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Regionals and Super Regionals

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PRELIMINARY ROUNDS PARTICIPANT MANUAL**

- INTRODUCTION -

During the 2023-24 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships — 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Among the men’s championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Among the women’s championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men’s and women’s championships are National Collegiate Championships.

This manual will serve as a resource for participating institutions to prepare for regional and super regional competition of the 2024 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. Additional championship information will be distributed to team administrators and coaches in the hours and days following the championship bracket announcement.

Please contact your host tournament manager, NCAA site representatives, NCAA staff or me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Congratulations on a successful regular season and best of luck throughout the championship.

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SECTION 1 – KEY PERSONNEL

NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE

The administration and conduct of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee. Members of the committee are the following:

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SECTION 2 – CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

BRACKET FORMAT

The championship provides for a field of 64 teams. Thirty (30) conference champions qualify automatically; the balance of the field is selected at-large by the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

Sixteen (16), 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 traditional Friday through Monday regional competition may be found in Appendix A.

BRACKETING/PAIRING

Except for the 16 No. 1 regional seeds, 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 match-up would occur. Teams from the same conference will be placed in different regionals.

The top 16 teams nationally will be seeded #1-16. 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 super regional match-ups would involve #1 vs. #16, #2 vs. #15, #3 vs. #14, #4 vs. #13, #5 vs. #12, #6 vs. #11; #7 vs #10, #8 vs. #9.

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.

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 ideally be completed not later than the Monday before the start of super regional competition.

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

Day 1

Game 1 – No. 1 vs. No. 4

Game 2 – No. 2 vs. No. 3

Day 3

Game 5 – Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4

Game 6 – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 4

Day 2

Game 3 – Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2

Game 4 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Day 4

Game 7 (if necessary) - same teams as Game 6

If, for unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to complete a regional round and advance a team to the super regional based on the results on the field the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee will determine the team advancing to the super-regional using the criteria listed in Appendix H.

SUPER REGIONAL FORMAT

The procedures outlined below shall be used in the conduct of all eight 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 ideally 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 this manual.

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

Day 1 – Game 1 – Team A vs. Team B

Day 2 – Game 2 – Team A vs. Team B

Day 3 – Game 3 (if necessary) – Team A vs. Team B

If, for unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to complete a super regional round and advance a team to the Men's College World Series based on the results on the field the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee will determine the team advancing to the Men's College World Series using the criteria listed in Appendix H.

GAME TIMES

As a general guideline, no game should start later than 11 p.m. (local time). In addition, a game shall not start on a Sunday before noon (local time).

Prospective hosts shall submit their preferred starting times for all games and Day One preferred game order. However, the finalized regional game times and Day One game order shall be determined by the NCAA and ESPN. It should be noted that the pairings in the regional bracket may not be altered during the remainder of the tournament. The Baseball Committee, in consultation with ESPN, 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 27.

Prospective super regional hosts shall submit their preferred starting times for all three potential super regional games. However, the finalized super regional days and game times shall be determined by the NCAA and ESPN. The Baseball Committee, in consultation with ESPN, may adjust the dates and times of super regional games. The game times and game order for super regionals will be publicized in conjunction with the super regional bracket release on Tuesday, June 4.

PLAYING RULES

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 sport committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sport 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 2024 and 2024 NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations shall be used for championship play.

SECTION 3 - GAME ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION

General Policy. NCAA Division I regional and super regional competition shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the NCAA Division I Council and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee, subject to the standards set forth in NCAA Bylaw 31 and the NCAA Division I Baseball Pre-Championship Manual.

NCAA Site Representatives. The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee shall appoint two site representatives to each regional and super regional who shall serve as the ultimate authority for the competition. These individuals will serve as the chair of the games committee and be responsible for the overall administration of the competition in consultation with the tournament manager and umpire-in-chief.

Tournament Manager. The host institution shall appoint a tournament manager who shall serve as the liaison with the NCAA site representatives. The tournament manager shall be responsible for coordinating all preparation for the competition in accordance with the policies and procedures that have been established by the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee. During the actual conduct of the competition, the tournament manager shall report to the NCAA site representatives.

Games Committee. The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee shall appoint a games committee to actively supervise the conduct of all regional and super regional competition. The chair of the Division I Baseball Committee shall designate members of the sport committee to serve as members and chairs of the competition games committees if any are present. If none are present, the chair of the games committee shall be the primary NCAA site representative. The chair of the games committee shall appoint individuals to serve on the committee, which normally will include the NCAA assistant site representative, a representative from the host institution and each participating team. The games committee must consist of at least three individuals.

Umpire-In-Chief. The umpire-in-chief will be assigned by the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and the National Umpire Coordinator to serve as the lead umpire for the regional or super regional. The umpire-in-chief shall prepare the umpiring assignments in consultation with the NCAA site representatives. The umpire-in-chief also shall coordinate all on-field activities for the umpires.

NCAA Site Representatives Seats. Two seats must be reserved, preferably on an aisle behind home plate, for the NCAA site representatives. These seats must be readily accessible to the playing field. Additional seats in the press box area should also be reserved.

Umpire Seats at Regionals. Two seats must be reserved, preferably away from the NCAA site representatives, for the two umpires resting during the regional competition.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE CALL - REGIONAL

Shortly after the regional pairings have been announced, the host institution's tournament manager will receive a teleconference dial-in number and an access code from the NCAA site representative(s). At that time, the tournament manager will make preliminary plans to establish an administrative conference call between the NCAA site representatives and all participating teams to review the regional tournament arrangements. It is suggested that the call be conducted Monday evening, May 27.

Each team will be required to be represented on the call by an athletics department administrator and the head baseball coach. Should the head baseball coach be unavailable due to a previously scheduled practice, they may appoint a representative to participate on the call in their place. Other institutional representatives may participate in the call as needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE CALL – SUPER REGIONAL

Super regional sites will tentatively be announced via a press release at approximately 8 a.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, June 4. Shortly after the super regional pairings have been determined, the host institution's tournament manager will receive a teleconference dial-in number and an access code from the NCAA site representatives. At that time, the tournament manager should begin making preliminary plans to establish an administrative conference call between the NCAA site representatives and the participating teams to review the super-regional tournament arrangements. It is suggested that the call be conducted Tuesday, June 4.

Each team will be required to be represented on the call by an athletics department administrator and the head baseball coach. Should the head baseball coach be unavailable due to a previously scheduled practice, they may appoint a representative to participate on the call in their place. Other institutional representatives may participate in the call as needed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

An administrative meeting of the head coaches and athletics administrators of the competing teams and members of the games committee will be held prior to the beginning of the tournament. Please provide the NCAA national office with the date, time and location of this meeting, and also be prepared to provide this information to the visiting team(s) during the administrative conference call.

Each team will be required to be represented at the meeting by an athletics department administrator and the head baseball coach. Other institutional representatives may attend the meeting as needed.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM – REGIONAL SITES

A regional all-tournament team, consisting of the following positions, will be selected by the working news media or an all-tournament selection committee: catcher, first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, third baseman, left fielder, center fielder, right fielder, designated hitter and two pitchers.

The most outstanding player will be selected from among these positions. Super regional sites will not have an all-tournament team.

ANALYTICAL/DATA COLLECTION CAMERAS

NEW FOR 2024 - The use of analytical or data collection camera/systems, that are allowable per the NCAA baseball playing rules, is now permitted during all rounds of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. The host institution is required to share any such data collected with all teams participating at a required to share any such data collected with all teams participating at the championship site.

If any of the teams participating at a preliminary-round site do not already have access to the data files for their game, the host institution is required to provide that team with that data file.

AUDIO COVERAGE

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcasting policies and guidelines that can be found online at www.ncaa.com/media.

AWARDS – PARTICIPANTS

Institutions that participate in, but do not advance from regional or super regional competition will be presented with a participant medallion as a commemorative keepsake. The host institution will receive participant awards the week of the competition. Twenty-seven (27) participant awards should be presented to the athletics administrator once an institution has been eliminated from competition.

BANDS/CHEERLEADERS/MASCOTS

During regionals and super regionals, bands are permissible, with a maximum of 20 band members plus a band director being admitted via a pass gate.

The seat location for any bands is left to the discretion of the host institution (ideally place in a location behind their respective team dugout). The band must be institutionally sponsored/controlled and may only play at games in which their institution participates. A band may play only between half innings. If both teams playing in a given game have their band in attendance, the bands must alternate playing between each half inning (designated home team will play first).

During regionals and super regionals, a maximum of 12 cheerleaders may be admitted in uniform via a pass gate. A uniformed mascot is also permissible; however, the uniformed mascot may never enter the playing field. Live mascots are also permissible, provided there is institutional control, at the discretion of the NCAA national office.

BANNERS AND ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS

No banners may be posted at the tournament other than the NCAA and approved media banners.

Artificial noisemakers, air horns, and electronic amplifiers are **not** permitted and shall be removed upon discovery.

BANQUETS

Banquets or celebratory dinners are not permitted for the participating teams during the regional and super regional rounds of the baseball championship.

BAT HANDLERS

Bat or ball handlers (i.e., bat or ball boys/girls) must be 13 years of age or older to serve in this capacity at any NCAA regional or super regional competition. All bat and ball handlers will be required to wear a helmet at any time they are on the playing field regardless of age.

The bat handlers are excluded from the 35-person official traveling party or 40-person dugout limit.

BAT TESTING

Bat testing will take place at all regional and super regional sites. Please review Appendix F for the postseason bat testing protocol for the 2024 regionals and super regionals that must be followed.

The host institution will be responsible for securing the Baseball Bat Tester and Baseball Bat Ring. If a host site does not already have a bat testing unit and/or bat ring, they will be required to purchase them from Bat Testing Solutions (www.barrelcompression.com). Bat Testing Solutions will charge \$1,350 for the bat testing unit and \$100 for the bat ring (plus shipping charges). These charges are the sole financial responsibility of the host institution and should not be included in any proposed budget item.

Each host institution will need to purchase the bat testing unit and/or bat ring only after the regional and/or super regional host institutions have been announced.

Regional and super regional hosts must place their order via debit or credit card no later than noon Eastern time on Tuesday, May 28. Super regional hosts must place their order by noon Eastern time on Tuesday, June 4. It is recommended for host institutions to select Federal Express as the overnight delivery option.

New for 2024, in addition to the bat testing conducting on the practice day, additional bat testing may take place during all rounds of the championship at the discretion of NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and NCAA national office staff. Should additional testing be requested, participating teams will be notified by the NCAA site representatives on site.

BOX SCORES

Stat Crew xml files should be uploaded to the NCAA statistics system by one of the participating teams for each game. Additionally, hosts should email xml files for each game to Jeff Williams (jswilliams@ncaa.org).

BULLPEN TENTS

Visiting teams are permitted to bring their own temporary non-branded bullpen tenting for use in their bullpen. Any such temporary tenting must not interfere/hang over into the playing field, obstruct the view of the field for fans and must comply with all applicable NCAA Baseball Playing Rules.

CAMERAS

Team Content/Videographer. Institutions are permitted to videotape championships competition by their teams or their individual student-athletes for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use one camera and may videotape only that portion of the competition in which it participates. Any video collected may not be used for commercial purposes and must follow all applicable NCAA baseball playing rules.

Any participating institution wishing to use a camera during the preliminary rounds is required to contact the host tournament director and NCAA site representative(s) in advance of the administrative meeting to arrange for an approved camera location. Any unauthorized or unapproved camera placement will be considered "Failure to Follow Championship Procedures" and/or "Misconduct".

CROWD CONTROL

The responsibility for crowd control rests with the director of athletics or designated representative of the host institution. The directors of athletics of the competing institutions are expected to communicate with their student-athletes and other fans to encourage enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship. Host institutions must provide adequate security and ushers, preferably in uniform, for effective crowd management. Attention should be given to seating arrangements that will alleviate crowd control problems. In addition, evacuation and emergency plans should be in place and should be reviewed with the games committee. [Note: The Division I Baseball Committee has established previous crowd control and fan behavior as criteria to be reviewed when considering prospective sites.]

The public-address announcer must read the following statement prior to each game of the regional and super regional:

"The NCAA promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the site of competition.

We ask your cooperation in keeping the aisles leading down and up to the seating areas clear. Please do not sit in any aisles and block the path of spectators trying to reach their seats. Thank you for your cooperation."

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES/BULLPEN PHONES

No electronic communication devices (e.g., cellular phones, televisions) are permitted in the bullpens or dugouts during the regionals or super regionals. Any such devices that are in the team clubhouse should also not be on and, if possible, should be removed from the clubhouse.

A direct hard line telephone from the dugout to the bullpen (i.e., "bullpen phone") will be permissible in stadiums where the technology is available. If a direct hard line telephone is not available in both dugouts and bullpens, the host institution must provide a two-way hand radio to serve as the bullpen phone. The new coach-to-catcher communication to call pitches may also be used during the championship.

Please also note that at a minimum, the NCAA site representative, NCAA assistant site representative, host institution tournament manager and the public-address announcer should also be issued a hand radio to facilitate communication.

FIGHT SONGS

If an institutional fight song is played prior to the start of a tournament game, it must occur during that institution's infield practice or during the time allotted for pregame preparation of the field. Under no circumstances can the game be delayed to accommodate the playing of an institutional fight song.

HOME TEAM - REGIONALS

For first-round games, the highest-seeded team shall be designated as the home team. In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to a formula applied by the games committee. In determining which of two teams in any game will be the home team, the games committee or the NCAA site representatives uses the following guidelines:

1. The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times in that particular tournament 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(s) 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.
4. Again in 2024, if the two teams are different seeds, the better seeded team will be designated as the home team.
5. If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by a coin toss. The coin toss will be held on the field immediately after the game that causes the situation to develop and both coaches are to be in attendance. The higher seeded team can determine whether they will call the coin toss or defer the call to their opponent.

HOME TEAM - SUPER REGIONALS

- Two Teams Advancing With Different Regional/National Seeds. For Game One, the better seeded team will be the home team. The lower seeded team will be the home team in Game Two.

The better seeded team will be the home team in Game Three, if necessary.

*** If a super regional is a matchup of two national seeds (i.e., #8 national seed vs. #9 national seed) the team with the better national seed will be the home team in Games One and Three).*

- Two Teams Advancing with Equal Regional Seeds. For Game One, the winner of a coin flip will be the home team. The loser of the coin flip will be the home team in Game Two. A **second coin flip** will determine the home team in Game Three, if necessary. These coin flips must both take place during the pre-tournament meeting. The traveling team will call the coin toss for Game One, while the host team will call the coin toss for Game Three or defer the call to their opponent.

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCENARIOS

The following guidelines are provided for NCAA site representatives and host institution tournament managers when dealing with inclement weather. The scenarios below are intended to be general guidelines for operation. Issues such as future weather forecasts, television, competitive equity, missed class time and expenses associated with playing games after Monday may dictate an alternate schedule.

The host shall appoint a qualified person responsible for monitoring the local weather at all times. Additionally, host institutions are encouraged to have a local meteorologist either on-site or on-call to help provide a professional evaluation of future weather forecasts and potential severe weather issues.

Regionals

- **The primary goal is to play games according to the published schedule [two games on Friday, two games on Saturday, two games on Sunday and one game on Monday (if necessary)].**
- **As a general guideline, no game should start later than 11 p.m. local time.**
- **As another general guideline, in the case of a suspended 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.**
- Lightning should be monitored via the DTN Weather Sentry Online system. Please use these weather-monitoring devices when trying to determine starting times after a delay. The host institution is required to designate one individual whose main responsibility will be to monitor the weather/lightning during all practices and competition.
- You should keep in touch with the local weather bureau and we also encourage you to evaluate the weather via www.weather.gov or www.weather.com.
- If available, it is strongly recommended to have a local meteorologist on-site or at a minimum on-call to provide their expert analysis on any potential weather in the area.

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:

1. **If Games 1 and 2 on Friday are both cancelled . . .** play Games 1 and 2 on Saturday, play Games 3, 4 and 5 on Sunday and Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(0 - 2 - 3 - 2)**
2. **If Game 1 is started and suspended before being completed on Friday.....**resumption of Game 1 and Game 2 on Saturday, Games 3, 4 and 5 on Sunday, Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(.5 - 1.5 - 3 - 2)**
3. **If Game 2 on Friday is cancelled . . .** play Games 2, 3 and 4 on Saturday, Games 5 and 6 on Sunday, and Game 7 on Monday (if necessary). **(1 - 3 - 2 - 1)**
4. **If Game 1 is completed on Friday and Game 2 is started but suspended before being completed on Friday.....**resumption of Game 2 and Games 3 and 4 on Saturday, Games 5 and 6 on Sunday and Game 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(1.5 - 2.5 - 2 - 1)**

5. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday but both Games 3 and 4 are cancelled on Saturday . . .** play Games 3, 4 and 5 on Sunday and Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(2 - 0 - 3 - 2)**
6. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, and Game 3 is started but suspended before being completed on Saturday.....**resumption of Game 3 plus Games 4 and 5 on Sunday, Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(2 - .5 - 2.5 - 2)**
7. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, and Game 4 on Saturday is cancelled . . .** play Games 4 and 5 on Sunday and Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(2 - 1 - 2 - 2)**
8. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, and Game 3 is completed but Game 4 is started but suspended before being completed on Saturday.....**resumption of Game 4 plus Game 5 on Sunday, Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(2 - 1.5 - 1.5 - 2)**
9. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, Games 3 and 4 are played on Saturday but both Games 5 and 6 on Sunday are cancelled. . .** play Games 5 and 6 on Monday and Game 7 on Tuesday (if necessary). **(2 - 2 - 0 - 2 - 1)**
10. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, Games 3 and 4 are played on Saturday, Game 5 is started but suspended before being completed on Sunday.....**resumption of Game 5 plus Game 6 on Monday, and Game 7 (if necessary) on Tuesday. **(2 - 2 - .5 - 1.5 - 1)**
11. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, Games 3 and 4 are played on Saturday, Game 5 is completed but Game 6 is cancelled on Sunday . . .**play Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(2 - 2 - 1 - 2)**
12. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, Games 3 and 4 are played on Saturday, Game 5 is completed but Game 6 is started but suspended before being completed on Sunday.....**resumption of Game 6 and Game 7 (if necessary) on Monday. **(2 - 2 - 1.5 - 1.5)**
13. **If Games 1 and 2 are played on Friday, Games 3 and 4 are played on Saturday, Games 5 and 6 are played on Sunday and you experience inclement weather for the if necessary Game 7 on Monday . . .** try to get the game in on Monday OR play as early as possible on Tuesday. **(2 - 2 - 2 - 0 - 1)**
14. **If both games are cancelled on Friday and both games are cancelled on Saturday . . .** play Games 1 and 2 on Sunday, Games 3, 4 and 5 on Monday and Games 6 and 7 (if necessary) on Tuesday. **(0 - 0 - 2 - 3 - 2)**

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 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 inclement weather delays.

Hosts shall have a stadium evacuation policy in the event of lightning or severe weather. The host shall also have and use appropriate public address announcer scripts as necessary.

Super Regionals

- **The primary goal is to play the games according to the published schedule [one game on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (June 7-9 format) or one game on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (June 8-10 format).]**
- You should keep in touch with the local weather bureau and we also encourage you to evaluate the weather via www.weather.gov or www.weather.com.

If available, it is strongly recommended to have a local meteorologist on-site or at a minimum on-call to provide their expert analysis on any potential weather in the area.

- Lightning should be monitored via the DTN Weather Sentry Online system. Please use these weather-monitoring devices when trying to determine starting times after a delay.

The host institution is required to designate one individual whose main responsibility will be to monitor the weather/lightning during all practices and competition.

- As a general guideline, no game should start later than 11 p.m. local time.
- As another general guideline, no team should be scheduled to play more than two games in any given day.
- The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee prefers that one game per day be played whenever possible. Please note that Monday, June 12 may have to be used to meet this guideline for the June 9-11 super regional format, while Tuesday, June 13 may have to be used to meet this guideline for the June 10-12 super regional format.

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS:

1. June 7-9 Format
 - a. **If the Friday game is cancelled**.....play one game each on Saturday, Sunday and Monday (if necessary).
 - b. **If the Friday game is played and the Saturday game is cancelled**.....play game two on Sunday and game three (if necessary) on Monday.
 - c. **If Friday and Saturday games are cancelled**.....play games one and two on Sunday and game three (if necessary) on Monday.
2. June 8-10 Format
 - a. **If the Saturday game is cancelled**.....play one game each on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (if necessary).
 - b. **If the Saturday game is played and the Sunday game is cancelled**.....play game two on Monday and game three (if necessary) on Tuesday.
 - c. **If Saturday and Sunday games are cancelled**.....play games one and two on Monday and game three (if necessary) on Tuesday.

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 space to accommodate the other participating team. The intent of this rule is to provide equitable inclement weather facilities for each participating team during the course of any inclement weather delays.

Hosts shall have a stadium evacuation policy in the event of lightning or severe weather. The host shall also have and use appropriate public address announcer scripts as necessary.

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 or super regionals.]

LINE-UP CARDS

The coach of each team must present an unofficial line-up card to the official scorer no later than one hour prior to the start of the game. The official line-up card must be presented by the head coach at the pre-game meeting with the home plate umpire.

MEMENTOS

Participating team gifts may not be provided during the regionals and super regionals.

MERCHANDISING AND APPAREL

Event 1 is the official merchandise and apparel vendor of all 90 NCAA championships and will provide merchandise and apparel to be sold at all regional and super regional sites.

NCAA policy prohibits host institutions from selling any of their own merchandise or apparel at regional and super regional sites unless the institution agrees to guarantee a sell-out of Event 1's NCAA products. For more information regarding merchandising, contact David Clendenin at the NCAA national office (dclendenin@ncaa.org).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The host institution or sponsoring agency must play the National Anthem before each game of the regionals and/or super regionals.

PARKING

The host institution must establish a designated parking area at the venue at the regionals and super regionals for the NCAA site representatives, umpires, team administrators and any NCAA staff in attendance. Parking also must be provided for team vehicles.

PITCH CLOCK

Again for 2024, a visible pitch clock will be used in conjunction with the regionals and super regionals.

PLAYERS' VALUABLES

Each team is responsible for its own valuables. It is suggested that the teams carry a valuables bag to the dugout.

PRACTICES

Practice schedules shall be established during the administrative conference call. The full facility should be available for use by all participating teams on the practice day (e.g., field, pitching mound, bullpen, batting cage, etc.).

Pre-game batting practice shall be conducted on the game field of competition for teams competing in the first game of a day (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 discretion, subject to the ultimate approval of the NCAA site representatives. The start of the second game cannot be delayed to provide for the batting practice on the game field. **Teams are prohibited from performing drills on the game field during batting practice.**

If a participating team wishes to use a baseball pitching machine to provide ground balls to infielders they may do so during the pre-game batting practice. The use of pitching machines for ground balls will not be allowed during pregame 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.

During practices all participating teams are required to wear a jersey/shirt with clearly legible uniform numbers on them. These numbers should be at least six inches in height and be located on the back of the jersey/shirt. 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.

Regional practice times for Thursday, May 30, are as follows:

Team 1	10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (Team 1 is always the host team)
Team 2	11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. (highest remaining seed)
Team 3	1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (next highest seed)
Team 4	2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (next highest seed)

*Practice times are 75 minutes long with a 15-minute break for field preparation.

Super Regional practice times for Thursday, June 6, or Friday, June 7 are as follows:

Team 1	1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Team 1 is always the host team)
Team 2	2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

*Practice times are 90 minutes long with a 15-minute break for field preparation.

**If necessary, practice schedules may be adjusted by the NCAA site representatives due to extenuating circumstances. The practice schedule also can be reduced or eliminated for each team due to inclement weather.

Visiting teams are not permitted to practice at the competition venue prior to the established practice day (i.e., one day prior to the start of competition). Should extenuation circumstances require a visiting institution to arrive two days in advance, they must contact the NCAA national office for an exemption if they wish to practice at that time. Each exemption request will be heard and a decision made by NCAA staff and/or the NCAA baseball committee on a case-by-case basis.

The host institution also should make arrangements for an inclement weather practice facility. All regional and super regional practices are open to the general public.

PREGAME SCHEDULES

A separate pregame schedule has been created for host sites that have fields with artificial turf infields and require little to no field preparation time. The shortened pregame schedule is optional for a host Institution with all artificial turf infields, but a determination on which schedule will be used must be made and communicated to all participating teams at the pre-competition administrative meeting.

The following is the standard pregame schedule that is to be used for Division I regional and super regional games:

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	:09
	Umpires/Coaches meeting	:06
	Home team on field	:02
***	First Pitch	:00

The following is the optional alternate pregame schedule that can be used at host sites that are played on an all artificial-turf field for Division I regional and super regional games:

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	:09
	Umpires/Coaches meeting	:06
	Home team on field	:02
***	First Pitch	:00

* 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 discretion, subject to the ultimate approval of the NCAA site representatives. The start of the second game cannot be delayed to provide for the batting practice on the game field. Also, 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.

** Introductions are conducted only for the first games in which teams compete and the championship game. Visiting team is introduced first (support personnel/assistant coaches/non-starters (numerically)/starters (line-up order)/ head coach, go to spot down the foul line next to the base of the designated visiting team dugout for the first person introduced proceeding toward home plate. The home team shall be introduced in the same manner down the foul line next to the base of the designated home team dugout. If applicable, both teams should stay on the field until after the conclusion of the National Anthem.

*** 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.

Between the last out of the previous game and the start of the next game, there shall be a minimum of 55-minutes. This will allow for a minimum of a 10-minute warm-up period prior to the home team taking infield.

Game #6 Batting Practice. During the regional round, if the scheduled start times for Game #5 and Game #6 allow enough time between games for on-field pregame batting practice prior to Game #6, the Winner of Game #4 will take batting practice first. If the Winner of Game #5 wishes to take pregame batting practice (on-field), they will hit after the Winner of Game #4.

PROGRAMS

The preliminary rounds of this championship will feature a digital game program that can be viewed online or downloaded at no charge. This program will be available online generally no later than two days prior to the first day of the event.

The finals site of this championship will feature a printed program, which the NCAA and Learfield Publishing has the exclusive right to distribute at the competition venue during the championship. No competing publications, whether sold or free of charge, are permitted at NCAA events where printed programs are available.

Any publications delivered to the venue are the property of Learfield before, during and after the event.

Content/Editorial

Learfield Responsibilities

Responsible for all program production, including editorial content, layout and design, advertising and printing.

Host Responsibilities

Media contact should provide Learfield with text and photos for editorial pages about host institution/venue/city, if requested by Learfield. Any pages promoting the host institution/venue/city will not be display advertisements; those interested in purchasing advertising space for sponsors, etc., should contact Clerrinda Queen (clerrinda.queen@learfieldimgcollege.com).

Digital Program Promotion

The NCAA will provide a PDF including a QR code that links to the digital program, a URL where the digital program can be accessed and imagery of the NCAA's Corporate Champions and Partners. This PDF, or digital handout, is also shared with participating schools for their promotional use.

If you would like this information ahead of time, please contact your NCAA administrator.

The NCAA and Learfield encourage all participating schools to promote the digital publication link on athletics and school-affiliated websites and social media outlets. The NCAA and Learfield also encourage all participating schools to share with student-athletes, faculty, alumni organizations or any other group that may have interest, as well as local media outlets.

All digital programs available can be found at NCAA.com/gameprograms.

Best Practices

Below are a few best practices for promoting the digital program.

- a. Distribute the digital handout to fans.
- b. Create signage to direct fans to the digital program by using elements on the digital handout.
- c. Post the link on athletics and school-affiliated websites.
- d. Share the link on athletics and school-affiliated social media outlets.
- e. Share the link with student-athletes, faculty, alumni organizations and local media outlets, and any other group that may have interest.

Supplemental Handouts

At championships sites where a digital program is available, Learfield allows the host institution/venue to distribute supplemental handouts (i.e., updated statistics and notes) provided any such materials:

- Do not include any advertisements, local sponsor logos, etc.
- Include the QR code and URL to the digital program.
- Include the NCAA Corporate Champions and Partners imagery.

Printed supplements may be distributed free or sold, with all proceeds retained by the host. The host should not include expenses for such supplements in the championship budget and/or financial report.

All supplemental content is subject to NCAA and Learfield approval.

Questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your NCAA administrator or Chad Laytham (chad.laytham@learfieldimgcollege.com) at Learfield.

PROTEST PROCEDURES

The following protest procedures 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 protest-able 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. The protest committee shall confer with the umpires before making its decision, and the protest committee chair shall make a written report to the chair of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

The protest committee will consist of the NCAA site representative(s) and the umpire crew chief. If the crew chief is directly involved in the call that is being protested another designated umpire will fill the role on the protest committee.

RADAR (SPEED) GUNS

The use of radar (speed) guns by personnel from competing institutions is permissible. The host institution also may display on the scoreboard or video board the speed of each pitch in stadiums where the technology is available.

RELIGIOUS CONFLICT POLICY

If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week before the selection date 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. In such a scenario, the regional would be conducted with two games on Thursday, two games on Friday, two games on Saturday, no games on Sunday (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); and one game on Monday (if necessary).

ROSTER

The roster form (Appendix B) must include only those 40 individuals who are authorized in the dugout and is to be completed prior to the championship. The form must be submitted to the NCAA site representative(s) at the pretournament meeting. The roster may not be modified for that respective round of the tournament once it is submitted. Roster forms are also available online at: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-i-baseball>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The host institution shall prepare a schedule of events including pregame schedules, game times, meeting times, etc., for distribution to participants and individuals involved with the regional or super regional competition.

SCOREBOARD MESSAGES

Scoreboards with message capabilities are not to be used to encourage or attempt to intimidate any of the teams participating in the championship competition.

SCOUTING AND PITCH CHARTING SEATS

During regional competition, four seats behind home plate (two seats per non-participating team) must be reserved for the scouting purposes of teams at your regional not participating in that game. These seats should not be ticketed and should be clearly marked so they are easily identifiable.

During both the regional and super regional, four additional seats behind home plate (two seats per participating team) should be reserved for the teams participating in that game to chart pitches. These seats should not be ticketed and should be clearly marked so they are easily identifiable. Occupants of these seats may use video recording devices in this location but shall not be transmitting any data or video until the game is completed.

SQUAD SIZE AND TEAM PERSONNEL

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 nine additional individuals as determined by the institution. Only uniformed personnel, including coaches and eligible student-athletes, may be permitted between the white lines and in the bullpens.

A bat handler, who must be 13 years of age or older, does not count against the maximum dugout limit of 40 individuals. 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).

Again for 2024, non-rostered bullpen catcher is permitted but must be included in a team's 40-person dugout limit.

An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not conform to it promptly shall be subject to failure to follow procedures and/or misconduct.

TOBACCO BAN

The use of all tobacco products is prohibited by student-athletes and game personnel [e.g., coaches, umpires, athletic trainers, student managers, NCAA site representatives, tournament managers, etc.] during practice sessions and game competition. Umpires are instructed to take a zero-tolerance policy in this area. The use of tobacco products during other championship activities, such as press conferences and postgame interviews, is prohibited. Violations of this regulation shall be dealt with by the appropriate sports committee in accordance with Rule 3-11 of the NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations Book and NCAA Bylaws 11.1.4 and 17.1.10.

UMPIRES

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

The NCAA Division I Baseball Committee will assign six umpires to each regional tournament and four umpires to each super regional tournament. Four umpires will be assigned to each tournament game. All umpiring assignments will be made by the national coordinator of umpires. He may be in consultation with the umpire-in-chief and the NCAA site representatives.

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

Coaches Evaluations. Participating head coaches will be asked to evaluate the umpires that worked each of their games shortly after the completion of that game. Those evaluations will take place online at <https://plus.refquest.com/form/PqVV0afJc5UZROfS6x/Z28kzfrFVhQgt9yjihB1>.

The NCAA site representatives will email each participating head coach the link to the online umpire evaluation form immediately following each game. The evaluation should be completed no later than 24 hours after the completion of the game.

Site Representative Evaluations. NCAA site representatives will be required to evaluate the umpires for each regional and super regional. Those evaluations should be completed online at <https://plus.refquest.com/form/PqVV0afJc5UZROfS6x/4aj0ILLMmVIVo31qf8aj>.

UNIFORMS

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

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, etc.), which shall include warm-ups, batting practice and infield practice.

During all on-site practices and pregame activities (e.g., warm-ups, batting practice, taking infield/outfield), participating teams are required to wear a jersey/shirt with clearly legible uniform numbers on them. These numbers should be at least six inches in height and be located on the back of the jersey/shirt. 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 on-site practices and pregame activities.

Game uniforms must adhere to Rule 1-14 of the NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations. 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. The NCAA site representatives and umpire-in-chief will resolve issues when there is doubt about contrasting colors of uniforms.

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. 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 trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square or parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies another entity other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes and all personnel, including coaches, athletic trainers, managers, team support personnel, cheerleaders, mascots and band and dance team members, during the conduct of practice and competition, which includes any pregame or postgame activities.

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VIDEO BOARD REPLAYS

Host institutions with video boards shall adhere to the guidelines set forth in the NCAA Baseball Playing Rules (Appendix B). During the championship, all replays (except listed A-1-a through g) may be shown more than 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.

Any instance in which an umpire has made a judgment call may be replayed only one time at regular speed and must be replayed before the next batter (for either team) enters the first area around home plate. An unlimited number of replays may be played on the video board at any speed, only after a play is under review by the umpires; however, no replays shall be shown on the video board once a decision has been made by the umpires and/or replay official.

VIDEO REVIEW – REGIONALS AND SUPER REGIONALS

Video review (formerly known as instant replay) will again be used during the regional and super regional rounds of competition. The NCAA is partnering with DVSport, Inc. (DVSport) to provide a centralized replay center (CRC) for both preliminary rounds. As part of this solution, plays that are reviewable via the NCAA Baseball Playing Rules will be reviewed off-site at a national video review command center and the outcome of the review will be relayed to the umpire crew chief and another designated umpire via a headset on the playing field.

WALK-UP MUSIC

New for 2024, the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee now permits the use of family friendly introductory/walk-up music during the preliminary rounds of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. Such music is played before a hitter steps into the batter's box.

SECTION 4 – FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM

Appropriate athletic training facilities should be available on-site for the teams. Athletic training supplies are a permissible games expense.

BASEBALLS, RUBBING MUD AND ROSIN BAG

Teams will furnish their own practice baseballs; however, each team will be furnished two warm-up baseballs before each game. The Rawlings FSR1NCAA baseball, the official championship baseball, will be used in all NCAA tournament games.

The NCAA shall order 42 dozen baseballs for regionals and 18 dozen baseballs for super regionals and have them direct- shipped to the attention of the tournament managers at all regional and super regional sites.

Per NCAA Baseball playing rule 1.11.a, the home team (i.e., host institution) shall provide baseballs to the umpires to be rubbed up to remove the gloss before the game starts. The host institution is responsible for having the proper material to “rub up” the baseballs. Moistened river silt (a.k.a., baseball rubbing mud) makes an excellent material to remove the gloss from the baseballs. As baseballs are being applied mud before the games, water must be used as opposed to saliva and spitting.

Each participating institution is encouraged to bring their own rosin bag(s). Host institution must provide a rosin bag for use by each participating team at the pitcher's mound for all regional and super regional games.

CLUBHOUSE AND RESTROOM POLICIES

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.

- 1) **If the host venue has two clubhouses/locker rooms that provide similar standard amenities (e.g., shelter, close access to dugout, functioning heating/cooling, restrooms, showers, etc.).** Both teams will have access to their respective clubhouse/locker room up until the start of the game. The restroom facilities section of this manual will take effect at the start of the game and continue through the entirety of the actual game.
- 2) **If the host venue does not have two clubhouses/locker rooms that provide similar standard amenities (e.g., shelter, close access to dugout, functioning heating/cooling, restrooms, showers, etc.).** Access to their clubhouse/locker room 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 any clubhouse/locker room 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/game, as opposed to at the venue.”

Restroom Facilities. Restroom facilities must be available and readily accessible for student-athletes during the course of the game (e.g., port-a-johns or permanent restrooms). 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.”

DRUG TESTING

Two facilities, or a divided facility, must be provided for drug testing. Each must facilitate the movement of five crew members, five to 10 student-athletes and any witnesses. Each must contain two separate areas: a quiet waiting area and an area for specimen collection. (See the drug-testing site coordinator manual for additional information.)

DUGOUT DESIGNATION

During the pre-championship meeting for the regionals and super regionals, the host institution must designate whether the first or third base dugout will be designated the home team dugout during the tournament.

Again for 2024, the host institution may choose to remain in their preferred dugout throughout the round, regardless of being designated as the home or visiting team for that particular game.

During games that do not include the host institution, the participating teams should occupy the predetermined “home team” or “visiting team” dugout based on their home/visitor designation for that game.

Should a host venue have portions of their stadium or playing field that fail to comply with NCAA Baseball Playing Rules (including but not limited to bullpens) and create a competitive advantage for a team in one dugout over the other, the host institution would not be allowed to remain in its preferred dugout if it is designated as the visiting team. The NCAA site representatives (in consultation with the NCAA national office) will have the final say on any issues of dugout determination.

Teams waiting to play are expected to stay clear of the dugouts and clubhouses until the teams in the preceding game have had an opportunity to remove their equipment and the sufficient cleaning and disinfecting is completed. Teams vacating the dugouts and clubhouses shall be encouraged to depart as soon as possible.

DUGOUT LIMIT

For the regionals and super regionals, the maximum number of individuals allowed in the dugout is 40 per institution, plus one bat handler.

An institution that is in violation of this regulation and does not conform to it promptly shall be subject to failure to follow championship procedures and/or misconduct.

DUGOUT PROVISIONS

As a general rule, all equipment and provisions in team dugouts must 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.

Regional Round. The NCAA will provide complimentary POWERADE equipment and products for team needs at all 16 Regional sites. Specifically, Dasani water, POWERADE bottled product, as well as 48 quart ice chests will be shipped to all Regional sites. As such, teams are not permitted to use refreshment equipment in dugouts and bullpens branded with commercial identification other than POWERADE. Teams may fill their POWERADE-branded equipment with the beverages of their choice.

Super Regional Round. The NCAA will provide complimentary POWERADE equipment and products for team needs at all eight Super Regional sites. Specifically, Dasani water, POWERADE bottled product, as well as 48 quart ice chests will be shipped to all Super Regional sites. As such, teams are not permitted to use refreshment equipment in dugouts and bullpens branded with commercial identification other than POWERADE. Teams may fill their POWERADE-branded equipment with the beverages of their choice.

Towels. Teams should use white, unbranded towels during Regional and Super Regional games. As a result, teams may not use towels of any other color or that contain any commercial branding (e.g., Gatorade, POWERADE, etc.) in team dugouts or on the field of play during the Division I Baseball Championship.

FACILITY SET-UP

The host institution's baseball facility should be prepared and set in accordance with Rule 1 of the NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations. A field tarp and an adequate grounds crew must be available for regional and super regional competition. Participating teams shall not be involved with the placement or removal of the field tarp on the game field.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The host institution must arrange for a tournament physician, local hospital information and an athletic trainer for the tournament. Please be sure to follow all guidelines in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook <http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/MD13.pdf>.

SECURITY

Development and implementation of a security plan is the responsibility of the tournament management in consultation with the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee. As part of the bid materials, a host institution must have submitted their safety and security plan and a safety key contact form.

Bullpens/Dugouts/Clubhouse/Dressing Rooms/Field. Protection must be provided for each team's bullpen/dugout and clubhouse and the umpire's dressing room. Security shall also be provided in each clubhouse during the pregame, the entire game and during the postgame. Security shall also be provided on the field to the umpire crew chief, the umpire who made the call being reviewed and the Video Review Headset Assistant when using replay to review a call on the field during both the regionals and super regionals.

Impermissible Items. The stadium management is responsible for enforcing the NCAA policies in this area, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers, air horns, cow bells, electronic instruments, etc. are not permissible. Stadium management is responsible for removing such instruments from the stadium.
- Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., cups, shakers, flags, etc.) with commercial slogans or identification are not allowed on the premises without the permission of the NCAA. Items such as newspapers, caps, t-shirts, etc., may not be distributed on the premises.
- Signs, Flags and Banners. It is the responsibility of the tournament management to confiscate all prohibited articles. Items that can be held by one individual, reflect good sportsmanship and do not block the view of other ticket patrons may be permitted.

SECTION 5 – MEDIA SERVICES

BROADCASTING/RADIO/INTERNET COVERAGE

Radio broadcast rights and made-for Internet audio at any NCAA championship may take place only through advance written request and permission of the NCAA media services group. (Refer to NCAA.com/media.)

All stations broadcasting any round of an NCAA championship shall be required to fill out the NCAA Championship Radio/ Internet Streaming form online. To access the form, log onto NCAA.com/content/audio-policies-0.

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

NCAA championship records are available in PDF format at ncaa.org – ncaa.org/sports/2013/11/29/men-s-college-world-series-records-books.aspx.

MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

A Media Coordinators Manual will be available online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-i-baseball> for the media coordinators (sports information directors) of all host institutions. This manual will provide the media coordinators with specific instructions for media arrangements (e.g., adequate press seating must be available; the host shall supply a moderator for all press conferences; ejected individuals shall not participate in postgame press conferences; when used, pool reporters get statements from the umpire-in-chief, not the NCAA site representative; and an auxiliary press area may be necessary if the permanent press box cannot accommodate the media).

As a reminder, the baseball committee has agreed to permit in-game coaches interviews by the televising entity in the fifth inning on a live or taped delayed basis, depending on the head coach's preference. These interviews will take place with the head coach remaining in the dugout and communicating with the announcers via headset communications in an effort to not delay the game.

CREDENTIALS

All media credentials are authorized and issued by the host or NCAA media coordinator. The NCAA will provide credentials for all regional and super regional sites. **Please contact Jenn Rodgers (jrodders@ncaa.org) for more information.** The "Conditions Placed on Use of Credentials, which are located at NCAA.com/credentialterms, should be visible at credential pickup.

The following is a sample of the types of credentials that may be produced, if applicable:

- All Access – For event management-type people who need access to every area, including game surface.
- Event Management – For event management staff who does not need all access (based on space and demand, it may not be necessary to produce an event management and an all-access pass).
- Media – For members of the media to provide them access to press areas (press box, media room, interview room, locker rooms (postgame only).
- Participant – For student-athletes, coaches, equipment managers (essentially anyone in the official travel party).
- Photo – For still photographers and television camera operators (if the contest is not going to be televised) to allow them access to appropriate areas [playing surface, locker rooms (postgame only), press box and media room].
- SID – For sports information directors of the participating teams (may allow access to media areas and locker rooms as needed).
- ESPN – ESPN should have their own credential to allow them to specific places such as the truck compound.

It is up to the tournament director to determine which areas may be accessed with each credential type.

CREDENTIAL QUALIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Preliminary-Round Site – Preliminary-round/site media coordinators should send a credential request form to members of the local media to determine who will be covering the event.

** Working credentials will not be mailed. The media coordinator should issue credentials individually at an appropriate site at the venue or at the designated headquarters hotel. A government-issued photo ID is required to pick up credentials. Credentials are non-transferable and will only be issued to the person whose name appears on the credential. Credential pickup for others is not allowed.

INTERNET POLICY

The NCAA website, NCAA.com, serves as the official online resource for NCAA championships.

The NCAA and its partners own the Internet rights to all of its 90 championship events. Rights include live statistics, video and audio streaming, electronic commerce, and post-event footage use. The NCAA and its partners own all game action, practice footage, press conferences, one-on-one interviews or any other content on the NCAA website.

[Internet Live Statistics](#)

NCAA.com will be primary location for internet live stats. The NCAA.com will also coordinate with StatBroadcast and will coordinate with the host SIDs/Media Coordinators for proper set up.

MEDIA GUIDES AND POSTSEASON GUIDES

The host media coordinator should notify each school that qualifies for the championship how many media guides and/ or postseason guides may be sent to the championship site and/or if media guides and postseason information should be uploaded to the NCAA box library. If wanting to provide a printed version, the media coordinator should provide an overnight address where the schools can send the information (their office or the facility) and a deadline as to when it should arrive. Consider security when selecting the location where these materials will be shipped. Digital media guides and notes should be accommodated.

MEDIA ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel. If necessary, the media coordinator should arrange for a block of rooms to be set aside for media, preferably at the headquarters hotel. Media members should be given a contact/link at the hotel whom they can call or link to make reservations; this can be listed on the credential application form along with the room rate and deadline for making reservations.

Meals. Media meals are not required at all championships. Disbursements should be guided by the budget which was originally submitted by the tournament manager and approved by the NCAA national office.

Parking. Media parking should be provided at all championship host sites. The media coordinator should determine if it would be more effective to use parking passes or a parking list. If passes are used, the host institution must generate them. Media shuttle systems may also be used provided any costs are approved in advance by the specific sport committee and NCAA championships staff liaison.

Media Workroom. If necessary, a media workroom should be designated at each site, where media members can file stories following competition. The workroom should provide an adequate amount of media seating, electrical outlets, complimentary wireless internet access and a pool of high-speed internet lines, if possible. Each school's media guides and/or postseason guides, along with any materials the host institution distributes (statistics, game notes, quotes, etc.), should be located in this area.

NEWS FILM AND MINI-CAMS

Please visit NCAA.com/media for updated information related to television, video and ENG policies.

OFFICIATING QUESTIONS/POOL REPORTER

Should clarification be needed by the media regarding a unique ruling, play or situation that occurred during competition, a statement will be issued by official NCAA personnel (e.g., secretary-rules editor, NCAA national office staff, umpire crew chief, etc.) through the NCAA and/or host site media coordinator.

IN-GAME INTERVIEWS

All coaches shall be available for interviews. ESPN will be permitted to do in-game interviews with coaches in the fifth inning on a live or tape delayed basis, depending on the coach's preference. These interviews will take place with the head coach remaining in the dugout and communicating with the announcers via headset communication in an effort to not delay the game.

NEWS CONFERENCES

The media coordinator, or a member of the coordinator's staff, shall attend all press conferences, including any conducted before the start of championship play. A media coordinator can decide to have a pre-championship news conference if the number of media or interest in the championship warrants it. If a formal press conference will be held, the media coordinator should produce name (table) tents to place on the dais/riser to identify coaches and student-athletes.

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES AND COACHES MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS. With permission from the NCAA, exceptions may be made to the policy.

The open locker room policy applies to all formal press conferences and to any interview requests for coaches and/or student-athletes not involved in the press conferences. Failure to do so may result in a misconduct finding, as determined by the respective sport committee.

(Note: In the event that a student-athlete has been selected for drug testing, all media obligations must be fulfilled before going to the drug-testing center.)

Team Championships with a Formal News Conference. The losing team shall have a 10-minute cooling-off period before reporting to the interview room. The cooling-off period starts once the head coach and all of the student-athletes have reached the locker room area. The winning team will report to the interview room immediately following the completion of the losing team's press conference. (Note: For some championships, the governing sport committee has determined that the winning or visiting team should go first to the press conferences, before the losing team. Please refer to championship manual for the sport.)

It is mandatory for the head coach and at least one student-athlete to report to the press conference following the cooling-off period. However, media coordinators should request a minimum of two student-athletes. A coach can shorten the cooling-off period but cannot extend it.

As soon as one media member enters a locker room, it will be open to all media members. Locker rooms are open to the media for a minimum of 30 minutes, provided media are present the entire time.

The head coach must complete all NCAA championship media obligations before honoring any in-season radio or television contracts. Coaches or student-athletes may only conduct interviews with rights-holding television or radio networks (including ESPN or NCAA Radio Network, but not school radio stations) before the press conference following the conclusion of a game. These interviews are permitted during a period totaling no more than four minutes for all interviews, immediately after the game. The media coordinator or designee has the responsibility to terminate the four-minute interview period, NOT the network/station that has purchased rights. (Assistant coaches are not obligated to the entire media staffing the championship and may grant postgame radio interviews at any time after the conclusion of the game.)

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING RIGHTS POLICY

For the 2024 championship, live video streaming will not be allowed during the championship as the ESPN family of networks will televise all regional and super regional games. All regional games will be on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN3 or Longhorn Network. All super regional games will air either on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU.

PRE-REGIONAL/-SUPER REGIONAL PRESS CONFERENCES

Each team selected to an NCAA regional, should plan to schedule a press conference on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the first day of regionals. The teams advancing to Super Regionals should plan to schedule a virtual press conference on the day before its first super regional game. Each pre-regional or pre-super regional press conference should include the head coach and at least one student-athlete.

TELEVISION

All regional and super regional-round games will be covered on an ESPN platform (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN3), on the Longhorn Network (LHN) or the SEC Network (SECN).

The Longhorn Network shall only broadcast regional games featuring the University of Texas (should Texas be selected to participate in the championship). Those games broadcast by LHN will be available exclusively on LHN within the state of Texas. Outside of the state of Texas, those LHN games will be available via ESPN3. Additionally, the SEC Network shall only broadcast regional games featuring SEC teams. Those games broadcast by SECN will be available either 1) exclusively on SECN; or 2) on SECN in the SEC footprint exclusively and ESPN3 outside of the footprint.

SECTION 6 – LODGING, PER DIEM, TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL

LODGING

Team. The tournament manager must make tentative housing arrangements for each visiting team. All team hotels shall be of equal quality, and in close proximity to the baseball stadium (within 30 miles). It is ideal and recommended to have all teams housed in separate properties. A minimum of 25 rooms must be reserved for each team through the final possible night of competition at your site. All 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. The visiting team(s) will be responsible for confirming the final arrangements, but the host institution shall provide the rate and contact person during the administrative conference call.

New for 2024 - Host institutions are not allowed to use university housing (e.g., dormitories) as an option to house participating team(s) in a regional and/or super regional. There are no exceptions to this policy that would be reviewed by the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

Only if it obtains a written release from the hotel general manager before 5 p.m. on 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 NCAA site representative. Unless approved by the NCAA in advance, an institution is precluded from relocating to a hotel where another institution or umpires may have been assigned.

Officials. Make single-room reservations for each of the six umpires at regionals and four umpires at super regionals in a hotel that is comparable in quality to the team hotels, and that is also in close proximity to the baseball stadium. These rooms must be reserved for each official through the final possible night of competition at your site.

NCAA Site Representatives. Make a single-room reservation for each of the two NCAA site representatives in a hotel that is comparable in quality to the team hotels, and that is also in close proximity to the baseball stadium. The room must be reserved for each site representative through the final possible night of competition at your site.

If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for use of assigned rooms with the hotel, full charges for the rooms will be billed to the institution.

OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

The official travel party is limited to a maximum of 35 individuals.

PARKING

The host institution is responsible for securing complimentary parking at team hotels for team buses and any courtesy vehicles provided, if possible. The competition venue shall provide a designated complimentary parking area for team buses and courtesy cars at the competition venue.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Teams eligible for air travel must arrange make arrangements through Short's Travel Management. Short's can be reached at 866-655-9215 or by email at ncaalo@shortstravel.com.

Institutions that fly, and are eligible for NCAA paid transportation on-site, will be required to use Short's Travel Management (STM Driven) to book onsite ground transportation. Short's Travel (STM Driven) can be reached at 844-814-3939 or at ncaachamps@stmdriven.com.

The home side ground transportation will be arranged by the institution in accordance with NCAA safety standards. Institutions that are eligible to drive to the championship will book ground transportation independently in accordance with the NCAA safety standards and seek reimbursement through the NCAA Travel Expense System (TES).

Expense reimbursement for participation in championships will be filed through our online system. The TES can be found at travel.ncaa.org.

All NCAA Championship travel information can be found [here](#).

PER DIEM

The following general transportation per-diem allowance policies will apply:

- a. The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee has determined that the per-diem allowance for the 2024 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship will be \$150 per day.
- b. Per diem will be provided only for the official traveling party of 35 persons for regionals and super regionals as approved by the NCAA Division I Council.
- c. If either a host institution's on-campus dining or residence facilities are open and available to student-athletes, the host institution shall receive one-half day per diem for each day the institution competes. If the host institution's campus dining and residence facilities are both closed, the institution shall receive the full per-diem allowance for each day the institution competes and each day between competitions. This policy also shall apply to competing institutions located in the same metropolitan area as the championship site (i.e., those located within 25 miles of the site). In addition, host institutions or institutions within 25 miles of the site are not eligible for ground transportation reimbursement. Teams should contact NCAA Travel if they have any questions about coordinating their ground transportation needs (317-917-6757 or travel@ncaa.org).

- d. The team travel and expense forms with instructions for all rounds of the championship may be found on the NCAA website in the championship information section:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

These forms are to be completed and returned to the NCAA national office within 30 days following the competition. If you have trouble accessing the forms, contact the NCAA travel department (317-917-6757).

Teams and/or individuals should provide themselves sufficient money to meet all expenses throughout the tournament, including ground transportation, lodging, meals and other miscellaneous expenses.

RENTAL VEHICLE

Championship Participants. The host institution shall not provide courtesy cars for any participating team in the regionals and super regionals.

SHORT'S TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

The participating institution shall be completely responsible for making its own travel reservations in accordance with the following:

The NCAA's official travel agency for the tournament is Short's Travel Management, which can be reached at 866-655-9215. Institutions can also enter the travel manifest and other travel party information through the travel portal at www.shortstravel.com/ncaachamps.

The NCAA has adopted the following policies with respect to the travel and expenses incurred by the competing institution:

(NCAA Travel Policies https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/resources/travel/2018-19DIChamps_TravPolicies.pdf)

1. **Air Travel.** For all Division I championships except men's and women's basketball, any team that is located less than 400 miles from the site of competition will be required to drive. Mileage is calculated using the NCAA's mileage calculator, which can be accessed through the online reimbursement system.

All airline reservations shall be made through Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215) in order to receive the NCAA guarantee for air travel. The NCAA pays for the airline tickets for the officials travel party (35), which includes the student-athletes competing on the official roster (27).

If an institution is eligible to use air transportation, they may choose to drive to the site of competition due to difficulties in arranging air travel. Should this occur, the institution will be reimbursed the lesser of what airfare would have cost, or the eligible ground transportation. For team sports, eligible ground transportation is the actual costs for the allowable number of buses.

2. **Hub Rule.** If an institution is eligible to use air transportation to the site of the championship, and there is a major airport located within 150 miles of the championship site, then the participating institution is required to fly into/out of that airport and utilize ground transportation to and from the site of competition. This also applies if the originating airport is located within 150 miles of the participating institution's campus. This policy only applies when airfare is less expensive from the more distant airport. In addition, the NCAA travel staff will have the discretion to increase the hub rule mileage if necessary and reasonable.

3. **Ground Transportation.** when institutions are required to travel by ground transportation to the site of competition, they will need to contact the NCAA travel staff to make these arrangements.

The NCAA will pay for charter bus services directly. Institutions will not have to seek reimbursement for the ground transportation costs that are reimbursable under the NCAA travel policy. For the charter bus costs that are not covered by the NCAA travel policy, an institution will have the option, at its own expense.

Under NCAA travel policies, the following is reimbursable:

- Teams that are required to drive to the site of competition (and the site is more than 25 miles from campus):
 - o The NCAA will reimburse the actual costs of the bus for the round trip from campus to the site of competition, including all days at the site.
- Teams that fly to the site of competition:
 - o If campus is 25 miles or more from the departure airport, the NCAA will pay the cost of the airport transfers, both on departure and on return.

If the arrival airport is 25 miles or more from the site of competition, the NCAA will pay the cost of the bus for the day the team arrives and the day the team departs. Any days in between are considered local transportation and are at the expense of the institution.

If either of the legs described above are less than 25 miles, no reimbursement will be made as local transportation is at the cost of the institution.

4. **Local Transportation.** Local transportation must be paid by the institution. Transportation between the team's hotel and the competition or practice site is considered local transportation. If the competition site is within 25 miles one way, any transportation costs are the responsibility of the institution.

In addition, host institutions, or institutions within 25 miles one way of the competition site, are not eligible for ground transportation reimbursement.

5. **Vacation Period/Outside Regular Academic Year.** For championships conducted during an institution's vacation period or after the regular academic year, the travel guarantee applies to the round trip cost of a student-athlete's expenses from either their home or campus directly to the championship site. Student-athlete's who wish to deviate from this will be required to pay any additional costs to do so. The round trip rate used to determine additional costs will be based on where the student-athlete begins their trip (i.e., home or campus).

The institution is responsible for any additional expense incurred if a non-athlete who is a member of the official traveling party does not travel from campus to the site of competition and back to campus after the championship. The NCAA travel guarantee would apply only to the cost of round trip transportation from campus to the site of competition if the non-athlete does not travel from or return to campus.

6. **Baggage Expenses.** The NCAA will reimburse the cost of baggage fees for institutions that fly to the site of competition. While we encourage institutions to take as few bags as possible, a maximum of two bags per allowable traveler, including any oversize and/or overweight fees will be reimbursed. Institutions will have to pay these baggage fees when checking in at the airport and claim them as a miscellaneous expense in the online expense system.

The NCAA does not cover any costs related to seat fees charged by commercial airlines. This includes, but is not limited to, charges for priority boarding, pre-assigned seats, premium seats, etc. Any institution who chooses to purchase these services does so at their own expense.

Except for travel related to the men's or women's golf championships, the NCAA will not reimburse any costs for baggage fees or shipping costs for golf clubs. In addition, when traveling by charter, teams will not be permitted to carry golf clubs on the charter aircraft as checked baggage. Any traveler wishing to take golf clubs will be responsible for baggage fees or shipping costs and will need to make those arrangements on their own.

As part of the allowable baggage policy, each team will be allowed one massage/athletic training table. This means an institution may choose to check a massage/athletic training table as one of its two allowable bags per person and the NCAA will reimburse the cost. Any baggage fees for additional massage/athletic training tables will not be reimbursed. For teams traveling by charter, only one massage/athletic training table per team, per gender will be allowed on the aircraft. Any institution wishing to take additional massage/athletic training tables will need to ship those at their own cost.

7. **Charter.** If reasonable commercial flight options are not available, charter options will be pursued by Short's. The NCAA director of travel has the final authority to determine if a commercial flight option is reasonable. If a reasonable commercial option is available but an institution chooses to fly by charter, the institution will be responsible to reimburse the NCAA for the difference between the commercial flight and the charter flight. Those costs will be disclosed to the institution prior to booking any flight. All charter flights for a team's participation in an NCAA championship must be arranged through Short's.

If an institution elects to take more travelers than allowed by policy, the institution must pay for additional passengers above the official travel party size. For commercial flights, that cost will be the actual cost charged by the airline. For charter flights, the institution will be charged a maximum of \$350, one way, per additional person. Please note: that charter service to championships is limited. Institutions should be prepared to adjust departure and return times, to book commercial reservations, or to split the traveling party.

Any institution which travels by charter is expressly prohibited from advertising the sale of seats on that charter in any form. This includes email, website, newspaper, television, radio, etc. Advertising seats on a charter changes the designation of the charter in the eyes of the Department of Transportation. Due to time constraints in arranging NCAA charter flights, any charter that is found to have been advertised will be cancelled. The team involved will then be required to travel by commercial air and to reimburse the NCAA for any cancellation fees related to the cancelled charter.

Institutions which travel by charter are responsible for ensuring all members of their travel party meet the definition of "bona fide member" of their organization, as defined by Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 212.5.

8. **Flight Options.** Flight options, both commercial and charter, are limited due to the quick turnaround time of championship travel and the seasonality of NCAA championships. Institutions that fly should be prepared to have connecting flights, split their travel party and depart early in the morning or late in the evening.

The NCAA national office travel staff is responsible for making the determination of what should be considered reasonable options for the official traveling party.

9. **25 Mile Radius.** Neither host institutions nor institutions located within 25 miles of the competition site are eligible for any transportation reimbursement.
10. **Per Diem.** Per diem (\$150) will be paid for the allowable travel party (35). Unless the competition site is located in one of the 16 NCAA high cost city list in which the rate is \$220. The per diem rate and allowable days can be found in the NCAA travel policies. Additional policies regarding per diem can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.
11. **Expense Reimbursement.** Expense reimbursement for participation in the championship shall be filled through the NCAA online system. The Travel Expense System (TES) can be found at <https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login?js=true>.

All institutions, including hosts, must complete the online reimbursement process in order to receive the appropriate reimbursement.

12. **Travel Exceptions.** Be advised that if extraordinary circumstances may warrant an exception to the travel policies, you must contact the NCAA travel department for approval PRIOR TO confirming any travel arrangements. The travel group can be reached at 317-917-6757, or by email at travel@ncaa.org.

Requests for additional per diem can be made through the online reimbursement system, TES.

SECTION 7 – TICKETS

PITCH CHARTING SEATS

During both the regional and super regional, four additional seats behind home plate (two seats per participating team) should be reserved for the teams participating in that game to chart pitches. These seats should not be ticketed and should be clearly marked so they are easily identifiable. Occupants of these seats may use video recording devices in this location but shall not be transmitting any data or video until the game is completed.

REGIONAL NON-COMPETING TEAM SEATING

If possible, a seating area for non-competing teams in the regional should be available.

SCOUTING SEATS

During regional competition, four seats behind home plate (two seats per non-participating team) must be reserved for the scouting purposes of teams at your regional not participating in that game. These seats should not be ticketed and should be clearly marked so they are easily identifiable.

STUDENT-ATHLETE GUEST TICKETS

The provisions of NCAA Bylaw 16.2 shall be followed. Each participating institution may purchase up to six tickets for each team member, regardless of whether the individual competes in the championship. (IMPORTANT: These tickets should be taken from the team ticket allotment noted in the “Tickets For Visiting Teams” section below.). The individual using the complimentary admission must present identification to the person supervising the use of the pass list at the admission gate. The individual then shall be provided a ticket stub or other identification of a specified reserved seat or seating area or treated as a general-admission ticket holder.

TICKETS FOR VISITING TEAMS

Two hundred (200) tickets must be held for each visiting team at regional sites for the games in which a given team participates. All of these tickets must be in an area between first and third bases. At super regional competition, 600 tickets must be held for the visiting team. 400 of these tickets must be located in an area between first and third bases. The remaining 200 tickets should be located in contiguous block(s) of reserved seating section(s) of the stadium. Visiting team fans should not be provided with any restricted-view seating. The 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. A stadium map denoting the locations of these tickets must be uploaded to the NCAA Championships Host Bid portal (championships.ncaa.org) as part of the bid materials not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, May 20.

TICKETS – GENERAL PUBLIC TICKET HOLDS

Host institutions are required to hold a block of 100 tickets to be sold to the general public. Any tickets in this hold that are not sold to the general public by 10 a.m. local time on Wednesday preceding the respective regional or super regional may be sold by the host institution as necessary.

TICKETS – NCAA TICKET HOLDS

Host institutions are required to hold a block of 15 tickets for any request coming directly from the NCAA national office. Any tickets in this hold that are not requested by the NCAA by 10 a.m. local time on Wednesday preceding the respective regional or super regional may be sold by the host institution as necessary.

TICKETS – STUDENT-TICKET PRICES FOR VISITING TEAMS

Ticket prices for students of the participating teams shall be consistent for students of all teams at that particular site.

TICKET PRICES

Minimum ticket prices for regional competition shall be \$8 for reserved, \$6 for general admission, \$4 for students and \$9 for box seat tickets. Minimum ticket prices for super regional tournaments are \$10 for reserved, \$7 for general admission and \$4 for student tickets. The NCAA national office must approve all ticket prices.

SECTION 8 – MEDICAL

ATHLETIC TRAINING

Appropriate athletic training facilities should be available on-site for the teams.

Athletic trainer(s) shall be available in the athletic training facility and assist the participating institutions' sports medicine staff. Athletic trainer(s) shall be on-site for each scheduled practice or competition. Physician(s) shall be on-call or on-site for all practice and game days. When applicable, the host institutions shall provide specialty physicians (e.g., dermatologists, orthopedic, ophthalmologist), dentist, x-ray technicians, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or licensed massage therapists.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

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.

NCAA legislation requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student athletes. 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.

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. Additional guidance on the recommended content of a concussion management plan can be found in the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist, which can be found here:

ncaa.org/sites/default/files/2017SSI_ConcussionSafetyProtocolChecklist_20170322.pdf .

For further details please refer to the "NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook Guideline on Concussions" online at ncaa.org/health-and-safety/medical-conditions/concussion.

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 if the student-athlete's injury, illness or medical condition poses a potentially life threatening risk to himself. The chair of the governing sport committee (or a designated representative) shall be responsible for administrative enforcement of the medical judgment, if it involves disqualification.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The host institution must arrange for a tournament physician, local hospital information and an athletic trainer for the tournament. Please be sure to follow all guidelines in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook: ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/MD13.pdf.

SECTION 9 – DRUG TESTING

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please read the following announcement 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 from your institution (e.g., coach, athletic trainer) before proceeding to the drug-testing site.”

Student-athletes are drug tested through urinalysis and must provide a specimen in view of a drug-testing collector of the same gender. The length of the collection process depends on the student-athlete’s ability to provide an adequate specimen. If a student-athlete provides an adequate specimen immediately upon arriving in the drug-testing area, the entire process can be completed within 20 minutes. If the student-athlete is unable to provide an adequate specimen, he must remain in the drug-testing area until one is provided. There is no maximum allotted time for a student-athlete to provide an adequate specimen.

Each team is provided a postgame cool-down period. At the conclusion of the cool-down period, a member of the drug-testing crew will notify the student-athletes who have been selected for testing. Notification may take place in the locker room (if applicable) or on the field of play. If a selected student-athlete is scheduled to participate in any postgame news conference, he is required to attend the news conference first. The student-athlete will be escorted to the drug-testing area after all of his media obligations have been fulfilled.

If competition begins at 10 p.m. or later (local time), both teams will be given the option to defer testing until the next morning. If a team decides to test the next morning, that determination must be confirmed by the institution no later than immediately following the contest. If deferred until the following day, the testing must begin no later than noon (local time) at the original test site.

Once testing has begun, testing must be completed and cannot be deferred until the next morning.

NOTIFICATION - HOST INSTITUTION

The institutional representative will be notified of drug testing no sooner than two (2) hours prior to the start of the game by the drug-testing crew chief. After the game, a member of the drug-testing crew will provide the institutional representative with the names of the selected student-athletes.

NOTIFICATION - SELECTED STUDENT-ATHLETES

Immediately after any established NCAA cool-down period, a member of the drug-testing crew will notify student-athletes selected for drug testing. Each student-athlete will be instructed to read and sign the Team Championship Student-Athlete Notification Form. The notification form will instruct the student-athlete to report to the testing room within 60 minutes, unless otherwise directed by the crew member. An institutional representative must be present in the drug testing venue.

PROLONGED TEST

If the student-athlete’s team must depart the championship prior to a student-athlete completing drug testing, an institutional representative must remain with the student-athlete. If the student-athlete and/or institution incur additional expenses because of the delay (e.g., hotel, transportation back to campus, etc.), the institution may request reimbursement from the NCAA.

REIMBURSEMENT/BUDGET

See pages 20-21 of the site-coordinator manual for the Drug Testing - Proposed Budget. On notification that your site has been selected for testing, please complete and fax this budget to Drug Free Sport International (816-285-1439).

SITE COORDINATOR MANUAL

Please review the drug-testing site-coordinator manual that is available on the NCAA website at:

[Drug testing manual – NCAA Championships 2024.](#)

The NCAA is dedicated to fair and equitable competition throughout each round of the championship and strongly supports the drug-testing program in order to safeguard the health and safety of the participating student-athletes.

SECTION 10 – EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

ETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY COACHES

Members of the coaching profession have certain inherent obligations and responsibilities to the profession, to the student-athletes and to all those with whom they come into contact. Coaches are expected to be role models who conduct themselves with integrity and high ethical standards at all times.

The words and actions of a coach carry tremendous influence, particularly on the young people under his or her direction. It is, thus, imperative that he or she demonstrate and demand high principles of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

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 penalty (financial or otherwise) 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 the 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) 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.

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.

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE RESEARCH

NCAA Championships are the pinnacle events that provide student-athletes an unparalleled experience in their pursuit of excellence. To help the NCAA continue providing such an experience, after elimination from the championship we will contact each institution to get feedback via an online survey. Each institution is expected to forward this survey link to its participating student-athletes for completion in a timely manner. The feedback you and your institution provide will guide the Championships staff in delivery of future championships. Please note that a link to the survey via a QR code may also be placed on the credentials.

**2024 NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Travel Party Roster**

APPENDIX B



_____ **Regional**
 _____ **Super Regional**

Institution: _____ **Date:** _____

Head Coach: _____

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 nine additional individuals as determined by the institution. Only uniformed personnel, including coaches and eligible student-athletes, may be permitted between the white lines and in the bullpens.

The bat handler, who must be 13 years of age or older, does not count against the maximum limit of 40 individuals. 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.

TEAM MEMBERS			COACHES		
	NUMBER			NUMBER	
1			1		
2			2		
3			3		
4			4		
5			OTHERS. ATHLETIC TRAINERS; MGRS.; Etc.		
6			1		
7			2		
8			3		
9			4		
10			5		
11			6		
12			7		
13			8		
14			9		
15			BAT HANDLER (must be at-least 13 years old)		
16			1		
17					
18					
19					
20					
21					
22					
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					



NON-PREDETERMINED HOST INFORMATION

Thank you for hosting an NCAA Championship!

In preparation for hosting, we understand there are many different critical factors and responsibilities needing to be addressed before competition begins, one of which is marketing. Understanding the many efforts which will be put forth in the days leading up to competition, we have provided a list of some marketing ideas/strategies to aid your marketing efforts in promoting the championship and increasing attendance.

We understand that not all strategies will apply to each host, so do not feel as if you have to accomplish every task on the below list. Feel free to select a few of or portions of the suggested marketing strategies to help guide your efforts.

Thank you again for efforts and best of luck hosting!

Marketing Strategies

- NCAA Championships Marketing Portal
 - Design creative collateral via NCAA Championships Marketing Portal (www.ncaachampspromotion.com). After selections, the NCAA has provided you with a username and password for the website. The NCAA has also provided reimbursement per round for production of marketing materials of the marketing materials created.
- Season Ticket Holders
 - Provide ticket ordering information via eblast, phone calls, etc. to your season ticketholders encouraging them to order tickets. Determine whether the tickets can be mailed, picked up at will call, or able to printed at home as they will most likely ask the method for delivery.
- Grassroots Marketing
 - Provide posters, flyers, and/or table tents to campus dining facilities, residence halls, libraries, athletic venues, student health centers, local businesses, fitness centers, sports retail centers, athletic department sponsor businesses, etc.
- Database Communication
 - Communicate championship/ticket information via eblasts through the various databases your marketing department possesses or has access. Examples of databases may include youth leagues, youth club teams, coaches, camp lists, boys and girls clubs, girls scouts, CYO, alumni, donors, faculty and staff, local schools (grade, middle, high school), campus students (through on-campus student rewards program if applicable), past ticket purchasers, etc.
- Traditional Media
 - Promote through traditional media methods such as print (campus and local newspapers), television, radio (potential trade through department partnerships), website, online web banners, etc. Print advertisements as well as online web banners are available to create on the NCAA Championships Marketing Portal (www.ncaachampspromotion.com) along with radio and television advertisements for select hosts.
- Social Media
 - Utilize your various social media platforms to promote championship information/tickets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). Potential ideas can include posting information each day to promoting the championship on your athletic Facebook page or creating contests/giveaways on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram to promote the championship. Utilize text message alerts as well.
- Students
 - Determine a plan to encourage student attendance. Utilize any form of student rewards program you may have on campus to promote championship attendance. Promote the championship in high student traffic areas such as campus dining halls during lunch, campus quads between classes, residence halls in the evenings, other on-campus sporting events, etc. Create a student promotion in conjunction with the championship such as a student tailgate a few hours prior to competition.

Helpful Links

- NCAA Championship Information – www.NCAA.com
- NCAA Championships Marketing Portal – www.NCAACHampPromotion.com
- NCAA Logo Library – www.NCAALogos.com
- NCAA Trademarks – <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/marketing/ncaa-trademarks?division=d1>
- NCAA Licensees – <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/marketing/ncaa-official-licensee-list>



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This is an agenda for a **CONFERENCE CALL** between participating teams' administrators, head coaches (or representative), sports information representatives and NCAA site representatives for NCAA Division I baseball regional and super-regional competition.

1. Introductions and Welcome.
 - a. Participating institution roll call.
 - b. NCAA site representatives.
 - c. Host institution – tournament manager and staff.
 - d. Exchange cell phone numbers (head coach, main team contact, tournament manager, NCAA site representatives, etc.).
2. Review sportsmanship memorandum.
3. Team Travel – estimated arrival day and time.
4. Team Lodging Arrangements.
5. Team Rosters.
 - a. Credentials (all non-uniformed personnel must be properly credentialed).
 - b. Official travel party (35).
 - c. Squad size (27).
 - d. Dugout limit (40 + bat handler).
 - e. Bat handler – must be 13 years of age or older. Bat and ball handlers must wear a protective helmet on-field regardless of age.
 - f. Check for any suspensions.
6. Practice – provide on-site practice schedule and availability of off-site practice locations.
7. Bat Testing Procedures.
8. Pre-Game Batting Practice.
 - a. Shorts are permissible.
 - b. Batting practice jersey/shirts – game numbers required, at least six inches tall and on the back of the jersey/shirt.
 - c. 2nd game of the day or if inclement weather.

9. Game Administration.

- a. Sportsmanship/participant on-field behavior.
- b. Pregame format (2:15 natural grass field; optional 2:00 for all artificial turf field).
- c. Schedule between games (minimum 55 minutes).
- d. Uniforms.
 - 1) Each team must bring two sets of jerseys of contrasting colors.
 - 2) Determine Game 1 and 2 uniform colors (home team first pick, visiting team must select a contrasting color).
- e. Determination of home team.
- f. Designation of home and visiting team dugouts.
- g. Replay review – all rounds.
- h. Non-participating team seating (regionals only).
- j. Scouting seats – for games not participating in. Electronic communication devices are prohibited in the dugouts. Violations may also be treated as potential misconduct (bullpen phone and coach-to-catcher exception).
- k. Participating teams – seats for charting pitches (your game only).
- l. Tickets (team allotments) – they must be held until 10 a.m. local time on the day of the game before they can be released back for sale to the general public.
- m. Walk-up music.

10. Media/Sports Information.

- a. Team credential pick-up.
- b. Press guides (sports information representatives should bring an ample supply to site).
- c. Interview policy/cooling-off period/SID's role (explain coaches and student-athletes must be available for postgame press conferences).
- d. Television/radio (those requesting media credentials must contact the host institution).
- e. Institutional videographer policy.

11. Sports Medicine.

- a. Athletic training staff.
- a. Athletic training room.
- b. Physician availability/hospital.
- c. Concussion management policy.

12. Support Services (determine any special services that the host will be able to provide teams).

13. Pretournament Administrative Meeting – determine date, time and location.

14. Misconduct – NCAA Bylaws 31.02.4 and 31.1.11 (will be covered at pretournament meeting).

15. Questions.

16. Adjournment.



**2024 NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING CHECKLIST**

This is a checklist for the **ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING** between competing teams' administrators, head coaches (or representative) and sports information representatives, and NCAA site representatives for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship regional and super regional competition.

1. Introductions and Welcome.
 - a. Participating teams (identify all personnel attending from each team).
 - b. Host institution (tournament manager and event management staff).
 - c. NCAA site representatives.
 - d. Games committee (determine composition of the games committee).
 - e. ESPN.
2. Review Games Committee Assignments.
 - a. Explain who will monitor field activities.
 - b. Confirm team liaisons (identify person the participating school should contact in case of a problem).
3. Team Rosters.
 - a. Credentials (all non-uniformed personnel must be properly credentialed).
 - b. Squad size (27).
 - c. Dugout limit (35, bat handler must be a part of the official travel party. Bat/ball handler must wear a protective helmet regardless of age).
 - d. Check for any suspensions.
4. Umpires (NCAA site representatives will cover this area during the administrative meeting).
 - a. Provide names of umpires.
 - b. Ground rules (umpires will go over the ground rules with the coaches prior to their first game).
 - c. Protest procedure.
 - d. Inclement weather policies.
 - e. Halted game rule.
 - f. Assignment procedure (explain that four umpires work each game, six assigned to regional).
 - g. Umpire evaluation form for coaches and site representatives.
5. Pre-Game Batting Practice.
 - a. Shorts are permissible.
 - b. Batting practice jersey/shirts – game numbers required, at least six inches tall and on the back of the jersey/shirt.
 - c. 2nd game of the day or if inclement weather.

6. Game Administration.
 - a. Bat testing procedures.
 - b. Dugout determination.
 - c. Pregame Timing Schedule - host with all artificial turf fields make final determination if they plan to use the optional two-hour pregame schedule instead of the standard 2:15.
 - d. National Anthem before each game.
 - e. Team introductions (if necessary).
 - f. Schedule between games (minimum 55 minutes).
 - g. Lineups.
 - h. Videotape policies.
 - i. Replay review (all rounds).
 - j. Confirm uniforms.
 - k. Reminder about designation of home team after the first day.
 - l. Team parking.
 - m. Clubhouse usage and restroom policy.
 - n. No electronic communication devices in dugout (bullpen phone exception).
 - o. Inclement weather guidelines and scenarios.
7. Media/Sports Information.
 - a. Game statistics.
 - b. Interview policy/in-game television interviews/cooling-off period/SID's role (explain coaches and student-athletes must be available for postgame conferences).
 - c. Television/radio.
 - d. All-tournament team (regionals only) – listing only (nothing tangible distributed).
 - e. Line-up cards.
8. Sports Medicine.
 - a. Athletic training staff.
 - b. Athletic training room.
 - c. Physician availability/hospital.
 - d. Concussion management policy.
9. Support Services
 - Laundry.
10. Drug Testing Statement.
11. Misconduct.
 - a. Misconduct statement.
 - b. Tobacco.

12. Questions.
13. Adjournment.



**NCAA BASEBALL
BAT TESTING PROTOCOL
UPDATED FEBRUARY 2024**

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The NCAA Baseball Rules require all nonwood bats used during competition be reviewed by baseball bat testing conducted prior to each regular season series or single date of competition. A bat must satisfy all sections of the bat testing process to be compliant for competition. Bats failing any section of the testing protocol are deemed illegal for competition. The purpose of this testing is to ensure that legal equipment is used in competition. Rule 4.4.c requires that coaches confirm that their team is playing with legal equipment.

All bats used during competition must appear on the [NCAA Approved Bat List](#), pass the barrel ring test and barrel compression testing. Bat testing is required for all regular and post season NCAA competition.

BAT TESTING PROCEDURE

Bat testing consists of three parts. The first part is a visual inspection of the bat. The second part is a ring test to verify the maximum diameter and that the barrel is not misshapen. The third part is a barrel compression test to verify the compression level in two locations on the barrel in the process described below.

a. Visual Inspection of the Bat

1. Ensure that the bat model appears on the approved bat list
2. Ensure the bat does not have flat spots.
3. Ensure the bat does not have audible rattle.
4. 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.)

b. Ring Test

1. Place the bat end cap on the ground and place the bat ring over the knob letting it fall.
2. If the ring passes over the bat from gravity alone (without force), the diameter passes.
3. If the bat passes through the ring, it proceeds to barrel compression testing.
4. If the ring does not pass over the bat, the bat is unacceptable for play and is surrendered for the duration of the game/series.

c. Barrel Compression Test Procedure

1. **Calibrate fixture** - It is important to check the calibration of the bat testing fixture before testing occurs. To check the calibration of the device, insert the calibration cylinder (provided with the tester) just as you would a bat. Be sure to center the cylinder under the anvil. Turn the gauge until it reads "0 lbs." and pull the cam level. The compression should meet the tolerance engraved on the cylinder. If the device is not calibrated, contact the LV Sports customer service line with any questions.
2. **Barrel compression test.**
 - a. 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.

- b. Bats will be tested a maximum of three times, until it receives two passing results or two failing results, whichever comes first.
- c. If after tests:
 1. The bat has two passing results, the bat will be considered approved for competition.
 2. The bat has one passing result and one failing result, the bat will be removed from the machine and be visually inspected for cracks. If no cracks are found, the bat will be tested a third time for a final result.
 3. The bat has two failing results, the bat will be considered unacceptable for play and is surrendered for the duration of the game/series.

IDENTIFYING APPROVED BATS

Bats passing bat testing shall be identified as approved with a tamper proof sticker at the taper area of the bat. The taper area is the area at the bottom of the barrel, just above the handle.

- Bat stickers will be supplied by the NCAA for all rounds of the NCAA Baseball Championships (all three divisions).
 - a. Bats shall be tested prior to the first contest during a regional or super regional. Bats shall be identified as passing with the applicable round tamper proof sticker.
 - b. The tamper proof sticker shall be applied to the same location on the bat to allow a single tamper proof sticker for the applicable round to identify the bat as compliant.
 - c. Series at campus location – Bats shall be tested prior to the first game of the series. Bats shall be identified as passing by placing the opposing team’s tamper proof sticker on the bat.
 - d. Single date of competition at campus or neutral location – Bats shall be tested prior to all single dates of competition at a campus or neutral site location. Bats shall be identified as passing by placing the opposing team’s tamper proof sticker on the bat.
 - e. Tournament or neutral site events – Bats shall be tested prior to the first contest during a tournament or neutral site event. Bats shall be identified as passing with a tournament or event tamper proof sticker provided by the host institution or entity.
 - f. The tamper proof sticker shall be applied to the same location on the bat to allow a single tamper proof sticker for the applicable game, series or tournament shall be the prominently visible sticker to identify the bat compliant.

LOCATION AND TIME OF TESTING

- a. The location for barrel testing will be determined by the host and will be communicated to participating institution(s) no less than 24 hours prior to the team’s first competition.
 - Bat testing is valid through the conclusion of the event.
- b. Testing must be conducted by the host with the team representative present.
- c. Coaches or team designee will bring all bats to the testing location.
- d. Testing should not be conducted in public view or near fans/media.

PROCEDURE FOR FAILED BATS

Bats that fail any part of the bat testing protocol shall be surrendered to game management and be retained for the duration of the game, series or tournament for being unacceptable for play.

BARREL COMPRESSION TESTING EQUIPMENT

Barrel compression testing equipment is required to conduct barrel compression testing. It is recommended that testing equipment be purchased from Bat Testing Solutions via www.barrelcompression.com.

The following should be purchased:

- G4 SSL Baseball Bat Compression Testing unit (\$1,350)
- Baseball bat ring (\$100)

BAT STICKERS

Bat stickers shall be made of a destructible material, so that the sticker is not transferrable from one bat to another. Bats that pass the testing protocol shall be identified with the opposing team's sticker for the single game, doubleheader or single opponent series throughout the season. Bats that pass the testing process shall be identified with the tournament/event or conference's sticker for tournament or multi-team events. The sticker shall remain visible during the contest, series or tournament.

The sticker shall be placed at the taper, the area at the bottom of the barrel, just about the handle of the bat.

Bats Exempt from Barrel Compression Testing

- **Wood bats.** All wood bats are exempt from compression testing.
- **Mizuno Maxcor.** The Mizuno Maxcor model is exempt from compression testing.

Lowest Passing Barrel Compression Results

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

*The Rawlings Quatro, Rawlings Quatro Pro, Rawlings Quatro Max, Rawlings Quatro IX and Mizuno PWR CRBN models are currently the only BBCOR models with a barrel compression approved for non-linear bats.

Maximum Barrel Compression Results

- There is no maximum compression for metal and composite BBCOR baseball bats.

TESTING QUESTIONS

Member institutions and conferences should contact Ben Brownlee (bbrownlee@ncaa.org) regarding questions about the NCAA bat testing process (Rule 1.12.g and Appendix G).

CUSTOMER SERVICE

How to videos on how to calibrate the testing The Bat Testing Solutions staff can be reached at www.barrelcompression.com, and via email at G4battesters@gmail.com.

Men's College World Series Video Review

More detailed information on the video review regulations for the 2024 season is available online at <https://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-i-baseball>.

1. Video Review Process.
 - a. Video review is a video process that 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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. If a coach's challenge is successful in overturning a call, the coach will retain the challenge to use if needed later in the game.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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 to communicate with the centralized location handling the video review. Please note that at least one umpire must remain on the field. The crew chief and the umpire he designates will wear the headsets and communicate with the off-site replay official.
 - g. The video review area is a secure environment completely clear of all other persons except the on-field technician (video review facilitator) assisting the crew and possible security personnel.
 - h. 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 the headsets and step away (clear themselves) from all dugout personnel.
 - i. There is no time limit for the video review, but lengthy reviews are discouraged.
 - j. All equipment should be tested by appropriate personnel before each game and a test connection should be made with DVSport, Inc.
 - k. The crew chief may confer and discuss the replay during the review with other members of the umpiring crew, but the ultimate final decision is with the centralized replay official. This final decision may not be argued by either head coach.
 - l. If the reversing of a call results in the need for decisions on the placement of base runners, the centralized replay official will use their 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.
 - m. If a call has been changed, the crew chief will notify both head coaches and the official scorer of the ruling.
2. 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:
 - a. Deciding if a batted ball is fair or foul (ball must first touch the ground or a fielder beyond the initial position of the first or third baseman).
 - b. Deciding if a batted ball is either a ground-rule double or a home run.

- c. Any catch or no catch in the outfield or foul territory. It is not applicable for any ball in the infield unless the final result is a third out; or a catch at any time with a batter-runner only.
 - d. Spectator-interference.
 - e. Deciding scoring plays at home plate inclusive of collisions (illegal and/or malicious slides) or time plays (determining whether a base runner scored ahead of a third out).
3. 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:
- a. Force and tag play calls at any base.
 - b. Calls involving whether a base runner passes a preceding runner; and upon an appropriate appeal by the defensive team, determining whether a base runner touched a base.
 - c. Plays involving a hit by pitch.
 - d. Deciding if a runner failed to retouch a base after a fair or foul ball is legally caught.
 - e. Non-home run boundary calls including the placement of runners following a boundary call.
 - f. Deciding if interference occurred on a runner's attempt to break up a double play.
4. Video Review Technology Support.
- a. DVSPORT, Inc. shall provide a direct and private communication link between the centralized replay official and the on-field umpire crew.
 - b. DVSPORT, Inc. shall keep private any and all communication/discussions that occur during a replay review.
 - c. The centralized replay official will request available camera angles needed during a replay and may review multiple repetitions of the involved play, such as slow-motion, highlighter, reversing and stop action.
 - d. As the replay angles are being taken from the game broadcast, all angles that are shown on the broadcast will be available for review. No replay camera shots shall be shown on the broadcast that have not been part of the replay review.
 - e. If the umpires are having a conference to discuss a play that is reviewable under the video review process, DVSPORT, Inc. and the video review official(s) shall begin to attempt to identify and have ready all relevant camera shots in the event that video review will be used.
 - f. DVSPORT, Inc. shall test all video review related equipment prior to each game to confirm operational status.
5. Public Address and Video Board.
- a. When the umpires conference and then determine that the play will be reviewed by video review, the PA announcer will announce "The play is under further review".
 - b. Prior to review, the stadium video board is permitted to replay the play in question only one time at regular speed.
 - c. An unlimited number of replays may be played on the video board at any speed, only after a play is under video review by the umpire's, however, no replays shall be shown on the video board once a decision has been made by the umpires and/or replay official.
 - d. After a review, the crew chief will designate the following (whichever is applicable on the play):
 - (1) Give the home run signal or fair ball signal;
 - (2) Point to the bases to be occupied by runners;
 - (3) Give the foul ball signal;
 - (4) Signal Catch or No Catch;

(5) Out or Safe

6. Centralized Replay.

- a. Up to four individuals will serve as the off-site video review crew at the centralized location and will be determined by the NCAA Baseball Umpire Program (Names will not be publicized).
- b. These individuals will be the most familiar with the NCAA playing rules, umpire mechanics and the protocol procedure.
- c. 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 (item two). For the second list above (item three), the video review official can initiate a review during the final two innings of regulation and during extra innings.
- d. These individuals will review all relevant angles provided and quickly render a decision.
 - (1) These individuals will work under the assumption that the on-field decision is correct unless there is indisputable video evidence that shows otherwise.
 - (2) These individuals cannot agree on the outcome, the on-field decision will stand.
- e. One video review official will be responsible for the direct communication between the centralized location and the on-field crew chief.
- f. The other individuals will be responsible to ensure that the call is reviewable and that all aspects of the review policy and NCAA playing rules are adhered to.
- g. Replay Crew has three options: Confirmed; Stands; Overturned.

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Regional. Every reasonable effort, including but not limited to moving the location of the games, should be made to complete a regional round and advance a team to the super regional based on the results on the field. However, in the highly unlikely event that regional play cannot be completed, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on the following criteria:

- **0 games played = Best seed.**
- **1 game played = Best remaining seed without a loss.**
- **2 games played = Best seeded team without a loss.**
- **3 games played = Best seeded team without a loss.**
- **4 games played = Remaining team without a loss (i.e., Winner of Game #4).**
- **5 games played = Remaining team without a loss (i.e., Winner of Game #4).**
- **6 games played = Winner of Game #6 unless each team has one loss, in which case the following will be considered:**
 - 1) Head-to-head competition.
 - 2) Best seeded team remaining.

Super Regional. Every reasonable effort, including but not limited to moving the location of the games, should be made to complete a super regional round and advance a team to the Men's College World Series (MCWS) based on the results on the field. However, in the highly unlikely event that super regional play cannot be completed, the team that will advance to the MCWS will be based on the following criteria:

- **0 games played = Better seeded team.**

If two teams are of equal seed (e.g., two #2 seeds) then the team with the best RPI (calculated following completion of the regional competition) will advance to the Men's College World Series.
- **1 game played = Winner of Game 1.**
- **2 games played = Better seeded team.**

If two teams are of equal seed (e.g., two #2 seeds) then the team with the best RPI (calculated following completion of the regional competition) will advance to the Men's College World Series.