

# PARTICIPANT 2020-21 MANUAL

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# **INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations on your advancement to participate in the 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series. We hope your experience with this year's championship will be a rewarding one for your team.

The purpose of this manual is to provide information to the participants in this year's MCWS to be held June 19-29/30 in Omaha, Nebraska. The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee, in cooperation with Creighton University, College World Series of Omaha, Inc., the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority, and the City of Omaha, have compiled the information contained in this manual to assist you in your preparations.

Best of luck!

Jeff Altier, chair NCAA Division I Baseball Committee

# NCAA MISSION STATEMENT

The NCAA's core purpose is to govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner, and to integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

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The primary team administrator will be the one person from your institution contacted to deal with significant issues that may arise throughout the tournament (e.g., schedule changes, designation of home team, uniform jersey color selection, communication about inclement weather delays, playing rules reminders, etc.). Communication will either be via email or phone. Your team health officer will be contacted related to any issues regarding COVID-19.

**Umpires.** All umpiring assignments will be made by the baseball committee in conjunction with the national coordinator of umpires. NCAA policies prohibit umpires from fraternizing with participants, coaches and other institutional representatives during the championship.

**Role of Committee.** The 2021 MCWS shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA staff and NCAA Division I Baseball Committee, subject to the standards set forth in NCAA Bylaw 31. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, all activities and events associated with the championship are to be administered and/or approved by the baseball committee and NCAA staff.

**Role of Host.** As the host, the local organizing committee [including College World Series of Omaha, Inc. (referenced as CWS, Inc.), the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (referenced as MECA), Creighton University and the City of Omaha] plays a vital role in the successful administration of the championship. The host shall be responsible for all local preparations for the games including, but not limited to, stadium preparation, ticket sales support, hospitality events, promotions, dissemination of informational materials, day of game administration, etc., in accordance with established NCAA policies.

The host is responsible for all operating personnel deemed necessary by the NCAA, including, but not limited to, ushers, ticket takers, private security officers, parking attendants, special police, city police and firefighters. All such personnel are to be under the sole direction and control of the competition site and are not to be considered employees or agents of the host institution or the NCAA.

At all times, the host shall work in close cooperation with the Division I Baseball Committee to ensure that the championship shall reflect favorably upon both the traditions and character of intercollegiate athletics.

# CHECKLIST

This checklist was designed to highlight important arrangements that must be made before, during and after the Men's College World Series. Please refer to the pages indicated for further information and direction.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Review the MCWS schedule of events (Appendix A) with the head coach and key staff members.
- Representatives from each team advancing to Omaha must participate in a conference call or Microsoft Teams meeting with NCAA staff. The NCAA staff will initiate this call/meeting separately with each team to review important details related to the Men's College World Series.
- Contact host service club (page 32) within 24 hours after your super regional tournament to begin coordinating your arrival time and hospitality events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make travel arrangements through Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arrangements made for transportation to and from the airport (page 63).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Arrangements for practice and game transportation (page 64).
  - Complete and return to Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org), Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org) and Kathryn Morrissey (kathryn@cwsomaha.com) the Institutional Contact Form by Noon Central time, Tuesday, June 15. (Appendix B)
- Submit Elite 90 academic award information online and send to Megan Hall (mlhall@ncaa.org) no later than 1 p.m. Eastern time (Noon Central time) on Wednesday, June 16 (page 75).
- Confirm housing arrangements by Noon Central time on Tuesday, June 15 (page 50).
  - Remind the team representatives who are required to attend the virtual administrative meeting. Head coaches, the director of athletics (or his/her designee), and the director of baseball operations must attend the virtual administrative meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative meeting—7 p.m. Central time, Thursday, June 17.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm practice schedule and arrange other practices.

Submit team roster list electronically by the time of the administrative meeting. This form may not be modified for the Men's College World Series after it has been submitted. Please submit the names of the student-athletes in numerical order, and also designate on the form the institutional contact for drug testing (if testing were to take place during the championship).

 Ensure team uniforms are ready for pick-up upon arrival in Omaha, so MCWS patches can be sewn on a maximum of four sets of uniforms. Your service club representative will coordinate this with your team (page 77).
 Ensure team information and championship materials have been uploaded to Learfield IMG College and Van Wagner (page 31).
 Advise your local media that a limited number of reserved seats are available through the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha box office the morning of each day of games (page 67).
 Participate in COVID-19 testing every other day throughout the MCWS. Ensure all necessary pre-arrival COVID-19 testing is also completed (Appendix L).
 Complete post-championship NCAA evaluations within <u>30 days after the</u> <u>competition</u> .
 Team expense report must be submitted online to the NCAA within <u>30 days after</u> <u>the competition</u> .

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Please refer to the schedule of events (Appendix A), which should assist you in your preparations for Omaha.

Administrative Call. Representatives from each team advancing to Omaha must participate in a conference call with NCAA staff to review important details related to the Men's College World Series. Teams are required to have the primary team administrator on the conference call. Other athletics department staff members are welcome to participate on the call; however, they are not required to do so. This call must be conducted within 24 hours of a team winning its Super Regional.

Administrative Meeting. The chair of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee conducts a prechampionship meeting Thursday night, June 17 at 7 p.m. Central time. Please note that this meeting will be virtual due to COVID-19. The head coach, director of athletics (or his/her designee) and the director of baseball operations are required attendees from the participating teams. NCAA staff, the national coordinator of umpires, MECA and CWS of Omaha, Inc., representatives will also be in attendance. Details of the tournament will be discussed, and the games committee will be present to answer any questions concerning the tournament operations.

An additional meeting will take place on Sunday prior to the start of the MCWS Finals with the directors of athletics (or designee) and head coaches from the participating teams, NCAA staff and other applicable parties. Items discussed during this meeting shall include pertinent information related to the MCWS Finals, as well as the MCWS closing ceremonies.

NCAA staff shall communicate the details of these meetings with representatives of the participating teams.

Alumni Hospitality. School-specific alumni groups seeking pre-game hospitality options may secure space at the CHI Health Center Omaha across the street from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha starting on Wednesday, June 23. There are menu options available to choose from during the MCWS and these will be provided by exclusive caterer Levy Restaurants. The CHI Health Center Omaha will need at least 48 hours notice of your intention to secure hospitality space. Interested groups should contact Theresa Contreraz, CHI Health Center Omaha Convention Sales Manager, at 402-599-6933 or tcontreraz@omahameca.com.

**Practices.** Please review the following information related to team practices:

1. <u>**Thursday, June 17.**</u> Teams will not be allowed to practice at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha on Thursday, June 17. If you want to practice on this date, your team will need to practice at the assigned off-campus site on this date and at the listed time. Please see Appendix F and Appendix G for more details on the actual practice schedule on this date. In addition to possible off-site practice on this date, each participating team will have selected players and the head coach who will be required to participate in interviews with and NCAA Digital and Social Media (45 minutes in duration). These interviews will all be conducted on the campus of Creighton University (D.J. Sokol Arena).

2. <u>Friday, June 18 – Pre-MCWS Practice Day</u>. Arrangements must be made to allow teams to practice at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha Friday, June 18 prior to the first game. All practices will be closed to the general public. Teams shall be provided access to the stadium clubhouses on their respective base lines prior to their scheduled practices on Friday. The following practice schedules should be followed (practices last 50 minutes with 10 minutes for field preparation allowed before the next team begins):

9:10-10 a.m.	Game No. 1 home team practice
10:10-11 a.m.	Game No. 1 visiting team practice
11:10 a.mNoon	Game No. 2 home team practice
12:10-1 p.m.	Game No. 2 visiting team practice
1:10-2 p.m.	Game No. 3 home team practice
2:10-3 p.m.	Game No. 3 visiting team practice
3:10-4 p.m.	Game No. 4 home team practice
4:10-5 p.m.	Game No. 4 visiting team practice

Teams arriving early for Friday practice may use the 1<sup>st</sup> Base Holding Room (assigned visiting team for their first scheduled game) or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Holding Room (assigned home team for their first scheduled game) if their assigned clubhouse is not yet ready.

One hour and 15 minutes prior to the start of each team's official practice time listed above, the institution's squad will need to arrive at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (immediately proceed to the Road to Omaha sculpture in front of the stadium) for a team photo (10 minutes duration) and ESPN interviews (50 minutes in duration – stadium suite level). Teams are encouraged not to arrive before the scheduled time. Any team members or institutional personnel not involved in these interviews should proceed to your assigned clubhouse (or assigned team holding room if the clubhouse happens to still be occupied: home – third base; visitors – first base). You should wait until the preceding team's practice has concluded before proceeding to the field. This area will be protected by TD Ameritrade Park Omaha security personnel on the practice day.

Turf shoes shall be required on the playing field during the allotted practice time on Friday. Spikes shall not be permitted on the playing field during Friday's practice. Coaches and student-athletes shall remain off of the infield grass for any drill or practice procedures unless to pick-up stray balls. Coaches must only hit fungoes from the turf protector on the infield area near home plate. Pitchers may familiarize themselves with the pitching mound by practicing their wind-up on the mound. However, they will be required to stay on the protective turf at all times when doing so.

After each team's practice, the head coach and one student-athlete will need to participate in a virtual press conference session for 30 minutes in the press interview room. Due to COVID-19, autograph sessions will not take place in conjunction with the 2021 MCWS.

Each team will also need to view a sports wagering video presentation.

3. **Day of Game Batting Practice.** Weather permitting, the teams playing the first game each day shall be allowed to conduct batting practice at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. Teams playing the second game each day will not be allowed to conduct batting practice on the field

at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. Off-site batting practice may be conducted, or batting practice in the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha batting cages will also be permissible.

During a team's designated practice time prior to the first game on a given day, it may use all available batting practice options (e.g., on-field batting cages, if applicable, as well as its respective assigned batting cage).

Teams playing in the second game on a given day will only be allowed to take batting practice in their assigned batting cage. Please note that this batting practice time will begin 2:15 prior to the start of the second game, and both teams will hit simultaneously during this timeframe. The batting practice will be one hour long.

It should be noted that if there is inclement weather in a given game, it will be left to the discretion of the Division I Baseball Committee as to whether the participating teams will be allowed to use the batting cages in addition to the bat swing areas to loosen up prior to play being resumed.

4. **Off Site Pre-Game Batting Practices.** An institution may choose to take their pre-game batting practice at an off-site facility, which should be coordinated by Ed Servais, head baseball coach at Creighton University (402-660-5846).

With the increase in the number of teams wanting to take pregame batting practice off site at Creighton University, if both teams wish to take pregame batting practice at Creighton, the home team will automatically be scheduled to hit two hours and 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. The visiting team would then be scheduled to hit one hour and 50 minutes before the scheduled game time.

If an institution chooses to take pre-game batting practice off site, a team administrator must notify Chad Tolliver (317-966-6458) that they will be hitting off site <u>at least</u> three hours before the time of their scheduled TD Ameritrade Park Omaha batting practice.

If pre-game batting practice is scheduled to take place on the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha field (i.e., first-game of the day) and either team decides to take their batting practice off site, the other team should be afforded the opportunity to move its batting practice to the scheduled time vacated by the first team.

For additional information on off-site pre-game batting practice policies and procedures, please see Appendix G of this manual.

- 5. **Off Day, Off Site Practices.** For additional practice time during the Series at sites other than TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, participating teams should contact Ed Servais, head baseball coach at Creighton University, at 402-660-5846. Please see Appendix G for detailed information on the various practice sites available during the Men's College World Series. Please also review Appendix F for the detailed practice day schedule for each team on Thursday, June 17 and Friday, June 18. Teams should not practice at any other site than those listed in Appendix G. Any institution wishing to use strength training facilities must schedule/confirm with Dan Bailey, head strength and conditioning coach at Creighton University, at 402-639-4827.
- 6. **Sunday, June 27 Pre-MCWS Finals Practice.** In an attempt to restore the playing field, practices at the stadium will not be permitted if there are no games played Saturday, June 26.

The two teams participating in the MCWS Finals will each be allocated a maximum of 1.5 hours of practice at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha on Sunday, June 27. One team will practice from Noon-1:30 p.m. (team advancing first to the MCWS Finals) and the other team will practice from 1:40-3:10 p.m. There will also be ESPN interviews, Westwood One radio interviews and the pre-MCWS Finals press conference. Finally, during each team's designated practice time, NCAA staff and/or other local organizing committee officials will meet with the primary team administrator and the head coach for a given team during their designated practice time. The exact time for each meeting will be determined in conjunction with each head coach and team administrator.

Please note that on the Sunday before the MCWS Finals, TD Ameritrade Park Omaha should also be closed to the general public Minimal stadium security will be needed on-site.

Additional information regarding practice preceding the MCWS Finals will be provided during the administrative meeting.

**Pregame Schedules.** The following pregame schedule template is used prior to the first game of a given day at the MCWS:

a given day at the MCWS:	
	Before First Session
Home team batting practice (BP)	2:15
Visiting team batting practice	1:35
Remove cage, etc.	0:55
Home infield	0:45
Visitor infield	0:35
Field preparation	0:25
Introductions (if necessary)	0:16
Color guard (if applicable)	0:09:40
National Anthem	0:09
Umpires march	0:06
Umpires/coaches meeting	0:05
Home team on field	0:02

## First pitch

#### 0:00

\*The above schedule is subject to adjustment to address inclement weather, adjusted first pitch times, special recognitions, promotions, etc. All attempts will be made to provide the final pregame timing sheets to the participating teams approximately 24 hours in advance of their game.

The following pregame schedule template is used prior to the second game of a given day at the MCWS:

	Before Second Session
Home and visiting team BP	2:15
Teams enter and assume dugouts	1:15
Teams warm-up in respective outfield	1:10
and field preparation occurs	
Home infield	0:45
Visitor infield	0:35
Field preparation	0:25
Introductions (if necessary)	0:16
Color guard (if applicable)	0:09:40
National Anthem	0:09
Umpires march	0:06
Umpires/coaches meeting	0:05
Home team on field	0:02
First pitch	0:00

\*The above schedule is subject to adjustment to address inclement weather, adjusted first pitch times, special recognitions, promotions, etc. All attempts will be made to provide the final pregame timing sheets to the participating teams approximately 24 hours in advance of their game.

Additional Information:

- 1. The above-mentioned schedules shall be followed; however, due to inclement weather or administrative demands on the tournament, the schedule may be adjusted.
- 2. Between the last out of the first game and the start of the second game a minimum of 0:65 is allowed, which allows for a minimum 0:20 warm-up period prior to the home team taking infield at 0:45 prior to the start of the game.
- 3. Team introductions are made prior to Game Nos. 1-4 and the MCWS Finals games. The visiting team is introduced first [support personnel/assistant coaches/non-starters (numerically)/starters (line-up order)/head coach], and the first person shall proceed to a point on the foul line between home plate and first base (next to the first base bag). The remaining individuals will be introduced and join the first person on the foul line and extend

the line towards home plate. The home team shall be introduced in the same manner and follow the same procedures along the foul line between home plate and third base. Teams remain on the field until after the conclusion of the National Anthem, and then return to their dugouts.

- 4. The National Anthem shall be performed prior to each game.
- 5. The umpires' meeting times may be adjusted for Game Nos. 1-4, due to first-time discussion of ground rules.
- 6. Team members may stretch and short toss for the 10 minutes preceding their batting practice in foul territory or in the deep part of the outfield down their respective foul line. Teams must assume risks associated with this activity.
- 7. In the event that there is a five-minute slide of the start time of a game for broadcast purposes, the additional five minutes shall be added to the Field Preparation time in the pre-game timing schedule. Whether or not a five-minute slide will be imposed will be determined not later than 40 minutes before the schedule first pitch.

## Halted Play.

- 1. **Length of Games.** All games shall be nine innings. If play has been stopped before nine innings have been completed, the halted-game rule (Rule 5-9) shall be used.
- 2. **Authority to Halt.** The games committee shall make the decision as to when a game shall be halted and/or restarted. The only situation in which the umpire-in-chief may halt play is if it is his opinion that the playing surface is unplayable.
- 3. **Contact with the Weather Bureau.** On arrival in Omaha, the assigned individual shall establish contact with the point person from Meteorlogix to set up a training meeting prior to Thursday, June 17.

The NCAA primary and secondary liaisons, in conjunction with the turf manager and local meteorologist, shall monitor the weather radar equipment and lightning detection system available at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.

## 4. Inclement Weather Scenarios for the Men's College World Series.

- a. The primary goal is to play games according to the published schedule.
- b. As a general guideline, no game should start later than 11 p.m. local time. In addition, another general guideline is that the MCWS Finals Game Two or MCWS Finals Game Three should not start later than 9 p.m. local time.
- c. The principles below are intended to be general guidelines for operation. Issues such as future weather forecasts, television, competitive equity and expenses associated with playing games after Wednesday of the MCWS Finals may dictate an alternate schedule.

# Principles:

- 1) In the event of inclement weather, every attempt should be made to play <u>both</u> games scheduled on a particular day OR cancel <u>both</u> games scheduled on that day so that the structural format of the MCWS is not altered.
- 2) In those instances when only one game on a particular day is cancelled (e.g., first game played and second game rained out), three games should be played on the following day to get the event back into its original structural format.
- 3) In the case of a halted game, the remaining game schedule should be adjusted so that there is no possibility of a team playing more than two complete games in one day.

# **POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:**

- If both Tuesday, June 22 games are cancelled, play those Tuesday games (Games 7 and 8) on Wednesday, June 23. The originally scheduled game on Wednesday, June 23 (Game 9) will be moved to Thursday, June 24 (tentatively 1 p.m. local time).
- 2) If one Tuesday, June 22 game is cancelled, play this game tentatively at 1 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 23.
- 3) If the lone Wednesday, June 23 game is cancelled (Game 9), this game will be moved to Thursday, June 24 (tentatively 1 p.m. local time).
- 4) If inclement weather cancels Game 10 on Thursday, June 24 at 6 p.m. (local time):
  - a) Play Game 10 on Friday, June 25 tenatively at 1 p.m. (local time). This addresses the competitive inequity issue by shifting the remaining schedule of the MCWS one day later without changing the structure of the bracket.
  - b) However, the "if necessary" games would be played on Sunday, June 27, thus eliminating any "rest/off day" for teams before the start of the MCWS Finals (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).
  - c) During the best-of-three MCWS Finals, the following inclement weather scenario should be used:

## **POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:**

1) **If the Monday game is cancelled**...play one game each on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (if necessary).

- 2) **If the Monday game is played and the Tuesday game is cancelled**...play game two on Wednesday and game three (if necessary) on Thursday.
- 3) **If Monday and Tuesday games are cancelled**...play games one and two on Wednesday and game three (if necessary) on Thursday.
  - The order of games will not be altered from the originally published schedule.
- 5. Halted Procedures. If a game is halted, the following procedures should be followed:
  - a. Prior to the delay, the weather radar and lightning detection system should be thoroughly analyzed to determine when inclement weather will affect the game and to prepare the grounds crew to cover the field. If necessary, the weather bureau may be contacted for additional information. If possible, the games committee must be prepared to estimate when the game should be halted in order to allow the grounds crew adequate time to cover the infield.
  - b. When it is determined that the game shall be halted, both teams must be notified immediately, and if possible, information as to when the game might be restarted should be provided.
  - c. The same information should be relayed to the press box and the televising network.
  - d. A public address announcement should be made regarding the expected length of the delay.
  - e. Throughout the delay, contact should be maintained with the weather bureau, and the above-mentioned groups should be kept informed of the status of the delay.
  - f. When it is determined that play will resume, the head turf manager should be contacted to determine how much time will be required to get the field in playing condition. The Division I Baseball Committee should also consider the amount of time each team needs to warm-up (e.g., pitchers) before the game is resumed. After these issues have been considered, then inform the above-mentioned groups when play will resume.
- 6. **Religious Accommodations Policy.** Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, if a participating institution has a written policy precluding competition on a particular day for religious reasons, the championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. There is a Sunday religious accommodation policy for the MCWS opening weekend in the event that a team with a Sunday no-play policy has its Saturday game postponed due to inclement weather. The policy would move the Saturday games to Monday and adjusts the rest of the schedule accordingly. Both Wednesday and Thursday go from a single game day to two games on those days. During the second weekend of the MCWS, no games are scheduled on Sunday.

The adjustment would provide a schedule in which there would be a maximum of two games played on a given day (unless further inclement weather or unforeseen reasons would arise). Please see the sample bracket below which demonstrates how this would be handled. It should be noted that the game times reflected below in this sample bracket are merely used for purposes of an example and may not reflect the actual game times for the current MCWS.



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#CMS Finals Game 3 will be necessary if the winner of CWS Finals Game 1 loses CWS Finals Game 2.

# **CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT**

**Bracket Format.** The 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series is an eight team, doubleelimination tournament. The championship bracket can be found in Appendix D. The NCAA will determine first-round game orders and times during a Monday, June 14 telephone conference. The dates and times will be announced via press release at approximately 11 p.m. Eastern time on Monday night, June 14.

**Home Team.** The highest-seeded teams advancing from super-regional tournaments shall be the home teams for the first-round contests. In the event of a match-up between equally seeded teams, a coin flip will determine the home team. One team will be designated as "heads", the other team will be designated as "tails" and the coin will be flipped by the NCAA representative. Heads and tails designation will be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the institution (i.e., first alphabetically being heads, second alphabetically being tails).

In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to the following formula:

- 1. The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times shall be designated the home team.
- 2. If the two teams are equal in this respect but unequal in the number of times they were the visitor, then the team that has been the visitor more often will be designated the home team.
- 3. If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the games committee or the NCAA site representative shall observe the following procedures in the order stated:
  - a. If the two teams have met previously in that particular tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question.
  - b. The team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding games.
  - c. If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by coin toss. The coin toss will be held on the field immediately after the game that caused the situation to develop and both coaches are requested to be in attendance. The higher seeded team can determine whether it will call the coin toss, or defer the call to its opponent. In the event of a match-up between equally seeded teams, one team will be designated as "heads", the other team will be designated as "tails" and the coin will be flipped by the NCAA representative. Heads and tails designation will be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the institution (i.e., first alphabetically being heads, second alphabetically being tails).

The Division I Baseball Committee has determined that for the MCWS Finals (championship series), the better seeded team will be the home team in MCWS Finals Games 1 and 3 (if necessary). The lesser seeded team will be the home team in MCWS Finals Game 2.

If both teams advancing to the MCWS Finals are equally seeded (e.g., both were number two regional seeds), then a coin flip will determine the home team for MCWS Finals Game 1, with the loser of the coin flip being the home team in MCWS Finals Game 2. An additional coin flip will take place to determine the home team for MCWS Finals Game 3 (if necessary).

Please note that for any required coin flip, the higher seeded team can determine whether it will call the coin flip, or defer the call to its opponent. In the event of a match-up between equally seeded teams, one team will be designated as "heads", the other team will be designated as "tails" and the coin will be flipped by the NCAA representative. Heads and tails designation will be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the institution (i.e., first alphabetically being heads, second alphabetically being tails).

# **GAME MANAGEMENT**

**Championship Materials.** A dedicated NCAA website on Box has been developed to retain key information from every Division I, Division II and Division III conference and institution which may participate in an NCAA Championship. The NCAA and partners (i.e., Turner/CBS, ESPN, Learfield IMG College, Van Wagner, etc.) are required to use the site to access all logos, fight songs, rosters, photos of student-athletes, teams, coaches, administrators and campus for use on selection shows, game programs, banquet videos and video boards at NCAA championships. For this site to be completely effective, it requires full cooperation from participating institutions. All SID's should have received an e-mail with instructions to register and/or collaborate to upload the appropriate information for your institution or conference... If you did not receive this prompt or need access, please contact Megan Hall (mlhall@ncaa.org).

**Electronic Communication.** No electronic communication devices (e.g., cellular phones, iPads, tablets, televisions) are permitted in the bullpens or dugouts during the MCWS.

**Introductions.** Team introductions are made prior to Game Nos. 1-4 and the MCWS Finals games. The visiting team is introduced first [support personnel/assistant coaches/non-starters (numerically)/starters (line-up order)/head coach], and the first person shall proceed to a point on the foul line between home plate and first base (next to the first base bag). The remaining individuals will be introduced and join the first person on the foul line and extend the line towards home plate. The home team shall be introduced in the same manner and follow the same procedures along the foul line between home plate and third base. Teams remain on the field until after the conclusion of the National Anthem, and then return to their dugouts.

**Line-Up.** The coach of each team will present a line-up card to the umpire before the start of the game. The head coach is required to present the line-up card prior to the first game in which his team competes in the MCWS and, if applicable, the MCWS Finals. Each coach is requested to have his tentative line-up available to the official scorer 90 minutes prior to the start of the game. If a change is made in the line-up, the coach should notify the home plate umpire who will then inform the press box. After the completion of the first two days of competition (first game for all participating teams), the coaches and umpires should refrain from lengthy pregame meetings at home plate. The head coach also will be encouraged to provide their tentative line-up to ESPN representatives the morning of any game in which they play.

**Lost And Found.** The lost and found department is located in the guest services office on the main concourse by section 113. Any item found after an event will be returned to the facility security office. Items will be held for 30 days. The Lost and Found hotline is 402-546-1750.

National Anthem. The National Anthem shall be performed prior to each game.

**Post-Championship Evaluations.** The NCAA shall develop, distribute and collect championship evaluations and surveys from participating teams, umpires and local host representatives. The hosts may also seek additional feedback if approved in advance by the NCAA.

**Team Scouting Seats.** As long as a team is a participant in the Series, it is entitled to two seats for the purpose of scouting opponents. Admission to a scouting seat will be with a competitor's credential. The NCAA on-field liaisons are responsible for assigning scouting seats prior to each

game by taping the name of the participating institutions to their seats. All scouting seats will be located in Section 112, which is located directly behind home plate.

**Team Hosts/Service Clubs.** Eight of the local service organizations each host one of the teams in the Men's College World Series. A representative of each hosting organization shall contact the team it represents following the super regional tournament. Following are the service clubs and contact persons who have been assigned for the MCWS:

Super Regional Winner	Service Club	Contact Information (cell phone)
TCU Pod	Concord	Terry Devlin (402-650-6565) Ed Arkfeld (402-680-9718)
Arkansas Pod	I-80 Cosmopolitan	Scott Newman (402-301-6747) Brad Svensen (402-709-2527)
Texas Pod	Exchange	Tom Helligso (402-740-5300) John Saniuk (402-250-0308)
Mississippi State Pod	Kiwanis	Jim Costello (402-630-1841) Rick Berkshire (402-672-4001)
Texas Tech Pod	Lions	Doug Johnson (402-578-4791) Mark Bresley (402-618-5244)
Tennessee Pod	Offutt Air Force Base	Jennifer Miller (402-990-4736) Trish Loede (402-657-8097)
Arizona Pod	Optimist	Fred Uhe (402-639-4709) Tom Lynam (402-680-0877)
Vanderbilt Pod	Rotary	Jim Stewart (402-740-0663) LeRoy Swedlund (402-677- 7579)

**Team Meals/Additional Food.** No outside food and/or beverages are permitted to be brought into TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. As teams qualify to participate in the MCWS, Randy L. Buhr or Chad Tolliver of the NCAA staff will provide them with Felicity Flesher's information (402-599-6858 – work; fflesher@levyrestaurants.com). Ms. Flesher with Levy Restaurants will discuss each team's special requests and dietary needs.

Each participating institution will be provided training table food in their assigned clubhouse or team holding room (for those teams playing in the second game of a given day) for each game in which they participate. This food will be provided by the stadium caterer (Levy Restaurants).

Should an institution need additional food or beverage beyond the meal provided, Levy Restaurants has prepared a variety of options available for purchase. Please see Appendix J for details on the menu and the ordering process.

**Umpires.** The umpires selected to work the Men's College World Series shall report to the National Coordinator of Umpires, who in turn reports to the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee, for all matters related to the administration of the Series. Four umpires shall be assigned to each game, with the exception of the MCWS Finals when six umpires shall be assigned.

Microphones shall be placed on umpires for purposes of airing audio during the ESPN broadcast.

NCAA policies prohibit umpires from fraternizing with participants, coaches and other institutional representatives during the championship.

**Video (Game).** The NCAA Broadcast Services staff will provide a jump drive with a copy of the ESPN/ESPN2 broadcasts to participating teams. School administrators may pick up a copy of the game telecast in the press interview room (SL-112B). The NCAA will only provide one jump drive per MCWS game to the two participating teams (home team jump drive and visiting team jump drive). If teams wish to record every MCWS game, each team must bring its own recording equipment to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. The institutional recording equipment set-up area will be in the media work room (SL-124). The team videographer can plug into the ESPN mult-box (SL-124). Please consult Kristen Jacob Smith (kjsmith@ncaa.org) during the sports information meeting Tuesday night prior to the start of the Series for further information.

**Video Review.** The video review rule limits reviewable plays to the following by the crew chief at his discretion at any time during the game or with the use of a head coach's challenge at any time during the game:

- 1. Deciding if a batted ball is fair or foul. The ball must first touch the ground or a fielder beyond the initial position of the first or third baseman.
- 2. Deciding if a batted ball is either a ground-rule double or a home run.
- 3. Any catch or no catch in the outfield or foul territory. A call of "no catch" can be changed to "catch" within the infield only if it results in a third out with any runners on base, or any time with a batter-runner only.
- 4. Spectator-interference.
- 5. Deciding scoring plays at home plate inclusive of collisions (illegal and/or malicious slides) or time plays.

The video review rule limits reviewable plays to the following by the crew chief at his discretion beginning with the eighth inning during the game or with the use of a head coach's challenge at any time during the game:

- 6. Force and tag play calls at any base.
- 7. Calls involving whether a base runner passes a preceding runner; determining whether a base runner scored ahead of a third out; and upon an appropriate appeal by the defensive team, determining whether a base runner touched a base.
- 8. Plays involving a hit by pitch.
- 9. Deciding if a runner failed to retouch a base after a fair or foul ball is legally caught.
- 10. Non-home run boundary calls including the placement of runners following a boundary call.

11. Deciding if interference occurred on a runner's attempt to break up a double play.

The off-field video review officials will be considered an extension of the umpiring crew and will have the ability to notify the umpires on the field that a review should be initiated. The video review official will be permitted at any time to initiate a review for plays included in the first list above (plays one through five). For the second list above (plays six through 11), the video review official can initiate a review during the final two innings of regulation and during extra innings.

## Video Review Process:

- 1. Video review is a video process which falls within the NCAA Baseball Rules in Appendix E of the NCAA Baseball Rules Book: Getting the Call Right. It can be used to either let stand a ruling on the field by the game officials or to change or reverse that ruling.
- 2. The video review process operates under the fundamental assumption that the ruling on the field is correct. Only if there is indisputable video evidence to remove all doubt that a ruling was incorrect will a call be changed. Absent that evidence, the original call will stand.
- 3. Each team will receive two (2) head coach's challenges to start each game. A head coach may challenge as many reviewable calls within a single play as he desires using one challenge. Once a team has exhausted its available challenges, it will no longer have the ability to challenge any additional play or call in the game.
- 4. Any use of video review must occur before the next pitch or play. The head coach should notify an umpire immediately (within approximately 10 seconds) at the end of a play if he intends to use one of his two challenges on the previous play. If the review is called for after a game ending play, it must be called for before all umpires leave the field of play.
- 5. The umpire crew chief makes the determination if a play is eligible for video review. Under the provisions of Appendix E of the NCAA Baseball Rules Book, coaches have the ability to request a conference among the umpires.
- 6. If video review is used, the crew chief, the calling umpire, and other members of the crew (as deemed necessary), would go to the designated video review area on the field of play to obtain the headset communication to the video review officials located in the umpires' locker room. The crew chief and the umpire he designates will wear the headsets and communicate with the video review officials. The video review officials would review all relevant video coverage. Please note that at least one umpire must remain on the field.
- 7. Security should be available to the umpires on the field of play during the video review. The video review area is a secure environment completely clear of all other persons other than the NCAA Baseball Umpire Program staff, DVSport, Inc. staff, and any other applicable NCAA staff.
- 8. During a video review the defensive team shall maintain their positions on the field and may warm-up if desired. Offensive base runners and the on-deck hitter shall maintain their positions. Other personnel shall remain in the dugout. Any defensive or offensive

conferences will be charged as during any other part of the game. The umpire crew will use headsets and step away (clear themselves) from all dugout personnel.

- 9. While there is no time limit for the video review, lengthy reviews (more than 2-3 minutes) are discouraged.
- 10. The video review officials would communicate with appropriate technical personnel from DVSport, Inc. in order to review and have shown on one or more monitors all relevant television camera angles of the plays with highlighting, reversing, slow motion, freeze frame or other capabilities that will assist in making a determination. All equipment should be tested by appropriate personnel before each game.
- 11. The video review officials may confer and discuss the replays during the review with other members of the NCAA Baseball Umpire Program staff, but the ultimate final decision is with the video review official. This final decision is communicated to the umpire crew chief and may not be argued by either coach.
- 12. If the reversing of a call results in the need for decisions on the placement of base runners, the video review official would use his best judgment to determine their locations as if the call had been made correctly. These decisions are also not to be questioned by the head coach. Some situations are predetermined by the NCAA baseball playing rules.
- 13. If a call has been changed, the crew chief would notify both head coaches and the official scorer (via hand signals) of the ruling.

# **COMPETITION SITE**

**Competition Site Maps.** A Map of TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, and its surrounding parking lots and streets, can be found in Appendix H.

**Clubhouses.** The visiting team shall be assigned to the first base clubhouse (if playing the first game of the day) or first base holding room (if playing the second game of the day). The home team shall be assigned to the third base clubhouse (if playing the first game of the day) or third base holding room (if playing the second game of the day).

Each of the two fitted clubhouses have 37 lockers (30 lockers for student-athletes; one for the head coach; and six lockers for assistant coaches/support staff), restrooms and separate locker room space for coaches and meetings. Each clubhouse will also have two stationary bicycles. The two holding rooms can accommodate 35 people, but will only have tables and chairs provided in them (no lockers). The visiting team using the first base side holding room shall use the restroom immediately across the hall. The home team using the third base side holding room shall use the restroom inside the tunnel leading to the field/dugout.

The two holding rooms also do not have athletic training rooms and are significantly smaller in size than the clubhouses. There will be an athletic training table in each holding room.

The clubhouses and holding rooms all have digital clocks that will be synchronized to the stadium video board clock.

**Dugouts and Bullpens.** The home team shall occupy the third-base dugout (and left field bullpen). The visiting team shall occupy the first-base dugout (and right field bullpen). Teams waiting to play are expected to stay clear of the dugouts and bullpens until the teams in the preceding game have had an opportunity to remove their equipment. Teams vacating the dugouts shall be encouraged to depart as soon as possible.

There is a small bat swing area directly behind each dugout for student-athletes to warm-up in during games. This area also contains the dugout restroom.

There will be a hard line bullpen phone between each dugout and the respective bullpen.

**Playing Surface.** The playing field at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha is a natural grass turf of 100 percent Kentucky bluegrass, containing no less than four improved varieties (blend of improved bluegrass developed specifically for high performance athletic fields). The sod is placed on 10" depth of United States Golf Association (USGA) sand and organic material, with a 4" to 30" layer of gravel beneath the sand. A 7,500 square foot sod farm (built with the same materials as the playing field) is located next to the CHI Health Center Omaha to have ample additional turf if needed.

Omaha is situated on the border of zones 5A and 5B of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Hardiness Zone Map. As far as turf grass climatic zones, Omaha is situated on the far western side of the area referred to as the Semicool Humid zone.
The recommended mowing height for standard Kentucky Bluegrass is 1" to 3". Please note that at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, the turf management staff maintains a height of cut of 1". The improved varieties allow the staff to do this while still allowing the plant to survive. Weather permitting, the grass will be mowed every game day.

The skinned area of the infield has been amended with Field Saver 60. The soil test provided to the turf management staff has it having a dry weight basis of 47.7% sand, 30.3% silt, and 22% clay giving the infield a silt to clay ratio (SCR) of 1.38. USDA Texture = Loam. It is top dressed with a 50/50 mix of Turface Calcined Clay and Diamond Pro Vitrified Clay.

The mounds and plate areas are constructed from Dura Pitch Professional Mound and Play Clay.

**Parking.** Five parking spaces shall be provided for each participating team. Four spaces shall be located in Lot B (one of which will be for the team ticket manager) and a fifth pass in Lot D. Admission will be granted by a parking pass that will be distributed by the time of the Thursday night administrative meeting.

Team buses shall remain parked at the team bus drop-off/pick-up location along 13<sup>th</sup> Street just outside the Team Personnel Entrance to the stadium. Any team VIP buses traveling with team buses (maximum of one per team) shall park on the east side of the CHI Health Center Omaha after dropping off their riders.

Parking Guidelines:

- 1. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis in designated parking lots.
- 2. Tailgating is permitted in all TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots. Tailgate festivities cannot extend into additional parking spaces. Tents may be no larger than 10' x 10'.
- 3. Holding or saving parking spaces is not permitted.
- 4. Drive lanes in the parking lots must be kept clear at all times.
- 5. No overnight parking in any TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
- 6. ADA parking is available in all TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
- 7. Staking of tents is NOT permitted in the parking lots or lawn areas of the parking lots. Tents may be anchored by weights.
- 8. Consumption of alcohol or open containers of alcohol is prohibited.
- 9. Commercial advertising banners or signs are prohibited.

- 10. Distribution of promotional items or other forms of solicitation is not permitted.
- 11. Any equipment (e.g., chairs, tents, grills, etc.) left overnight will be disposed of.
- 12. All cooking equipment must be situated away from crowds, buildings or combustible material. A minimum clearance distance of three (3) feet from cooking equipment is required. No grills are to be left unattended at any time.
- 13. Trash containers and charcoal dump stations will be provided in TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
- 14. Personal golf carts, Segway's and skateboards are not allowed in TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots. Guidelines for electric scooters, as of this writing, have not been determined.
- 15. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots will open at 8 a.m. on Men's College World Series game days.
- 16. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots will close 90 minutes after the event.
- 17. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha reserves the right to revoke daily or season parking passes of those who do not comply with any parking guidelines.
- 18. Motor homes (or other RVs) are not permitted to park in any TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots. Fans should be directed to "parking information" FAQ's at <u>www.ncaa.com/cws</u> for information on nearby RV parking areas.

**Shared Parking.** The northern-most curb cut on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in front of the CHI Health Center Omaha, shall be marked by City of Omaha temporary signage as shared parking. This space is designated for use as a drop off/pick up location by shared ride services such as Uber, as well as business shuttle vans and general public vehicles dropping off passengers.

**Stadium Entrances.** Each entrance will be staffed by stadium personnel. No one will be allowed to enter without a ticket or credential. Stadium gates shall open two hours before the start of the first game of the day.

1. **Student-Athlete Guest Entrance**. No special entrances are needed for player/guest tickets, as they will be able to enter the venue through any public ticket entrance.

- 2. **Team Personnel Entrance (Game Days)**. All student-athletes, coaches and other members on the official travel party roster, on days they have games, must have an NCAA issued credential in order to gain admittance. This team entrance is located on 13th Street (just south of the "Suite/Club Entrance"). The location will be marked with A-Frame Signs.
- 3. **Team Personnel Entrance (Non-Game Days)**. On days they do not have games, all studentathletes, coaches and other members on the official travel party roster must have an NCAA issued credential in order to gain admittance. This entrance is located at Gate 1.

**Stadium Set-Up.** TD Ameritrade Park Omaha should be prepared and set in accordance with Rule 1 of the NCAA Baseball Rules. A field tarp and an adequate grounds crew must be available. MECA must also provide all of the necessary equipment for team batting practices on the game field (e.g., batting cages, hitting pads, L-screens, etc.).

- 1. On field batting practice equipment will consist of:
  - a. 8' x 8' padded L-screen with wheels
  - b. Pitching platform with artificial turf
  - c. Ball caddy with a 200 ball capacity
  - d. 8' x 8' base screen with wheels at both first and third bases
  - e. 8'h x 14'6" w tri-fold screen with wheels at second base
  - f. 8'h x 12'w centerfield shag screen with wheels
  - g. Portable, padded batting cage measuring approximately 18'w x 22'd x 12'6"h
  - h. Turf mat to cover batter's and catcher's box areas
  - i. Mound to have protective turf mat extending from plateau through landing area
  - j. Turf protectors:
    - 1). Infield
    - 2). Fungo areas
    - 3). Behind cage
  - k. Off to the side and behind the plate will be a hitting tee with a catch net
- 2. Each indoor batting area will be equipped with:
  - a. Regulation clay pitching mound
  - b. Hitting mat with inlaid batter's lines and plate
  - c. 8' x 8' padded L-screen

- d. Cage netting measuring approximately 15'w x 14'h x 75'1
- e. Permanently mounted pitching machine
- f. Outside of netting will be a hitting tee with catch net
- 3. The Bat Swing Room located just off of each dugout will be supplied with a hitting tee.

There are two (2) batting cages provided at TDAPO, one located behind the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout and one located behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. The Division I Baseball Committee has determined that teams participating in a given game will only be allowed to use the Bat Swing Room behind their respective dugout. Access to the batting cages is off limits.

**Tournament and Media Headquarters.** NCAA tournament headquarters will be located at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in the CWS Administrative Offices. The offices, accessible through an exterior door on the South side of the ballpark, will be open on Wednesday, June 16 and will be open throughout the Series.

Due to COVID-19, there will not be a media headquarters. The NCAA media coordination staff will work from the office behind the main press box.

## **DRUG TESTING**

**Drug Testing Statement.** The following statement needs to be read at the administrative meeting:

NCAA drug-testing is a possibility at any and all NCAA championship rounds and sites. However, as a best practice, the NCAA will not announce whether or not drug testing will occur at any specific venue.

Although knowing prior to competition whether NCAA drug testing was to occur had value for reasons of convenience, it left open the possibility that student-athletes might be tempted to use banned substances if they knew that NCAA testing was not being conducted at the site of competition.

Therefore, all coaches and student-athletes should presume that NCAA drug testing will occur at this championship event. Please inform your student-athletes that in the event they are notified of their selection for drug testing, the student-athlete must inform an official representative of your institution (e.g., coach, athletic trainer) before proceeding to the drug-testing site.

**Drug Testing Room.** The drug testing room is located on the Street Level in the Auxiliary Room, room number SL-112. The on-site drug testing contact is Steve Brace, Creighton University.

## **EQUIPMENT**

**Baseballs.** The NCAA and Rawlings will provide each team with four buckets of practice balls (12 dozen baseballs per team). Teams should plan to furnish their own additional practice balls, if necessary.

Each starting pitcher will be furnished two warm-up baseballs before each game. The Rawlings FSR1NCAA baseball, the official championship baseball, will be used in all Men's College World Series games.

**Bat Testing.** As part of the NCAA Bat Certification Program, all bats will be tested (ring test and wall thickness test) before competition in Omaha. All teams must submit any bat that will be used during competition on Friday, June 18 after team practices. NCAA staff will communicate further details on-site and coordinate retrieval of bats after testing is completed. Please see Appendix K for more details. Bat testing on Friday, June 18 will occur in the Auxiliary Room (SL-112).

The NCAA will affix a sticker to bats that are approved as of testing time and may be used for competition. Umpires will be instructed to remove any bat that does not display a certification sticker. If a bat approved as of testing time is used during the MCWS and later becomes dented/flat/cracked during the Series, such a bat could still become impermissible in this situation even if the certification sticker is still affixed. The umpires would remove such as an impermissible bat and penalize according to the NCAA Baseball Rules. Any new bats a team wants to introduce into competition later in the Series after initial testing must be presented to Randy Bruns, NCAA baseball secretary-rules editor, for on-site testing in the umpire offices before they can be used.

**Clubhouse Chairs.** The NCAA will provide 31 MCWS branded, padded chairs in each of the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha clubhouses and holding rooms. These chairs <u>should not</u> be removed from the clubhouses or the holding rooms by the teams. Teams that remove chairs from the clubhouse may be charged for the full cost of those chairs (\$75 per chair).

Chairs may be ordered online for purchase after the MCWS. The NCAA national office staff will share the website and passcode to order your commemorative chair today. The code is intended for team use and is not to be redistributed. However, one chair will be shipped to the head coach of each team that reaches the MCWS Finals as a complimentary gift from the NCAA.

**Dugout Provisions.** As a general rule, all equipment and provisions in team dugouts should be free of commercial branding, to protect the integrity of the NCAA corporate partner program. Regular season sponsorships or other marketing and/or advertising agreements in place during the regular season are not carried forward to the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship and the Men's College World Series.

The NCAA will provide complimentary Powerade product and equipment for team needs during the Men's College World Series. Specifically, Dasani water, single serve Powerade beverages, Powerade powder and Powerade-branded cups, coolers, ice chests and squeeze bottles will be made available to teams during MCWS competition at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. As such, teams are not permitted to use refreshment equipment in dugouts branded with commercial identification other than Powerade. Teams may fill their Powerade-branded equipment with the beverages of their choice. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha staff, in conjunction with Curtis Self of Creighton University, will be responsible for ensuring the dugout provisions are stocked daily.

TD Ameritrade Park Omaha staff will supply teams with several white, unbranded towels for use during games. As a result, teams may not use towels of any other color or that contain any commercial branding (e.g., Gatorade) in team dugouts or on the field of play during the MCWS.

Rawlings, the Official Supplier of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship game balls, will provide each team with ball buckets for use during practices and pre-game warm-ups. Only Rawlings branded ball buckets are permitted on the field and in team dugouts. Any Rawlings buckets with Major League Baseball (MLB) logos must have the logos covered.

Creighton University athletics trainers shall assist in the daily set-up of dugout provisions by placing the following:

- 1. Two 10 gallon coolers of water in each dugout.
- 2. Two 10 gallon coolers of Powerade in each dugout.
- 3. Four (4) sleeves of cups in each dugout.
- 4. Five (5) ice towels with ammonia in each dugout.
- 5. Biohazard kit in each dugout.
- 6. 10 towels on each bench.
- 7. Injury ice chest in each dugout (with bags and flexi wrap).
- 8. One (1) sleeve of cups in each bullpen/five (5) towels.
- 9. 10 gallon cooler of water (and Powerade, pending availability) in each bullpen.
- 10. Vacuum splints/AED in 3<sup>rd</sup> base bat swing area.
- 11. Top off coolers in each camera corral.
- 12. One (1) sleeve of cups in each batting cage.
- 13. 10 gallon cooler of water in each batting cage.

**Exercise Facilities.** Student-athletes of the participating teams shall have access to Creighton University facilities during their stay in Omaha. An institutional staff member with current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use must be present any time a student-athlete participates in a physical, countable athletically related activity. Those using either the Championship Center facility located at 625 Florence Boulevard or the Rasmussen Center facility at 702 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street will be required to sign a release of liability waiver (included as Appendix L in this manual). To make arrangements for use of these facilities, please contact Creighton Strength and Conditioning Coach, Dan Bailey at 402-639-4827. As a reminder, participating teams should contact Dan Bailey directly for scheduling and use of the exercise facilities, and not Ed Servais, who handles scheduling team practices.

**Field Communication Phones.** There will be a hard line bullpen phone between each dugout and the respective bullpen.

**Radar (Speed) Guns.** The use of radar (speed) guns by personnel from competing teams is permissible; however, this information may not be communicated through any electronic means to other team personnel in any location in the stadium. Please refer to NCAA Baseball Rule 5-2-f for more information. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha may present radar (speed) gun displays on the scoreboard or video board showing the speed of each pitch.

## **EXPENSES/REIMBURSEMENT**

**Check Cashing Service.** Your service club representative will assist you if you need to cash any checks during your stay in Omaha.

**Per Diem.** Each member of the official 35-person traveling party will be provided with per diem of \$150 per day based on the NCAA formula described in the team expense report guidelines.

**TES System.** Team forms are available online at the following link for regional and super regional competition and the MCWS: <u>https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login?js=true</u>.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC**

**Banners and Artificial Noisemakers.** Stadium management shall confiscate all prohibited items. Banners and signs that can be held by one individual, reflect good sportsmanship and do not block the view of other ticket patrons may be permitted (not larger than three feet by five feet).

Artificial noisemakers, air horns, electronic instruments, etc. are not permissible. Thunder sticks and vuvuzelas are considered as artificial noisemakers.

**Championship Merchandise.** The NCAA retains the exclusive right to sell souvenir products at the 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series. Retail points of sale are located on the concourse.

Clear Bag Policy. The following are the guidelines:

- 1. Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC tote bags permitted after search (when applicable).
- 2. Small or clutch-sized purses or wallets, not exceeding 4.5 inches tall by 6.5 inches long.
- 3. One-gallon, clear plastic freezer bags are permitted (Ziploc bag or similar).
- 4. No large purses, bags, backpacks or fanny-packs will be allowed inside.
- 5. MECA staff members are not allowed to hold bags during an event.
- 6. Exceptions will be made for bags with medical necessity after appropriate inspection.

**First Aid.** TD Ameritrade Park Omaha has first aid stations located on the main concourse by sections 113 & 130. In-house medical teams will staff all first aid stations inside TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.

**Guest Services.** The guest services office is located on the main concourse by Section 113. The lost and found department is also located in the guest services office. Any item found after an event will be returned to the facility security office. Items will be held for 30 days. The Guest Services main line is 402-546-1800 and the Guest Services hotline is 402-546-0888. The Lost and Found hotline is 402-546-1750.

- 1. **Other Prohibited Items.** The following additional items are not allowed to be brought into TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. Fans will not be able to leave such items at the gates. Fans must either return the items to their cars or dispose of them at the stadium gates.
  - a. Any type of weapon, fake weapon, or object resembling a weapon. This includes, but is not limited to, handguns, rifles, knives, straight edge razors, brass knuckles, swords, Tasers, chains, and all other categories of weapons, whether such items are real or replica weapons. This includes permit holders possessing or carrying lawfully concealed weapons in or around the facility. Weapons cannot be checked into Security or Guest Services.
  - b. Alcohol / Drugs / Illegal Substances / Vaporizing Pens / No Smoking / No E-cigs / MECA Omaha operates as a smoke free facility.
  - c. Professional Cameras / Cameras With Lenses Greater Than 3" / Detachable Lenses / Audio Recording / Video Recording / Tripods / Monopods / Selfie Sticks.
  - d. Laser Pointing Devices / Glow Sticks.
  - e. Drones in any area of MECA's campus.
  - f. Bicycles / Hover Boards / Heely / Skateboards / Rollerblades.
  - g. Disruptive noise making devices of any kind / Bells / Whistles / Air Horns.
  - h. Large Umbrellas / Golf Umbrellas / Chairs.
  - i. Beach Balls / Bubbles / Footballs / Frisbees / Balloons / Fireworks / Pyrotechnics / Confetti / Glitter / Aerosols.
  - j. Masks should not be worn at any time inside MECA's facilities.
  - k. Signs / Banners.
  - Outside Food / Beverage.
    20 oz. or smaller empty clear plastic bottles will be allowed for water.
  - m. Abusive / Foul Language / Disruptive Language / Obscene Clothing / Indecent Clothing.
  - n. Animals / Except Service Animals.
  - o. Any item deemed to compromise public safety.

If your conduct endangers or disrupts guests or others involved in the event, MECA Omaha reserves the right to remove you from the premises.

**Parking.** Approximately 869 parking spaces shall be available for the general public in Lot A and the CHI Health Center Omaha Parking Garage. Fans will be charged \$12/space/day for parking in the garage. Fans will be charged \$10/space/day for parking in Lot A and Lot D (if available). Tailgating is not permitted in the parking garage. Individuals seeking to purchase daily tickets from the box office should use these lots; however, if they are unable to get box office tickets and exit the lots within a reasonable time they will be reimbursed their parking fee.

**Smoking.** TD Ameritrade Park Omaha is a smoke-free facility. Any person who refuses to comply with the policy shall be subject to ejection from the facility. Outside smoking areas are located outside of any gate. Smokers must stay 20 feet away from the gate entrance.

**Souvenir Programs.** On behalf of the NCAA, Learfield IMG College will publish the official souvenir program for the MCWS. Game programs will be sold throughout the stadium on game days. There will be 35 complimentary game programs provided to each team.

Tickets. The tickets sold for the MCWS will all be reserved tickets.

Transportation. Fans can choose Metro for a stress-free option to and from the stadium:

• Metro has at least 12 regularly-scheduled routes with bus stops within walking distance of the stadium. For one-way fares, hours of operation and additional information, please visit www.ometro.com or call 402-341-0800 (Voice); 402-341-0807 (TDD). Note: Exact fare is required; bus drivers do not make change. The entire Metro fleet is ADA accessible.

# LODGING

**Headquarters Hotel.** The NCAA has designated the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District as the headquarters hotel for NCAA representatives. One team will also be assigned to the headquarters hotel.

**Team Hotels.** CWS of Omaha, Inc., will work with Visit Omaha (the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau) to obtain hotel information and to arrange a special rate for the Men's College World Series participants. CWS, Inc., will sign and hold contracts for 50 team rooms, then transfer them to participating teams upon their qualification into the MCWS. Hotel assignments for each super regional winner are predetermined by the NCAA on Monday, May 31.

Super Regional Winner	Hotel Property	Contact Information
Texas Pod	Courtyard by Marriott Omaha Downtown/Old Market	Dayna Baker 101 South 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha, NE 68102 816-304-1996 dayna.baker@marriott.com
Vanderbilt Pod	DoubleTree Downtown	Mandy Vanderloo 1616 Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-522-5127 mvanderloo@omahadoubletree.com Secondary Contact: Staci Drozda 402-636-4917 sdrozda@omahadoubletree.com
Arkansas Pod	Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown/Old Market	MJ Potter 555 South 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-541-1490 mj.potter@atriumhospitality.com Secondary Contact: Kristen Blattert 402-981-5332 kristen.blattert@atriumhospitality.com
Texas Tech Pod	Hilton Garden Inn	Adrianne Lescanic 1005 Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-917-9954 adrianne.lescanic@whitelodging.com

Mississippi State Pod	Hilton Omaha	Molly Williamson 1001 Cass Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-660-6976 molly.williamson@hilton.com Secondary Contact: Jeff Lucks 402-998-4236 jeff.lucks@hilton.com
TCU Pod	Hilton Omaha	Molly Williamson 1001 Cass Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-660-6976 molly.williamson@hilton.com Secondary Contact: Jeff Lucks 402-998-4236 jeff.lucks@hilton.com
Arizona Pod	Hyatt Place	Stacy Parks 540 South 12th Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-513-5462 stacy.parks@hyatt.com
Tennessee Pod	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District	Vanessa Vasa 222 North 10 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha, NE 68102 402-706-2142 vanessavasa@marcushotels.com Secondary Contact: Megan Gilligan 531-205-7354 megangilligan@marcushotels.com

**Team Hotel Guidelines.** Super regional winners are assigned by the NCAA to hotels through a random drawing. Each team will be financially responsible for a total of 50 guaranteed rooms. There are <u>25 rooms, at a discounted rate, designated for use by the team's travel party</u> and 24 additional rooms, at a different rate.

Each of the 25 rooms designated for team use (at the discounted rates) is intended to house two individuals. Free Wi-Fi access will be available to the 25 rooms in the official travel party. The 35 members of the official travel party will receive complimentary breakfast at the hotel. ESPN networks will also be available. Each team will receive one room upgraded to a suite for the head coach. Finally, each team will receive three complimentary parking stalls.

It should be noted that 10 days prior to the Men's College World Series, the NCAA will provide CWS of Omaha, Inc., with contact names and telephone numbers for the two teams participating in each super regional. In turn, CWS of Omaha, Inc. immediately will provide this contact

information to the appropriate host hotel. <u>Within 24 hours, the host hotel will be responsible for</u> contacting the two super regional teams.

The hotel will familiarize both super regional teams with their policies and procedures. Any special requests (e.g., early check-in, use of ballrooms, buffet service extensions, late departures, etc.) should be negotiated at this time. It should be noted that if teams arrive at their assigned hotel before 3 p.m. Central time, it may be difficult for the hotel to have all rooms ready for check-in.

<u>Both super regional teams are required to negotiate with the hotel</u>. The contract of the team that did not qualify for the Men's College World Series will be null and void. <u>At the latest, a signed contract is due to the hotel by noon Central time, Tuesday, June 15</u>.

Once assigned to a hotel, **teams are responsible for payment of the 49 rooms, per night.** The rooms are reserved beginning the Wednesday before the Men's College World Series (Wednesday, June 16) and the team is committed to pay for these 49 rooms <u>through the night of their last day of competition</u>. For example, if a team is eliminated at the game scheduled on Thursday, June 24 (Game 10), the team is responsible for payment of 49 hotel rooms for Thursday night. A team will also be responsible for the payment of the 50<sup>th</sup> hotel room if it is used by the assigned team for COVID-19 quarantine/isolation purposes. Teams should not arrive in Omaha until Wednesday, June 16 (in time for the beginning of COVID-19 testing for at least four MCWS teams starting with the first assigned team at 6 p.m. Central time). The four teams in Bracket One will start testing on Wednesday, June 16. The four teams in Bracket Two will start testing with the first team assigned at 7 a.m. on Thursday, June 17. All teams should arrive in Omaha on Wednesday, June 16 and the Bracket One teams should all arrive by at least 4 p.m. Central time to be able to arrive on time for COVID-19 testing.

### **MEDIA SERVICES**

**Credentials.** Credentials must be picked up in person at the COVID-19 testing location (Tier 1 and Tier 2) or at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha ticket windows at the corner of Mike Fahey Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Tier 3).

For 2021, all credentials will be assigned based on designated tier of the individual and will have the name of the person and his or her affiliation on the front of the credential. The credential will also include numbers which will have designated areas each individual will be allowed access to starting Friday, June 18, 2021.

For media attending the MCWS, the credential application deadline will be Monday, June 14 at 9 p.m. Eastern time. This online submission can be found at <u>ncaa.com/media</u>. The online system opened on May 15, 2021.

Tier 3 media credentials are distributed beginning the Friday before the first game at the designated NCAA media coordination window at the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha Box Office and at specified hours throughout the Men's College World Series.

### **Credentials Wrap-Up**

Specific names and photos have been removed from team credentials. Team credentials will feature the school logo and university/college name. Each school will receive credentials for: 35-person official travel party roster plus an additional five for Tier 1 individuals. School videographer(s), the institution's radio station(s) and school photographer(s) must apply for a credential online through a link provided to the school's SID upon qualifying for the Men's College World Series to ensure they sign off on policies.

**Game Notes.** Game notes are written and distributed starting the first day of the championship. NCAA staff will provide MCWS statistics after each team has played two games in Omaha. SIDs also are encouraged to provide notes throughout the MCWS. The NCAA notes generally are less team specific.

**Interview Room.** The Press Interview Room (SL-112B and SL-112C) is the area designated for all MCWS interviews. It is located behind home plate on the street level. All interviews this year will be conducted virtually.

A member of the media coordination staff is the moderator for the pre-series press conferences and all postgame and MCWS Finals press conferences.

**Media Brochure.** The media brochure is distributed by email to all eight super regional sites. It is also available online at <u>www.ncaa.com/media</u> via the credential application process. The media brochure will also be available via the "PressPass Mobile" App.

To keep you informed during your time in the Omaha area, we encourage you to download the **personalized 2021 NCAA MCWS PressPass Mobile Application.** This mobile app is available to download on all major platforms including iPhone and Android. Information will include media schedules, general event and credential information, maps, directions, media meal plans and much more.

**Media Entrance.** A separate 24-hour entrance is designated for media and is located near the stadium security entrance near Gate 4. All media must enter through this media/staff entrance near Gate 4.

**Media Guides.** Team media guides should be brought to the stadium for the Friday pre-series press conferences. There should be approximately 50-75 copies placed in the Press Interview Room (SL-112B and SL-112C), with the remainder placed in the special shelves in the press box. SID's should be alerted to hold back 10-15 sets for late-arriving media. A grand total of 250-300 guides are suggested.

**Media Headquarters.** Due to COVID-19, there will not be a media coordination office. Ticket distribution will be done from the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha Box Office. Media Coordination staff will work from the office behind the main press box.

**Mid-Game Interviews.** An ESPN sideline reporter will interview each head coach or studentathlete before the top or bottom half of the fifth inning of each game. Please note that these interviews may also be conducted with the ESPN talent in the press box via headset communication with each head coach or student-athlete in the dugout. There will be approximately two to three questions asked and the sideline reporter will make best efforts to provide those questions in advance to the head coach or student-athlete. This is subject to change by an inning or two.

**Name Pronunciations.** Sports information directors should stop by the Video Production Room (PL-212A) in the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha press box level on Friday, June 18 at any point from 11 a.m. -5 p.m. and meet with Bill Jensen, the public address announcer for the Series. Mr. Jensen would like to take approximately five minutes with each team sports information director to discuss name pronunciations of the individuals on your travel party roster form that will be submitted at the pre-championship meeting on Thursday, June 17. As a reminder, please be sure that the travel party roster form listing the student-athletes and coaches in uniform is submitted in numerical order by jersey number.

**Press Conferences (Coaches Pre-series).** Each team will be asked to provide one student-athlete and the head coach for a virtual press conference after that team's practice on Friday, June 18. The student-athlete and head coach press conference will be done separately and a zoom link will be provided to all media covering the MCWS in person and virtually.

**Press Conference (Postgame).** Postgame press conferences will be virtual and will feature at least one student-athlete and one coach from each team. Each individual will participate in the press conference separately from any other individuals. The press conference for both teams will begin after a 10-minute cooling off period. A link for each team's press conference will be provided to all media covering the event both in-person and virtually.

Audio and video of the winning team's press conference will be piped into the press box. Members of the media coordination staff will provide winning and losing quotes which are included in the game box set and the full press conference for both teams will be available on the NCAA Digital Media Hub.

**Press Conference (MCWS Finals).** This event will take place the Sunday before the MCWS Finals at 11 a.m. Central time and will be conducted virtually. Quotes are taken by the NCAA staff and are made available in the designated NCAA media coordination office.

**Radio and Internet Broadcasts**. The NCAA's broadcast partners (ESPN and Westwood One) retain all rights to the television broadcast or cablecast, and Internet or radio broadcast of NCAA championships. For specific questions regarding policies governing the broadcast of championships, please refer to the NCAA Broadcasting Manual (www.ncaa.com/broadcast) or contact Kristen Jacob Smith of the NCAA championships and alliances staff at the national office (kjsmith@ncaa.org or 317-917-6584).

**Records Book.** The records book will be available online at <u>http://www.ncaa.org/championships/statistics/mens-college-world-series-records-books</u>, and a limited number will be available on site.

**Sports Information Directors Meeting.** A meeting with each team's sports information director takes place Tuesday night preceding the start of the MCWS. The agenda will be provided in advance of the meeting, and the group will be informed about how and when the participating institutional credentials will be distributed.

**Starting Line-Ups**. Teams must provide unofficial line-ups to the official scorer 90 minutes before the game. Line-up sheets, including the umpires, are then distributed in the press box. Teams should also provide ESPN representatives with their unofficial line-up the morning of any day in which they play a game.

**Statistics.** MCWS statistics (tournament leaders and team and individual statistics) are distributed after each team has played two games (under the current format, this means the Wednesday after the MCWS begins is the first day for statistical leaders) and daily thereafter. They are distributed with the daily game notes.

**Televising Network.** ESPN has purchased the rights to televise the MCWS. The NCAA shall coordinate with the network all arrangements regarding the telecasts of the games.

**Television News.** Coverage of the Men's College World Series can only be presented after the game being documented has been completed and the broadcast window is finished. Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, these broadcasts shall not exceed three minutes of action footage of the game unless broadcast rights have been secured from the NCAA by payment of a rights fee. Footage may only be used up to 72 hours after a game. Such a "news program" shall be a regularly scheduled program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news. Sports entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision. The NCAA associate director of championships and alliances, broadcast services shall be authorized to interpret and apply these provisions as necessary.

- 1. For certain NCAA championships, exclusivity will be granted. For those championships, NCAA and/or exclusive broadcast partners will be the only entities authorized to use ENG cameras to record action in the playing area during the competition. NCAA and/or exclusive broadcast partners have no time restrictions except when the area is closed for team practices or other activities designated by the sport committee. All other media outlets requesting championship video must take a feed from the exclusive broadcast partner production truck and may not air any highlights until the championship has gone off the air. Up to three minutes of this footage may be aired within 72 hours of the game on regularly scheduled news and/or sports news shows. Video and audio highlights may not be used on Internet news sites. A graphic "footage courtesy of NCAA" must be included on the footage.
- 2. **Team film/videotape (team videographer).** Where applicable, each participating team may use its one "limited access" credential for one camera person to film or videotape its respective game(s). The team representative is not permitted to have an assistant during filming/videotaping and is only permitted to tape their own team's game(s) from the two photo wells near the field. At times, the NCAA or its designee may be able to provide an institution a free DVD of the "dirty" game feed of its games. When possible, the DVD will be available for retrieval from the site supervisor during each team's respective postgame news conference. No announcer commentary may be used from any NCAA championship broadcast by any network (e.g., CBS, ESPN, CBS COLLEGE SPORTS NETWORK, and TURNER SPORTS) without the prior permission of that broadcast network. <u>Click here for the Videographer Authorization Form</u>
- 3. **Thirty-minute rule.** For championships where exclusive television rights have been given (CBS or ESPN), no television station other than the NCAA broadcast partner may broadcast live reports from the site of the competition from 30 minutes prior to the game until the televising network has left the air. The site of competition includes the stadium proper, concourses or hallways, and the interview, working press and locker rooms. All electronic news gathering (ENG) crews must remove videotape cameras and recorders 30 minutes prior to game time.

**Timeout Coordinator/Red Hat.** If applicable, the ESPN timeout coordinator/red hat will be positioned in the far end of the first base dugout (farthest away from the field access tunnel) near the low first base camera position. A bicycle rack needs to be placed at the end of the team dugout to separate the participant area from the camera and red hat position. Such a bicycle rack shall also be placed in the third base dugout in a similar location.

## **MEDICAL**

**Athletic Training.** Appropriate athletic training facilities will be available on-site for the teams. Athletic training rooms are located in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base clubhouses. Athletic training supplies that will be on site include diagnostic equipment, emergency equipment, cut supplies, taping and wrapping supplies, liquids/sprays, lotions/ointments, over-the-counter medications, modality equipment, padding/splinting materials and other miscellaneous supplies.

Creighton athletic trainers assigned to games shall arrive four (4) hours prior to the first game of the day or 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the second game of the day. In addition to games, the athletic trainers will support team practices on the Thursday and Friday before the Series and ensure delivery of ice, water and cups to the off-site team practices during the Series.

**Championship Medical Contacts.** The medical coordinator is Curtis Self, Creighton University associate athletic trainer. Each medical coordinator will receive a medical information packet on arrival. In addition, the Creighton medical staff shall send a letter to the athletic trainers of the eight participating teams introducing themselves and familiarizing them with the athletic training services and equipment available in Omaha.

**Concussion Management.** The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Participating institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance.

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details please refer to the "NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook Guideline on Concussions" online at www.NCAA.org/health-and-safety/medicalconditions/concussions.

**COVID-19 Testing/Protocols.** Baseball is considered in the low and intermediate risk transmission level sport category. All members of a team's travel party and game officials are classified in Tier 1. Prior to arrival for those in Tier 1 consists of a negative antigen within one day

of arrival, or negative PCR within two days of arrival.

Testing upon arrival is required and must quarantine until a test is confirmed negative, then testing every other day while participating on-site. This initial test upon arrival must occur before any practice/competition.

All Tier 2 individuals must have a negative antigen within one day of arrival, or negative PCR within two days of arrival. Tier 2 personnel will be tested upon arrival and then will not be tested thereafter, unless on-site for more than seven days and/or clinical conditions warrant testing. If Tier 2 personnel are on-site for more than seven days, they shall be tested at least once in each seven-day period.

Tier 3 individuals, regardless of sport, will not be tested but must complete a daily health screening.

For those individuals who are fully vaccinated as well as individuals who are at least 14 days postinfection and within 90 days of the first known date of infection, shall be exempted from COVID-19 testing and contact tracing. Masking will be required for those individuals who are not fully vaccinated, and physical distancing will also be required, but will only need to be tested if they have COVID-like symptoms that cannot otherwise be explained by another illness

Bus drivers will not be required to be part of the tested community; however, bus drivers should always be masked. The bus driver should exit the bus prior to travel party members boarding and physically distance away from the bus while travel party members board. After all travel party members are on the bus, the bus driver shall re-board. The first row of seats closest to the bus driver shall remain open. Upon arrival at the destination, the bus driver shall exit and physically distance away from the bus, then travel party members can exit the bus.

If a team physician is to be part of Tier 1, then the physician must be counted in the allowable tested travel party. If a physician needs to leave and be replaced by another team physician, that is acceptable if the alternate is fully vaccinated. For team physicians who are not designated as part of the tested travel party, but who will be treating student-athletes on-site, they must be fully vaccinated and observe appropriate PPE precautions at all times. If requested, they may treat student-athletes in the locker room or other designated medical areas.

Finally, each team must designate a team health officer. This person does not have to be a medical professional. They are a member of the team's travel party appointed as the main point of contact responsible for ensuring that each student-athlete and staff member adheres to the protocols.

The COVID-19 testing schedule is included in Appendix L. **Teams in Bracket One will begin testing on the evening of Wednesday**, June 16 starting with the first assigned team at 6 p.m. Central time. Teams in Bracket Two will begin testing starting on the morning of Thursday, June 17 with the first assigned team at 7 a.m. Central time. All teams need to arrive in Omaha on Wednesday, June 16. The teams from Bracket One need to arrive in Omaha by 4 p.m. Central time on this date to be able to participate in the testing that evening. The exact testing times for each team will be provided once all teams are known.

**Hospitals and Emergency Services.** An ambulance will be located at the stadium and Emergency Medical Technicians will also be available. The host athletic trainers in charge of the game will have a radio and a cellular phone in the event emergency personnel need to be summoned. A host

athletic trainer will travel with your student-athlete to the emergency room in order to allow you to stay with your team for the remainder of the game. In the event a student-athlete needs to be transported to a hospital, he will most likely be transported to CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center Bergan Mercy, 7500 Mercy Road.

Nearby hospital facilities are:

CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center Bergan Mercy 7500 Mercy Road Phone: 402-398-6060 Emergency Room: 402-398-6161 CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center – University Campus 2412 Cuming Street Phone: 402-449-4000

**Medical Examinations.** As the event sponsor, the NCAA seeks to ensure that all student-athletes are physically fit to participate in its championships and have valid medical clearance to participate in the competition. The NCAA tournament physician, as designated by the host school, has the unchallengeable authority to determine whether a student-athlete with an injury, illness or other medical condition (e.g., skin infection) may expose others to a significantly enhanced risk of harm and, if so, to disqualify the student-athlete from continued participation. For all other instances, the student-athlete's on-site team physician can determine whether a student-athlete with an injury or illness should continue to participate or is disqualified. In the absence of a team physician, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and has valid medical authority to disqualify him or her if the student-athlete's injury, illness or medical condition poses a potentially life threatening risk to himself or herself. The chair of the governing sports committee (or a designated representative) shall be responsible for administrative enforcement of the medical judgment, if it involves disqualification.

**Medical Facilities.** Creighton University will arrange for medical coverage (including an on-site x-ray machine) to be available during the Series for teams. Ambulance service, paramedics and a first aid room will also be provided. The x-ray machine is located in a room within the Auxiliary Room (SL-112.1).

**Physicians.** An orthopedic surgeon and internal medicine physician will be in attendance at all games. If a physician is needed, please contact Curtis Self and they will refer you to the appropriate physician.

## **PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES**

**Misconduct.** Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty or other prescribed penalties against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championship administration.

**Sportsmanship.** The primary goal of NCAA rules is to maximize the safety and enjoyment of the student-athlete. Sportsmanship is a key part of that goal. Sportsmanship should be a core value in behavior of players and bench personnel, in crowd control by game management and in the officials' proper enforcement of the rules governing related actions.

**Sports Wagering.** Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

**Tobacco Ban.** The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., studentathletes, coaches, athletic trainers, managers, other team personnel and umpires) in all sports during practice and competition. This also extends to other championship activities, such as press conferences and postgame interviews. Uniform penalties (as determined by the applicable rulesmaking committees and sports committees with rules-making responsibilities) shall be established for such use. See Rule 3-11 of the NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations Book.

The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition.

## **SECURITY**

Development and implementation of a security plan is the responsibility of the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha management in consultation with the NCAA.

**Bullpens/Dugouts/Dressing Rooms**. Protection shall be provided for each team's bullpen, dugout and clubhouse, and the umpires' dressing room.

**Crowd Control.** The directors of athletics of the competing institutions are expected to communicate with their student-athletes and fans to encourage enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship.

Fans entering the field of play during competition may be subject to arrest and charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace or assault. Such individuals may also be fined by the City of Omaha.

**Firearms and Weapons.** Carrying a concealed weapon is prohibited at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha has prohibited permit holders from possessing or carrying concealed handguns in or around the stadium. Unless otherwise authorized by law, violation of this prohibition is a criminal offense. Firearms and weapons cannot be checked into the security or guest services offices.

**Student-Athletes' Valuables.** Each team is responsible for its own valuables. It is suggested that the teams carry a valuables bag to their dugout whether they dress at the hotel or the stadium. Teams using one of the two stadium clubhouses will have the ability to pad lock valuables into each individual locker if teams bring their own locks.

**Team Photos.** MECA shall provide security/crowd managers to assist in keeping the area clear during team photos near the Road to Omaha sculpture on Friday, the day before the Series.

# **TEAM TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION**

NCAA will provide transportation reimbursement for a traveling party of 35 persons. All air transportation travel arrangements must be made through Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215). All teams should arrive in Omaha on Wednesday, June 16. Teams in Bracket One who begin play on Saturday, June 19 need to arrive by 4 p.m. Central time on this date to participate in COVID-19 testing that evening.

**Arrival/Departure Procedures.** All teams flying commercial or charter must either work through its service club representative and/or contact the Eppley Airfield on-duty Airport Operations Supervisor at 402-510-6769 (cell) prior to departure. This will help with staffing and ease the check-in process.

- 1. **Private Charter**. Teams who arrive and/or depart Omaha on private charters will be parked on a remote ramp away from the terminal. Passengers will not have access to the terminal building. The team bus(es) and service clubs will meet the teams on the tarmac at their aircraft under the following procedures:
  - a. Service clubs will contact the teams to finalize their respective travel itinerary.
  - b. All arrivals and departures must be coordinated through the Airport Operations Department, so early communication by the teams with their service club will help with the transition process.
  - c. Airport Operations will assign a parking spot for the charter aircraft and a vehicle access gate.
  - d. Service clubs are allowed to bring the team bus and two additional vehicles on the tarmac to assist with team baggage and equipment.
- 2. Scheduled Air Carrier/Public Charter. On the occasion that a team may arrive and/or depart Omaha on a scheduled air carrier flight or on a public charter, these aircraft will be parked at a terminal gate and the team/passengers will proceed through the terminal and normal TSA screening. In this case the following procedures apply:
  - a. Service clubs will contact the teams to finalize their respective travel itinerary.
  - b. All arrivals and departures must be coordinated through the Airport Operations Department, so early communication with your service club will help with the transition process.
  - c. The parking of buses and equipment vehicles on the front terminal drive commercial lane must be coordinated through Airport Police.
  - d. Service club members can meet teams inside the terminal. However, federal laws prohibit passing through the screening checkpoints and meeting the team at the gate.

e. Due to limited parking and standing locations, team buses and service club vehicles may arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to an aircraft's arrival and 1.5 to two (2) hours prior to the aircraft's departure. There are additional restrictions if multiple buses are used, so please provide this information to your service club when coordinating arrivals and departures.

**Team Transportation** – **Mileage Limits.** Division I teams located within 400 miles of their competition site are required to use ground transportation. Teams located outside 400 miles for Division I may use air transportation.

**Local Team Transportation.** CWS of Omaha, Inc., will provide local bus transportation at no charge to the participating teams for one bus per team. Teams should advise their service club hosts of their arrival plans so the host can make arrangements. Buses will be available to transport teams to and from practice sessions and games. Additional buses are available at the team's expense. If a team chooses to use its own bus for the duration of their stay, the event will still be charged for that bus at a rate compared to a minimum number of days. Please contact Alex Busskohl of Arrow Stage Lines (direct: 402-738-3211; cell: 402-992-8059) for further instructions on making local transportation arrangements. Team buses shall park along 13th Street just outside the Team Personnel Entrance to the stadium. If a team uses an additional bus for staff/VIP transportation to the stadium, they may drop off at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street location, but must park the bus on the east side (back) of the CHI Health Center Omaha. Permission to park will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, by calling Kathryn Morrissey of CWS, Inc. at 402-670-3836 (cell).

**Police Escorts.** College World Series of Omaha, Inc., has made arrangements with the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to provide escorts for MCWS participating team buses. Police escorts shall be provided for transportation to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha for team competition. This includes off-site pregame batting practices coordinated by Ed Servais, head baseball coach at Creighton University (402-660-5846 – cell). All other team bus transportation (e.g., practices, etc.) will not receive a police escort.

In order to secure a police escort to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, team representatives are expected to work directly with the OPD. Your contact is Sgt. Tony Gutierrez (402-321-5693 – cell; 402-444-7285 – office). Each team should appoint a specific contact person to work directly with Sgt. Gutierrez to arrange police escorts. Sgt. Gutierrez will work with the OPD Mobile Command Center to secure expedited transportation for team buses. Please give Sgt. Gutierrez as much advance notice of your expected departure time as possible.

Police escorts are generally limited to one team bus and two courtesy cars per escort. Some teams may have one additional bus traveling with the team bus. This shall be permissible and teams may use the team bus drop off location for this one additional bus. However, vehicles other than the team bus must use their assigned parking areas as noted earlier. Only one official team bus, per team, is allowed to park on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Security bomb sweeps will be conducted, at the team hotel, when TD Ameritrade Park Omaha is the final destination. A team representative or driver must be with the bus the entire time until the sweep is completed. If the bus is left unattended, the sweep will be repeated.

Below is estimated bus driving times, under escort, to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha from the seven team hotels. Please note that actual drive times may vary depending on traffic congestion.

Courtyard Marriott Omaha Downtown/Old Market	5 minutes
DoubleTree Downtown	5 minutes
Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown/Old Market	5 minutes
Hilton Garden Inn	5 minutes
Hilton Omaha	5 minutes
Hyatt Place	5 minutes
Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District	5 minutes

**Rental Cars.** Each participating team will be provided with two vehicles (sports utility vehicle and van) for its use throughout the Men's College World Series. Enterprise will deliver the vehicles to the team hotels (typically the day before the team arrival). Before the cars are delivered each team will notify Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org) with the contact information for the principal driver of each vehicle. The keys and contracts will be left in an envelope at the front desk of the team hotel. A team representative is required to sign the appropriate paperwork. If the team has questions about their team rental vehicles, they should contact Nolan Lee at Enterprise (cell: 515-601-3001; email: nolan.j.lee@ehi.com). Keys should be left at the hotel front desk at the time of hotel check-out. The team representative must also call the person listed on the envelope upon departure. This contact should be listed on the envelope that contained the initial paperwork and keys. If an institution is interested in renting additional vehicles (beyond the two provided), they may either contact Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215) between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Central time, seven days a week, or they may make their own additional rental vehicle arrangements at the institution's own expense. If renting additional vehicles from Short's with Enterprise Car Rental, teams will be provided with a discounted rate on any additional vehicles. Note that since the cost of any additional vehicles is at the institution's expense, the use of Short's Travel is not required for these extra vehicles.

The two team vehicles will receive, from the management of TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, hang tags that should be displayed from the rear-view mirror. These hang tags will identify the vehicles to police and will allow the vehicles to be parked near team buses.

# TICKETS

The NCAA has the authority to determine the groups that are to be given the opportunity to purchase tickets and the amounts to be purchased. The allocation of tickets shall be made on an annual basis and the amounts and groups that may purchase the tickets are subject to change.

Allocations. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha has a seating capacity of 24,381 seats, which are allocated per the following chart:

Lower Level Reserved	13,217
ADA Seating – Lower Level	178
Club Level Reserved	2,471
ADA Seating – Club Level	48
Upper Level Reserved	940
ADA Seating – Upper Level	52
Suites – Fixed Seats	372
Suites – Standing Room Only	252
Outfield - Reserved	5,397
ADA Seating – Reserved	108
Grandstand Reserved	1,346
TOTAL	24,381

**Box Office.** TD Ameritrade Park Omaha's box office will open at 10 a.m. Central time every day there is a game. (If no games are played on Saturday, June 26, the box office will be closed all day.) The box office also will be open on Friday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time for advanced single game sales if inventory is available. The box office closes during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning of the final game of the day. Cash, debit cards and credit cards are accepted. No personal checks shall be accepted. Based on demand, a random drawing will be conducted for all games to determine the position in the box office line. Fans should check the website NCAA.com/CWS or review local media outlets for additional information.

**Complimentary Ticket Policy.** All tickets must be accounted for at face value, and there shall be no complimentary tickets. Please note that children under two years of age may be admitted for free, provided they enter with a person with a valid admission ticket.

**Disabled Services.** ADA seating is available throughout TD Ameritrade Park Omaha. ADA seating in the reserved seat sections will cost, for Games #5, 7, 11, Brackets 1 and 2 (if necessary), \$60 in Tier 1, \$50 in Tier 2 and \$30 in Tier 3; \$60, \$50 and \$35, respectively for Games #6, 8, 9, 10 and 12; and \$60, \$50, and \$45 respectively for Games #1-4 and MCWS Finals Games #1-3. There will also be ADA seating available in the private club seat areas. The cost of ADA club seat tickets will be \$80 for all games.

Each individual requiring the use of an ADA seat will be allowed to purchase up to three additional companion seats in the same ADA seating section (pending availability). ADA tickets will be available to the general public, while supplies last, at the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha box office the day of the game.

ADA seating will be set aside near each participating team's general seating area for team fans in

need of accessible seating. If ADA seating is needed, the team ticket manager would be allowed to trade seats in the team ticket allotment for ADA seats. Shehryar Humayun or Jared Kramer of the NCAA will coordinate any team ADA requests with the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha box office.

**Hospitality Packages.** The NCAA, through its official hospitality partner PrimeSport, shall offer a ticket-plus-hospitality program located within TD Ameritrade Park Omaha on the event level and sold on a PrimeSport platform accessible through the NCAA website.

### Lost, Stolen or Duplicate Tickets.

### 1. Both sets in the seating area – hard (flat) or digital tickets:

- a. Usher or Section Supervisor brings all affected parties to Guest Services.
- b. Guest Services Supervisor contacts the Box Office with the duplicate section, row and seat number(s).
- c. Box Office will research the original account holder and method of sale.
- d. If one of the parties is identified as the original account holder (IDs must be checked at this point), that party stays in the seats and the other party must come to the Box Office unless otherwise directed by the Box Office Supervisor.
- e. If neither party is identified as the original account holder, the person/party that arrived in the seat location first can stay. The other party will either have to go to the Box Office to purchase new tickets or may be relocated at the discretion of the Box Office.

### 2. Tickets stopped at the gate:

- a. The affected party is sent to the Box Office. The Box Office will research the tickets that were stopped by the scanners including identification of ticket holder, original account holder and method of sale. A check of the Scan Report will also be made to see if the person with the ticket location has already entered the building.
- b. If that person at the Box Office Window is found to be the valid account holder, the Box Office will radio to the Usher Supervisor to identify the party in the seats and bring them down to the Box Office to purchase new tickets or be relocated at the discretion of the Box Office.
- **c.** If the person at the Box Office Window is not the original account holder, they will either have to purchase new tickets or exit the building.

**Minimum Age.** Everyone two years of age and older must have a ticket for entry. Entry will be at the venue's discretion, unless proof of age is provided. Those under the age of two must be accompanied by a person with a valid admission ticket.

**Pass Lists/Player Guests.** Due to the unique nature of the 2021 MCWS, participating institutions will not be required to obtain in-person signatures from those using player/guest tickets. No special entrances are needed for player/guest tickets, as they will be able to enter the venue through any public ticket entrance. Therefore, there is no need for institutional ticket personnel to be present and staff a player/guest entrance window at the box office.

With the use of mobile tickets, the end user of the ticket can and will be tracked for compliance purposes. The NCAA will provide a report on request with usage by account showing name and email to match an institution's list. If an institution wishes to obtain a signature for the use of the player/guest tickets, it is permissible to do so through other means managed by the institution.

Institutions will be responsible to ensure all student-athletes and guests are aware that all tickets are mobile tickets and the usage of the tickets can be tracked. The player/guest allocation is included in the team ticket allotment. Institution ticket managers will manage the team and player/guest allotment online and transfer all tickets through NCAA Account Manager. Ticket managers will need first name, last name, and email address in order to transfer the tickets.

**Scalping Ordinance.** Per Omaha Municipal Code, for events held at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, ticket scalping is prohibited for an amount greater than face value on the grounds of the facility or within one-half mile of the facility. This prohibition shall include attempts to resell or advertising/soliciting for resale of tickets above face value. Further, as a stadium policy, the selling of tickets – even at face value – is not permitted on stadium grounds.

### Suite/Club Level Policies:

- 1. All Suite/Club ticket holders will have their game tickets scanned at any of the entry gates to gain access into TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.
- 2. All Suite/Club ticket holders must present and wear their laminate ticket, on their lanyard, at all times to gain access onto the Suite/Club Level. Any guest that has celebrated his or her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday needs a ticket for entry onto the Suite/Club level.
- 3. Lanyard color or type is non-important. Concierge staff will have additional lanyards at the three (3) entry points for those ticket holders that do not have lanyards or may have misplaced them.
- 4. Suite/Club ticket holders will <u>NOT</u> receive a wristband. Suite/Club ticket holders will only be required to wear their laminate ticket, on their lanyard.
- 5. If Suite/Club ticket holders leave the Suite/Club Level they must have their laminate ticket on their lanyard to gain access back onto the Suite/Club Level.
- 6. If Suite/Club ticket holders choose to leave TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, they must have their laminate ticket scanned out at the designated re-entry gates or the Suite/Club entrance. They must have their laminate ticket on their lanyard to gain access back into the facility and their laminate ticket will be re-scanned.
- 7. If a Suite/Club ticket holder is not wearing or does not have his or her laminate ticket he or she will be asked to leave the Suite/Club level.

#### **Team Tickets.**

1. **Team Members and Fan Tickets.** Due to limited capacity, a total of 1,200 reserved seats are available per game to be distributed equally among the two participating teams. 200 of the tickets per team will be in price level one (between first and third bases), the remaining 400 tickets per team will be in price level three or four (upper deck and/or reserved outfield seating).

The teams will receive an allotment of tickets for their first MCWS game digitally by

Thursday, June 17. We will conduct a virtual ticket managers meeting at 1 p.m. Central time on Friday, June 18. Tickets purchased by teams will be invoiced by the NCAA with payment expected 30 days after the Series.

Participating teams will receive a digital ticket timeline and return schedule for each MCWS game at the ticket managers meeting on Friday, June 18. Tickets will be in the ticket manager account for their next game as soon as their opponent has been determined. Any unused team tickets must generally be returned to the NCAA by 5 p.m. the day before the game.

The provisions of NCAA Bylaw 16.2 shall be followed. Therefore, each team may purchase up to six tickets for each team member, regardless of whether the individual competes in the Series. (IMPORTANT: Team tickets will be taken from the fan/team ticket allotment of tickets for each game.) Digital tickets shall be issued, and team member tickets will be taken, from that allotment. The individuals designated by the student-athlete, which includes family members, relatives or fellow students should be the only individual utilizing the ticket for entrance to the game.

It should also be noted that there are no refunds if any games are rained out during the MCWS.

- 2. **Participants Passes.** The NCAA shall provide each team with 40 team credentials for the tested travel party during the initial COVID-19 testing period for each team.
- 3. **Ticket Managers Window.** Due to the unique nature of the 2021 MCWS, teams are not required to staff its will call and player guest windows for this year. Institution ticket managers will manage the team and player/guest allotment online and transfer all tickets.
- 4. **Athletics Director Suites.** Teams participating in the MCWS will have access to hospitality suites 15 and 18 on the suite level during the games in which their teams compete, which the NCAA will coordinate. The home team shall be in suite 18 and the visiting team in suite 15. The hospitality suites will be available to the director of athletics (or his/her primary administrator on site) for each game their team plays in the Series. The suites include 14 seats outside the enclosed suite as well as space for seating and dining (for an additional 10 people) inside each suite. There will be no premium charge for use of the suites; however, each team will be responsible for its own catering and for the face value cost of each ticket (\$35 each), up to the maximum 24 seats per suite. A suite ticket is <u>required</u> for use of the suite. Similar to team tickets in the reserved seating areas, team ticket managers will work through Shehryar Humayun or Jared Kramer of the NCAA staff to manage their suite ticket needs on a per game basis. Teams are not required to purchase suite tickets if they do not want use of the suite for any particular game. The same ticket turn-back policy for team tickets will also apply to team suite tickets.

Institutions will have the opportunity to order from a suites menu provided by Levy Restaurants. Each institution will be responsible for reconciling payment of its bill at the conclusion of each game. Levy Restaurants will allow institutions to reconcile bills via credit card only. Food may not be taken outside of the suites.

**Team Ticket Invoices.** Team ticket invoices will be completed by an NCAA staff member; one copy will be returned with the ticket order as a receipt and one copy will be used as a record when

balancing daily.

**Ticket Exchange.** Fans needing tickets shall have the ability to purchase tickets online from MCWS season-ticket holders via the NCAA Ticket Exchange (www.NCAA.com/cwstickets). The NCAA Ticket Exchange is the only NCAA-approved method for reselling Men's College World Series reserved tickets. Please note that it is possible that tickets sold on the NCAA Ticket Exchange could be listed at a price that is greater than face value. The opportunity to buy and sell game tickets through the NCAA Ticket Exchange is available up to game time.

**Ticket Pricing/Sales.** Ticket prices for the 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series shall be as follows:

- 1. Season Tickets: All tickets are digital and prices are as follows: Tier 1 \$527, Tier 2 \$493 and Tier 3 \$425 for all MCWS season tickets. This is a package price. There will be no refunds for any "if necessary" games not played in the MCWS.
- 2. Individual Game Tickets:
  - a. Reserved seats: \$60 for Tier 1, \$50 for Tier 2 for all games. Tier 3 will cost \$45 each for Games #1-4 and each of the best-of-three MCWS Finals; \$35 each for Games #6, 8, 9, 10, and 12; and \$30 for Games #5, 7, 11, and Brackets 1 and 2 (if necessary).
  - b. Club seats: \$80 for all games. Please note that season club tickets are valued at \$31 each for all games.
  - c. Suite seats: \$35 each for all games if a suite holder purchases additional tickets. Please note that suite tickets are not sold at the box office.
# **TRAVEL PARTY**

Bands. Team bands are not permitted inside the stadium during the Men's College World Series.

**Mascots.** Please note that due to COVID-19, live or uniformed mascots will not be permitted this year.

**Spirit Squads.** Spirit squads are not permitted inside the stadium during the Men's College World Series.

**Travel Party/Bench Size/Squad Size/Dugout Limit.** The official travel party for the Men's College World Series is 35 persons. The number of student-athletes in uniform cannot exceed 27. A maximum of 40 individuals from an institution are allowed in the dugout. In a normal year, a bat handler, who must be 13 years of age or older, does not count against the maximum dugout limit of 40 individuals. Regardless of age, bat handlers shall be required to wear a protective helmet at all times while on the playing field. Please note that for the 2021 MCWS, a bat handler must be an individual that is part of the official travel party roster.

During the pre-championship meeting, each coach shall designate the 27 student-athletes who will participate in the Men's College World Series. A roster form will be provided that should be used to list the 27 student-athletes as well as the 13 additional individuals to be allowed in the dugout during a game.

No student-athlete substitutions or modifications will be permitted after the submission of the list for any reason.

- 1. Additional Team Personnel. In addition to the 35 individuals on the team travel party roster and the bat handler(s) as noted above, an additional five members of each team will be permitted in each dugout.
- 2. **Non-Team Personnel in Dugouts.** Teams can expect other individuals to be in the team dugout areas. TD Ameritrade Park Omaha security (one per dugout) and grounds crew (one per dugout), NCAA staff, ESPN staff or Creighton University medical staff (two per dugout) may position themselves in team dugouts near the far end of the respective dugout (away from the field access tunnel). All of these individuals should be appropriately credentialed.

# **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

**All-Tournament Team.** All-tournament ballots will be distributed electronically by the NCAA media coordination staff to designated media members during the MCWS Finals.

Depending on the score of the final game of the MCWS Finals, ballots should be submitted online about the eighth inning and are compiled by the press box staff. The Most Outstanding Player trophy (Diesing Award) will be provided to the NCAA during the Series for use after the last MCWS Finals game. The trophy will be sent by CWS, Inc., to the winner's institution following the Series unless the winner wishes to take it immediately. In this case, the CWS of Omaha, Inc. staff will send the personalized plate to the winner as soon as it is completed.

The all-MCWS team is announced during the postgame ceremonies by the public address announcer, and copies are distributed to the media in the press box and included in the final game box package.

Awards Ceremony. The awards ceremony will be conducted immediately after the championship-clinching game of the best-of-three MCWS Finals from an awards platform located near home plate. The chair of the baseball committee will present the national championship and runner-up team trophies during the ceremony. Individual awards will also be provided on the field to the student-athletes from only the national championship team, who will be announced via the public address system. The individual awards to the runner-up team will either be provided to the primary team administrator in the clubhouse after the game or shipped directly to the runner-up team following the championship. Handshakes and other postgame interactions between opposing teams or student-athletes should be eliminated.

Subsequent to the team and individual awards, the John D. Diesing, Sr. award for the Most Outstanding Player will also be presented by the local organizing committee (College World Series of Omaha, Inc.) on the awards platform. The Diesing award is a miniature of the Road to Omaha sculpture and is presented by CWS of Omaha, Inc. Chairman and President Jack Diesing, Jr.

The announcement of the trophy presentation will be made by the public address announcer and coordinated with microphones on the field. An NCAA representative will coordinate the timing of the announcement with the public address announcer. If ESPN elects to cover the awards ceremony, arrangements should be made to provide adequate security at the site of the presentation, and the timing of the presentation might be altered.

Due to COVID-19, additional field access credentials will not be provided for the 2021 MCWS. As such, additional staff and family members will not be allowed onto the field for the postgame awards ceremony.

**Champions Locker Room Program.** The NCAA has exclusive rights to distribute postgame product on-field and will provide championship t-shirts, hats and towels – 72 of each – to members of the winning team.

**Championship Awards.** The NCAA will award the national championship team trophy, a runnerup team trophy, a total of 35 gold watches and 35 national champion mini-trophies for the first place team student-athletes and 35 runner-up mini trophies for the second place student-athletes. Participating teams may purchase additional awards online at: www.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa/OrderChampionshipAdditionalAward.aspx.

Championship awards (one team trophy and 35 mini-trophies) for each of the six teams that advanced to the Men's College World Series but were eliminated prior to the MCWS Finals will be sent directly to their campus following completion of the Men's College World Series.

NCAA Elite 90. The Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average competing at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships. Each institution that qualifies for the MCWS is eligible to nominate a student-athlete to win the award for this championship. All ties are broken by number of credits completed. For more information regarding this program, please contact Mark Bedics at <u>elite90@ncaa.org</u> or 317-917-6222. All documents, including deadlines and nomination forms can be obtained at the following location – Elite 90 forms.

You must be logged into the site to access the page. The submission deadline for nomination for the Division I Baseball Championship is Wednesday, June 16 at 1 p.m. Eastern time.

**Ordering Additional Awards.** The NCAA will offer institutions that participate in Division I Championships the opportunity to purchase awards (medallions, mini-trophies or watches) at the level to which the team advanced in the competition. For example, if a team received mini-trophies, an institution may purchase mini-trophies, but not watches or medallions. Since the NCAA provides awards for the official travel party (medallions provided to squad size only), additional championship awards may only be purchased for student-athletes on the institution's certified squad list who did not receive an award provided by the NCAA. Since participant medallions are only provided to the squad size, an institution may purchase medallions for the remainder of the travel party and for student-athletes on the institution's certified squad list who did not receive an award provided by the NCAA. For more information, institutions should contact Deana Webber at MTM Recognition (800-324-5997, ext. 6888 or dwebber@mtmrecognition.com).

**Student-Athlete Participation Awards.** Within 10 business days of qualification, the baseball administrator will receive an email from Main Gate that will provide details about the ordering process, along with a unique Certificate Code which can be redeemed only at NCAA-Awards.com; valid for one participation award per member of your travel party. In order to ensure that each participant receives his award, a member of your administration must place your team's order, including size information, at NCAA-Awards.com using your Certificate Code. If you would like to purchase additional awards you will have the opportunity to do so online via personal credit card.

Participation award items will be sent to your institution for distribution to your student-athletes within three to four weeks after your order is placed. If you do not receive information for ordering awards within two weeks of the conclusion of the championship, please contact Jay Jay Rackley at the NCAA National Office (317-917-6834; jrackley@ncaa.org).

**Team Photo Plaques.** Each team will have its picture taken in front of the Road to Omaha sculpture before its scheduled practice time on Friday, June 18. If a team would like to produce

copies of the photo, it will be at the team's expense.

# **UNIFORMS**

**Uniforms.** Once a team enters the stadium/field, it is required that the team be in full pregame or regular-game uniform. In addition, team representatives must be in appropriate attire, not necessarily in uniform, for all championship functions, which shall include warm-ups, batting practice and infield practice.

During pre-game batting practice and/or infield practice shorts are permissible provided they are institutionally issued apparel and all team members are wearing shorts during the practice. Additionally, all participating teams are required to wear shirts/jerseys with clearly legible uniform numbers on them. It is required that the batting practice uniform numbers be at least six inches in height and be located on the back of the jersey. Each student-athlete's practice number must be the same number he will wear during the game. All teams are required to wear only institutional apparel during practices.

During the practice day on Friday, June 18 all participating student-athletes, coaches and additional team personnel will be required to wear turf shoes on the playing field. No spikes or cleats will be allowed during this time. This is an effort to minimize the wear and tear to the playing surface and keep the playing field in the best condition possible throughout the entire Men's College World Series.

Game uniforms must adhere to Rule 1-14 of the 2021 and 2022 NCAA Baseball Rules Book. Please note that it is the responsibility of the visiting team to wear a contrasting uniform color to the jersey worn by the home team. The home team gets to select their desired uniform color first. Please note that it is also required that the base coaches wear a protective helmet.

**Laundry.** Teams are offered, and may work with their service clubs, two laundry facilities during the MCWS.

Creighton University will provide its facilities for teams to launder team uniforms and practice gear. To schedule a time, please contact Jaden Hill, Assistant Facilities Manager, at 308-383-3646 (cell) or 402-280-3327. There will be a \$100 charge per day. Teams should enter the dock door of the Ryan Athletic Center, located at 18<sup>th</sup> and Burt Streets. Vans/team cars and buses can park in the middle of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, just south of Burt Street.

The University of Nebraska-Omaha Athletics Department is also available to provide laundry services. The cost is \$100 per day and that includes pick-up and delivery. For pricing and delivery information, contact Bill Sanders at 402-210-5535 (cell) or 402-554-3791.

**Logos.** The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4 indicate that an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2 1/4-square inches (rectangle, square, parallelogram), including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

In addition, the student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes, and any and all credentialed personnel in the bench area during the conduct of competition, which includes any practices and pregame or postgame activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff. Non-compliance with this legislation could result in loss of eligibility, and adjustment of team standings. Please see the aforementioned bylaw for a thorough review of this piece of legislation.

**Patches.** Shoulder patches that commemorate each team's participation in the MCWS are ordered by the NCAA and shipped by Jay Jay Rackley directly to Lawlor's Custom Sportswear. Service club representatives assigned to each team will pick up not more than four sets of uniforms, per student-athlete; and deliver to Lawlor's to have the patches sewn onto the jerseys. Service club representatives will return the uniforms to each team prior to its first game. A maximum of four patches may be sewn on different uniforms for each participating team. Each team will be provided with 187 patches for uniforms. Lawlor's Custom Sportswear will sew patches on team uniforms in the order the teams are assigned to practice on Friday, June 18. Extra patches will not be sewn onto additional apparel until all eight teams' uniforms have been completed. Extra patches may be used, at the team's discretion, but shall be paid for by the team (any patches beyond 140).

**Stickers.** Special batting helmet decals with a MCWS logo will be provided to each team. These decals (30 for each team) will be provided to teams upon their arrival in Omaha, but ideally no later than the Thurssday night pre-championship administrative meeting. The decals should be affixed to the back of all batting helmets and base coach helmets.



# 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series Schedule of Events – Team Version

Time	Event	Location	
Tuesday, June 15			
8 a.m 5 p.m.	. Championship Headquarters TDAPO Administrative Offices		
6 p.m.	SID Meeting	Virtual Meeting	
	Wednesday, June 16		
8 a.m 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
4 - 6 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 and Tier 2	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Host/NCAA Staff	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
6 - 10 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	playing their first game on Saturday, June 19)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
	Thursday, June 17		
7 - 11 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	playing their first game on Sunday, June 20)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
8 a.m 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
8 a.m 5 p.m.	NCAA.com, Van Wagner, NCAA social media	TDAPO – First Base Batting Tunnel and	
	video shoots with participating teams	Auxiliary Room	
11 a.m 1 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 and Tier 2	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Host/NCAA Staff	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
7 p.m.	Administrative Meeting with Participating Teams	Virtual Meeting	
	Friday, June 18		
8 a.m 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9:10 - 10 a.m.	Game No. 1 Home Practice	TDAPO Field	
10 a.m 5 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
10:10 - 11 a.m.	Game No. 1 Visitors Practice	TDAPO Field	
11 a.m Noon	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 and Tier 2	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Host/NCAA Staff and Umpires	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
11:10 a.m Noon	Game No. 2 Home Practice	TDAPO Field	
Noon - 4 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	playing their first game on Saturday, June 19)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
12:10 - 1 p.m.	Game No. 2 Visitors Practice	TDAPO Field	
1:10 - 2 p.m.	Game No. 3 Home Practice	TDAPO Field	
2:10 - 3 p.m.	Game No. 3 Visitors Practice	TDAPO Field	
3:10 - 4 p.m.	Game No. 4 Home Practice	TDAPO Field	
4:10 - 5 p.m.	Game No. 4 Visitors Practice	TDAPO Field	
1 p.m.	Team Ticket Managers Meeting	Virtual Meeting	
5 p.m.	Team deadline to return unused tickets	TDAPO Box Office	

Saturday, June 19			
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9 a.m 1 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Teams (those		
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11 a.m 2 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
1 p.m.	Game No. 1 (ESPN)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 1 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
4 - 7 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 2 (ESPNU)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 2 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
Postgame	Day One Debrief Meeting	Virtual Meeting	
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8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Umpires	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
9 a.m 1 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
1	who played their first game on Saturday, June 19)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
11 a.m 2 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
1 p.m.	Game No. 3 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 3 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
4 - 7 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 4 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 4 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Monday, June 21		
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9 a.m 1 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
I I I	who played their first game on Sunday, June 20)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
11 a.m 2 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
1 p.m.	Game No. 5 (ESPNU)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 5 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
4 - 7 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 6 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 6 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Tuesday, June 22		
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Umpires	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
9 a.m Noon	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Saturday, June 19)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
11 a.m 1 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
1 p.m.	Game No. 7 (ESPNU)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 7 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
4 - 6 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 8 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 8 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Wednesday, June 23		
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9 a.m Noon	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Sunday, June 20)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
4 - 6 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 9 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 9 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
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Thursday, June 24			
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and Umpires	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
9 - 11 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Teams (those who played their first game on Saturday, June 19)	Omaha Marriott Downtwon at the Capitol District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
4 - 6 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 10 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 10 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Friday, June 25		
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9 - 11 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Sunday, June 20)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
11 a.m 1 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
1 p.m.	Game No. 11 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 11 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
4 - 6 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	Game No. 12 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Game No. 12 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Saturday, June 26 (If Necess	ary)	
7 - 8 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Umpires	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
8 - 10 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Teams (those	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Saturday, June 19)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
TBD	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
TBD (1 p.m. or	Bracket 1 (If Necessary) (ESPN or ESPN2)	TDAPO	
6 p.m.)			
Postgame	Bracket 1 (If Necessary) Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
TBD (6 p.m.)	Bracket 2 (If Necessary) (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	Bracket 2 (If Necessary) Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Sunday, June 27		
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Team (team	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Sunday, June 20)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
8 a.m 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
11 a.m Noon	MCWS Finals Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team #1 Practice (Optional)	TDAPO Field	
1:40 - 3:10 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team #2 Practice (Optional)	TDAPO Field	
Noon - 3:10 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team Meetings	TDAPO On-Field During Practices	
Monday, June 28			
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Umpires	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
9 - 10 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Team (team	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Saturday, June 19)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
4 - 6 p.m.	Media Credential Pick-up (Tier 3 only)	TDAPO Ticket Window	
6 p.m.	MCWS Finals Game No. 1 (ESPN2)	TDAPO	
Postgame	MCWS Finals Game No. 1 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	

Tuesday, June 29			
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and Omaha Marriott Downtown at		
	Umpires	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9 - 10 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket Two Team (team	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Sunday, June 20)	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
6 p.m.	MCWS Finals Game No. 2 (ESPN)	TDAPO	
Postgame	MCWS Finals Game No. 2 Press Conference	Virtual Press Conference	
	Wednesday, June 30 (If Necessary)		
8 - 9 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Tier 1 Host Staff and	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	Umpires, if necessary	District (Capitol 1 Ballroom)	
8 a.m Postgame	Championship Headquarters	TDAPO Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)	
9 - 10 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing for Bracket One Team (team	eam Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol	
	who played their first game on Saturday, June 19, District (Capitol 1 I		
	if necessary)		
6 p.m.	MCWS Finals Game No. 3 (If Necessary)	TDAPO	
	(ESPN2)		
Postgame	MCWS Finals Game No. 3 (If Necessary)	Virtual Press Conference	
	Press Conference		



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# GROUND RULES TD AMERITRADE PARK OMAHA

Note: The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and the National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires reserve the right to modify the ground rules after a facility walk through is conducted the day prior to the start of the championship.

- 1. The stadium is completely enclosed; therefore, all live balls remaining within the field of play are considered live and in play.
  - a. Batted balls striking the foul pole above the fence is a home run. Note: Batted balls must clear (above and beyond) the top yellow border on all fences to be a home run.
  - b. A batted ball traveling between the protective railings is a ground rule double.
  - c. The backstop screen and backstop padding are live even if a ball comes to rest on top of the padding. A ball hitting the backstop cable not part of the screen is dead.
  - d. The dugout screens and padding are live and the top lip and step of the dugout is live. Any microphone or camera protruding from the screen is live on a thrown ball.





- 2. The ball is dead if it:
  - a. Goes through, over, or under the fence or lodges in a fence or fence padding.
  - b. Is intentionally interfered with by a spectator or any other individual. No unauthorized persons should be on the field in any capacity.
  - c. Hits any camera or camera equipment.
  - d. Sticks under, on, or behind the field tarp or comes to rest on the field tarp or goes out of sight around the field tarp. For a valid catch, a player may lean on or lay on the tarp or protective screens but may not step on the tarp or protective screens.
  - e. Passes beyond the front screen and top step of the dugout and touches anything inside of the dugout. For a catch, the fielder may not have either foot touching dead ball territory. A fielder may enter dead ball territory and return to make a catch. If a fielder makes a catch and then steps or falls into a dugout or any dead ball area, the ball is dead. Each runner advances one base. If the fielder is assisted from falling in the dugout, he is considered not to have fallen and the ball is live.





- 3. Field Procedures.
  - a. The dugouts end where the rubber matting ends. Please note that beyond this area is a photo booth.
  - b. Players who wish to throw to stay loose during an inning may not do so in live ball territory. They should use the bullpens or batting cage if available.
  - c. Bullpen gates are in fair territory. Access should be between innings or when there is no chance of interfering with a live ball or play.
  - d. Photographers may be on the field only between innings to transition from photo areas.



# 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series

TD Ameritrade Park Omaha - Omaha, Nebraska June 19-29/30

### **BRACKET 1**



All times Central and subject to change. \*Home Team

\*Bracket 1 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. If it is the only game scheduled for that day, the game will tentatively start at 6 p.m. If there are two games for that day, the game will tentatively start at 1 p.m.

\*\*Bracket 2 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. If it is the only game scheduled for that day, the game will tentatively start at 6 p.m. If there are two games for that day, the game will tentatively start at 6 p.m.

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#MCWS Finals Game 3 will be necessary if the winner of MCWS Finals Game 1 loses MCWS Finals Game 2.

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On the field, including the practice field, bullpen, bench and dugout, each team is limited to four official coaches in uniform (head coach, assistant coaches and volunteer coach), 27 eligible student-athletes in uniform, and student assistant coaches. Only uniformed personnel, including coaches and eligible student-athletes, may be permitted between the white lines and in the bullpens. In a normal year, a bat handler, who must be 13 years of age or older, does not count against the maximum limit of 40 individuals. Please note that for the 2021 Men's College World Series, a bat handler must be an individual on the official travel party roster. Regardless of age, the bat handler shall wear a protective helmet at all times when on the playing field. Non-uniformed personnel in proper attire may participate in pregame warm-ups. Once a game begins, the athletic trainer or manager is permitted on the field only to perform his/her appropriate duty (e.g., warming up a pitcher is not considered an appropriate duty). The 40 individuals listed below are the only individuals authorized in the dugout.

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# 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series Opening Day Practice Schedule – Thursday/Friday, June 17-18

	THURSDAY: TDAPO first base batting tunnel; Auxiliary Room	
	NCAA.com/NCAA Social Media Interviews: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	
Game One	Practice: 2 - 3:30 p.m. ( <i>Creighton University Sports Complex</i> )	
	FRIDAY: TD Ameritrade Park Omaha	
Home	Team Photo: 7:45 a.m.	
	ESPN Interviews: 8 - 8:50 a.m.	
	Practice: 9:10 - 10 a.m.	
	Player Zoom Interview: 10:05 - 10:20 a.m.	
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Game Four Home	<ul> <li>THURSDAY: TDAPO first base batting tunnel; Auxiliary Room NCAA.com/NCAA Social Media Interviews: 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.</li> <li>Practice: Noon - 1:30 p.m. (<i>Creighton University Sports Complex</i>)</li> <li>FRIDAY: TD Ameritrade Park Omaha Team Photo: 1:45 p.m.</li> <li>ESPN Interviews: 2 - 2:50 p.m.</li> <li>Practice: 3:10 - 4 p.m.</li> <li>Player Zoom Interview: 4:05 - 4:20 p.m.</li> <li>Head Coaches Zoom Press Conference: 4:25 - 4:45 p.m.</li> </ul>
Game Four Visitor	<ul> <li>THURSDAY: TDAPO first base batting tunnel; Auxiliary Room</li> <li>NCAA.com/NCAA Social Media Interviews: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.</li> <li>Practice: Noon - 1:30 p.m. (University of Nebraska – Omaha)</li> <li>FRIDAY: TD Ameritrade Park Omaha</li> <li>Team Photo: 2:45 p.m.</li> <li>ESPN Interviews: 3 - 3:50 p.m.</li> <li>Practice: 4:10 - 5 p.m.</li> <li>Player Zoom Interview: 5:05 - 5:20 p.m.</li> <li>Head Coach Zoom Press Conference: 5:25 - 5:45 p.m.</li> </ul>

### **COVID-19 Testing Schedule**:

Please note that all MCWS teams will need to participate in mandatory COVID-19 testing on either Thursday, June 17 or Friday, June 18. All testing will take place at the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District (Capitol 1 Ballroom).

The following is the team COVID-19 testing on these two days:

### Thursday, June 17 (Bracket Two Team Testing):

Game three home team -7 a.m. Central time

Game three visitor team -8 a.m. Central time

Game four home team -9 a.m. Central time

Game four visitor team – 10 a.m. Central time

### Friday, June 18 (Bracket One Team Testing):

Game one home team – Noon Central time

Game one visitor team -1 p.m. Central time

Game two home team -2 p.m. Central time

Game two visitor team – 3 p.m. Central time

### **Pre-Championship Administrative Meeting**:

The applicable representatives from all MCWS teams will need to participate in this virtual meeting that will take place on Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Central time.

# 2021 MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES OFF-SITE PRACTICE INFORMATION THURSDAY, JUNE 17

**Scheduling** – For JUNE 17 <u>ONLY</u>, each team will be assigned a practice time and a field based on whether you are the home team or the visiting team.

### HOME TEAM FACILITIES:

Creighton University Sports Complex Kitty Gaughan Pavilion Field Type: Artificial Turf	University of Nebraska – Omaha Tal Anderson Field Field Type: Artificial Turf
(1.5 miles from TD Ameritrade)	(8.5 miles from TD Ameritrade)
2015 Burt Street - Omaha, NE 68102	2850 S. 67 <sup>th</sup> Street – Omaha, NE 68106
Ed Servais, Head Coach: (402) 660-5846	Ethan Anderson – Asst. AD: (402) 960-2481
JJ Borecky, Asst. Director of Facilities (402) 613-4422	

### PRACTICE SCHEDULE (THURSDAY, JUNE 17 ONLY):

FIRST GAME ASSIGNMENT	PRACTICE TIME	PRACTICE LOCATION
GAME THREE – (HOME)	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Creighton University Sports Complex
GAME THREE – (VISITOR)	10 – 11:30 a.m.	University of Nebraska – Omaha
GAME FOUR – (HOME)	12 – 1:30 p.m.	Creighton University Sports Complex
GAME FOUR – (VISITOR)	12 – 1:30 p.m.	University of Nebraska – Omaha
GAME ONE – (HOME)	2 – 3:30 p.m.	Creighton University Sports Complex
GAME ONE – (VISITOR)	2 – 3:30 p.m.	University of Nebraska – Omaha
GAME TWO – (HOME)	4 – 5:30 p.m.	Creighton University Sports Complex
GAME TWO – (VISITOR)	4 – 5:30 p.m.	University of Nebraska – Omaha

Any institution wishing to use strength training facilities must schedule/coordinate with Head Strength Coach Dan Bailey (402)-639-4827 at Creighton University.

# 2021 MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES OFF-SITE PRACTICE INFORMATION

**Scheduling** – Any institution wishing to practice on off-site fields (including any off-site pregame batting practice) must schedule/coordinate each practice via Head Baseball Coach Ed Servais 402-660-5846 at Creighton University.

Any institution wishing to use strength training facilities must schedule/coordinate with Head Strength Coach Dan Bailey 402-639-4827 at Creighton University.

Practice Length – All off-site practices will be scheduled in 1 hour and 30-minute blocks.

### **Outdoor Facilities Available During the Entire MCWS**

Creighton University Sports Complex	Bellevue East High School
(1.5 miles from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha)	(11 miles from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha)
2015 Burt Street - Omaha, NE 68102	1401 High School Drive - Bellevue, NE 68005
Ed Servais, Head Coach: 402-660-5846	Steve Jarrett, Field Contact: 402-681-1533
J.J. Borecky, Asst. Director of Facilities: 402-613-4422	Chad Holtz, Activities Director: 402-690-7268
University of Nebraska – Omaha (Tal Anderson Field)	
(8.5 miles from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha)	
2850 South 67 <sup>th</sup> Street – Omaha, NE 68106	
Ethan Anderson – Asst. AD: 402-960-2481	

### Indoor Facilities Available During the Entire MCWS

Creighton University Sports Complex/Rasmussen Center			
Facility Type: weight & cardio, turf field, track			
(0.8 miles from TD Ameritrade Park Omaha)			
702 North 17 <sup>th</sup> Street - Omaha, NE 68178			
Dan Bailey, Head Coach – Strength: 402-639-4827			
J.J. Borecky, Asst. Director of Facilities: 402-613-4422			

### **OFF-SITE PREGAME BATTING PRACTICE**

**Off-Site Pregame Batting Practice Scheduling** – If both teams wish to take pregame batting practice off-site at the same location, the home team would automatically be scheduled to hit 2 hours and 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. The visiting team would then hit 1 hour and 50 minutes before their scheduled game time.

**Off-Site Pregame Batting Practice Notification of Intent**– Should a team decide to hit pregame batting practice off-site; team officials must notify NCAA staff [**Chad Tolliver: 317-966-6458**] that they will not be hitting at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha at least three hours before the time of their scheduled batting practice time.

**Adjustments** – If batting practice is scheduled to take place on the field (the first game of the day) and either team decides to take batting practice off-site, the other team should be afforded the opportunity to move its batting practice time to the scheduled time vacated by the first team.



# **Official CWS Stadium Map**

**Clear bags are required for all CWS events.** 







**APPENDIX I** 





#### CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS FACILITIES USAGE ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

I understand that my participation in activities at any and all Creighton University Athletic Facilities may expose me to activity related risks. I am aware that there are certain risks involved when I participate in recreational activities and I knowingly and willingly assume those risks, and I acknowledge that I am primarily responsible for my own safety. I understand that Creighton has allowed the group of which I am a member to use Creighton's athletic facilities, and that the group's coach or advisor, not Creighton, is responsible for supervising me when I am using the facilities.

I have accepted responsibility to verify that I, or if I am the parent of a minor child, my minor child, has no physical or psychological conditions that would prohibit my/his/her use of Creighton's Athletic facilities. I agree to comply with any directions which the Athletics Department Staff may give me about using Creighton's facilities.

By signing below, I attest to the fact that I have read and understand the rules and regulations for use of Creighton University Athletic Department Facilities and will follow these rules and regulations. I willingly assume all risks related to my participation in activities in any of the Creighton Athletic facilities, or if I am the parent of a minor child, I willingly assume all risks, on behalf of my child, related to my child's participation in activities in any Creighton Athletic facility.

Group Name:	
Date(s) of Event(s):	
Printed Name:	Date of Birth:
Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

# **TEAM TRAINING TABLE**

# EACH CLUBHOUSE OR HOLDING AREA WILL INCLUDE 175 PIECES OF THE FOLLOWING: (SUPPLIED EACH GAME, NO CHARGE TO TEAMS, NO REFILLS)

Almonds, Apple Slices and Peanut Butter, Assorted Go-Gurt Flavors, Beef Jerky, Fig Newtons, Goldfish Crackers, Granola Bars, Mozzarella String Cheese, Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers, Pre-Packaged Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Protein Bars, Trail Mix.

# SHORT NOTICE TEAM REQUESTS

Short notice team orders will be at the expense of the team. Orders placed after 9 p.m. CT the day before your scheduled game will be subject to availability. Teams will be invoiced, via email, prior to the completion of their order.

### ALL ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED THROUGH FELICITY FLESHER AT FFLESHER@LEVYRESTAURANTS.COM

# ADDITIONAL CLUBHOUSE SNACKS PRICES VARY - TEAM EXPENSE

Granola Bars	\$1.75 each
Cookies	\$25.00/dozen

Assorted Individually Packaged snacks \$1.75 each

Assorted Flavors of Go-Gurt (minimum of 6) \$2.00 each

Mozzarella String Cheese \$1.50 each

### PRE- BOXED MEALS \$10.95 EACH - TEAM EXPENSE

### Pasta Primavera with Chicken

Grilled chicken breast over cavatappi pasta tossed with garlic oil and fresh vegetables

#### Classic Deli Sandwiches

Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef with lettuce, tomato, pickles and American cheese

<u>Cheeseburger</u> Lettuce, tomato, onion , pickles and American cheese

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, herb aioli Caesar Salad

Romaine, grilled chicken breast, Parmesan, croûtons and Caesar dressing.

<u>Club Wrap</u> Turkey, roasted red peppers, herb cream cheese, lettuce and tomato.

Pulled Pork Sandwich Smoked pork, BBQ sauce and pickles

### **DELI TRAY - Inclement Weather**

Supplied when game has been delayed due to weather

Delivered to each clubhouse (No charge to teams, no refills)

Classic deli sandwiches and assorted potato chips



\*\*\*Please note that all food & beverage items purchased are subject to a 20% service charge, plus 7% sales tax. This service charge is not a tip and is not distributed to service employees.

Questions? Contact Felicity Flesher at: 402-599-6858 or fflesher@levyrestaurants.com



### NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES BAT TESTING PROTOCOL

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee will require bat barrel compression testing prior to each round of the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship for the purpose of ensuring that legal equipment is used in competition. Coaches are obligated by NCAA Baseball playing rules to play with legal equipment and remove any illegal equipment from play. Only bats that receive the approved sticker will be permitted during competition.

### BARREL COMPRESSION TESTING EQUIPMENT

The NCAA will conduct bat testing for the 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series. The following equipment will be used:

- G4 SSL Baseball Bat Compression Testing unit
- Baseball bat ring

### LOCATION AND TIME OF TESTING

Bat testing at the Men's College World Series will occur in the Auxiliary Room (SL-112) following each teams' scheduled practice time on Friday, June 18.

- Bat testing will be conducted by Glen Sisk of Creighton University with assistance from NCAA designated representatives and from the NCAA Baseball secretary-rules editor, if there are any concerns.
- Bat testing will occur 10 minutes after the conclusion of the team's practice session on Friday, June 18.
  - Game 1 Home team 10:10 a.m.
  - Game 1 Visiting team 11:10 a.m.
  - $\circ$  Game 2 Home team 12:10 p.m.
  - Game 2 Visiting team 1:10 p.m.
  - $\circ$  Game 3 Home team 2:10 p.m.
  - Game 3 Visiting team 3:10 p.m.
  - Game 4 Home team -4:10 p.m.
  - Game 4 Visiting team 5:10 p.m.
- The teams' designated coach or equipment manager will bring all bats identified for testing to the Auxiliary Room on the Ground Level of TD Ameritrade Park Omaha after the team practice session. NCAA designated representative(s) will meet the team's designated coach or equipment manager to accept the bats for testing.
- NCAA designated representative will contact the team representative when testing has concluded. Bats will be retrieved by the team representative at the Auxiliary Room on the Ground Level of TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.
- Teams wishing to introduce a new bat after the Friday testing period, must present the bat to Randy Bruns, NCAA baseball secretary-rules editor, for approval.
- Testing shall not be conducted in public view or near fans/media.

### **TESTING PROCEDURE**

Bat testing will consist of three parts; a visual inspection of the bat, a ring test and barrel compression (BC) testing that will require two passing barrel compression values (listed below).

### 1. Visual Inspection of the Bat

- Ensure that the bat model appears on the <u>approved bat list</u>
- Ensure the bat does not have a predominantly white barrel.
- Ensure the bat does not have flat spots.
- Ensure the bat does not have audible rattle.
- Ensure the bat does not have cracked or loose knob or end caps and attachments. (*By NCAA rule, attachments are not permitted on the end cap or knob of the baseball bat.*)

### 2. Ring Test

- A ring test will be conducted to verify the maximum barrel diameter. The maximum barrel diameter is 2.658 inches.
- If the bat does not pass through the ring, the bat is surrendered and will not be returned for use.
- If the bat passes through the ring, it proceeds to barrel compression testing.

### 3. Barrel Compression Test

- Each bat will be tested approximately six (6) inches from the end of the barrel. The bat will then be rotated 90 degrees and tested again. This constitutes one (1) complete compression test. The highest score of the two measurements will represent the score of each complete compression test.
- Bats will be tested a maximum of three times, until it receives two passing results or two failing results, whichever comes first.
- If after two tests:
  - The bat has two passing results, the bat will be considered approved for competition.
  - The bat has one passing result and one failing result, the bat will be removed from the machine and inspected for cracks. If no cracks are found, the bat will be inserted into the machine and tested a third time for a final result.
  - The bat has two failing results, the bat will be considered unacceptable for play.
- Bats passing testing will receive a tamper-proof sticker to be placed on the taper of the bat so that it is easily visible.

### **Lowest Passing Barrel Compression Results**

- Metal bats: 1250 lbs
- **Composite bats**: 1000 lbs
- Non-linear\*: 800 lbs

\*The Rawlings Quatro, Rawlings Quatro Pro and Mizuno PWR CRBN models are currently the only BBCOR approved non-linear bats.

### **Bats Exempt from Barrel Compression Testing**

• Mizuno Maxcor: The Mizuno Maxcor model is exempt from compression testing.

### Maximum Barrel Compression Results

• There is no established maximum compression value for metal and composite BBCOR baseball bats.

### PROCEDURE FOR FAILED BATS

Bats failing either the visual inspection, ring test or barrel compression test shall be surrendered for being unacceptable for play. The NCAA will retain control of the surrendered bats and submit them to the Sports Science Laboratory for further testing. Teams will not receive their surrendered bats back at the conclusion of the championship. Teams will be notified of the bats that are being removed from competition.

### **APPENDIX L**

#### 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series - COVID-19 Testing Schedule

Day	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
Date	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun
Testing Window	4-10 p.m.	7 a.m1 p.m.	11 a.m4 p.m.	9 a.m1 p.m.	8 a.m1 p.m.	9 a.m1 p.m.	8 a.m1 p.m.	9 a.m1 p.m.	8 a.m1 p.m.	9 a.m1 p.m.
Bracket 1 team	6:00 PM		12:00 PM		9:00 AM		9:00 AM		9:00 AM	
Bracket 1 team	7:00 PM		1:00 PM		10:00 AM		10:00 AM		10:00 AM	
Bracket 1 team	8:00 PM		2:00 PM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM	
Bracket 1 team	9:00 PM		3:00 PM		12:00 PM		12:00 PM		12:00 PM	
Bracket 2 team		7:00 AM		9:00 AM		9:00 AM		9:00 AM		9:00 AM
Bracket 2 team		8:00 AM		10:00 AM		10:00 AM		10:00 AM		10:00 AM
Bracket 2 team		9:00 AM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM		11:00 AM
Bracket 2 team		10:00 AM		12:00 PM		12:00 PM		12:00 PM		12:00 PM
Tier 1 Host Staff and Umpires	4-6 PM	11 AM-1 PM	11:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM	
Tier 2 Host Staff	4-6 PM	11 AM-1 PM								
NCAA Staff/Committee (Tier 2)	4-6 PM	11 AM-1 PM								

Day	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
Date	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun
Testing Window	7 a.mNoon	8 a.mNoon	8-10 a.m.	9-10 a.m.	8-10 a.m.
Bracket 1 team	8:00 AM		9:00 AM		9:00 AM
Bracket 1 team	9:00 AM				
Bracket 1 team	10:00 AM				
Bracket 1 team	11:00 AM				
Bracket 2 team		8:00 AM		9:00 AM	
Bracket 2 team		9:00 AM			
Bracket 2 team		10:00 AM			
Bracket 2 team		11:00 AM			
Tier 1 Host Staff and Umpires	7:00 AM		8:00 AM		8:00 AM
Tier 2 Host Staff					
NCAA Staff/Committee (Tier 2)					

*If necessary
game(s) on June
26 (may only
possibly have
one team test)

\*If necessary game on June 30 (may not have any testing if MCWS ends on June 29)

\* Red highlighted cell means a team should be eliminated and not testing in this window if no weather delays.