



*2021 DIVISION I*  
**BASEBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2020-21 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

Sections one through eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

## Section 1.1 Definitions

**Pre-championship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

**Appendixes.** Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

**Championship Manager.** The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

**Games Committee.** The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

**NCAA National Committee.** The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

**Non-predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

**Playing Rules.** The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

**Predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

**Preliminary Rounds.** The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

**Regional Alignment.** The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

**Schedule of Events.** Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

**Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

**Site Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

**Squad Size.** Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

# Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes' optimal experience.

**Executing** championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

**Coordinating** all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

**Integrating** championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

**Enhancing** the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

## Section 3 • Concussion Management

*[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling 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. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

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 more severe and/or 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 [Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

## Section 4 • Conduct

### Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

### Section 4•2 Drug Testing

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

### Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### 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. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.](#)

### Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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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; mobile betting; 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.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

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.

## POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

## HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

## Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

## Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](http://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel reservations.

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only 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 in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. 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.

## Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

## Section 9 • Division I

### Section 9•1 Religious Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

# Division I Baseball

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<b>Jennifer Cohen</b>	<b>University of Washington</b>	<b>Pac-12</b>
<b>Matt Hogue</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina University</b>	<b>Sun Belt</b>
<b>Greg Walter</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Missouri Valley</b>
Nick Derba	University of Maine	America East
Scott Heather	Bucknell University	Patriot
Randy Hood	University of North Carolina Wilmington	Colonial
Monte Lee	Clemson University	ACC
Nick Restaino	Sacred Heart University	Northeast
Chris Tracz	Marist College	Metro Atlantic
Bob Whalen	Dartmouth College	Ivy League
Tracy Woodson	University of Richmond	Atlantic 10
<b>MIDWEST</b>		
<b>Bob Moosbrugger, chair</b>	<b>Bowling Green State University</b>	<b>Mid-American</b>
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<b>Mike Buddie</b>	<b>U.S. Military Academy</b>	<b>Patriot</b>
<b>Jim Cole</b>	<b>Mercer University</b>	<b>Southern</b>
<b>Matt Hogue</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina University</b>	<b>Sun Belt</b>
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Chris Curry	University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Sun Belt
Scott Malone	Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	Southland
Jim Schlossnagle	Texas Christian University	Big 12
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<b>SOUTHEAST</b>		
<b>Jim Cole, chair</b>	<b>Mercer University</b>	<b>Southern</b>
<b>John Cohen</b>	<b>Mississippi State University</b>	<b>SEC</b>
<b>Kirby Hocutt</b>	<b>Texas Tech University</b>	<b>Big 12</b>
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John Cohen	Mississippi State University	SEC
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Jay Johnson	University of Arizona	Pac-12
Larry Lee	California Polytechnic State University	Big West
Greg Moore	Saint Mary's College of California	West Coast
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## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Monday, March 15</b>	Regional and super regional proposed budget materials available on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Friday, April 2</b>	Deadline for submission of proposed budgets for regionals and super regionals.
<b>Friday, May 28</b>	Baseball Committee begins meeting to finalize selection of teams.
<b>Sunday, May 30</b>	Regional site selection press release (tentatively 9 p.m. Eastern time).
<b>Monday, May 31</b>	Televised selection show of championship bracket (tentatively noon Eastern time on ESPNU).
<b>Fri.-Mon., June 4-7</b>	Regional tournaments.
<b>Tuesday, June 8</b>	Super regional site selection press release (approximately 8 a.m. Eastern time).
<b>Fri.-Mon., June 11-14</b>	Super regional tournaments.
<b>Sat.-Mon., June 12-14</b>	NCAA staff teleconferences with College World Series (CWS) participating teams (times TBD).
<b>Monday, June 14</b>	First-round CWS game dates/times press release (approximately 11 p.m. Eastern time).
<b>Thursday, June 17</b>	CWS administrative meeting (7 p.m. Eastern time/6 p.m. Central time).
<b>Saturday, June 19</b>	CWS begins.
<b>Mon.-Tue./Wed., June 28-29/30</b>	CWS finals.

## CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Dates and sites for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship (regionals, super regionals and CWS) are determined by the Baseball Committee, subject to the approval of the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee.

<b>Regionals</b>	June 4-7
<b>Super Regionals</b>	June 11-13 or June 12-14
<b>CWS</b>	June 19-29/30

## DATE FORMULA

**Regionals** begin the Friday after Memorial Day.

**Super Regionals** begin the Friday after regionals.

**The College World Series** begins the Saturday after super regionals and concludes on the second Wednesday after the start of the Series.

## FUTURE DATES — 2022

<b>Bracket Announcement</b>	May 31
<b>Regionals</b>	June 3-6
<b>Super Regionals</b>	June 10-12 or 11-13
<b>CWS</b>	June 17-26/27

## Section 1•5 Equipment

### BASEBALLS/RUBBING MUD/ROSLIN BAGS

The Rawlings FSR1NCAA baseball has been selected as the official baseball for all games in the regionals, super regionals and Men's College World Series. Thirty-five dozen game balls will be sent to each regional site and 15 dozen game balls will be sent to each super regional site. The balls will be shipped to the tournament manager at the host institution. Each team must furnish its own practice balls. Please note that for 2021, a new baseball should be used at the start of each half-inning. After an out, players are strongly discouraged from throwing the ball around the infield.

Per NCAA Baseball playing rule 1.11.a, the home team should provide baseballs to the umpires to be rubbed in to remove the glossiness before all games start. The host institution is responsible for having the proper material to "rub up" the baseballs. Moistened river silt (aka, baseball rubbing mud) makes an excellent material to remove the gloss from the baseballs. As baseballs are being applied mud before the games, waster must be used as opposed to saliva or spitting.

The host institution must provide a rosin bag for use at the pitcher's mound for all games during the championship.

### CLUBHOUSE USAGE POLICY

**Clubhouse Usage.** The host institution will be allowed to use its clubhouse regardless of being designated as the home or visiting team in any given game in which it participates. Access to the clubhouse will be provided to the host institution up until the start of their pregame batting practice. The restroom facilities section of this manual will take effect at the start of the home team batting practice through the entirety of the actual game. All teams besides the host institution participating in the championship should come to the venue in uniform. Security shall be provided in the clubhouse during the pregame, the entire game and the postgame. The intent of this rule is to provide equitable restroom facilities for each participating team during the course of a game. Team members should shower at their hotel after the practice/games as opposed to at the venue.

**Restroom Facilities.** Both teams participating in a given game must be provided access to comparable restroom facilities in close proximity to the dugout and/or bullpen starting with the beginning of the home team batting practice through the entirety of the actual game.

**Inclement Weather Accommodations.** If there is inclement weather, the host institution may have access to its clubhouse during a game delay regardless of being designated as the home or visiting team in any given game in which it participates; however, the host institution must provide access to adequate comparable space to accommodate the other participating team(s). The intent of this rule is to provide equitable inclement weather facilities for each participating team during the course of any weather delays.

### DUGOUT AND BULLPEN PROVISIONS

The NCAA will provide certain championship-relevant equipment (sidelines hydration, competition playing equipment, etc.) on a sport-by-sport basis that must be used in all championship activity. Each championship will receive information from the NCAA pertaining to any equipment that will be provided. Information will also be requested of each host institution/conference such as a completed inventory sheet (template provided by the NCAA) and pictures for proof of performance. The purpose of the equipment is to hydrate student-athletes for competition.

Drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests, cooler carts and water bottles should be provided at team benches (if applicable) for each scheduled practice or competition of any round of an NCAA championship. Participating teams shall place any premix fluid replacement in the NCAA-issued coolers and water bottles when applicable. No other cups, cans, coolers or water bottles may be used in the dugouts, bullpens or in the media areas during championships in which such equipment is provided by the

NCAA. If applicable, the host institution/conference may retain the coolers, cooler carts and ice chests after the competition. Reoccurring institutions/conferences are strongly encouraged to utilize the same equipment the following year unless otherwise notified by the NCAA. Participating teams may retain the water bottles and bottle carriers after the competition (if applicable).

Competitors of NCAA Corporate Champion Coca-Cola may not provide product (beverages, water, isotonic) for any NCAA championship, even if the competition offers product for free or at a reduced cost. The championship budget will cover the purchase of Coca-Cola beverage products.

Teams should use white, unbranded towels during regional and super regional games. As a result, teams may not use towels of any color or that contain any commercial branding (e.g., Gatorade, Powerade, etc.) in team dugouts, bullpens or on the field of play during the championship.

## RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIPS GUIDELINES - BASEBALL

Please be sure to review this document ([ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/resources/common/rtc/2020-21MBA\\_RTCguidelines.pdf](https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/resources/common/rtc/2020-21MBA_RTCguidelines.pdf)) and adhere to the guidelines for the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

## Section 1•6 Rules

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Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization. The 2021 and 2022 NCAA Baseball Rules shall be used for championship play.

### BALL PERSONS

The host institution should provide a ball person to assist the umpires for all games, and not just the games in which the host institution participates.

### LENGTH OF GAME — HALTED-GAME RULE

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. Note: The 10-Run Rule — Rule 5-8-b-(4) — shall not be used for regionals, super regionals or the Men's College World Series.

### OFFICIAL SCORER

The official scorer for each game shall be appointed by the tournament manager, and his or her duties shall be as outlined in the 2021 and 2022 NCAA Baseball Rules. The official scorer will receive \$20 per game for all regional and super regional games.

It is recommended that the Official NCAA Baseball Scorebook be used for all tournament games.

### PROTEST PROCEDURE

The following protest procedure shall be used in all tournaments:

1. Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest, and before play is resumed;
2. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until all fielders have left fair territory to voice its protest intentions;
3. All protests must be made to the umpire crew-chief; however, if he is not working the game, the assistant crew-chief or the home plate umpire shall receive the protest;
4. No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an umpire; and
5. All protests must be ruled upon immediately by the protest committee [NCAA site representative(s), umpire crew-chief and/or assistant crew-chief]. The protest committee shall make a written report to the chair of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee after making its decision.

## TIMING DEVICES

A visible clock is recommended, but not required, in conjunction with the regionals, super regionals or the Men's College World Series. The umpires will be responsible for tracking the time between pitches/innings on the field and also the enforcement of the associated rules unless a visible clock is available in the stadium. The clock will be kept and/or monitored by the second base umpire. A visible clock has been installed at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha for use during the 2021 NCAA Men's College World Series.

## UMPIRES

Six umpires will be assigned to the regionals and four umpires will be assigned to the super regionals. Four umpires will be assigned to each tournament game. If different umpires are assigned to the continuation of a suspended game, the umpiring fee will be divided equally among the officials.

The umpires must report to the tournament manager one hour before the game they are to work and be on the field 15 minutes before the start of the game.

An umpire shall not work more than two games in one day except in an emergency situation.

It is recommended that the host institution for regional competition provide seats for non-working umpires.

Umpires for the championship will be selected by the Division I Baseball Committee based on recommendations of conferences and a review of the umpires by the national coordinator of umpires, the baseball umpire advisors, and the Division I Baseball Committee.

Each umpire will receive \$2,431 for regionals, \$1,737 for super regionals and \$6,171 for working the Men's College World Series, plus coach airfare or 53 cents per mile round-trip if assigned to a site less than 400 miles from the umpire's home. If the umpire is 400 miles or more from the site and chooses to drive, they will be reimbursed their actual mileage at a rate of 53 cents per mile, up to the cost of the lowest available coach airline ticket. A \$45 per diem also is provided, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. The NCAA will reimburse the umpire for the above expenses. All umpire expenses (game fee, per diem, mileage, etc.) will be paid directly by the NCAA using ArbiterPay, an online officials payment system. All umpires working the championship will be contacted by the NCAA prior to the championship and provided more detailed information regarding ArbiterPay.

The host institution tournament manager should make all hotel lodging arrangements for any umpires working at their regional/super regional site. While the quality of lodging for the umpires should be consistent with that of the student-athletes, the umpires should not be housed in the same property as any of the participating teams. The host institution should be responsible for the umpires' lodging costs (room and tax only). The host institution should work with the hotel to set up a direct bill back to the institution for these charges. The host institution should budget for the umpires' lodging for the maximum number of tournament days as part of its budgeted expenses in its proposed budget.

**Policies.** A sport committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Officials shall be selected and assigned by the sport committee or games committee, which shall ensure that officials adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities and drug and alcohol use. Furthermore, officials must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

## VIDEO BOARD REPLAYS

Host institutions with video boards shall adhere to the guidelines set forth in the [2021 and 2022 NCAA Baseball Rules](#) (Appendix B). During the championship, all replays (except listed in A-1-a through g) may be shown once, regardless of replay speed. Live video must cease once a student-athlete enters the batter's box and may resume upon contact with the bat after the pitch.

## Section 1•7 Uniforms

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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 other championship functions (i.e., press conferences, banquets, autograph sessions, etc.), which shall include warmups, batting practice and infield practice. As for practice uniforms, shorts are permissible provided they are institutionally issued apparel and all team members are wearing shorts during the practice.

In addition, institutionally issued shorts are permissible during pregame batting practice as long as all team members are wearing shorts.

Finally, all participating teams will also be required to wear shirts/jerseys with clearly legible uniform numbers on them during pregame batting practice and/or infield practice. It is required that the 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. Game uniforms must adhere to Rule 1-14 of the 2021 and 2022 NCAA Baseball Rules. Please note that for the 2021 championship, 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 helmet.

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.

### LOGOS

[Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.](#)



# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

### CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

The championship provides for a field of 64 teams. There are 31 conference champions that qualify automatically; the balance of the field is selected at-large by the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

Sixteen four-team regionals will be conducted with the winners advancing to eight two-team super regionals. Winners of the eight super regional tournaments will qualify for the Men's College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. All regional tournaments will be double-elimination. The super regionals will be best-of-three series. The brackets used for the regional competitions as well as the Men's College World Series may be found in [Appendix A](#).

### Regional Format

The procedures outlined below shall be used in the conduct of all 16 regional competitions.

The regionals must start the Friday after Memorial Day and will be conducted over a four-day period. There might not be a game played on Monday, provided the "if necessary" game is not needed. All regional competition should be completed not later than the Monday before the start of super regional competition.

Prospective host institutions must submit preferred starting times for all games and Day 1 game order with the hosting proposal material. However, all starting times and game orders for the first day of competition will be determined by the NCAA and its broadcast partners.

For regional competitions, the following procedure will be observed:

#### Day 1

<b>Game 1</b>	No. 1 vs. No. 4
<b>Game 2</b>	No. 2 vs. No. 3

#### Day 2

<b>Game 3</b>	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
<b>Game 4</b>	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

#### Day 3

<b>Game 5</b>	Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4
<b>Game 6</b>	Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5

#### Day 4

<b>Game 7</b>	If necessary, same teams as in Game 6.
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It should be noted that the pairings in the bracket may not be altered and the game orders during the remainder of the tournament may not be adjusted.

Please note that the only exception per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1 states that if a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, the championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. If an institution has a policy against any competition on a Sunday, and it was to make the 2021 championship field, the schedule for that regional site in which the institution would be assigned shall be adjusted as follows:

Thursday, June 3 - two games

Friday, June 4 - two games

Saturday, June 5 - two games

Sunday, June 6 - no games (please note that the "if necessary" game would only be played on this day if the team being accommodated for religious reasons has already been eliminated from the championship).

Monday, June 7 - one game (if necessary).



If, for unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to play a regional tournament game(s), the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee is authorized to determine which team in a respective regional shall advance to the super regionals. The inclement weather guidelines for regional competition are listed in the preliminary-rounds host operations manual.

Super Regional Format

The procedures outlined below shall be used in the conduct of all super regional competitions.

The super regionals will start either the Friday or Saturday after regional competition (four super regionals will begin Friday and the other four super regionals will begin Saturday) and will be conducted over a three-day period (if necessary). Super regional competition should be completed not later than the Monday before the start of the Men’s College World Series. The inclement weather guidelines for super regional competition are also listed in the preliminary-rounds host operations manual.

Prospective host institutions must submit preferred starting times for all games with the hosting proposal material. Please note that the NCAA, in consultation with ESPN, will determine the dates and times of super regional games.

For all super regional competitions, the following procedure will be observed:

Day 1

Game 1	Team A vs. Team B
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Day 2

Game 2	Team A vs. Team B
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Day 3

Game 3	If necessary, Team A vs. Team B.
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Please note that the only exception per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1 states that if a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, the championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution.

If, for unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to play and complete a super regional tournament(s), the Division I Baseball Committee is authorized to determine which team(s) shall advance to the Men’s College World Series.

Men’s College World Series

The eight winners of the super regional competitions will advance to the Men’s College World Series.

The NCAA and ESPN will determine the order in which the games will be played during a tentative June 8 teleconference. Each four-team bracket then will play a double-elimination tournament to determine the bracket champions. The two bracket champions will play a best two-of-three championship series (CWS Finals) to determine the national champion. The CWS Finals format consists of single games Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (if necessary), June 28-29/30.

Please note that the only exception per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1 states that if a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, the championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution.

The Men’s College World Series bracket, including dates, pairings and game times, may be found in [Appendix A](#).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following pregame schedule shall be followed for all regional and super regional games that are played on natural grass fields:

### Before Game

Home batting practice	2:15
Visitor batting practice	1:35
Remove cage	:55
Home infield	:45
Visitor infield	:35
Field preparation	:25
Introductions (visiting team first), if necessary	:14
National Anthem (if necessary)	:09
Umpires/coaches meeting	:06
Home team on field	:02
First pitch	:00

The following pregame schedule may be followed for all regional and super regional games that are played on field turf infields:

### Before Game

Home batting practice	2:00
Visitor batting practice	1:20
Remove cage	:40
Home infield	:34
Visitor infield	:24
Field preparation	:14
Introductions (visiting team first), if necessary	:13
National Anthem (if necessary)	:09
Umpires/coaches meeting	:06
Home team on field	:02
First pitch	:00

It is recommended that, between the last out of the previous game and the start of the next game, a 55-minute period be allowed, which provides for a minimum of a 10-minute warmup period before the home team takes infield. Batting practice shall be conducted on the field of competition for teams competing in the first game of a session (weather permitting). At regional sites, if time permits, on-field batting practice for the second game of a day is allowable at the venue/grounds crew's discretion, subject to the ultimate approval of the NCAA site representative. The start of the second game cannot be delayed to provide for the batting practice on the game field.

## START TIMES

**As a general guideline, no game should start later than 11 p.m. (local time). In addition, a game shall not start on Sundays before noon (local time). As a general guideline, a potential College World Series Championship clinching game (i.e., CWS Finals Game 2 or 3) shall not start later than 9 p.m. (local time). All final determinations on late start times will be made by the baseball committee and NCAA national office staff in consultation with the NCAA site representatives on site.**

### Regionals

All regional-round games will be covered on an ESPN platform (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN3) or on the Longhorn Network (LHN). Prospective hosts shall submit their preferred starting times for all games and Day 1 game order for both games. However, hosts should note that the finalized regional game times and Day 1 game order shall be determined by the NCAA, ESPN and LHN. It should be noted that the pairings in the regional bracket may not be altered during the remainder

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of the tournament. Please note that the Division I Baseball Committee, in consultation with ESPN/LHN, may adjust the dates and times of regional games. The game times and game order for regionals will be publicized in conjunction with the championship bracket announcement on Monday, May 31.

The Longhorn Network shall only broadcast games featuring the University of Texas at Austin (should Texas be selected to participate in the championship). Those games broadcast by LHN shall only be available on LHN within the state of Texas. Outside of the state of Texas, those LHN games will be available via ESPN3.

### Super Regionals

Prospective host institutions must submit preferred starting times for all games with the hosting proposal material. Please note that the NCAA and ESPN will determine the dates and times of super regional games.

## TICKETS

Ticket prices for all tournaments shall be in accordance with the minimum prices outlined below as determined by the Division I Baseball Committee.

The minimum ticket price for regional and super regional competition may not be less than what the host institution charges for regular-season games. In addition, hosts may sell a single ticket for all games during a day of regional competition if the price of an all-day ticket equals the number of games times the ticket price for a single game. Finally, an all-session ticket may be offered at a discounted rate.

Ticket prices may be scaled according to seat location, but the following minimum prices shall prevail:

	Reserved	General Admission	Students	Box Seat
<b>Regionals</b>	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$9
<b>Super Regionals</b>	\$10	\$7	\$4	--

Two hundred (200) tickets must be held for each visiting regional team for the games in which they will participate. These tickets must be in an area between first and third bases. During the regional round, visiting teams shall not be required to purchase all-session ticket packages. They will only need to purchase tickets for the game in which their team is involved. Six hundred (600) all-session tickets must be held for each visiting super regional team. Four hundred of these tickets must be located in an area between first and third bases. The remaining 200 tickets should be located in continuous block(s) of reserved seating of the stadium. Visiting team fans should not be provided with any restricted view seats. Tickets must be held until 10 a.m. local time on the day of the game for the participating team(s) for the games in which they participate in the regionals and super regionals. Host institutions are required to hold a block of 100 tickets to be sold to the general public and a block of 15 tickets for any requests coming from the NCAA national office. Any tickets in this hold that are not sold preceding the regional and/or super regional may be sold by the host institution as necessary.

## TRAVEL PARTY

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](https://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

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. The maximum limit in the dugout is 35 individuals. A bat handler, who must be 13 years of age or older, does not count against the maximum limit of 35 individuals. Non-uniformed personnel in proper attire may participate in pregame warmups. 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).

## Section 2•2 Results

### TEAM SCHEDULES AND ROSTERS

**Deadline – Jan. 15:** Team schedules need to be input on the statistics site. Reference the schedule instructions for more information. Rosters should be updated before the team's first contest.

## STAT CREW

All host sites should use Stat Crew programs to submit statistics for the contests. One of the competing teams should be responsible for ensuring an XML file is submitted as soon as possible after each game.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Williams ([jswilliams@ncaa.org](mailto:jswilliams@ncaa.org)).

## RPI

The results-reporting and statistics-reporting processes are combined for Division I baseball. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site ([stats.ncaa.org/login](https://stats.ncaa.org/login)), and this information will then be transferred into the RPI system for use by the Division I Baseball Committee. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Jeff Williams ([jswilliams@ncaa.org](mailto:jswilliams@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6138).

# Section 2•3 Selection Information

## ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

The championship provides for a field of 64 teams. There are 31 conference champions that qualify automatically; the balance of the field is selected at-large by the Division I Baseball Committee.

## AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Conference champions that have been certified as automatic qualifiers for the Division I championship are listed in [Appendix B](#). Conference champions must be determined not later than Sunday, May 30.

## AT-LARGE SELECTION

The Division I Baseball Committee will follow Bylaw 31.3.3 in selecting at-large participants. To be eligible for selection, a team must have a better than .500 record against Division I competition. Please note that this requirement is not applicable for the 2021 championship.

In addition, the committee also uses the Rating Percentage Index (RPI), a computer program that provides the committee with (1) the institution's Division I winning percentage, (2) opponents' average winning percentage and (3) opponents' opponents' average winning percentage. The RPI is an additional tool used in the evaluation of at-large teams. Please note that the adjusted RPI takes into account a bonus/penalty structure. Please note that RPI penalties will not be applicable for the 2021 championship only. For more specific questions, please contact Jeff Williams at 317-917-6138.

The committee may consider comparative data of individual teams, including, but not limited to, overall record; Division I record; overall RPI rank; nonconference record and RPI rank; conference regular-season record and conference tournament results; road record and RPI; last 15 games' record; its record against teams ranked 1-25, 26-50, 51-100, 101-150 and below 150 in the RPI; head-to-head record; common opponents' record; and input from regional advisory committees.

The 2021 Division I baseball RPI release will occur Monday, March 8, and daily thereafter (Monday-Friday only), through the remainder of the regular season. A final RPI will be released after the conclusion of the CWS.

## IN-REGION COMPETITION

The pairings for the regionals, whenever possible, will be based on closest geographical location of the teams to the tournament sites. Teams may be moved outside their regions, if necessary, to balance the bracket, or if the proximity to an opponent outside the region would be comparable and a better competitive matchup would occur. Teams from the same conference will be placed in different regionals. The committee will be responsible for determining the regional first-round pairings and bracket.

Super regional pairings are determined by the initial placement of teams on the bracket. Two winners of regional competitions will meet in one of eight super regional tournaments. The bracket will be developed such that if all 16 seeded teams (No. 1 seeds) were to advance from the regional to the super regional round, the matchups would be 1 vs. 16, 2 vs. 15, 3 vs. 14, 4 vs. 13, 5 vs. 12, 6 vs. 11, 7 vs. 10, and 8 vs. 9. The committee will not alter the bracket or seeds due to a state or institutional decision to restrict travel to another state or locale.

### REGULAR-SEASON CONTESTS

At the time the game is scheduled, both teams shall agree as to whether the game is to be counted for purposes of won-lost records and team and individual statistics. A game will be counted by both teams as an official contest unless both teams agree in writing before the game that it is to be an exhibition contest. If it is an exhibition contest, the team and the individual statistics and records cannot be counted for either team. In any event, the contest or exhibition remains countable as a contest for the purpose of Bylaws 17.02.3 and 17.2.5.1. Further, all games will be of regulation length.

Coaches should be aware of the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.1 (seasons of competition). Unless a specific exception is applicable, any participation by a student-athlete against outside competition, however limited, shall constitute a season of competition.

No games played during the fall will be included in a team's won-lost record and statistics.

Forfeited games shall be categorized separately in considering won-lost records.

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

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The Division I Baseball Committee will meet in-person or via teleconference to make the final selections, regional and super regional site determinations and pairings.

Announcement of the entire 64-team bracket will be made by the NCAA tentatively at noon Eastern time, May 31, on ESPNU.

The Division I Baseball Committee shall have full authority to select the number of at-large teams to compete in the respective regional tournaments. The committee may consider other outstanding teams from automatic-qualifying conferences and independent teams (if applicable) for the at-large selections. The committee shall appoint regional advisory committees to assist it in evaluating teams, but recommendations of the regional advisory committee members are not binding upon the committee.

At-large teams will be assigned to the various regionals by the Division I Baseball Committee. The committee will seed the top 16 national seeds. The 16 No. 1 teams will not be assigned to the same regional. Whenever possible, other teams will be assigned to regionals using the closest possible geographical consideration. However, teams may be moved outside their regions, if necessary, to balance the bracket numerically, or if the proximity to an opponent outside the region would be comparable and a better competitive matchup would occur.

Teams from the same conference will be placed in different regionals. The Division I Baseball Committee will not reseed the teams once the initial bracket is determined.

The Division I Baseball Committee will conduct telephone conferences or Microsoft Team meetings April 19, May 18 and May 24. The committee will conduct an in-person meeting Friday through Monday, May 28-31, to complete the selection process. Regional sites will be announced on Sunday, May 30 (tentatively at 9 p.m. Eastern time). All teams and regional assignments will be announced during an ESPNU selection show Monday, May 31 (tentatively at noon Eastern time).

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

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Any institution or conference interested in hosting a predetermined preliminary round of the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship must submit a proposed budget, facility evaluation form, key contacts form, proof of insurance, video board questionnaire (if applicable), and alcohol agreement forms (if applicable) to be considered to host. A separate proposed budget and key contacts form must be submitted for each round that an institution or conference is interested in hosting. Please respond to sport-specific questions and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "championships available for bid" and select "add bid."

All member institutions are allowed to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org) or contact the respective championship manager.

For both the game officials and committee/site representatives, hosts will pay for their lodging expenses and be reimbursed by the NCAA. However, if the NCAA manages the hotel block for the game officials, the officials' lodging expenses shall be directly billed to the NCAA. The NCAA typically manages the officials' hotel block at the finals site for our championships.

If your institution wishes to bid to host a preliminary round of the championship, please take the information in section 2.1 of this manual into account for accommodations that may be needed if a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons (e.g., housing arrangements for each visiting team at your regional site, stadium availability, staffing needs, etc.).

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the following website: [web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login](http://web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login). The deadline to submit all materials for hosting preliminary rounds is Friday, April 2.

## FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact either Chad Tolliver (317-917-6706 or email at [ctolliver@ncaa.org](mailto:ctolliver@ncaa.org)) or Randy L. Buhr (317-917-6716 or email at [rlbuhr@ncaa.org](mailto:rlbuhr@ncaa.org)).

## PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Regarding the regional tournaments, with the criteria listed in Bylaw 31.1.3, the Division I Baseball Committee also follows the additional criteria below:

1. Regional competition shall take place at on-campus sites or alternative sites approved by the Division I Baseball Committee.
2. The committee shall attempt to place regional tournaments so that maximum national balance can be obtained, preferably at least one regional in each of the five Division I baseball regions.
3. Prospective host institutions must submit a minimum financial guarantee of \$50,000, which shall be 75% of the estimated net receipts as submitted on the hosting proposal (online proposed budget).
4. Once that guarantee is met, the committee shall consider the additional criteria as listed in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1.
5. Lights are highly recommended at all prospective regional sites. These lights should meet the NCAA standards found by clicking on the "NCAA Broadcast Manual and Policies" link at [ncaa.com/media](http://ncaa.com/media).
6. The committee will consider previous crowd control and behavior of the prospective host institution.

Regarding the super regional tournaments, with the criteria listed in Bylaw 31.1.3, the Division I Baseball Committee also follows the additional criteria below:

1. Super regional competition shall take place at on-campus sites or alternate sites approved by the Division I Baseball Committee.
2. Prospective host institutions must submit a minimum financial guarantee of \$35,000, which shall be 75% of the estimated net receipts as submitted on the hosting proposal (online proposed budget). The \$35,000 minimum applies to both two-day and three-day super regional competitions.
3. Consideration for hosting shall be given to the higher seed if a suitable hosting proposal has been received (e.g., meets financial guarantee and quality of facility criteria). If the higher seed has not submitted a proposal, the lower-seeded team will host if its proposal is acceptable.
4. If the super regional matchup is between equally seeded teams, the committee shall review the hosting proposals according to the site selection criteria (e.g., quality and availability of the facility, revenue potential and other available accommodations) to determine the host. If only one of the teams has submitted a proposal, that team shall host if the proposal is acceptable.
5. Lights are highly recommended at all prospective super regional sites. These lights should meet the NCAA standards found by clicking on the "NCAA Broadcast Manual and Policies" link at [ncaa.com/media](http://ncaa.com/media).
6. The committee will consider previous crowd control and behavior of the prospective host institution.



### LODGING

Host tournament managers will make local reservations for the competing teams and advise them of the arrangements. All hotels used for team lodging should be of equal quality. A minimum of 25 rooms should be reserved for each team. It is ideal and recommended to have all teams housed in separate properties.

Hotel rooms should be reserved for all participating teams, umpires and the NCAA site representative(s) through the final possible night of competition at the site. All participating team rooms should be held until the team(s) checks out and then, and only then, should they be made available to the general public. It should be understood by the hotel that any rooms released by a participating team after it has been eliminated from the tournament should not be the financial responsibility of that team or the host institution. Please note that if accommodations need to be made for a participating institution because of religious reasons, please take this into account when making tentative housing arrangements for each visiting team (as the teams assigned to such a regional site may arrive on Tuesday instead of a possible Wednesday arrival for a traditional Friday-Monday regional format). This potential change in the schedule also needs to be taken into consideration when making housing arrangements for the NCAA site representatives and the umpires.

If an institution does not wish to stay at the designated hotel, it must obtain a written release of the reserved rooms from the hotel management (general manager) or use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, the institution is responsible for securing arrangements at another property. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of the rooms at the designated hotel, the institution will be charged for those rooms. These room charges may be deducted from the team's per diem.

Only if it obtains a written release from the hotel's general manager before 5 p.m. on the practice day may a participating institution be released from all or a portion of its room obligation. The hotel is under no obligation to provide this release. The institution must file a copy of the written release with the tournament manager. Unless approved by the NCAA in advance, an institution is precluded from relocating to a hotel where another institution or the umpires have been assigned.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Friday, April 2.

The proposed budget form is now an expandable/collapsible tree format with the ability to upload supporting documents. Please note the unbudgeted expenditures section has been removed in the budget form. As part of the bid, prospective hosts must enter a budgeted amount for the following items that previously were considered unbudgeted expenditures:

- **Committee/site representative lodging**
- **Game officials lodging**
- **State and city taxes/fees**
- **Ticket fees**

**As a reminder, prospective hosts' budgets should include committee/site representative's lodging expenses, game officials' lodging expenses, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees.** Committee/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees online. Hosts will no longer pay these fees.

**An online proposed budget must be completed for each round of competition you wish to host.** For those institutions submitting bids for multiple rounds, a "copy" function is available and will allow you to transfer budget information between rounds. The appropriate round and date of competition must be indicated on each budget.

**Please be sure to include projected ticket sales in the Receipts section.**

**As a result of the restructuring of the online budget system, there no longer is an "unbudgeted disbursements" section.** Therefore, all lodging expenses for officials and site representatives must be included in your budget. As a reminder, officials' fees, per diem and travel expenses do not need to be included, nor do per diem and travel expenses for site representatives. The NCAA will pay those expenses directly.

## FACILITY PROFILE

A facility evaluation form must be completed by each institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition. If you submitted a facility evaluation form for this championship last year, the responses to a number of questions will auto-populate with information you submitted last year. Please verify or edit those responses as needed, and provide responses to all blank questions.

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the Division I Baseball Committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

## KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). Please complete a key contacts form for each round of competition you wish to host, and a “copy” function is available for the key contacts form, allowing you to transfer this information between rounds. The appropriate round and date of competition must be indicated on each key contacts form.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan.

for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at: [ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf](https://ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf)



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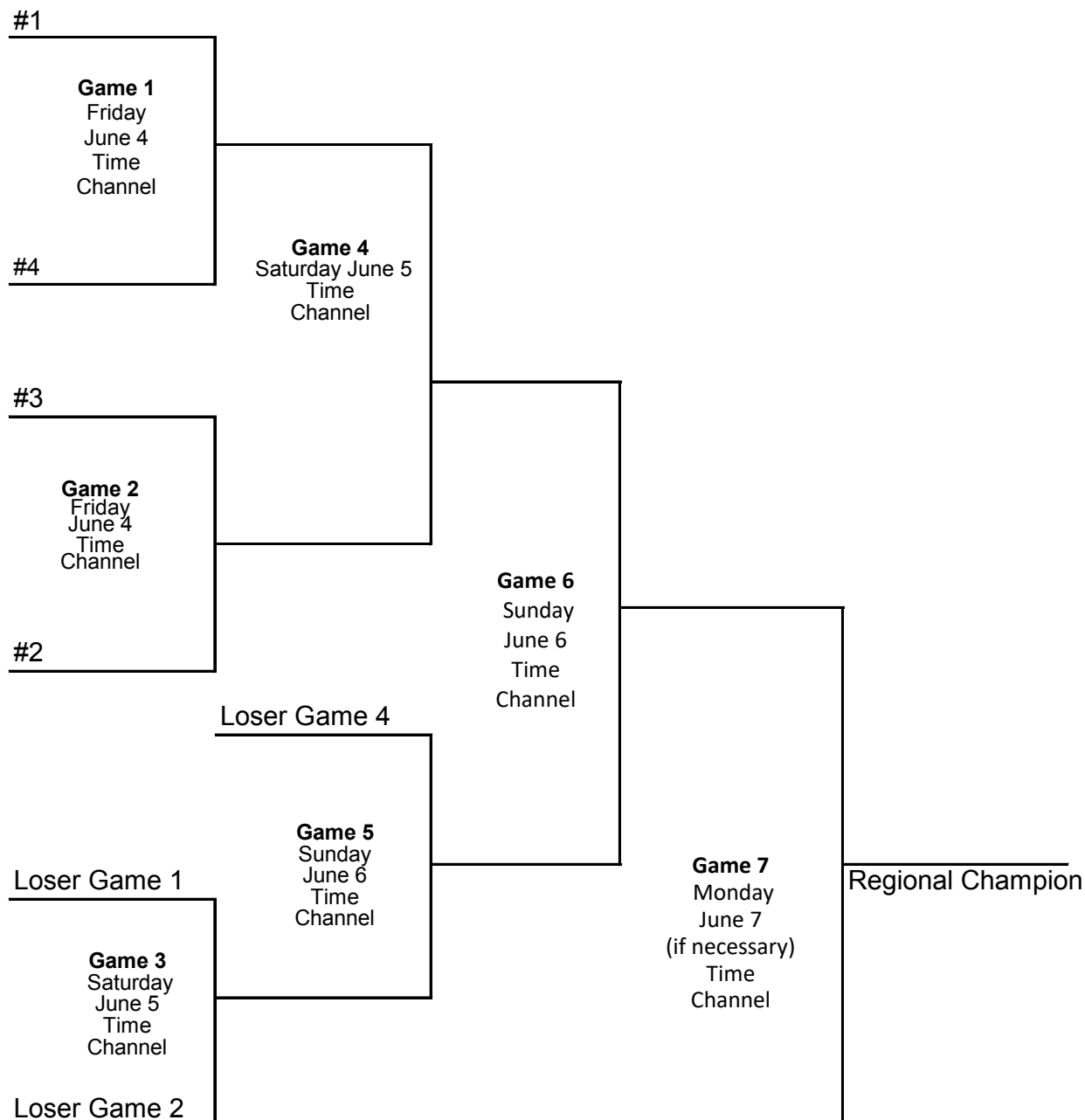
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## Appendix A • Brackets



### 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship Regional - Host June 4-7, 2021



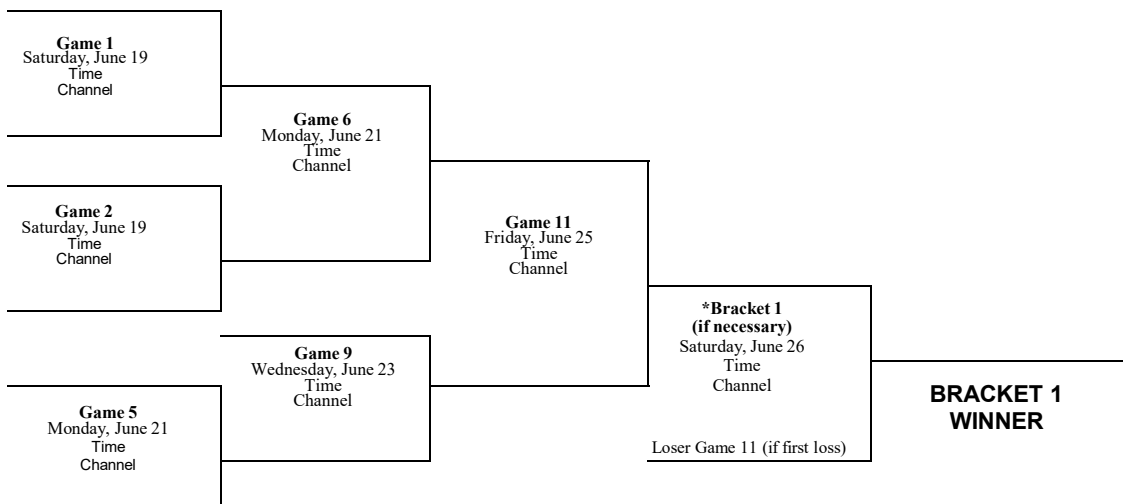
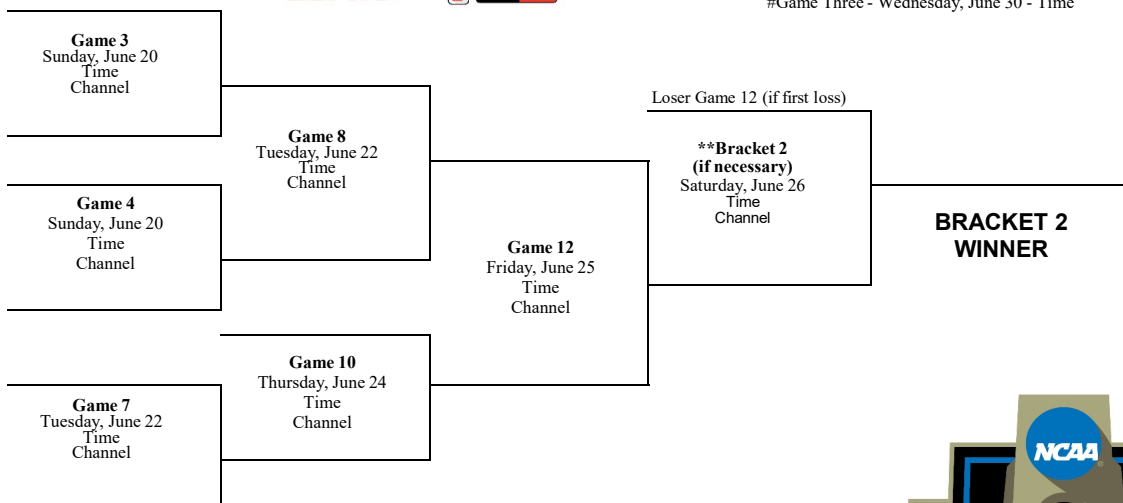
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**2021 NCAA Men's College World Series**  
**TD Ameritrade Park Omaha - Omaha, Nebraska**  
**June 19-29/30**

**BRACKET 1****BRACKET 2**

**CWS Finals**  
 (Best two-of-three and all games on channel)  
 Game One - Monday, June 28 - Time  
 Game Two - Tuesday, June 29 - Time  
 #Game Three - Wednesday, June 30 - Time

**NATIONAL  
CHAMPION**

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.

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

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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

Sport Sponsorship may be impacted by schools or conferences canceling their seasons due to COVID-19.

### EAST REGION

#### America East Conference (8\*)

University of Albany  
Binghamton University  
University of Hartford  
University of Maine, Orono

University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
\*New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Stony Brook University

#### Atlantic 10 Conference (13)

Davidson College  
University of Dayton  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
La Salle University  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
St. Bonaventure University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Louis University  
Virginia Commonwealth University

#### Atlantic Coast Conference (14)

Boston College  
Clemson University  
Duke University  
Florida State University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Louisville  
University of Miami (Florida)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
North Carolina State University  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University

#### Colonial Athletic Association (9)

College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
University of Delaware  
Elon University  
Hofstra University  
James Madison University

University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Northeastern University  
Towson University  
College of William and Mary

#### The Ivy League (8)

Brown University  
Columbia University-Barnard College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College

Harvard University  
University of Pennsylvania  
Princeton University  
Yale University

#### Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (11)

Canisius College  
Fairfield University  
Iona College  
Manhattan College  
Marist College  
Monmouth University

Niagara University  
Quinnipiac University  
Rider University  
Saint Peter's University  
Siena College

#### Northeast Conference (7/8\*)

Bryant University  
Central Connecticut State University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus  
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus

Merrimack College (not eligible)  
Mount St. Mary's University  
Sacred Heart University  
Wagner College

*\*Please note, the first figure in parentheses lists the number of eligible teams in the conference for the 2021 championship.*

### Patriot League (6)

Bucknell University  
College of Holy Cross  
Lafayette College

Lehigh University  
U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy

## MIDWEST REGION

### Big East Conference (8\*)

Butler University  
Creighton University  
Georgetown University  
St. John's University (New York)

Seton Hall University  
\*University of Connecticut  
Villanova University  
Xavier University

### Big Ten Conference (13)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
University of Iowa  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
Northwestern University  
The Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Purdue University  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick

### Horizon League (7\*)

University of Illinois at Chicago  
Northern Kentucky University  
Oakland University  
\*Purdue University Fort Wayne

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Wright State University  
Youngstown State University

### Mid-American Conference (11)

University of Akron  
Ball State University  
Bowling Green State University  
Central Michigan University  
Eastern Michigan University  
Kent State University

Miami University (Ohio)  
Northern Illinois University  
Ohio University  
University of Toledo  
Western Michigan University

### Missouri Valley Conference (8)

Bradley University  
Dallas Baptist University  
University of Evansville  
Illinois State University

Indiana State University  
Missouri State University  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
Valparaiso University

### The Summit League (5)

University of Nebraska Omaha  
North Dakota State University  
Oral Roberts University

South Dakota State University  
Western Illinois University

**SOUTH REGION****Big 12 Conference (9)**

Baylor University  
 University of Kansas  
 Kansas State University  
 University of Oklahoma  
 Oklahoma State University

University of Texas at Austin  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas Tech University  
 West Virginia University

**Conference USA (12)**

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida International University  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 Marshall University  
 Middle Tennessee State University

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
 Old Dominion University  
 Rice University  
 University of Southern Mississippi  
 University of Texas at San Antonio  
 Western Kentucky University

**Ohio Valley Conference (11)**

Austin Peay State University  
 Belmont University  
 Eastern Illinois University  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Jacksonville State University  
 Morehead State University

Murray State University  
 Southeast Missouri State University  
 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
 University of Tennessee at Martin  
 Tennessee Technological University

**Southland Conference (12/13\*)**

Abilene Christian University  
 University of Central Arkansas  
 Houston Baptist University  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 Lamar University  
 McNeese State University  
 University of New Orleans

Nicholls State University  
 Northwestern State University  
 Sam Houston State University  
 Southeastern Louisiana University  
 Stephen F. Austin State University (not eligible)  
 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Southwestern Athletic Conference (10)**

Alabama A&M University  
 Alabama State University  
 Alcorn State University  
 University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff  
 Grambling State University

Jackson State University  
 Mississippi Valley State University  
 Prairie View A&M University  
 Southern University, Baton Rouge  
 Texas Southern University

**Sun Belt Conference (12)**

Appalachian State University  
 University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
 Arkansas State University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Georgia Southern University  
 Georgia State University

University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
 University of Louisiana at Monroe  
 University of South Alabama  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
 Texas State University-San Marcos  
 Troy University

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## SOUTHEAST REGION

### American Athletic Conference (8)

University of Central Florida  
University of Cincinnati  
East Carolina University  
University of Houston

University of Memphis  
University of South Florida  
Tulane University  
Wichita State University

### Atlantic Sun Conference (7/9\*)

Bellarmine University (not eligible)  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Jacksonville University  
Kennesaw State University  
Liberty University

Lipscomb University  
University of North Alabama (not eligible)  
University of North Florida  
Stetson University

### Big South Conference (10)

Campbell University  
Charleston Southern University  
Gardner-Webb University  
High Point University  
Longwood University

University of North Carolina Asheville  
Presbyterian College  
Radford University  
University of South Carolina Upstate  
Winthrop University

### Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (8)

Bethune-Cookman University  
Coppin State University  
Delaware State University  
Florida A&M University

University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina A&T State University  
North Carolina Central University

### Southeastern Conference (14)

University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
Auburn University  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Kentucky  
Louisiana State University

University of Mississippi  
Mississippi State University  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
University of South Carolina, Columbia  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Texas A&M University, College Station  
Vanderbilt University

### Southern Conference (8)

The Citadel  
East Tennessee State University  
Mercer University  
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Samford University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Western Carolina University  
Wofford College

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**WEST REGION****Big West Conference (10/11\*)**

University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of California, Riverside  
 \*University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 California Polytechnic State University

\*California State University, Bakersfield  
 California State University, Fullerton  
 California State University, Northridge  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa  
 Long Beach State University

**Mountain West Conference (7)**

California State University, Fresno  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of New Mexico

San Diego State University  
 San Jose State University  
 U.S. Air Force Academy

**Pac-12 Conference (11)**

University of Arizona  
 Arizona State University  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Oregon  
 Oregon State University

University of Southern California  
 Stanford University  
 University of Utah  
 University of Washington  
 Washington State University

**West Coast Conference (10)**

Brigham Young University  
 Gonzaga University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 University of the Pacific  
 Pepperdine University

University of Portland  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 Santa Clara University

**Western Athletic Conference (9/10\*)**

California Baptist University (not eligible)  
 California State University, Sacramento  
 \*Dixie State University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 New Mexico State University

University of Northern Colorado  
 Seattle University  
 \*Tarleton State University  
 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
 Utah Valley University

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