

2025-26 TRAVEL POLICY CHANGES

DIVISION I and NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- High-cost city list addition of two cities, Las Vegas and Anaheim, bringing the list to 18.
- Baseball and softball 50 percent seeding.
- Women's soccer - add day of rest between 2nd and 3rd rounds.
- Men's and women's cross country - increase field size by one additional team per gender.
- NC men's fencing and NC women's fencing - mixed championship is now broken into men's and women's for scoring, no change to travel policy.
- NC men's volleyball - add three teams, increase bracket from nine to 12.
- NC skiing - addition of Nordic sprint event.
- NC women's wrestling championship - addition of new championship in winter 2026.
- NIT pays at NCAA DI men's basketball per diem rate of \$255.

DIVISION II:

- Increase per diem rate from \$135 to \$150 for NCAA paid travelers.
- Per diem addition of 18 high-cost cities:

Anaheim (CA)	Boston	Chicago	Denver	Hartford
Honolulu	New York (all Boroughs)	Las Vegas	Los Angeles	Miami (FL)
Oakland (CA)	Portland	San Francisco	San Jose (CA)	Santa Barbara (CA)
Seattle	Washington DC	White Plains (NY)		

- Per diem rate for championships conducted in the above high-cost cities will be \$205.
- Men's basketball - joint championship with DI men's basketball. Championship game in Indianapolis, Sunday, April 5, and per diem paid at the DI rate of \$255.
- Men's football - add four teams, increase bracket from 28 to 32.
- Men's lacrosse - add two teams increasing bracket from 16 teams to 18 teams.

DIVISION III:

- Per diem increase from \$135 to \$150 and host per diem increase from \$55 to \$60.
- Women's ice hockey - add one team increasing bracket from 12 to 13 teams.
- Men's basketball - joint championship with DI men's basketball. Championship game in Indianapolis, Sunday, April 5, and per diem paid at the DI rate of \$255.
- Men's volleyball - add two teams increasing bracket from 19 to 21.

All Divisions

Should an institution elect to travel with more travelers than allowed by NCAA policy, the institution must pay for additional passengers above the NCAA-paid travel party size. For commercial flights, that cost will be the actual cost charged by the airline. For charter flights, the institution will be charged \$500, one way, per additional passenger.

This document is meant as a summary of changes for your convenience. Please refer to the official divisional [travel policies](#) for details and specifics.