NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS
SELECTION CRITERIA DEFINITIONS

Required Selection Criteria

• **Application of Nullification:** A penalty imposed on an institution for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition. The penalty is imposed by the Championships Committee and applied by the governing sports committee during selections.

• **Availability of Student-Athlete:** Whether a student-athlete(s) who is otherwise eligible has become unavailable due to academic, discipline, suspension (either by institution or conference) or other extenuating circumstances for the NCAA postseason.

• **In-Region Winning Percentage:** Percentage of games won against in-region opponents (number of in-region wins divided by total number of in-region competitions).

• **Division II Winning Percentage:** Percentage of games won against divisional opponents (number of divisional wins divided by total number of divisional competitions).

• **Division II Strength of Schedule:** The cumulative won-loss records of the team’s divisional opponents and the cumulative won-loss records of the team’s opponents’ opponents.

• **Division II Head to Head Competition:** Divisional opponents that compete against each other.

• **Results versus In-Region Opponents:** A team’s results versus opponents within the region.

Sport-Specific Selection Criteria

• **Division II Record on the Road:** Divisional team record for competitions conducted away from the home venue, including neutral sites.

• **Division II Results versus Teams with a Record of .500 or Better:** Outcome against divisional opponents that have won at least 50 percent of their competitions.

• **Division II Results versus Teams with a Winning Record:** Outcome against divisional opponents that have more wins than losses.

• **In-Region Non-Conference Won-Lost Record:** A team’s record against in-region opponents from conferences other than its own.

• **In-Region Strength of Schedule:** The cumulative won-loss records of the team’s in-region opponents and the cumulative won-loss records of the team’s opponents’ opponents.

• **Kevin Pauga Index (KPI):** KPI ranks every team’s wins and losses on a positive-to-negative scale, whether the worst-possible loss receives a value of roughly around -1.0 and the best-possible win receives a value of roughly 1.0. KPI then averages these scores across a season to give a score to a team’s winning percentage.

• **Late-Season Performance:** The latter part of a team’s competition schedule as defined by the sports committee.
• **Performance Indicator (PI):** A system that assigns numerical values to game results depending on the site and quality of the opponent.

• **In-region Rating Percentage Index (RPI):** Numerical value determined by:
  - Won-lost-tied record (25 percent).
  - Opponents’ winning percentage (50 percent).
  - Opponents’ opponents’ winning percentage (25 percent).

• **Results versus Division II Common Opponents:** A comparison of results of teams that have played against the same divisional opponents.

• **Results versus Ranked Division II Opponents:** A team’s results versus divisionally ranked opponents (i.e., teams that were ranked the previous week).

* In-region is defined as the following:
  - Sport region (as defined in the sport-sponsorship list).
  - Contiguous states (refer to the “Regionalization Talking Points” on ncaa.org).
  - Members of the same conference.
  - Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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