

Summary of NPI

HOW IT ALL COMES TOGETHER

The NCAA Power Index (NPI) provides a consistent way to evaluate teams using the same set of data.

NPI combines a team's results, strength of schedule and any sport-specific dials to produce its overall NPI.

BUILDING A TEAM'S NPI

Each game contributes a Win Value or Loss Value to a team's Net NPI.

Depending on the sport, that value may also be affected by:

- **Win%/Strength of Schedule** - Balances a team's results with the strength of its opponents.
- **Quality Win Bonus** - Rewards wins against stronger opponents.
- **Home/Away Weights** - Adjusts the weight of a result based on where the game is played.
- **Overtime and Ties** - Allows partial win and loss values to be assigned to these results.
- **Retained Wins** - Allows certain wins to be removed when doing so improves a team's NPI.

Together, these results and adjustments determine the team's final NPI.

HOW NPI IS USED

Updated NPI rankings are shared with the membership on a schedule determined by each sport committee.

After the regular season and conference postseason are complete, when applicable, NPI rankings are used to help determine at-large selections for the NCAA tournament.

Automatic qualifiers are identified first.

They are then removed from the rankings, and the remaining at-large spots are filled based on NPI rank order.

Important to note, in addition to filling by rank, Division II will fill by regions.



FOLLOW THE SEASON

One Number. An Entire Season Behind It.

At the end of the season, our team's NPI may look like a single number.

Behind it is everything you have worked for along the way: good results, opponent's strength, Quality Win Bonuses, while factoring any sport-specific adjustments that apply.

NPI brings those pieces together into one consistent value. When championship selections begin, that number helps place your team's resume alongside every other team competing for a spot in the field.

THE BIG PICTURE

Every game contributes to the story of a team's season.

NPI brings a team's season together into one consistent value that can be used to compare teams across the selection field.

COLOR KEY

■ Win values or win-related calculations ■ Loss values or loss-related calculations ■ Opponent NPI/Strength of Schedule values ■ Quality Win Base values ■ Noncalculated values

