to use personnel who have announced the school's regular-season broadcasts, but those personnel must deliver a neutral commentary during the video stream.)
- Game action must be visible when competition is in progress.
- Current score, time and applicable information must be onscreen if technically possible.
- NCAA public service announcements must be used during breaks if technically possible.
- Every effort should be made to ensure that graphics are neutral and include only NCAA and NCAA participating institutions' marks. If a matchup features conference opponents, then the conference mark may be used.
- Contests must be recorded and shared with participating schools as requested.
- Football hosts must meet the additional broadcast minimum specs as outlined in the documents posted to the Division II Football [page](#). (7/25).

The NCAA will not reimburse for equipment rental/purchase or production costs associated with video streaming in preliminary rounds. The NCAA will reimburse for costs associated with staffing (for example, commentators and producers).