

NCAA POWER INDEX
 DII SOFTBALL

NPI WEIGHTS					
Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Retained Wins
25/75	1.05/0.95 (conference) 1.1/.9 (non-conference) 1.0/1.0 (postseason)	52.50	.600	100/0	21

Rationale.

- **Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule.** The committee set the NPI at 25/75 to align with the historical emphasis on strength of schedule in softball while still rewarding winning. These dials promote strong scheduling while also emphasizing performance against that schedule.
- **Home/Away – Win/Loss Weights.** The committee put a weight of 1.05/.95 for conference games and 1.1/0.9 for non-conference games. The smaller adjustment for conference games acknowledges the advantage of playing at home and the challenge of winning on the road without allowing game location to outweigh the actual result. The larger adjustment for non-conference games recognizes the additional difficulty associated with non-conference road contests and the competitive advantage of playing at home. This setting encourages teams to schedule challenging non-conference opponents while appropriately rewarding success achieved away from home. No weight will be provided for postseason games.
- **Quality Win Base.** The committee established the quality win base value at 52.50 to strike an appropriate balance between broad quality-win recognition and meaningful differentiation among the nation's strongest teams. Under this setting, teams receive credit for defeating opponents within roughly the top 40% nationally, with progressively larger bonuses awarded for wins against tournament-level and highly ranked opponents.
- **Quality Win Base Multiplier.** The committee placed the multiplier at 0.600 as the committee wanted to continue the historic practice of rewarding teams for defeating strong opponents. A 0.600 multiplier provides meaningful bonuses for high-quality wins while balancing the sport's emphasis on both winning and scheduling quality opponents.
- **Overtime Weight.** The committee values a win achieved in extra innings the same as a win in regulation and therefore did not place any additional weight to the overtime metric.
- **Retained Wins.** The committee supported a retained wins value of 21 because it appropriately reflects the typical Division II softball schedule while maintaining flexibility for programs that experience weather-related disruptions. This approach recognizes that most teams compete in 48–50 games annually but avoids placing undue disadvantage on teams that play closer to the minimum contest requirement.

Resources.

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