



**NCAA Power Index
Division II Men's Lacrosse**

NPI Weights					
Win %/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Retained Wins
25/75	1.05/0.95	53	.500	100/0	8.5

Rationale.

- **Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule.**

The committee conducted a comprehensive analysis of data from the past three years to determine the most appropriate balance between winning percentage and strength of schedule. The committee emphasized the importance of maintaining a meaningful balance between rewarding teams for winning and recognizing the quality and difficulty of their opponents. The committee determined that a 25/75 split—allocating 25% to winning percentage and 75% to strength of schedule—provided the most accurate and equitable representation of team performance. This ratio reflects the committee's belief that while winning remains essential, the context in which those wins and losses occur is a more significant indicator of overall team quality. By adopting this approach, the committee aims to promote competitive scheduling while ensuring that performance against strong opposition is appropriately valued in the selection process.

- **Home/Away – Win/Loss Weight.**

The committee intentionally relied on the previously established selection criteria, which incorporated a performance indicator that differentiates between results achieved at home and those earned on the road. Under this model, home and away wins and losses are weighted differently to reflect the varying levels of difficulty associated with each environment. Road contests are often considered more challenging due to factors such as travel demands, unfamiliar settings, and opposing crowd influence, while home games typically provide a competitive advantage. By factoring in these distinctions, the committee wanted to factor in a more nuanced and comprehensive assessment of team performance in home and away contests.

- **Quality Win Base.**

The committee relied on data from the past three years to ensure the Quality Win Base (QWB) was set at an appropriate and sustainable level. The committee also focused on creating clear separation within the metric, so that wins near the QWB threshold carry modest impact, while victories over top-tier opponents are weighted more heavily. This approach ensures that the model appropriately recognizes high-quality wins and differentiates levels of achievement in a balanced and meaningful way.

- **Quality Win Multiplier.**

The committee determined that a .500 multiplier provides an appropriate level of reward for a quality win based on the established QWB. This approach ensures that significant victories are meaningfully recognized while maintaining balance within a team's overall resume.

- **Overtime Weight.**

The committee values an overtime win the same as a win in regulation time and did not place additional weight to the overtime metric.

- **Retained Wins.**

The committee determined that 8.5 wins represents an appropriate benchmark for evaluating an institution's overall season, if needed. While recognizing that most teams will include more than 8.5 wins in their body of work, the committee established 8.5 as the optimal number for evaluation purposes. This approach balances the guiding philosophy that wins should not negatively impact a team's NPI, while also ensuring a sufficient sample size to assess performance. The committee noted that Division II men's lacrosse programs are required to play a minimum of 10 contests but cannot exceed 17 contests during the regular season.

Resources.

- [NPI Frequently Asked Questions and Reference Guide.](#)