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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your advancement to participate in the 2026 NCAA Men's College World Series! We hope your experience with this year's championship will be a rewarding one for your team.

The purpose of this manual is to provide information to the participants in this year's MCWS to be held June 12-21/22 in Omaha, Nebraska. The NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee, in cooperation with Creighton University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, College World Series of Omaha, Inc., the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority, and the City of Omaha, have compiled the information contained in this manual to assist you in your preparations.

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NCAA MISSION STATEMENT

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

ROLE OF CHAMPIONSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

The 2026 MCWS shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA staff and NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee subject to the standards set forth in NCAA Bylaw 31. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, all activities and events associated with the championship are to be administered and/or approved by the baseball oversight committee, championship subcommittee and NCAA staff.

ROLE OF HOST

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

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

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

PARTICIPANT CHECKLIST AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact Information

As soon as possible, however not later than Noon Central time on Tuesday, June 9, participating teams shall email to NCAA staff members Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org) and Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org); and Amy Hornocker of College World Series of Omaha, Inc. (amy@cwsomaha.com) a completed institutional contact form (see Appendix B).

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

Bracket Format

The 2026 NCAA Men's College World Series is an eight-team, double-elimination tournament. The championship bracket can be found in Appendix D. The NCAA will determine first-round game orders and times during a Monday, June 8 meeting tentatively at 7 p.m. Eastern time. The dates and times will be announced via a press release as soon as possible after this meeting concludes on Monday, June 8.

Competition Site Maps

A map of Charles Schwab Field Omaha, and its surrounding parking lots and streets can be found in Appendix H.

Tournament and Media Headquarters

NCAA tournament headquarters will be located at Charles Schwab Field Omaha in the MCWS Administrative Offices. The offices, accessible through an exterior door on the South side of the ballpark will be open on Wednesday, June 10 and will be open throughout the Series.

There will not be a designated media headquarters. The credential distribution will be done from the Charles Schwab Field Omaha Box Office. The media coordination staff will work out of the office on the press box level in the stadium.

Fan Fest

The NCAA, in conjunction with The Solomon Group, shall manage a Fan Fest area in Lots B and C and Mike Fahey Street throughout the Series. The NCAA Men’s College World Series Fan Fest is the ultimate pregame experience for our fans. Not only does it give them the opportunity to interact with our Corporate Champions and Partners, but it also allows them to get game-day ready! We have several activations throughout Fan Fest for fans to participate in, and we invite all teams to participate as well.

Mascot Participation

Mascots are welcome to make appearances throughout our daily Fan Fest hours. Please coordinate appearances in advance so we can help communicate with fans and maximize their appearance.

Please reach out to Amanda Beall (abeall@ncaa.org) and/or Stephanie Gish (stephanie.gish@solomongroup.com).

Checklist

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

- _____ Review the MCWS schedule of events (Appendix A) with the head coach and key staff members.
- _____ Representatives from each team advancing to Omaha must participate in a conference call or Microsoft Office Teams meeting with NCAA staff. The NCAA staff will initiate this call/meeting separately with each team to review important details related to the Men’s College World Series.
- _____ Contact team host within 24 hours after your super regional tournament to begin coordinating your arrival time and hospitality event.
- _____ Make travel arrangements through Short’s Travel Management (866-655-9215). Arrangements made for transportation to and from the airport.
- _____ Arrangements for practice and game transportation.
- _____ Complete and return to Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org), Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org) and Amy Hornocker (amy@cwsomaha.com) the Institutional Contact Form (Appendix B) by noon Central time, Tuesday, June 9.
- _____ Submit Elite Scholar-Athlete academic award information online no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, June 9.
- _____ Confirm housing arrangements by Noon Central time on Tuesday, June 9.
- _____ Remind the team representatives who are required to attend the administrative meeting. Head coaches, the director of athletics (or his/her designee), and the director of baseball operations must attend the administrative meeting.
- _____ Administrative meeting - 6 p.m. Central time, Wednesday, June 10 in the Dodge Douglas Room at the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District. Valet parking for one car will be provided for each team at the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District. The name of each head coach will be given to the valet service before the meeting begins.
- _____ Confirm practice schedule and arrange other practices.
- _____ Submit team roster list at the administrative meeting. This form may not be modified for the Men’s College World Series after it has been submitted. Please submit the names of the student-athletes in numerical order, and also designate on the form the institutional contact for drug testing (if testing were to take place during the championship).

DIVISION I BASEBALL

- _____ Ensure team uniforms are affixed with MCWS patches on a maximum of four sets of uniforms. This responsibility will be left to each participating team to complete in advance of the start of competition.
- _____ Ensure team information and championship materials have been uploaded to Learfield and Van Wagner (via Box). Please also send all walk-up music for each student-athlete on the roster, well-labeled via your preferred file sharing method directly to Megan Hall (mlhall@ncaa.org).
- _____ Advise local media that a limited number of reserved seats are available through the Charles Schwab Field Omaha box office the morning of each day of games.
- _____ Complete post-championship NCAA evaluations within **30 days after the competition**. There are also QR codes to the evaluations on the back of the credentials.
- _____ Team expense report must be submitted online to the NCAA within **30 days after the competition**.

Section 1 • Awards

ELITE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD PRESENTATION

The NCAA Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The Elite Scholar-Athlete award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. Award winners must meet certain criteria including being a sophomore or above, participating in their sport for at least two years at their school, being an active member of their team, and being a designated member of the squad size at their championship. The member institution is responsible for submitting its student-athlete who has the highest GPA and meets all other requirements. The NCAA championships and alliances staff and the NCAA governance and member services staff will determine the winner of this award for each championship and provide the name of the recipient to the NCAA championship manager as well as the local host shortly before the championship begins. The winner's name should not be released to the public until after they are publicly recognized. If appropriate, the championship manager can share the information with the coach of the winning student-athlete to make sure of that person's attendance. However, they should not inform the student-athlete. Liv Baumhoer or a member of the NCAA media coordination staff will typically send a template of a release and the logo to the sports information director of the winner's institution the morning of the announcement to allow them time to prepare.

Each institution that qualifies for the MCWS is eligible to nominate a student-athlete to win the award for this championship. All ties are broken by number of credits completed. For more information regarding this program, please email elitescholarathlete@ncaa.org or call Liv Baumhoer at 317-917-6884. All documents, including deadlines and nomination forms can be obtained at ncaa.org/elitescholarathlete.

You must be logged into the site to access the page. The submission deadline for nomination for the Division I Baseball Championship is Tuesday, June 9 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.

PARTICIPATION

Participation awards are permissible (one per participant) as long as they meet the conditions outlined in Bylaws 16.1.4.2 and 16.1.4.3 and **are provided by the NCAA selected student-athlete participation awards licensee**. The NCAA championships and alliances group will be responsible for selecting the participation awards that will be provided. The NCAA championship manager will work with the participating institutions regarding delivery of mementos after championship competition. Participant awards will not be distributed at the site of the championship.

Awards Ceremony

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

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

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

Each team shall be provided 75 field access credentials to allow additional staff and family members onto the field for the postgame awards ceremony. The home team shall enter the field from seating section 119 and the visiting team from seating section 105. Additional field access credentials may not be provided for the 2026 MCWS.

Champions Locker Room Program

The NCAA has partnered with select NCAA licensees to celebrate the national champions of each of the 92 NCAA championships. Each team champion shall receive 72 national champions T-shirts, hats and towels to commemorate the experience of winning a national title. All winning team inquiries about obtaining additional locker room product should be directed to Event 1 for T-shirts (jared.hunt@unrivaledteamwear.com) or Underground Printing for hats (tyler.glines@blue84.com) or Wincraft for towels (hwenc1@wincraft.com). Please contact David Clendenin, director of licensing, at the NCAA national office should you have any questions, 317-917-6496.

Championship Awards

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

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

Student-Athlete Participation Awards

The NCAA will provide a student-athlete memento for participants in NCAA championship competition. These mementos will be provided on-site at the championship for the members of the official travel party. If a team would like to purchase additional student-athlete mementos for their team, please contact Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org).

Ordering Additional Awards

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

Team Photo

Each team will have its picture taken in front of the Road to Omaha sculpture before its scheduled practice time on Thursday, June 11. Each team will receive 45 team photo plaques as a memento. These will be delivered to the teams, at the stadium, during the first weekend of the MCWS. If teams wish to purchase additional plaques for their nontraveling squad members, they may do so by completing an order form found in Appendix L of this manual. Additional plaques (that include the team photo) cost \$40 each. Please contact Katie Karmazin at katie@cwsomaha.com or via phone at 402-657-5651 with any questions.

Section 2 • Bands, Spirit Squads and Mascots

BANDS

Unlike during the regionals and super regionals, team bands are not permitted inside the stadium during the Men's College World Series.

SPIRIT SQUADS

Unlike during the regionals and super regionals, spirit squads are not permitted inside the stadium during the Men's College World Series.

MASCOTS

Uniformed team mascots are permissible and may be admitted via a pass gate; however, the uniformed mascots may never enter the playing field. Live mascots may be permitted with NCAA approval and provided there is institutional control.

Section 3 • Competition Site Requirements/Diagrams

ATHLETIC TRAINING

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

Host institution athletic trainers assigned to games shall arrive four (4) hours prior to the first game of the day or 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the second game of the day.

In addition to games, the athletic trainers will support team practices on the Thursday before the Series and ensure delivery of ice, water and cups to off-site team practices during the Series.

Championship Medical Contacts

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

FIELD COMMUNICATION PHONES

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

FIRST AID

Charles Schwab Field Omaha has first aid stations located on the main concourse by sections 113 and 130. In-house medical teams will staff all first aid stations inside Charles Schwab Field Omaha.

CLUBHOUSES

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

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

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

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

CLUBHOUSE CHAIRS

The NCAA will provide 31 MCWS branded, padded chairs in each of the Charles Schwab Field Omaha clubhouses and holding rooms. These chairs shall not be removed from the clubhouses or holding rooms by the teams.

Information about online order forms will be provided to teams during the Wednesday, June 10, administrative meeting for purchasing chairs after the MCWS. Teams that remove chairs from the clubhouse may be charged for the full cost of those chairs (\$125 per chair). However, one chair will be shipped to the head coach of each team that reaches the MCWS Finals as a complimentary gift from the NCAA.

GUEST SERVICES

The guest services office is located on the main concourse by Section 113. Stadium/Guest Services Hotline/Lost and Found Hotlines are the following:

- Stadium Main Line: 402-546-1800
- Guest Services Hotline: 402-546-0888
- Lost and Found Hotline: 402-546-1740

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found department is located in the guest services office on the main concourse by Section 113. Any item found after an event will be returned to the facility security office. Items will be held for 30 days. The Lost and Found hotline is 402-546-1740.

MEDIA INTERVIEW ROOM

The media interview room is located in the Press Interview Room, on the street level behind home plate, room number SL-112B and SL-112C. This is the area designated for all MCWS interviews.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The host athletic trainers in charge of the game will have a radio and cellular phone in the event emergency personnel need to be summoned. A host athletic trainer will travel with your student-athlete to the emergency room in order to allow you to stay with your team for the remainder of the game. In the event a student-athlete needs to be transported to a hospital, he will most likely be transported to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (primary facility). Nearby hospital facilities listed in order from closest proximity to the stadium to furthest away:

- The University of Nebraska Medical Center (primary facility)
4350 Dewey Avenue
Phone: 402-559-4000
Emergency Room: 402-559-6637
- CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center - University Campus
2412 Cuming Street
Phone: 402-449-4000
- CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center Bergan Mercy
7500 Mercy Road
Phone: 402-398-6060
Emergency Room: 402-398-6161

PARKING

1. **Teams.** Eight parking spaces shall be provided for each participating team. Two spaces shall be located in Lot B and six spaces in Lot D. Admission will be granted by a parking pass that will be distributed by the time of the Wednesday night administrative meeting. Parking passes for the Opening Celebration Day will be provided during the pretournament administrative meeting.
2. **Team Buses.** Team buses shall remain parked at the team bus drop-off/pick-up location along 13th Street just outside the Team Entrance to the stadium. Any team VIP buses traveling with team buses (maximum of one per team) shall park on the east side of the CHI Health Center Omaha after dropping off their riders. Permission to park behind the CHI Health Center Omaha is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by calling Emma Lady of MECA at 402-881-9080 (cell).
3. **General Public.** There are 474 parking spaces in Lot A and 395 spaces in the CHI Health Center Omaha Parking Garage that shall be available for the general public (869 total spaces). Fans will be charged \$15/space/day for parking in the garage. Fans will be charged \$15/space/day for parking in Lot A and Lot D (if available). Tailgating is not permitted in the parking garage.

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4. **Shared Parking.** The northern-most curb cut on 10th Street, in front of the CHI Health Center Omaha, shall be marked by City of Omaha temporary signage as shared parking. This space is designated for use as a drop off/pick up location by shared ride services such as Uber, as well as business shuttle vans and general public vehicles dropping off passengers.
5. **Taxis.** Taxi pick-ups will be in front of the CHI Health Center Omaha box office on 10th Street; near the Hilton Omaha Hotel on Cass Street between 10th and 12th; on the northeast corner of 10th and Capitol; and in front the Holiday Inn Downtown on 14th and Cuming streets.

Parking Guidelines

1. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis in designated parking lots. At venue-controlled parking areas, lots and/or garages can be used at the capacity directed by local officials.
2. Tailgating is permitted in all Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots. Tailgate festivities cannot extend into additional parking spaces. Tents may be no larger than 10' x 10'.
3. Holding or saving parking spaces is not permitted.
4. Drive lanes in the parking lots must be kept clear at all times.
5. No overnight parking in any Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
6. ADA parking is available in all Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
7. Staking of tents is NOT permitted in the parking lots or lawn areas of the parking lots. Tents may be anchored by weights.
8. Consumption of alcohol or open containers of alcohol is prohibited.
9. Commercial advertising banners or signs are prohibited.
10. Distribution of promotional items or other forms of solicitation is not permitted.
11. Any equipment (e.g., chairs, tents, grills) left overnight will be disposed of.
12. All cooking equipment must be situated away from crowds, buildings or combustible material. A minimum clearance distance of three (3) feet from cooking equipment is required. No grills are to be left unattended at any time.
13. Trash containers and charcoal dump stations will be provided in Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
14. Personal golf carts, Segways, electric scooters and skateboards are not allowed in Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots.
15. Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots will open at 8 a.m. on Men's College World Series game days and Opening Celebration Day.
16. Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots will close 90 minutes after the event.
17. Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha reserves the right to revoke daily or season parking passes of those who do not comply with any parking guidelines.
18. Motor homes (or other RVs) are not permitted to park in any Charles Schwab Field Omaha/CHI Health Center Omaha parking lots. Fans should be directed to "parking information" FAQ's at ncaa.com/mcws for information on nearby RV parking areas.

PHOTO/DIGITAL AREA

A room dedicated to photographers will be available in the Digital Media Work Room located behind home plate on the street level (SL-111/SL-112).

SIGNAGE

No advertising, banners, signs or displays of any kind may be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within the general public seating/viewing area of the competition, practice and ancillary event venue(s) (i.e., any place that can be seen from the playing field or seats), including the scoreboard/video board other than NCAA banners and television banners approved by the NCAA.

SMOKING

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

STADIUM ENTRANCES

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

1. **Student-Athlete Guest Entrance.** A special gate must be identified to admit patrons holding student-athlete-guest “complimentary” tickets. This is the ADA Entrance adjacent to the box office off of 13th and Mike Fahey streets.
2. **Team Personnel Entrance (Game Days).** All student-athletes, coaches and other members on the official travel party roster, on days they have games, must enter through the team entrance. This team entrance is located on 13th Street (just south of the “Suite/Club Entrance”). The location will be marked with A-Frame Signs.
3. **Team Personnel Entrance (Non-game Days).** On days they do not have games, all student-athletes, coaches and other members on the official travel party roster must have an NCAA issued credential in order to gain admittance. This entrance is located at Gate 1.
4. **Media Entrance.** A separate 24-hour entrance is designated for media and is located near the stadium security entrance near Gate 4. All media must enter through this media/staff entrance near Gate 4.
5. **Media Elevator.** Media must enter the press box area through the elevator located on street level outside the media rooms (SL-111B; SL-112A; SL-112B/C; SL-124) or the adjoining stairs. Credentials are required to use the press elevator. This elevator will only access the press box (level four).
6. **Bus Drivers.** Drivers of MCWS team buses may be allowed entry to the stadium if they are in uniform and display their bus company identification. These drivers must use Gate 1 of the stadium for entry. No ticket is required.
7. **Reserved Seat Tickets.** Reserved seat tickets will be accepted at all four gates for entry into the stadium. All tickets are reserved tickets.
8. **Reentry.** Reentry is allowed for reserved seat ticket-holders. Reentry for reserved ticket holders is at any of the four gates. Tickets will be scanned upon entry to the stadium and must be scanned out and back in for reentry.
9. **ADA Entrances.** There are three ADA entrances at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. There is an ADA ramp to the Concourse Level near Gate 3 on the East side of the stadium off 10th Street. There are ADA elevator entrances at Gate 2 near the Box Office and at the Suite/Club entrance along 13th Street near Gate 1. ADA drop-off is available, and the entrance is at the intersection of 14th and Mike Fahey streets. ADA wheelchair assistance is available upon request by either contacting event staff upon arrival or calling Guest Services, at 402-546-0888, once guests are on a sidewalk connected to Charles Schwab Field Omaha.

STADIUM SETUP

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

1. On field batting practice equipment will consist of:
 - a. 8' x 8' padded L-screen with wheels.
 - b. Pitching platform with artificial turf.
 - c. Ball caddy with a 200 ball capacity.
 - d. 8' x 8' base screen with wheels at both first and third bases.
 - e. 8'h x 14'6"w tri-fold screen with wheels at second base.
 - f. 8'h x 12'w centerfield shag screen with wheels.
 - g. Portable, padded batting cage measuring approximately 18'w x 22'd x 12'6"h.
 - h. Turf mat to cover batter's and catcher's box areas.
 - i. Mound to have protective turf mat extending from plateau through landing area.
 - j. Turf protectors:
 1. Infield
 2. Fungo areas
 3. Behind cage
 - k. Off to the side and behind the plate will be a hitting tee with a catch net.
2. Each indoor batting area will be equipped with:
 - a. Regulation clay pitching mound.
 - c. Hitting mat with inlaid batter's lines and plate.
 - d. 8' x 8' padded L-screen.
 - e. Cage netting measuring approximately 15'w x 14'h x 75'l.
 - f. Permanently mounted pitching machine.
 - g. Outside of netting will be a hitting tee with catch net.
3. The Bat Swing Room located just off of each dugout will be supplied with a hitting tee.

There are two (2) batting cages provided at Charles Schwab Field Omaha, one located behind the first base dugout and one located behind the third base dugout. The Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee has determined that teams participating in a given game will only be allowed to use the Bat Swing Room behind their respective dugout. Access to the batting cages is off limits.

VIDEO DISTRIBUTION AREA

Audio and video distribution of game action and the press conferences will be available to media in the Media Work Room located across from the press interview room (SL-124). This area should accommodate a minimum of 15 television and/or radio crews. Media needing video distribution are encouraged to capture this information through the NCAA Digital Media Hub.

Section 4 • Drug Testing

DRUG TESTING

The NCAA is dedicated to fair and equitable competition throughout each round of NCAA championships and strongly supports the drug-testing program established by its membership, to safeguard the health and safety of the participating student-athletes.

DRUG TESTING STATEMENT

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

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

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

DRUG TESTING ROOM

The drug testing room is located on the Street Level in the Auxiliary Room, room number SL-112. The secondary drug testing room is the off-duty security room next to Building Command. If applicable, the on-site drug testing contact for the 2026 NCAA Men's College World Series is Matt Stolberg from Creighton University.

Section 5 • Equipment

DUGOUTS AND BULLPENS

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

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

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

DUGOUT PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAME BALLS

The NCAA and Rawlings will provide each team with four buckets of practice balls (12 dozen baseballs per team). Teams should plan to furnish their own additional practice balls, if necessary. Each starting pitcher will be furnished two warm-up baseballs before each game. The Rawlings FSR1NCAA baseball, the official championship baseball, will be used in all Men's College World Series games. Rawlings will also provide three dozen commemorative MCWS baseballs for each participating team.

PLAYING SURFACE

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

Omaha is situated on the border of zones 5A and 5B of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Hardiness Zone Map. As far as turf grass climatic zones, Omaha is situated on the far western side of the area referred to as the Semicool Humid zone.

The recommended mowing height for standard Kentucky Bluegrass is 1 to 3 inches. Please note that at Charles Schwab Field Omaha, the turf management staff maintains a height of cut of 1". The improved varieties allow the staff to do this while still allowing the plant to survive. Weather permitting, the grass will be mowed every game day.

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

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

Section 6 • Game Management

ADMINISTRATIVE CALL

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

The chair of the NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee, conducts a prechampionship meeting Wednesday night, June 10, at 6 p.m. Central time at the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District in the Dodge Douglas Room. The head coach, director of athletics (or his/her designee), and the director of baseball operations are required attendees from the participating teams. NCAA staff, the national coordinator of baseball umpires, baseball secretary-rules editor, MECA and CWS of Omaha, Inc., representatives will also be in attendance. Details of the tournament will be discussed, and representatives of the games committee will be present to answer any questions concerning the tournament operations. Valet parking for one car will be provided for each team at the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District. The name of each head coach will be given to the valet service before the meeting begins.

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

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

BAT HANDLERS

Each participating team may have a bat handler (i.e., bat boy or girl). The bat handler must be at least 13 years of age. Regardless of age, the bat handler shall wear a protective helmet at all times when on the playing field. A bat handler does not count against the maximum dugout limit of 45 individuals.

BAT TESTING

As part of the NCAA Bat Certification Program, all bats will be tested (ring test and barrel compression test) each day of competition in Omaha. NCAA staff will communicate further details on-site. Please see Appendix J for more details. Bat testing will occur daily beginning Friday, June 12 and continue each day throughout the duration of the 2026 Men's College World Series. Testing will take place in the batting cages by the first-base (visiting team) and third-base (home team) clubhouses. The Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee reserves the right to adjust the bat testing at any time.

The NCAA will affix a sticker to bats that are approved as of testing time and may be used for competition. Umpires will be instructed to remove any bat that does not display a certification sticker. If a bat approved as of testing time is used during the MCWS and later becomes dented/flat/cracked during the Series, such a bat could still become impermissible in this situation even if the certification sticker is still affixed. The umpires would remove such as an impermissible bat and penalize according to the NCAA Baseball Rules.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATERIALS

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

COMPETITION TIMES

GAME	DAY	DATE	TIME (CT)
Game 1	Friday	June 12	1 p.m.
Game 2	Friday	June 12	6 p.m.
Game 3	Saturday	June 13	2 p.m.
Game 4	Saturday	June 13	7 p.m.
Game 5	Sunday	June 14	1 p.m.
Game 6	Sunday	June 14	6 p.m.
Game 7	Monday	June 15	1 p.m.
Game 8	Monday	June 15	6 p.m.
Game 9	Tuesday	June 16	1 p.m.
Game 10	Tuesday	June 16	7 p.m.
Game 11	Wednesday	June 17	1 p.m.
Game 12	Wednesday	June 17	6 p.m.
Bracket 1 (if necessary)	Thursday	June 18	TBD
Bracket 2 (if necessary)	Thursday	June 18	TBD
MCWS Finals - Game 1	Saturday	June 20	7 p.m.
MCWS Finals - Game 2	Sunday	June 21	1:30 p.m.
MCWS Finals - Game 3 (if necessary)	Monday	June 22	6 p.m.

A detailed schedule of events and the championship bracket can be found respectively in Appendixes A and D.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

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

EVALUATIONS

The NCAA shall develop, distribute and collect championship evaluations and surveys from participating teams, umpires and local host representatives. There is a QR code on the back of some credentials to obtain participant feedback. The hosts may also seek additional feedback if approved in advance by the NCAA.

FAN INTERFERENCE

Guests are welcome to keep any foul ball or home run ball hit into the stands as long as they do not interfere with the safety and comfort of others. Fans are prohibited from throwing any object onto the field or interfering with the ball

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in play; offenders will face immediate ejection from Charles Schwab Field Omaha. In addition, fans entering the field of play during competition may be subject to arrest and charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace, or assault. Such individuals may also be fined by the City of Omaha.

GAMES COMMITTEE

The NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee serve as the games committee to actively supervise the conduct of the Series. The chair of the Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee shall serve as chair of the games committee.

GROUND RULES

Participating teams shall be provided with a copy of the ground rules during the Wednesday administrative meeting and they shall be reviewed in detail during the umpires meeting during the first game of the Series for each team. The umpires shall schedule a “walk-through” of the stadium prior to the start of the Series to review the ground rules. (Appendix C is a copy of the ground rules.)

HOME TEAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

No electronic communication devices (e.g., cellular phones, iPads, tablets, televisions) are permitted in the bullpens or dugouts during the MCWS. Please see Rule 5-16 for permissive uses of electronic communication.

LAUNDRY

Teams are offered (and may work with their service clubs) access to laundry facilities during the MCWS.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Athletics Department is available to provide laundry services. The cost is \$150 per day and that includes pick-up and delivery to and from the hotel. Please contact Bill Sanders from the University of Nebraska at Omaha at 402-210-5535 (cell) or via email at wsanders@omavs.com.

Creighton University is also available to provide laundry services. The cost is \$100 per load. To schedule a time or coordinate logistics, please contact Justin Dickerson at 402-957-4473 (cell) or via email at justindickerson@creighton.edu.

LINE-UP

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

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 institution, has the unchallengeable authority to determine whether a student-athlete with an injury, illness or other medical condition (e.g., skin infection) may expose others to a significantly enhanced risk of harm and, if so, to disqualify the student-athlete from continued participation. For all other instances, the student-athlete's on-site team physician can determine whether a student-athlete with an injury or illness should continue to participate or is disqualified. In the absence of a team physician, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and has valid medical authority to disqualify him or her if the student-athlete's injury, illness or medical condition poses a potentially life threatening risk to himself or herself. The chair of the governing sport oversight committee, championship subcommittee (or a designated representative) shall be responsible for administrative enforcement of the medical judgment, if it involves disqualification.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM/COLOR GUARD

The National Anthem shall be performed prior to each game. A color guard will also be used prior to each game.

PERSONNEL

1. **Medical Personnel.** Creighton athletic trainers assigned to games shall arrive four hours prior to the first game of the day or 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the second game of the day. In addition to games, the athletic trainers will support team practices on Thursday before the Series and ensure delivery of ice, water and cups to off-site team practices during the Series. An orthopedic surgeon and internal medicine physician will be in attendance at all games. If a physician is needed, please contact Curtis Self and he will refer you to the appropriate physician.
2. **Additional Team Personnel.** In addition to the 35 individuals on the team travel party roster and the bat handler(s), an additional 10 members of each team will be permitted in each dugout. These individuals must wear one of the 10 MCWS dugout credentials.
3. **Non-team Personnel in Dugouts.** Teams can expect other individuals to be in the team dugout areas. Charles Schwab Field Omaha security (one per dugout) and grounds crew (one per dugout), NCAA staff, ESPN staff or Creighton University medical staff (two per dugout) may position themselves in team dugouts near the far end of the respective dugout (away from the field access tunnel). All of these individuals should be appropriately credentialed.
4. **NCAA oversight committee/staff seating.** Team personnel are prohibited from entering the oversight committee/ NCAA staff seating area next to the third base dugout. Any such violations could be subject to misconduct.

PRACTICES

1. **Wednesday, June 10.** Teams will not be allowed to practice at Charles Schwab Field Omaha on Wednesday, June 10.
2. **Thursday, June 11 – Pre-MCWS Practice Day.** Arrangements must be made to allow teams to practice at Charles Schwab Field Omaha Thursday, June 11, prior to the first game. All practices will be open to the general public. Teams shall be provided access to the stadium clubhouses on their respective base lines prior to their scheduled practices on Thursday. The following practice schedules should be followed (practices last 50 minutes with 10 minutes for field preparation allowed before the next team begins):

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

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

One hour and 25 minutes prior to the start of each team’s official practice time listed above, the institution’s squad will need to arrive at Charles Schwab Field Omaha (immediately proceed to the Road to Omaha sculpture in front of the stadium) for a team photo (10 minutes duration) and ESPN and ncaa.com interviews and other requests (50 minutes in duration – stadium suite level and on the street level). Teams are encouraged not to arrive before the scheduled time. Any team members or institutional personnel not involved in these interviews should proceed to your assigned clubhouse (or assigned team holding room if the clubhouse happens to still be occupied: home – third base; visitors – first base). You should wait until the preceding team’s practice has concluded before proceeding to the field. This area will be protected by Charles Schwab Field Omaha security personnel on the practice day.

Turf shoes shall be strongly encouraged to be worn on the playing field during the allotted practice time on Thursday. If spikes are worn, those wearing spikes shall be prohibited on the infield grass for any drills or athletic activity during Thursday’s practice. Coaches and student-athletes shall remain off of the infield grass for any drill or practice procedures unless to pick-up stray balls. Coaches must only hit fungoes from the turf protector on the infield area

near home plate. Pitchers may familiarize themselves with the pitching mound by practicing their wind-up on the mound. However, they will be required to stay on the protective turf at all times when doing so.

After each team's practice, the head coach and at least one student-athlete will need to participate in a press conference session for up to 30 minutes in the press interview room. During the press conference time frame, each team may also be asked to make student-athletes not participating in the press conference available for one-on-one interviews outside the team's locker room or holding room.

3. **Day of Game Batting Practice.** Weather permitting, the teams playing the first game each day shall be allowed to conduct batting practice at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. Teams playing the second game each day will not be allowed to conduct batting practice on the field at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. Off-site batting practice may be conducted, or batting practice in the Charles Schwab Field Omaha batting cages will also be permissible.

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

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

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

4. **Off-Site Pregame Batting Practices.** An institution may choose to take their pregame batting practice at an off-site facility, which should be coordinated by Kyle Webber, operations and events manager at CWS of Omaha, Inc. (402-917-8665).

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

If an institution chooses to take pregame batting practice off site, a team administrator must notify Chad Tolliver (317-966-6458) that they will be hitting off site at least three hours before the time of their scheduled Charles Schwab Field Omaha batting practice.

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

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

5. **Off Day, Off-Site Practices.** For additional practice time during the Series at sites other than Charles Schwab Field Omaha, participating teams should contact Kyle Webber (CWS of Omaha, Inc.) at 402-917-8665. Please see Appendix G for detailed information on the various practice sites available during the Men's College World Series. Please also review Appendix F for the detailed practice day schedule for each team on Thursday, June 11. Teams should not practice at any other site than those listed in Appendix G. Any institution wishing to use strength training facilities must schedule/confirm with Dan Bailey, head strength and conditioning coach at Creighton University, at 402-639-4827 or with Mike Lewis, Director of Hockey Strength and Performance at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Baxter Arena, 507-236-5192.
6. **Friday, June 19 – Pre-MCWS Finals Practice.** In an attempt to restore the playing field, practices at the stadium will not be permitted if there are no games played Thursday, June 18.

The two teams participating in the MCWS Finals will each be allocated a maximum of 1.5 hours of practice at Charles Schwab Field Omaha on Friday, June 19. One team will practice from noon to 1:30 p.m. (team advancing first to the MCWS Finals) and the other team will practice from 1:40 to 3:10 p.m. There will also be ESPN interviews, Westwood One radio interviews, NCAA.com interviews and other requests along with the pre-MCWS Finals press conference. Finally, during each team's designated practice time, NCAA staff and/or other local organizing committee officials

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will meet with the primary team administrator and the head coach for a given team during their designated practice time. The exact time for each meeting will be determined in conjunction with each head coach and team administrator.

Please note that on the Friday before the MCWS Finals, Charles Schwab Field Omaha should also be closed to the general public. Minimal stadium security will be needed on-site.

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

PREGAME SCHEDULES

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

Before First Session

Home team batting practice (BP)	2:15
Visiting team batting practice	1:35
Remove cage, etc.	0:55
Home infield	0:45
Visitor infield	0:35
Field preparation	0:25
Introductions (if necessary)	0:16
Color guard (if applicable)	0:09:40
National Anthem	0:09
Umpires march	0:06
Umpires/coaches meeting	0:05
Home team on field	0:02
First pitch	0:00

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

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

Before Second Session

Home and visiting team BP	2:15
Teams enter and assume dugouts	1:15
Teams warm up in respective outfield and field preparation occurs	1:10
Home infield	0:45
Visitor infield	0:35
Field preparation	0:25
Introductions (if necessary)	0:16

Color guard (if applicable)	0:09:40
National Anthem	0:09
Umpires march	0:06
Umpires/coaches meeting	0:05
Home team on field	0:02
First pitch	0:00

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

Additional Information

1. The above-mentioned schedules shall be followed; however, due to inclement weather or administrative demands on the tournament, the schedule may be adjusted.
2. Between the last out of the first game and the start of the second game a minimum of 0:65 is allowed, which allows for a minimum 0:20 warm-up period prior to the home team taking infield at 0:45 prior to the start of the game.
3. Team introductions are made prior to Game Nos. 1-4 and MCWS Finals Game 1. The visiting team is introduced first [support personnel/assistant coaches/non-starters (numerically)/starters (line-up order)/head coach], and the first person shall proceed to a point on the foul line between home plate and first base (next to the first base bag). The remaining individuals will be introduced and join the first person on the foul line and extend the line towards home plate. The home team shall be introduced in the same manner and follow the same procedures along the foul line between home plate and third base. Teams remain on the field until after the conclusion of the National Anthem, and then return to their dugouts.
4. The National Anthem shall be performed prior to each game.
5. The umpires' meeting times may be adjusted for Game Nos. 1-4, due to first-time discussion of ground rules.
6. Team members may stretch and short toss for the 10 minutes preceding their batting practice in foul territory or in the deep part of the outfield down their respective foul line. Teams must assume risks associated with this activity.
7. In the event that there is a five-minute slide of the start time of a game for broadcast purposes, the additional five minutes shall be added to the Field Preparation time in the pregame timing schedule. Whether or not a five-minute slide will be imposed will be determined not later than 40 minutes before the scheduled first pitch.

RADAR (SPEED) GUNS

The use of radar (speed) guns by personnel from competing teams is permissible; however, this information may not be communicated through any electronic means to other team personnel in any location in the stadium. Please refer to NCAA Baseball Rule 5-16 for more information. Charles Schwab Field Omaha may present radar (speed) gun displays on the scoreboard or video board showing the speed of each pitch. It should also be noted that it is not permissible for institutions to set-up any analytical cameras to collect video and other data for analysis.

SPORTSMANSHIP

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

SPORTS WAGERING

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card;

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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 when 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.

HALTED PLAY

1. **Length of Games.** All games shall be nine innings. If play has been stopped before nine innings have been completed, the halted-game rule (Rule 5-9) shall be used.
2. **Authority to Halt.** The games committee shall make the decision as to when a game shall be halted and/or restarted. The only situation in which the umpire-in-chief may halt play is if it is their opinion that the playing surface is unplayable.
3. **Contact with the Weather Bureau.** On arrival in Omaha, the assigned individual shall establish contact with the point person from DTN to set up a training meeting prior to Thursday, June 11.

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

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

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

Principles:

1. In the event of inclement weather, every attempt should be made to play both games scheduled on a particular day.
2. In those instances when only one game on a particular day is cancelled (e.g., first game played and second game rained out), three games should be played on the following day to get the event back into its original structural format.
3. In the case of a halted game, the remaining game schedule should be adjusted so that there is no possibility of a team playing more than two complete games in one day.

- d. During the best-of-three MCWS Finals, the following inclement weather scenario should be used:
 1. **If the Saturday game is cancelled:** Play one game each on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (if necessary).
 2. **If the Saturday game is played and the Sunday game is cancelled:** Play game two on Monday and game three (if necessary) on Tuesday.
 3. **If Saturday and Sunday games are cancelled:** Play games one and two on Monday and game three (if necessary) on Tuesday.
 - e. The order of games will not be altered from the originally published schedule.
5. **Halted Procedures.** If a game is halted, the following procedures should be followed:
- a. Prior to the delay, the weather radar and lightning detection system should be thoroughly analyzed to determine when inclement weather will affect the game and to prepare the grounds crew to cover the field. If necessary, the weather bureau may be contacted for additional information. If possible, the games committee must be prepared to estimate when the game should be halted in order to allow the grounds crew adequate time to cover the infield.
 - b. When it is determined that the game shall be halted, both teams must be notified immediately, and if possible, information as to when the game might be restarted should be provided.
 - c. The same information should be relayed to the press box and the televising network.
 - d. A public address announcement should be made regarding the expected length of the delay.
 - e. Throughout the delay, contact should be maintained with the weather bureau, and the above-mentioned groups should be kept informed of the status of the delay.
 - f. When it is determined that play will resume, the head turf manager should be contacted to determine how much time will be required to get the field in playing condition. The Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee, should also consider the amount of time each team needs to warm up (e.g., pitchers) before the game is resumed. After these issues have been considered, then inform the above-mentioned groups when play will resume.
6. **Religious Accommodations Policy.** Per NCAA Bylaw 31.1.4.1, if a participating institution has a written policy precluding competition on a particular day for religious reasons, the championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. There is a Sunday religious accommodation policy for the MCWS opening weekend in the event that a team with a Sunday no-play policy has its Saturday game postponed due to inclement weather. The policy would move that given game (Game 3) to Monday before the rescheduled Games 5 and 6. Game 4 would be played as the lone game on Sunday (played outside the normal game order, as Game 4 in this scenario would be played before Game 3). In this scenario, the day off between bracket play and the MCWS Finals would be used as the “if necessary” games for both Bracket 1 and Bracket 2.

During the second weekend of the MCWS, the Sunday game would be MCWS Finals Game 2. The game would not be played on this day to provide the religious accommodation. MCWS Finals Game 2 would be played on Monday and MCWS Finals Game 3 (if necessary) would be played on Tuesday. If the Saturday and Sunday games are cancelled, MCWS Finals Games 1 and 2 would be played on Monday and MCWS Finals Game 3 (if necessary) would be played on Tuesday. The adjustment would provide a schedule in which there would be a maximum of three games played on only one given day (unless further inclement weather or unforeseen reasons would arise. It should be noted that the game times reflected below in this sample bracket are merely used for purposes of an example and may not reflect the actual game times for the current MCWS.

TEAM MEALS/ADDITIONAL FOOD

Outside food (e.g., snacks) are permitted to be brought into Charles Schwab Field Omaha. However, no outside catering may be brought in and/or delivered to the stadium. As teams qualify to participate in the MCWS, Randy L. Buhr or Chad Tolliver of the NCAA staff will provide them with Felicity Flesher’s information (402-599-6858 - work; fflesher@levyrestaurants.com). Felicity Flesher with Levy Restaurants will discuss each team’s special requests and dietary needs.

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

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

TOBACCO RULE

NCAA rules prohibit the use of tobacco by student-athletes, coaches, team personnel and umpires on the field of play as well as during other championship activities such as banquets (if applicable), press conferences and postgame interviews. This rule also extends to NCAA staff, baseball oversight committee, championship subcommittee members, local organizing committee members, etc. The following enforcement procedures shall be followed:

1. During the administrative meeting, the chair of the Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee, shall remind the participating coaches of the “no tobacco” rule and the penalties if violated (Rule 3-11). The chair will ask each head coach to certify that:
 - b. The head coach and their student-athletes, coaches and other team personnel are familiar with the rule.
 - c. The head coach is aware that any violation of the rule shall result in the immediate ejection of the offending individual and the head coach from the remainder of the contest. Team personnel other than the head coach will also serve a one game suspension.
2. During the home plate coaches’ conference, the umpire-in-chief shall remind both coaches of the rule.
3. If, during pregame activities or a contest, an umpire discovers that a person covered by the rule is in violation, the umpire shall immediately **eject** that person from the contest and report the ejection to the games committee.
4. Violations of this regulation shall be dealt with by the Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee, in accordance with the misconduct provisions of Bylaw 31.1.10.

TRAVEL PARTY/BENCH SIZE/SQUAD SIZE/DUGOUT LIMIT

The official travel party for the Men’s College World Series is 35 persons. The number of student-athletes in uniform cannot exceed 34. A maximum of 45 individuals from an institution are allowed in the dugout. A non-rostered bullpen catcher is permitted, but must be included in a team’s 45-person dugout limit. A bat handler, who must be 13 years of age or older, does not count against the maximum dugout limit of 45 individuals. Regardless of age, bat handlers shall be required to wear a protective helmet at all times while on the playing field.

At the prechampionship meeting, each coach shall designate a maximum of 34 student-athletes who will participate in the Men’s College World Series. A roster form will be provided that should be used to list the 34 student-athletes as well as the 11 additional individuals to be allowed in the dugout during a game.

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

UNIFORMS

Once a team enters the stadium/field, it is required that the team be in full pregame or regular-game uniform. In addition, team representatives must be in appropriate attire, not necessarily in uniform, for all other championship functions (press conferences, Opening Ceremony event, etc.), which shall include warmups, batting practice and infield practice.

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

During the practice day on Thursday, June 11, all participating student-athletes, coaches and additional team personnel will be strongly encouraged to wear turf shoes on the playing field. If spikes or cleats are worn, those wearing spikes or cleats shall be prohibited from being on the infield grass for any drills or other athletic activities. The desire for spikes

and cleats to not be worn is an effort to minimize the wear and tear to the playing surface and keep the playing field in the best condition possible throughout the entire Men's College World Series. Please note that all other requirements listed in the preceding paragraph are applicable as well on the practice day.

Game uniforms must adhere to Rule 1-14 of the 2025 and 2026 NCAA Baseball Rules. Please note that it is the responsibility of the visiting team to wear a contrasting uniform color to the jersey worn by the home team. The home team gets to select their desired uniform color first. Please note that it is also required that the base coaches wear a protective helmet.

Logos

The provisions of Bylaw 22.4 indicate that an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark) not to exceed 2¼-square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram), including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

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

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

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

VIDEO (GAME)

Hammond Communications will provide a jump drive with a copy of the ABC/ESPN/ESPN2 broadcasts to participating teams. School administrators (usually the SID) may pick up a copy of the game telecast in the press interview room (SL-112B). The NCAA will only provide one jump drive per MCWS game to the two participating teams (home team jump drive and visiting team jump drive). If teams wish to record every MCWS game, each team must bring its own recording equipment to Charles Schwab Field Omaha. The institutional recording equipment set-up area will be in the media video/ audio distribution work room (SL-124). The team content personnel can plug into the ESPN mult-box (SL-124). Please consult Phil Pierce (ppierce@ncaa.org), Jenn Rodgers (jroddgers@ncaa.org), or a member of the Hammond Communications Group during the sports information meeting prior to the start of the Series for further information.

WALK-UP MUSIC

Walk-up music is permissible for all games during the MCWS. Each participating institution should send their walk-up music for each student-athlete on the roster, well-labeled via your preferred file sharing method directly to Megan Hall (mhall@ncaa.org). Please be sure to send us the exact (CLEAN) track that you use in your home venue, ideally cut at the proper timing of the walkup, approximately 15-30 seconds. If your songs are not edited to the exact timing of the walkup, it is critical that you send us a cut sheet with exact cue times listed for each song.

VIDEO BOARD

Prior to the start of the championship, member institutions will be instructed by the NCAA to provide logos, fight songs, public service announcements and other materials in electronic format and upload them to Box for display on the stadium video board.

VIDEO REVIEW

Please see Appendix E of the 2025 and 2026 NCAA Baseball Rules Book for the list of reviewable plays and also the 2026 NCAA Video Review Regulations.

Video Review Process

1. Video review is a video process which falls within the NCAA Baseball Rules in Appendix E of the NCAA Baseball Rules Book: Getting the Call Right. It can be used to either let stand a ruling on the field by the game officials or to change or reverse that ruling.
2. The video review process operates under the fundamental assumption that the ruling on the field is correct. Only if there is indisputable video evidence to remove all doubt that a ruling was incorrect will a call be changed. Absent that evidence, the original call will stand.
3. Each team will receive two (2) head coach's challenges to start each game. A head coach may challenge as many reviewable calls within a single play as they desire using one challenge. Once a team has exhausted its available challenges, it will no longer have the ability to challenge any additional play or call in the game.
4. Any use of video review must occur before the next pitch or play. The head coach should notify an umpire immediately (within approximately 10 seconds) at the end of a play if they intend to use one of their two challenges on the previous play. If the review is called for after a game ending play, it must be called for before all umpires leave the field of play.
5. The umpire crew chief makes the determination if a play is eligible for video review. Under the provisions of Appendix E of the NCAA Baseball Rules Book, coaches have the ability to request a conference among the umpires.
6. If video review is used, the crew chief, the calling umpire, and other members of the crew (as deemed necessary), would go to the designated video review area on the field of play to obtain the headset communication to the video review officials located in the umpires' locker room. The crew chief and the umpire the crew chief designates will wear the headsets and communicate with the video review officials. The video review officials would review all relevant video coverage. Please note that at least one umpire must remain on the field.
7. Security should be available to the umpires on the field of play during the video review. The video review area is a secure environment completely clear of all other persons other than the NCAA Baseball Umpire Program staff, DVSPORT, Inc., staff, and any other applicable NCAA staff.
8. During a video review the defensive team shall maintain their positions on the field and may warm-up if desired. Offensive base runners and the on-deck hitter shall maintain their positions. Other personnel shall remain in the dugout. Any defensive or offensive conferences will be charged as during any other part of the game. The umpire crew will use headsets and step away (clear themselves) from all dugout personnel.
9. While there is no time limit for the video review, lengthy reviews (more than two to three minutes) are discouraged.
10. The video review officials would communicate with appropriate technical personnel from DVSPORT, Inc., in order to review and have shown on one or more monitors all relevant television camera angles of the plays with highlighting, reversing, slow motion, freeze frame or other capabilities that will assist in making a determination. All equipment should be tested by appropriate personnel before each game.
11. The video review officials may confer and discuss the replays during the review with other members of the NCAA Baseball Umpire Program staff, but the ultimate final decision is with the video review official. This final decision is communicated to the umpire crew chief and may not be argued by either coach.
12. If the reversing of a call results in the need for decisions on the placement of base runners, the video review official would use 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.
13. If a call has been changed, the crew chief would notify both head coaches and the official scorer (via hand signals) of the ruling. Although not required, the crew chief may also communicate the decision over the public address (PA) system to the fans in attendance.

Section 7 • Health & Safety Considerations

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance with event staff and personnel including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care, consulting with institutional legal, medical and risk management personnel as necessary. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the NCAA Sport Science Institute website. A nonexhaustive list of some of the key health and safety considerations is provided below. More detailed information on each of these topics can be found in the Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes and the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook.

- Blood-Borne Pathogens and Other Biohazards
- Catastrophic Incidents and Emergency Action Plans
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Inclement Weather, Air Quality and Other Environmental Considerations
- Independent Medical Care
- Medical Facilities
- Medical Disqualification, Removal and Return to Activities
- Medical Staff: Resources, Communications, Training and Responsibilities
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Medical Treatment (including for, among others, the following emergency conditions):
 - Asthma
 - Burners (Brachial Plexus Injuries)
 - Cardiac Emergencies
 - Cervical Spine Injuries
 - Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Diabetic Emergency
 - Head and Neck Injury
 - Heat Illness and Heat Stroke
 - Hypothermia
 - Mental Health Emergencies
 - Rhabdomyolysis
 - Sickle Cell and Other Exertional and Nonexertional Collapse
 - Skin Infections
- Prescription Medications, Banned Substances and Drug Testing
- Protective Gear and Equipment
- Sexual Violence
- Visiting Team Care and Coverage

In addition, and as a supplement to the legislative and policy requirements and related guidance described above, the following health and safety considerations and expectations will also apply to all championship events.

Ambulance Service

Planned access to an ambulance shall be provided by the championship hosts. If it is determined that an ambulance should be provided on site, the championship hosts shall obtain the ambulance service. Any ambulance used must be equipped in accordance with all applicable government regulations and industry medical and safety standards.

Medical Staff Credentials and Access

Any credentials for medical staff traveling with the participating team must come out of the travel party allotment.

Any medical staff traveling with participating teams will have access to their team participants with the assistance of host medical staff, should an injury occur. If medical staff are not to be seated with the team during any championship event for any reason, they should communicate to the host medical staff their seat locations and the host medical staff should be prepared to provide necessary escort to the team locker room or athletic training room in the event of an emergency.

Portable Immersion Tubs

Portable immersion tubs (hot or cold) are permitted at championship events only where use is a component of an established emergency or other health and safety plan and managed under the direction of sports medicine staff, an athletic trainer or physician in accordance with all applicable institutional and government health regulations and requirements.

The following additional health and safety information related to the 2026 MCWS is also listed below:

Medical Facilities

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

Physicians

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

Section 8 • Hydration Product

BODYARMOR

Hydration Program

Coca-Cola will provide a bottled water product (e.g., Dasani), BODYARMOR powder, and when applicable, BODYARMOR in bottles. Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice in the NCAA-provided equipment. Equipment carrying any branding other than BODYARMOR, however, will not be permitted during NCAA championships.

Section 9 • Lodging

Championship participants are mandated to stay at the NCAA's contracted hotel properties for the event. Any participants staying outside of the NCAA contracted hotel block(s) will not be reimbursed.

The participating institution may use the rooms for persons accompanying the official traveling party.

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.

Headquarters Hotel

The NCAA has designated the Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District as the headquarters hotel for NCAA representatives.

Media Hotel

Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Candlewood Suites Airport, 2601 Abbott Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska 68110. Candlewood Suites is approximately two miles from Charles Schwab Field Omaha using Abbott Drive.

Media will need an access code to reserve rooms via phone. If a member of the media is approved for a credential to the 2026 NCAA Men's College World Series, this access code will be provided in the confirmation email. The deadline to secure the media rate is Wednesday, June 10. Media are strongly encouraged to make reservations prior to the deadline, as rooms may not be available after the deadline. Rooms may be cancelled without penalty as late as Wednesday, June 10.

Team Hotels

CWS of Omaha, Inc., will work with Visit Omaha (the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau) to obtain hotel information and to arrange a special rate for the Men's College World Series participants. CWS, Inc., will sign and hold contracts for 50 team rooms, then transfer them to participating teams upon their qualification into the MCWS.

CWS of Omaha, Inc., will prioritize the team hotel properties. Following the completion of the regional round, each super regional site will be ranked based on the best-seeded team in that super regional. If a super regional site consists of two teams that are not seeded in the top 32 of the bracket, the NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee will determine the team lodging assignment order. The winner of the super regional with the best-seeded team remaining will be assigned to the top team hotel in Omaha. The winner of the super regional with the second best-seeded team remaining will be assigned to the second best team hotel in Omaha. This process will repeat until all eight super regionals have been assigned to a team hotel property. If there are two teams assigned to a given team hotel, they will be from the same side of the bracket.

Super Regional Winner	Hotel Property	Contact Information
LAWRENCE	Courtyard by Marriott Omaha Downtown/Old Market	Adrienne Lescansic 101 S. 10th St. Omaha, NE 68102 402-917-9954 adrienne.lescanic@hbmhotels.com Secondary Contact: Kim Allenheim 402-917-9941 kimberly.allenheim@hbmhotels.com

<p>AUSTIN</p>	<p>Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown/ Old Market</p>	<p>Lauren Bromley 555 S. 10th St. Omaha, NE 68102 Phone: 402-541-1486 Email: lauren.bromley@atriumhospitality.com</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Colleen Krings Phone: 402-541-1491 Email: colleen.krings@atriumhospitality.com</p>
<p>TUSCALOOSA</p>	<p>Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown/ Old Market</p>	<p>Lauren Bromley 555 S. 10th St. Omaha, NE 68102 Phone: 402-541-1486 Email: lauren.bromley@atriumhospitality.com</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Colleen Krings Phone: (402) 541-1491 Email: colleen.krings@atriumhospitality.com</p>
<p>MORGANTOWN</p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn</p>	<p>Adrienne Lescansic 100 S. Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68102 402-917-9954 adrienne.lescanic@hmmhotels.com</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Kim Allenheim 402-917-9941 kimberly.allenheim@hmmhotels.com</p>
<p>AUBURN</p>	<p>Hilton Omaha</p>	<p>Stephanie Kahler 1001 Cass St. Omaha, NE 68102 402-998-4291 stephanie.kahler@hilton.com</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Jeff Lucks 402-305-6552 jeff.lucks@hilton.com</p>
<p>CHAPEL HILL</p>	<p>Hilton Omaha</p>	<p>Dallas Beams 1001 Cass St. Omaha, NE 68102 402-998-4215 dallas.beams@hilton.com</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Jeff Lucks 402-305-6552 jeff.lucks@hilton.com</p>

TROY	Hyatt Place	Stacy Parks 540 S. 12th St. Omaha, NE 68102 402-513-5462 stacy.parks@hyatt.com Secondary Contact: Trish Bauermeister Phone: (703) 400-0013 Email: trish.bauermeister@hyatt.com
ATHENS	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District	Megan Gilligan 222 N. 10th St. Omaha, NE 68102 Phone: 531-365-2608 megangilligan@marcushotels.com Secondary Contact: Jacque Warren 531-444-4043 jacquewarren@marcushotels.com

Team Hotel Guidelines

Each team will be financially responsible for a total of 50 guaranteed rooms. There are 25 rooms, at a discounted rate, designated for use by the team’s travel party and 25 additional rooms, at a different rate.

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

It should be noted that 10 days prior to the Men’s College World Series, the NCAA will provide CWS of Omaha, Inc., with contact names and telephone numbers for the two teams participating in each super regional. In turn, CWS of Omaha, Inc. immediately will provide this contact information to the appropriate host hotel. Within 24 hours, the host hotel will be responsible for contacting the two super regional teams.

The hotel will familiarize both super regional teams with their policies and procedures. **Any special requests (e.g., early check-in, use of ballrooms, buffet service extensions, late departures) should be negotiated at this time.** It should be noted that if teams arrive at their assigned hotel before 3 p.m. Central time on Wednesday, June 10, it may be difficult for the hotel to have all rooms ready for check-in. **There is a national convention taking place downtown on the front end of the MCWS and most properties are completely sold out. If teams arrive early, it will be exceptionally difficult for any accommodations to be secured.**

Both super regional teams are required to negotiate with the hotel. The contract of the team that did not qualify for the Men’s College World Series will be null and void. At the latest, a signed contract is due to the hotel by noon Central time, Tuesday, June 9.

Once assigned to a hotel, **teams are responsible for payment of the 50 rooms, per night.** The rooms are reserved beginning the Wednesday before the Men’s College World Series (Wednesday, June 10) and the team is committed to pay for these 50 rooms through the night of their last day of competition. For example, if a team is eliminated at the game scheduled on Tuesday, June 16 (Game 10), the team is responsible for payment of 50 hotel rooms for Tuesday night. **Teams should not arrive in Omaha until Wednesday, June 10 (in time for the 6 p.m. Central time prechampionship administrative meeting).** Teams should not arrive in Omaha before the official team blocks begin Wednesday, June 10.

Section 10 • Media Services

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

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

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

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

CREDENTIALS

Credentials must be picked up in person at the Charles Schwab Field Omaha ticket windows at the corner of Mike Fahey and 13th streets. All credentials, except for day passes and the participating institutional allotment, will have a photo, the name of the person and their affiliation on the front of the credential. The credential will also include numbers which will have designated areas each individual will be allowed access to starting Thursday, June 11. For June 8-10 (Monday-Wednesday), a temporary credential will be issued through the front desk at the Charles Schwab Field Omaha administrative office, located at 1200 Mike Fahey Street. If individuals need access to Charles Schwab Field Omaha prior to Thursday, June 11, please contact Phil Pierce or Jenn Rodgers.

CREDENTIAL ZONES

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| 1 | Stadium Office |
| 2 | Street Level |
| 3 | Press Box |
| 4 | Field |
| 5 | Photo Box |
| 6 | Dugout |
| 7 | Staff/Media Entrance |
| 8 | Broadcast Compound |
| 9 | Suite Level |
1. "NCAA" is distributed to NCAA staff and baseball oversight committee, subcommittee members.
 2. "Media" is distributed to writers, still photographers, and radio and television talent.
 3. "ESPN" is distributed to all personnel with that agency.
 4. "Event Access" is distributed to individuals who do not need access to all zones.
 5. "Daily Pass" is issued daily only by the media coordinator. It allows, for example, non-credentialed individuals to enter the press box to take part in radio or television interviews.
 6. "Team Credentials" are issued during the team sports information directors meeting.
 7. "VIP" is issued to selected individuals from participating schools and the NCAA. It is not good for admission to the stadium.
 8. "Temporary Field Access" wristbands are issued to the staff, family, and constituents of the national championship team, granting them (75 per team) access to the field for the postgame awards ceremony after the MCWS Finals.

For media attending the MCWS, the credential application deadline will be Monday, June 8, at 9 p.m. Eastern time. This online submission can be found at ncaa.com/media. The online system opens by May 15.

CREDENTIALS/VIP PASSES FOR TEAMS

The NCAA will provide each participating team credentials for the 35-person official travel party roster to allow access to the stadium, press box, field and media interview room. In addition to the 35 individuals on the team travel party roster and the bat handler(s), an additional 10 members of each team will be permitted in each dugout. These individuals must wear one of the 10 MCWS dugout credentials.

An additional 15 “Team” credentials will be provided with added zone access (box office, photo box and suite level) to be used by team administrators (institutions’ president, director of athletics, designated baseball administrator, sports information, marketing, ticket managers, etc.), for a total of 60 “Team” credentials.

Team “VIP” credentials will also be included to allow temporary access to media areas and the field pregame and/or postgame for selected individuals from participating schools with distribution managed by each team. VIP credentials are not valid for stadium entry or suite level access and must be accompanied by a game ticket to enter the stadium.

The NCAA will credential your institutional conference commissioners and conference SIDs. The “Conference Administrator” credential will provide access through the facility, including the suite level.

The NCAA media coordination staff will give 75 wristbands to the two teams participating in the MCWS Finals to grant access to the field after the championship game. These wristbands, which are team specific, will still require a game ticket for entry into the ballpark and shall be given out at team’s discretion to key constituents, institutional staff and family members. The home team shall enter the field from seating section 119 and the visiting team from seating section 105. Each gate must be staffed by an institutional representative. Additional field access wristbands may not be provided for the 2026 MCWS.

CREDENTIALS WRAP-UP

Team credentials will feature the school logo and university/college name. Each school will receive credentials for: 35-person official travel party roster; 10 for the dugout; 15 for administration (total of 60 per team), as well as 10 “VIP” credentials. School videographer(s), the institution’s radio station(s) and school photographer(s) must apply for a credential online through a link provided to the school’s SID upon qualifying for the Men’s College World Series to ensure they sign off on policies.

GAME NOTES

Game notes are written and distributed starting the first day of the championship. NCAA staff will provide MCWS statistics after each team has played two games in Omaha. SIDs also are encouraged to provide notes throughout the MCWS. Most team specific notes should be updated to the NCAA virtual press box. This link will be provided closer to the championship. The NCAA notes generally are less team specific.

INTERVIEW ROOM

The Press Interview Room (SL-112B and SL-112C) is the area designated for all MCWS interviews. It is located behind home plate on the street level.

MEDIA BROCHURE

The media brochure is distributed by email to all eight super regional sites. It is also available online at ncaa.com/media via the credential application process.

MEDIA ENTRANCE

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

MEDIA GUIDES

Team media guides (if available) may be brought to the stadium for the Thursday preseries press conferences. There should be approximately 50-75 copies placed in the Press Interview Room (SL-112B and SL-112C), with the remainder placed in storage cubbies in the press box. SID’s should be alerted to hold back 10-15 sets for late-arriving media. Teams may elect to simply provide digital copies of media guides and notes which can be uploaded to the MCWS virtual press box site.

MEDIA HEADQUARTERS

Credential distribution will be done from the Charles Schwab Field Omaha Box Office. Media Coordination staff will work from the office behind the main press box.

MEDIA MEALS

Media meals will be available for 2026.

MEDIA PARKING

The NCAA media coordinator determines the distribution of the passes to local and national media.

MIDGAME INTERVIEWS

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

NAME PRONUNCIATIONS

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

PRESS BOX SEATING

The press box is used for writers (print and Internet as space allows) and team SIDs. The seating chart is updated daily by the NCAA media coordinator and is posted within the press box.

PRESS CONFERENCES (COACHES PRESERIES)

Each team will be asked to provide at least two student-athletes and the head coach for a press conference after that team's practice on Thursday, June 11.

PRESS CONFERENCE (POSTGAME)

The postgame press conferences take place in the Press Interview Room (SL-112B and SL-112C). The non-winning coach and a minimum of two student-athletes go on first with total time usually not to exceed 10 minutes. The winning coach and a minimum of two student-athletes (and up to four) are next within the length of the session dictated by the time of day and the number of media present. Please note that the order of the postgame press conferences MAY be adjusted by the NCAA media coordination staff only on an elimination game, such that the winning team may go first, followed by the team eliminated from the MCWS.

After a brief opening statement from the head coach, the session is opened to questions from media. Audio and video of the press conference is piped into the press box. Members of the media coordination staff will receive ASAP Fastscripts which are included in the game box set.

Media needing to interview student-athletes or coaches not part of the official press conference are allowed access to student-athletes outside the clubhouse (located directly behind each dugout) after the NCAA mandatory cool-down period after each game. On doubleheader days, teams and media must not interfere with the second game preparation and may be required to move out of the locker room/dugout area to conduct the interview. Media coordination personnel and team sports information directors will be available to assist the media.

Pipe and drape will be installed outside the door to the press conference room to serve as a holding area for those student-athletes and coaches waiting for the second session of the postgame interviews.

PRESS CONFERENCE (MCWS FINALS)

This event will take place the Friday before the MCWS Finals at 11 a.m. Central time. Each team provides the head coach and a minimum of two student-athletes (maximum of three). The formal session should last no more than 30 minutes per team. Quotes are taken by the NCAA staff (via ASAP Fastscripts) and are made available online.

RADIO AND INTERNET BROADCASTS

The NCAA's broadcast partners (ESPN and Westwood One) retain all rights to the television broadcast or cablecast, and Internet or radio broadcast of NCAA championships. For specific questions regarding policies governing the broadcast of championships, please refer to the NCAA Broadcasting Manual (ncaa.com/broadcast) or contact KJ Smith of the NCAA championships and alliances staff at the national office (kjsmith@ncaa.org or 317-363-6410).

RECORDS BOOK

The records book will be available at ncaa.org/championships/statistics/mens-college-world-series-records-books.

SATELLITE TRUCKS

Limited reserved satellite truck parking will be available at Charles Schwab Field Omaha on a space-available basis. Parking requests should be submitted to Emma Lady at 402-599-5571 or at elady@omahameca.com. A fee of \$715 for run of the Series will be charged to park and power. MECA will invoice for the park and power fee, and it must be paid prior to their arrival.

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting with each team's sports information director takes place prior to the start of the MCWS. The agenda will be distributed at the meeting, along with the allotment of all the participating institutional credentials. The meeting will conclude with a tour of Charles Schwab Field Omaha, if needed.

STARTING LINEUPS

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

STATISTICS

MCWS statistics (tournament leaders and team and individual statistics) are distributed after each team has played two games (under the current format, this means the Tuesday after the MCWS begins is the first day for statistical leaders) and daily thereafter. They are distributed with the daily game notes. The Creighton sports information director runs the computer program that compiles the leaders.

STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Guidelines should be distributed with credentials. Photo boxes are on either side of the field and the only reserved spaces are for AP, the Omaha World-Herald and NCAA Photos. A room dedicated to photographers will be available in the Digital Media Work Room located behind home plate on the street level (SL-111B/SL-112A).

TEAM CONTENT PERSONNEL

Each participating institution may designate two individuals as team content personnel. The team content personnel will be provided a credential and a TEAM CONTENT vest and will be permitted to film his or her game ONLY from a designated area(s) which serves all still photographers. During the game, the videographer should follow all rules that apply to still photographers.

TELEVISION NETWORK

ESPN has purchased the rights to televise the Men's College World Series. The NCAA shall coordinate with the network all arrangements regarding the telecasts of the games.

TELEVISION (LOCAL) CREDENTIALS

All television credentialed individuals (both talent and camera personnel) should read the television restrictions at ncaa.com/media.

TELEVISION (NETWORK) CREDENTIALS

The media coordinator makes contact with ESPN representatives in mid-May to request credential lists. Names, titles and photos will be required for all credentials.

Contact with individual teams is handled through each SID.

TELEVISION NEWS

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

1. **For certain NCAA championships, exclusivity will be granted.** For those championships, NCAA and/or exclusive broadcast partners will be the only entities authorized to use ENG cameras to record action in the playing area during the competition. NCAA and/or exclusive broadcast partners have no time restrictions except when the area is closed for team practices or other activities designated by the sport oversight committee, championship subcommittee. All other media outlets requesting championship video must take a feed from the exclusive broadcast partner production truck and may not air any highlights until the championship has gone off the air. Up to three minutes of this footage may be aired within 72 hours of the game on regularly scheduled news and/or sports news shows. Video and audio highlights may not be used on Internet news sites. A graphic "footage courtesy of NCAA" must be included on the footage.
2. **Team content.** Each participating institution may designate two individuals to capture photo and/or video content. The team content personnel will be provided a credential and an armband/vest. They will be permitted to film and/or photograph their student-athletes ONLY while they compete from the designated shooting area(s), as determined by the media coordinator. During competition, team content personnel must follow all rules that apply to any other credentialed media. Access may be provided to the field during closed practices, the team locker room during pregame, postgame and any other times when the locker room is open to the media. In addition, the team content personnel can shoot from any area that credentialed media has access to (e.g., concourse). Note: The team content personnel for the winning team will be allowed on the competition area to film the postgame celebration and awards ceremony, if applicable.
3. **Thirty-minute rule.** For championships where exclusive television rights have been given (CBS or ESPN), no television station other than the NCAA broadcast partner may broadcast live reports from the site of the competition from 30 minutes prior to the game until the televising network has left the air. The site of competition includes the stadium proper, concourses or hallways, and the interview, working press and locker rooms. All electronic news gathering (ENG) crews must remove videotape cameras and recorders 30 minutes prior to game time.

TIMEOUT COORDINATOR/RED HAT

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

Section 11 • Merchandise/Licensing

ADMINISTRATION

The NCAA licensing department has oversight for the event merchandising program at all rounds and sites of NCAA championships. All licensing and merchandising questions should be directed to David Clendenin (317-917-6496; dclendenin@ncaa.org).

The NCAA retains the exclusive right to sell souvenir products at the 2026 NCAA Men's College World Series. The official NCAA event championship merchandiser is Event 1, Inc., a subsidiary of GEAR FOR SPORTS, Inc.

AVAILABILITY

An online ordering system will be available to participating institutions interested in ordering Event 1, Inc., merchandise in advance of the championship. Orders will be shipped by Event 1 directly to the participating institution's campus.

Section 12 • Opening Celebration Day Activities

TEAM PHOTOS, PRACTICES AND FAN FEST

Preceding the first day of games, Thursday, June 11, is a day full of activities at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. Teams arrive at the stadium from 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in a staggered fashion to have their photo taken at the Road to Omaha sculpture and have practice on the field (9:10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Teams are encouraged to arrive at their scheduled time for the photograph at the Road to Omaha sculpture. The Fan Fest area will open to the public from noon to 4 p.m.

Please note that season-ticket holder parking passes in the designated area in Lot D will not be available on the Opening Celebration Day. Season-ticket holder parking passes begin on Friday, June 12. Lot D is open to the public on Thursday, June 11 (pay for entry).

OPENING CEREMONY EVENT

College World Series of Omaha, Inc., will tentatively host an event, including dinner and a presentation, for the eight participating teams on Opening Celebration Day (Thursday, June 11). Teams shall dress appropriately for the event (institutionally issued apparel). Team buses will drop off the student-athletes at the entrance to the venue. In order to ensure an orderly arrival, teams are assigned staggered arrival times as follows:

6:45 p.m.	Game 1: Home and Visitor
6:50 p.m.	Game 2: Home and Visitor
6:50 p.m.	Game 3: Home and Visitor
6:55 p.m.	Game 4: Home and Visitor

Each team will receive 55 dinner wristbands, including 35 for the official travel party and 20 for discretionary use by the institution. If a team has a social media staff wanting to attend the event, please make sure they have a team wristband.

Each team will receive 100 Guest Access wristbands. These wristbands will allow access to the venue starting at 7:30 pm. Guest Access wristbands are meant for those family members, friends and additional team/university guests who wish to attend the event. Guest Access wristbands do not grant access to dining areas; only those with Team Access wristbands may dine at the event. These 55 team wristbands will be supplied to the teams by CWS, Inc., staff at the Administrative Meeting along with additional event information.

VIP wristbands are distributed by CWS, Inc., to local contributors, NCAA, Creighton University, University of Nebraska at Omaha and other VIPs attending the event.

This event is not open to the public.

Section 13 • Programs

PROGRAMS

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

Section 14 • Prohibited Items

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Laser Pointers. Laser pointers of any kind are not permissible.

Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers of any kind including but not limited to, air horns, electronic instruments, inflatable noisemakers, etc., are not permissible. Facility personnel are responsible for confiscating prohibited items at the entrance points or removing such items from the facility.

Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., cups, shakers, flags) with commercial slogans or identification are not allowed on the premises. Items such as newspapers, handbills, flyers, memorabilia, T-shirts, caps, etc., except products sold/distributed by the NCAA or its agents, may not be distributed on the premises.

Signs, Flags, Banners. Large signs, flags or banners are not permissible. It is the facility personnel's responsibility to confiscate all prohibited articles. Items that can be held by one individual, reflect good sportsmanship and do not block the view of other ticketed patrons may be permitted. In no case may a sign, flag or banner be affixed to the facility.

Video Camera/Still Camera Policies. Ticketed patrons shall not bring video equipment into the facility on game days. Still cameras with a lens no longer than four inches are permissible on any day.

Section 15 • Safety and Security

BULLPENS/DUGOUTS/DRESSING ROOMS

Protection shall be provided for each team's bullpen, dugout, and clubhouse, and the umpires' dressing room.

CROWD CONTROL

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

As a courtesy to spectators, stadium ushers shall prohibit fans from walking down aisles in the reserved seat seating areas during at-bats. Fans may only walk down aisles to their seats between batters, between half innings or during other breaks in play (e.g., mound conferences, pitching changes).

FANS ON THE FIELD

Fans entering the field of play during competition may be subject to arrest and charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace or assault. Such individuals may also be fined by the City of Omaha. The NCAA and MECA shall remind fans not to enter the field via in-stadium signage, public address messages and video board messages.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

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

NONPERMISSIBLE ITEMS

The stadium management is responsible for enforcing the NCAA policies in this area.

- 1. Photography and Video Equipment.** Single-frame flash photography is permitted at the stadium, and extended length zoom lenses are permitted but lens length must be no longer than approximately three (3) inches, and no additional detachable lenses will be permitted. Mono/tripods, other professional camera equipment, movie cameras and any other video or audio recording equipment are not permitted. Guests are not permitted to transmit or aid in transmitting any account, description, picture, video, audio, reproduction or other information about any games. Fans are permitted to bring laptops, tablets or other small devices into the stadium.
- 2. Noisemakers.** Artificial noisemakers, air horns, electronic instruments, etc., are not permissible. Stadium management is responsible for removing instruments from the stadium. Thunder sticks and vuvuzelas are considered as artificial noisemakers.
- 3. Signs, Flags and Banners.** It is the responsibility of stadium 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 (not larger than three feet by five feet).
- 4. Promotional Items.** Promotional items (e.g., cups, shakers, flags, signs) with commercial slogans or identification or other unauthorized markings are not allowed inside the practice, competition and/or ancillary event venue(s), inside surrounding area(s)/facilities that are to be used, or outside on practice, competition and/or ancillary event venue property unless expressly approved in advance by the NCAA. Items such as newspapers, caps, T-shirts, etc., may not be distributed on the premises; however, items given away by NCAA corporate partners within the MCWS Fan Fest area on stadium grounds may be brought into the stadium. These approved items will be identified and communicated to MCWS fans prior to the event.
- 5. Clear Bag Policy.** The following are the guidelines:
 - a.** Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC tote bags permitted after search (when applicable). The maximum size is 12" X 12" X 6".
 - b.** Small or clutch-sized purses or wallets, not exceeding 4.5 inches tall by 6.5 inches long.

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

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

SEATING ISSUES

As a matter of practice, stadium ushers will check patron tickets as they enter the aisles of the infield reserved seating section - understanding that some patrons with outfield reserved tickets may attempt to sit in these seats. Ushers will also assist infield reserved seat ticket holders who need help getting patrons to move out of their seats. Ushers also will hold patrons on the concourse during an at bat or while play is in action.

STUDENT-ATHLETES' VALUABLES

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

TEAM BUS SWEEPS

The Omaha Police Department bomb squad shall conduct K9 sweeps of team buses at team hotels prior to any departure to the stadium (e.g., for practice, opening ceremonies or games). There will be no sweeps of buses before leaving the hotel for other locations (e.g., off-site practices, community engagement activities). A team representative or driver must remain with the bus the entire time until the sweep is completed. If the bus is left unattended, the sweep must be done again.

TEAM EVENT

For the team event on Thursday of the Opening Celebration Day, CWS of Omaha, Inc., will have security as needed.

TEAM PHOTOS

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

Section 16 • Special Activities/Events

ALUMNI HOSPITALITY

School-specific alumni groups seeking pregame hospitality options may secure space at the CHI Health Center Omaha across the street from Charles Schwab Field Omaha. There are menu options available to choose from during the MCWS and these will be provided by exclusive caterer Levy Restaurants. The CHI Health Center Omaha will need at least 24 hours notice of your intention to secure hospitality space. Interested groups should contact Theresa Contreras, CHI Health Center Omaha Convention Center Sales Manager, at 402-599-6933 or tcontreras@omahameca.com.

EXERCISE FACILITIES

Student-athletes of the participating teams shall have access to facilities at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha during their stay in Omaha. An institutional staff member with current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use must be present any time a student-athlete participates in a physical, countable athletically related activity. The facilities include the McDermott Center primary facility located at 625 Florence Blvd. (including strength training facilities) or the Rasmussen Center secondary facility located at 702 N. 17th St. Please note that a third strength training site located in the University of Nebraska at Omaha's (UNO) Baxter Arena is also available. Baxter Arena is located at 2425 S. 67th St. To make arrangements for use of these facilities, please contact Kyle Webber at 402-917-8665.

FAN FEST

The NCAA, in conjunction with The Solomon Group, shall manage a Fan Fest area in Lots B and C and on Mike Fahey Street throughout the Series. The Fan Fest shall include interactive exhibits featuring NCAA corporate partners and licensees, baseball interactive games, concessions, and other fan-targeted exhibits and presentations.

PATCHES

Adhesive shoulder patches that commemorate each team's participation in the MCWS are ordered by the NCAA. Jay Jay Rackley will provide each team 140 patches for uniforms at the administrative meeting. These patches can be placed on a maximum of four sets of uniforms, per student-athlete.

STICKERS

Special batting helmet decals with a MCWS logo have been ordered by the NCAA. Jay Jay Rackley will provide 50 stickers to each team during the administrative meeting. The decals should be affixed to the back of all batting helmets and base coach helmets.

Section 17 • Team Hosts

TEAM HOSTS

Eight of the local service organizations each host one of the teams in the Men's College World Series. Each team is required to participate in a social function provided by the team host representatives. This event will be held on the first Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the Series. A representative of each respective institution (e.g., athletics administrator with baseball oversight) must be present at any team host functions provided for your team. A representative of each hosting organization shall contact the team it represents following the super regional tournament. Team hosts shall be assigned based on the region from which teams advance out of their super regional. These hosts will be randomly assigned to teams (by region) by the NCAA on Monday, June 1.

TEAM HOST	CONTACT INFORMATION	SUPER REGIONAL WINNER
Exchange Club of Omaha	Tom Helligso (402-740-5300) John Saniuk (402-250-0308)	TROY
I-80 Cosmopolitan Club	Dave Larson (402-990-5754) Bill Bianco (402-213-7007)	AUBURN
Kiwanis Club of Omaha	Jason Gray (773-971-1397) John McDonald (402-269-8116)	LAWRENCE
Nebraska American Legion	Jim Costello (402-630-1841) Dave Salak (402-450-9092)	ATHENS
55th Force Support Squadron, Offutt AFB	Jennifer Miller (402-990-4736) Amanda McDowell (402-216-3732)	MORGANTOWN
Rotary Club of Omaha	Jim Stewart (402-740-0663) LeRoy Swedlund (402-677-7579)	AUSTIN
Westside Lions Club	Mark Bresley (402-618-5244) Doug Johnson (402-490-8191)	TUSCALOOSA
Papillion-La Vista Optimist Club	Tom Lynam (402-680-0877) Fred Uhe (402-639-4709)	CHAPEL HILL

Section 18 • Ticketing

BASIC PRINCIPLE

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

Charles Schwab Field Omaha has a seating capacity of 24,381 seats:

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

BOX OFFICE

Charles Schwab Field Omaha's box office will open at 10 a.m. Central time every day there is a game. (If no games are played on Thursday, June 18, the box office will be closed all day.) The box office also will be open on Thursday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time for advanced single game sales if inventory is available. The box office closes during the 7th inning of the final game of the day. Debit cards and credit cards are accepted. No personal checks or cash shall be accepted. Fans should check the website ncaa.com/mcws or review local media outlets for additional information.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET POLICY

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

DISABLED SERVICES

ADA seating is available throughout Charles Schwab Field Omaha. There will also be ADA seating available in the private club seat areas. Everyone requiring the use of an ADA seat will be allowed to purchase up to three additional companion seats in the same ADA seating section (pending availability). ADA tickets will be available to the general public, while supplies last, at the Charles Schwab Field Omaha box office the day of the game.

ADA seating will be set aside near each participating team's general seating area for team fans in need of accessible seating. If ADA seating is needed, the team ticket manager would be allowed to trade seats in the team ticket allotment for ADA seats. Greg Bowder of the NCAA will coordinate any team ADA requests with the Charles Schwab Field Omaha box office.

GENERAL ADMISSION

There will not be any general admission tickets offered for sale.

GENERAL PUBLIC TICKETS

Only Reserved tickets in the lower level, upper level, outfield and grandstands will be sold for the MCWS. If there are any reserved tickets available, they will be sold in advance online as well.

HOSPITALITY PACKAGES

The NCAA, through its official hospitality partner On Location, shall offer a ticket-plus-hospitality program located both within Charles Schwab Field Omaha and also in the Fan Fest Area sold on an On Location platform accessible through the NCAA website.

LOST, STOLEN OR DUPLICATE TICKETS

1. Both parties in the seating area – digital tickets:
 - a. Usher or Section Supervisor brings all affected parties to Guest Services.
 - b. Guest Services Supervisor contacts the Box Office with the duplicate section, row and seat number(s).
 - c. Box Office will research the original account holder and method of sale.
 - d. If one of the parties is identified as the original account holder (IDs must be checked at this point), that party stays in the seats and the other party must come to the Box Office unless otherwise directed by the Box Office Supervisor.
 - e. If neither party is identified as the original account holder, the person/party that arrived in the seat location first can stay. The other party will either have to go to the Box Office to purchase new tickets or may be relocated at the discretion of the Box Office.
2. Tickets stopped at the gate:
 - a. Ticket resolution attendants are located at each gate to resolve minor ticket issues. If the issue cannot be resolved at the gate, the affected party is sent to the Box Office. The Box Office will research the tickets that were stopped by the scanners including identification of ticket holder, original account holder and method of sale. A check of the Scan Report will also be made to see if the person with the ticket location has already entered the building.
 - b. If that person at the Box Office Window is found to be the valid account holder, the Box Office will radio to the Usher Supervisor to identify the party in the seats and bring them down to the Box Office to purchase new tickets or be relocated at the discretion of the Box Office.
 - c. If the person at the Box Office Window is not the original account holder, they will either purchase new tickets or exit the building.

MINIMUM AGE

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

OPENING CELEBRATION DAY

Spectator access to the stadium in the reserved seating sections shall not require a ticket on Opening Celebration Day. The club and suite level is not open to spectator access on the Opening Celebration Day.

PASS LISTS/PLAYER GUESTS

Participating institutions will not be required to obtain in-person signatures from those using player/guest tickets. No special entrance will be offered to teams for player/guest tickets, as they will be able to enter the venue through any public ticket entrance. It is strongly recommended that each team assign a minimum of two individuals to staff will call windows and player-guest windows.

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

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

RESERVED TICKETS

Due to limited capacity, the number of tickets available for purchase at Charles Schwab Field Omaha's box office on the day of that game is tentative. Any available tickets open for sale could include a limited view and some special needs seating. If participating teams turn back tickets they are not able to use, these are also offered to the public through the Charles Schwab Field Omaha box office and/or online at ncaa.com/mcwstickets.

SCALPING ORDINANCE

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

SUITE/CLUB LEVEL POLICIES

1. All Club/Suite ticket holders will have their game tickets scanned to gain access into Charles Schwab Field Omaha; any gate may be used for entry.
2. All Club/Suite ticket holders will have their game tickets internally scanned a second time at any of the Club/Suite entrances in exchange for a Club/Suite Level wristband.
3. Wristbands are clearly labeled with Club/Suite text; wristband colors are assigned per game. A separate wristband will be necessary for alcohol purchases.
4. If the Club/Suite ticket holder leaves the Club/Suite Level, they must have the current game color wristband to gain reentry to the Club/Suite level.
5. If a guest on the Club/Suite level is not wearing the current game color wristband, they will be asked to show their ticket to the Concierge; if the ticket is valid, the proper wristband will be provided. If the ticket is not valid or is already in use, the guest will be asked to leave the Club/Suite level.
6. Lost or stolen wristband replacement is solely at the discretion of the Premium Seating Department. Any person with a wristband found to be altered (cut and retaped) will be asked to leave the Club/Suite level unless a valid, unscanned ticket is provided.
7. If the Club/Suite ticket holder chooses to leave Charles Schwab Field Omaha, they must have their ticket scanned out at a Main point of entry; their ticket must be scanned again for reentry to the facility. Reentry will be granted at any of the Club/Suite entrances with the current game color wristband.

TEAM SCOUTING SEATS

As long as a team is a participant in the Series, it is entitled to two seats for the purpose of scouting opponents. Admission to a scouting seat will be with a competitor's credential. The NCAA on-field liaisons are responsible for assigning scouting seats prior to each game by taping the name of the participating institutions to their seats. All scouting seats will be in Section 112, which is located directly behind home plate.

TEAM TICKETS

1. **Team Members and Fan Tickets.** A total of 1,400 reserved seats are available per game [for Games 1-8, the Brackets 1 and 2 (if necessary games), and MCWS Finals Games 1-3] to be distributed equally among the two participating teams. As a policy that was implemented starting with the 2018 MCWS, 1,200 reserved seats per game [for Games 9-12] will also be distributed equally among the two participating teams. Visiting team tickets will be in Sections 107, 108, 202 and 302. Tickets for the home team fans will be in Sections 116, 117, 222 and 322.

The teams will receive an allotment of tickets for their first MCWS game digitally by Wednesday, June 10. A ticket manager meeting will be conducted at 1 p.m. Central time on Thursday, June 11. Tickets purchased by teams will be invoiced by the NCAA with payment expected 45 days after the Series.

Participating teams will receive a digital ticket timeline and return schedule for each MCWS game at the ticket managers meeting on Thursday, June 11. Tickets will be in the ticket manager's account for their next game as soon as their opponent has been determined. Any unused team tickets must be returned to the NCAA by 5 p.m. the day before the game.

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

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

2. **Participant Credentials.** The NCAA shall provide each team with 60 team credentials (35-person official travel party, president, director of athletics and other athletics staff) during the precompetition sports information directors meeting.
3. **Ticket Managers Window.** Two ticket windows for each team's ticket managers will be provided in the box office at Charles Schwab Field Omaha. It is strongly recommended that teams assign a minimum of two individuals to staff its service windows. Institution ticket managers may manage the team and player/guest allotment online and transfer all tickets.
4. **Team Suites.** Teams participating in the MCWS will have access to hospitality suites 15 and 18 on the suite level during the games in which their teams compete, which the NCAA will coordinate. The home team shall be in suite 18 and the visiting team in suite 15. The hospitality suites will be available to the director of athletics (or his/her primary administrator on site) for each game their team plays in the Series. The suites include 14 seats outside the enclosed suite as well as space for seating and dining (for an additional 10 people) inside each suite. There will be no premium charge for use of the suites; however, each team will be responsible for its own catering and for the face value cost of each ticket, up to a maximum of 24 seats per suite. A suite ticket is required for use of the suite. Like team tickets in the reserved seating areas, team ticket managers will work through Greg Bowder of the NCAA staff to manage their suite ticket needs on a per game basis. Teams are not required to purchase a suite if they do not want to use the suite for their participating game. The same ticket turn-back policy for team tickets will also apply to team suites.

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

TEAM TICKET INVOICES

The team ticket invoices will be completed by an NCAA staff member; one copy will be returned with the ticket order as a receipt and one copy will be used as a record when balancing daily.

TICKET EXCHANGE

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

Section 19 • Transportation

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

The NCAA will provide transportation reimbursement for a traveling party of 35 persons. **All teams should arrive in Omaha on Wednesday, June 10 (in advance of the prechampionship administrative meeting which will begin at 6 p.m. Central time).**

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 on-site ground transportation. Short's Travel Management (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 the NCAA online system. The TES can be found at travel.ncaa.org.

All NCAA Championship travel information can be found [here](#). NCAA travel policies supersede all other documentation.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

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

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

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

TEAM TRANSPORTATION - MILEAGE LIMITS

Division I teams located within 400 miles of their competition site are required to use ground transportation. Teams located outside 400 miles for Division I may use air transportation.

LOCAL TEAM TRANSPORTATION

CWS of Omaha, Inc., will provide local bus transportation at no charge to the participating teams. Teams should advise their service club hosts of their arrival plans so the host can make arrangements. Buses will be available to transport teams to and from practice sessions and games. Additional buses are available at the team's expense. Team buses shall park along 13th Street just outside the Team Personnel Entrance to the stadium. If a team uses an additional bus for staff/VIP transportation to the stadium, they may drop off at the 13th Street location, but must park the bus on the east side (back) of the CHI Health Center Omaha. Permission to park will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, by calling Amy Hornocker of CWS, Inc., at 515-491-5160 (cell).

METRO

Fans have an option provided by Metro for a stress-free option to and from the stadium.

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

POLICE ESCORTS

College World Series of Omaha, Inc., has made arrangements with the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to provide escorts for MCWS participating team buses. Police escorts shall be provided for transportation to Charles Schwab Field Omaha for the Opening Ceremony and team competition. This includes off-site pregame batting practices. All other team bus transportation (e.g., practices, team entertainment) will not receive a police escort.

In order to secure a police escort to Charles Schwab Field Omaha, team representatives are expected to work directly with the OPD. The Omaha Police Traffic Sergeant you may contact is Sgt. Tim Ringhoff (402-630-9723 - cell). Each team should appoint a specific contact person to work directly with Sgt. Ringhoff to arrange police escorts. Sgt. Ringhoff will work with the OPD Mobile Command Center to secure expedited transportation for team buses. Please give Sgt. Ringhoff as much advance notice of your expected departure time as possible.

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

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

Below is estimated bus driving times, under escort, to Charles Schwab Field Omaha from the six team hotels. Please note that actual drive times may vary depending on traffic congestion.

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

RENTAL CARS

Each participating team will be provided with two vehicles (sports utility vehicle and van) for its use throughout the Men's College World Series. Enterprise will deliver the vehicles to the team hotels (typically the day before the team arrival). Before the cars are delivered each team will notify Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org) with the contact information for the principal driver of each vehicle. The keys and contracts will be left in an envelope at the front desk of the team hotel.

A team representative is required to sign the appropriate paperwork. If the team has questions about their team rental vehicles, they should contact Jeremy Brown at Enterprise 315-723-2379; jeremy.k.brown@em.com). Keys should be left at the hotel front desk at the time of hotel check-out. The team representative must also call the person listed on the envelope upon departure. This contact should be listed on the envelope that contained the initial paperwork and keys. If an institution is interested in renting additional vehicles (beyond the two provided), they may either contact Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215) between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Central time, seven days a week, or they may make their own additional rental vehicle arrangements at the institution's own expense. If renting additional vehicles from Short's with Enterprise Car Rental, teams will be provided with a discounted rate on any additional vehicles. Note that since the cost of any additional vehicles is at the institution's expense, the use of Short's Travel is not required for these extra vehicles.

Parking passes for these two team vehicles will be provided at the prechampionship administrative meeting. Additional parking passes will also be provided for use at your team's discretion at the administrative meeting. Team buses are the only vehicles permitted to park on 13th Street.

TES SYSTEM

For postseason championship reimbursement, participating teams must complete the championship reimbursement form located online at the following link for the MCWS: web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login?js=true.

Section 20 • Umpires

ADMINISTRATION

The umpires selected to work the Men's College World Series shall report to the National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires, who in turn reports to the NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee, Championship Subcommittee for all matters related to the administration of the Series. During the conduct of a game, the umpire-in-chief shall be in charge.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ROTATION

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

Four umpires shall be assigned to each game, with the exception of the MCWS Finals when six umpires shall be assigned.

MICROPHONES

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

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Appendix A • Schedule of Events



2026 NCAA Men's College World Series Schedule of Events – Team Version

Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, June 10		
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
3 – 5 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
6 p.m.	Administrative Meeting with Participating Teams	Omaha Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District (Dodge Douglas Room)
7:30 p.m.	Sports Information Directors (SID) Meeting	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Thursday, June 11		
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
9:10 – 10 a.m.	Game No. 1 Home Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
10:10 – 11 a.m.	Game No. 1 Visitors Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
11:10 a.m. – Noon	Game No. 2 Home Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
12:10 – 1 p.m.	Game No. 2 Visitors Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
1:10 – 2 p.m.	Game No. 3 Home Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
2:10 – 3 p.m.	Game No. 3 Visitors Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
3:10 – 4 p.m.	Game No. 4 Home Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
4:10 – 5 p.m.	Game No. 4 Visitors Practice	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
* Each team will be required to arrive at least one hour and 25 minutes in advance of the start of your team practice for your team photo and ESPN/ www.ncaa.com/VanWagner /NCAA Digital and Social Media interviews, and a formal press conference.		
Noon – 2:30 p.m. (tentative)	Press Lunch	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
Noon – 4 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
1 p.m.	Team Ticket Managers Meeting	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Office Workroom
5 p.m.	Team deadline to return unused tickets	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Box Office
7 p.m.	Opening Ceremony Event	Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium 3701 S. 10 th Street
Friday, June 12		
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
1 p.m.	Game No. 1 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 1 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
4:30 – 7 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
6 p.m.	Game No. 2 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha

Friday, June 12 (continued)		
Postgame	Game No. 2 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Saturday, June 13		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
Noon – 7 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
2 p.m.	Game No. 3 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 3 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
5:30 – 8 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
7 p.m.	Game No. 4 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 4 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Sunday, June 14		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
1 p.m.	Game No. 5 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 5 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
4:30 – 7 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
6 p.m.	Game No. 6 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 6 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Monday, June 15		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
1 p.m.	Game No. 7 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 7 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
4:30 – 7 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
6 p.m.	Game No. 8 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 8 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Tuesday, June 16		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window

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Tuesday, June 16 (continued)		
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
1 p.m.	Game No. 9 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 9 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
5 – 7:30 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
7 p.m.	Game No. 10 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 10 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Wednesday, June 17		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
1 p.m.	Game No. 11 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 11 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
4:30 – 7 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
6 p.m.	Game No. 12 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Game No. 12 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Thursday, June 18		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
TBD	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest (If Necessary)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
TBD (1 p.m.)	Bracket 1 (If Necessary) (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Bracket 1 (If Necessary) Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
4:30 – 7 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner (Voucher Distribution) (If Necessary)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
TBD (6 p.m.)	Bracket 2 (If Necessary) (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	Bracket 2 (If Necessary) Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Friday, June 19		
9:30 – 11 a.m.	MCWS Finals Team #1 Media/Content Obligations	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
Closed	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
11 – 11:30 a.m.	MCWS Finals Team #1 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
11:30 a.m. – Noon	MCWS Finals Team #2 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team #2 Media/Content Obligations	Charles Schwab Field Omaha

Friday, June 19 (continued)		
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team #1 Practice (Optional)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Noon – 3:10 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team Meetings	Charles Schwab Field Omaha On-Field During Practices
1:40 – 3:10 p.m.	MCWS Finals Team #2 Practice (Optional)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Saturday, June 20		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
4 – 7 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
5 – 7 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
5 – 7 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
6 – 7 p.m.	NCAA Men’s College World Series Pregame Show (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha On Concourse (Studio)
7 p.m.	MCWS Finals Game No. 1 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	MCWS Finals Game No. 1 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Sunday, June 21		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
1 – 1:30 p.m.	NCAA Men’s College World Series Pregame Show (ABC)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha On Concourse (Studio)
1:30 p.m.	MCWS Finals Game No. 2 (ABC)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	MCWS Finals Game No. 2 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C
Monday, June 22 (If Necessary)		
10 a.m. – Postgame	Championship Headquarters	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Administrative Offices (SL-100.4)
3 – 6 p.m.	MCWS Fan Fest (If Necessary)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Lots B & C and Mike Fahey Street
4 – 6 p.m. (tentative)	Press Dinner (Voucher Distribution) (If Necessary)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Box
4 – 6 p.m.	Media Credential Distribution	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ticket Window
5:30 – 6 p.m.	NCAA Men’s College World Series Pregame Show (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha On Concourse (Studio)
6 p.m.	MCWS Finals Game No. 3 (ESPN)	Charles Schwab Field Omaha
Postgame	MCWS Finals Game No. 3 Press Conference	Charles Schwab Field Omaha Press Interview Room SL-112B&C

- ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL TIME.

Appendix B • Institutional Contact Form



2026 NCAA MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES INSTITUTIONAL CONTACT FORM

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Athletics Director: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Team Administrator: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Director of Baseball Operations: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Sports Information Contact: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Ticket Manager: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Athletic Trainer: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Equipment Manager: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Head Coach: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

**E-MAIL BY NOON CENTRAL TIME TUESDAY, JUNE 9 TO
Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org); Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org);
and Amy Hornocker (amy@cwsomaha.com)**

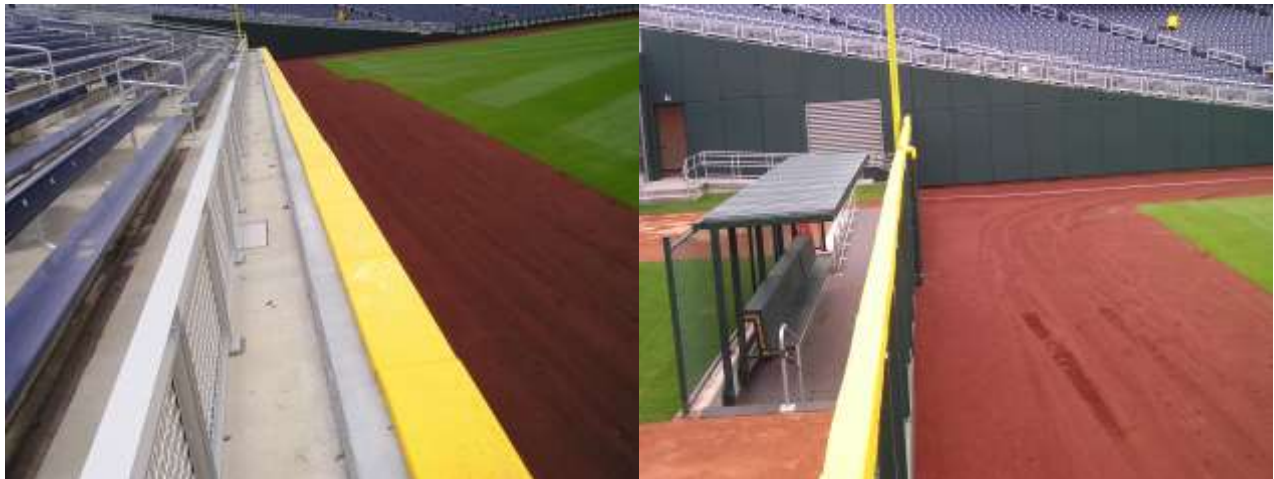
Appendix C • Charles Schwab Field Omaha Ground Rules



GROUND RULES Charles Schwab Field OMAHA

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

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





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





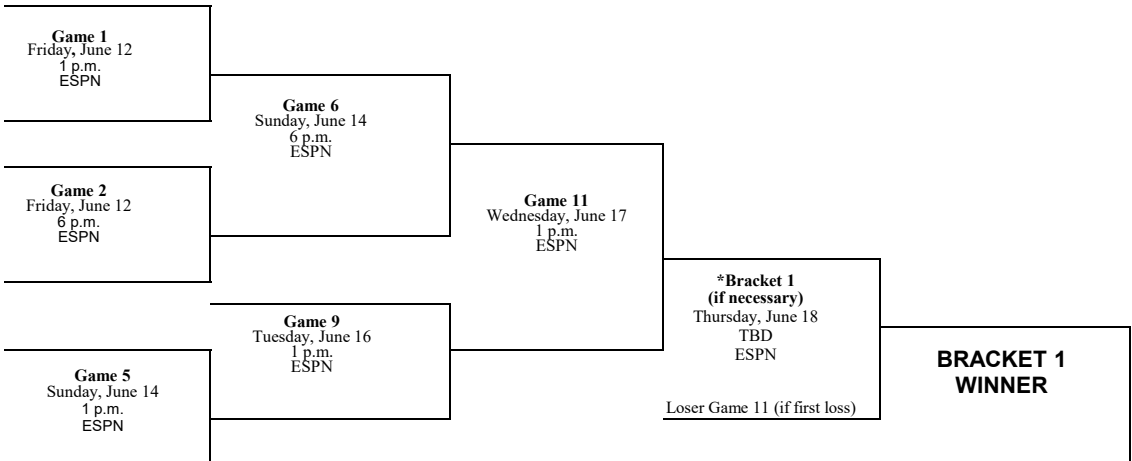
3. Field Procedures.
 - a. The dugouts end where the rubber matting ends. Please note that beyond this area is a photo booth.
 - b. Players who wish to throw to stay loose during an inning may not do so in live ball territory. They should use the bullpens or batting cage if available.
 - c. Bullpen gates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

Appendix D • MCWS Bracket



2026 NCAA Men's College World Series Charles Schwab Field Omaha - Omaha, Nebraska June 12-21/22

BRACKET 1



BRACKET 2



NATIONAL CHAMPION

**MCWS Finals
(Best two-of-three)**
Game One - Saturday, June 20 - TBD (ESPN)
Game Two - Sunday, June 21 - 1:30 p.m. (ABC)
#Game Three - Monday, June 22 - 6 p.m. (ESPN)

All times Central and subject to change. *Home Team

*Bracket 1 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11.

**Bracket 2 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12.

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

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Appendix E • MCWS Team Roster Form



2026 NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Travel Party Roster

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, 34 eligible student-athletes in uniform, and seven (7) 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 45 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). A non-rostered bullpen catcher is permitted but must be included in the 45-person team dugout limit. The 45 individuals listed below are the only individuals authorized in the dugout.

TEAM MEMBERS		NUMBER	TEAM MEMBERS		NUMBER
1			31		
2			32		
3			33		
4			34		
5			COACHES		
6			1		
7			2		
8			3		
9			4		
10			OTHERS: ATHLETIC TRAINERS; MGRS.; Etc.		
11			1		
12			2		
13			3		
14			4		
15			5		
16			6		
17			7		
18			BAT HANDLER (must be at least 13 years old)		
19			1		
20					
21					
22					
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					
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29					
30					

Appendix F • Opening Day Practice Schedule

2026 NCAA Men’s College World Series Opening Day Practice Schedule – Thursday, June 11

Game One Home	<p>Team Photo: 7:45 a.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 8 - 9 a.m. Practice: 9:10 - 10 a.m. Open Clubhouse: 10:05 - 10:25 a.m. Press Conference: 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.</p>
Game One Visitor	<p>Team Photo: 8:45 a.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 9 - 10 a.m. Practice: 10:10 - 11 a.m. Open Clubhouse: 11:05 - 11:25 a.m. Press Conference: 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.</p>
Game Two Home	<p>Team Photo: 9:45 a.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 10 - 11 a.m. Practice: 11:10 a.m. - Noon Open Clubhouse: 12:05 - 12:25 p.m. Press Conference: 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.</p>
Game Two Visitor	<p>Team Photo: 10:45 a.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 11 a.m. - Noon Practice: 12:10 - 1 p.m. Open Clubhouse: 1:05 - 1:25 p.m. Press Conference: 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.</p>
Game Three Home	<p>Press Conference: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Team Photo: 11:45 a.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: Noon - 1 p.m. Practice: 1:10 - 2 p.m. Open Clubhouse: 2:05 - 2:25 p.m. Press Conference: 2:15 - 2:45 p.m.</p>
Game Three Visitor	<p>Press Conference: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Team Photo: 12:45 p.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 1 - 2 p.m. Practice: 2:10 - 3 p.m. Open Clubhouse: 3:05 - 3:25 p.m. Press Conference: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.</p>
Game Four Home	<p>Press Conference: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Team Photo: 1:45 p.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 2 - 3 p.m. Practice: 3:10 - 4 p.m. Open Clubhouse: 4:05 - 4:25 p.m. Press Conference: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.</p>
Game Four Visitor	<p>Press Conference: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Team Photo: 2:45 p.m. ESPN/NCAA.com/Van Wagner/NCAA Social Media: 3 - 4 p.m. Practice: 4:10 - 5 p.m. Open Clubhouse: 5:05 - 5:25 p.m. Press Conference: 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.</p>
All Teams	<p>Opening Ceremony Event Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium 3701 South 10th Street; Omaha, Nebraska 68107</p>

Appendix G • Off-Site Practice Information

2026 MCWS OFF-SITE PRACTICE INFORMATION

Scheduling

Any institution wishing to practice at off-site facilities must schedule/coordinate through Kyle Webber [CWS of Omaha Inc.] at 402-917-8665. All off-site practices will be scheduled in 2-hour blocks.

Off-site Pregame Batting Practice

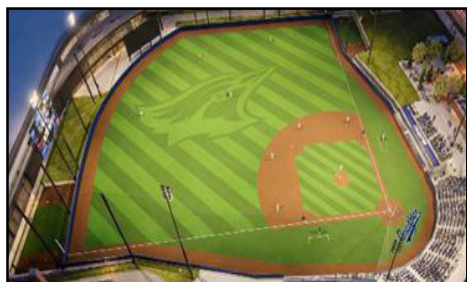
Scheduling – If both teams wish to take pregame batting practice off-site at the same location, the home team would automatically be scheduled to hit 2 hours and 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. The visiting team would then hit 1 hour and 50 minutes before their scheduled game time.

Notice of Intent - Should a team decide to hit pregame batting practice off-site; team officials must coordinate a facility with Kyle Webber [402-917-8665] and notify NCAA staff [Chad Tolliver: 317-966-6458] that they will not be hitting at Charles Schwab Field Omaha at least three hours before the time of their scheduled batting practice.

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

Available Off-site Fields

Creighton University



Creighton Baseball Field

Turf Field

JJ Borecky: 402-613-4422

Brandon McCarville: 402-660-5864

Nebraska at Omaha



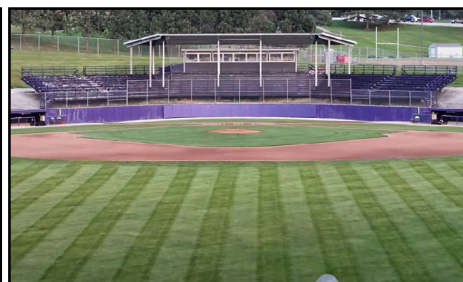
Tal Anderson Field

Turf Field (SB field also available)

Michael Smith: 402-979-0068

Ethan Anderson: 402-960-2481

Bellevue East High School



Roddy Field

Natural Grass Field

Steve Jarrett: 402-681-1533

Chad Holtz: 402-690-7268

Available Indoor & Weight Rooms

Creighton University



Rasmussen Center

3 Indoor Cages/Turf Area

JJ Borecky: 402-613-4422

Brandon McCarville: 402-660-5864

Creighton University



McDermott Center (Athletics)

5,000 sqft. weight room-14 racks

Dan Bailey: 402-639-4827

JJ Borecky: 402-613-4422

Creighton University

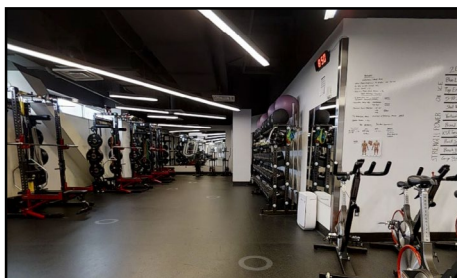


Kiewit Fitness Center (Campus)

6,500 sqft. weight room-4 dbl. racks

Jason Thornton: 417-414-7116

Nebraska at Omaha



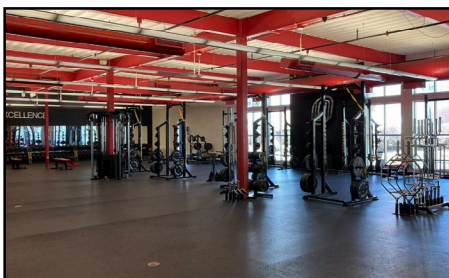
Baxter Arena Weight Room

2,500 sqft. weight room-6 racks

Ben Silvers: 734-945-8510

Ray Hawili: 313-638-0964

Nebraska at Omaha



Sapp Fieldhouse Weight Room

5,000 sqft. weight room-12 racks

Ray Hawili: 313-638-0964

Appendix I • Levy Team Meal Information

TEAM TRAINING TABLE

TEAMS WILL RECEIVE ASSORTED SNACKS IN EACH CLUBHOUSE OR HOLDING AREA PRIOR TO EACH GAME. NO CHARGE TO TEAMS, NO REFILLS.

SHORT NOTICE TEAM REQUESTS

SHORT NOTICE ORDERS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TEAM. ORDERS PLACED WITHIN 12 HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. TEAMS WILL BE INVOICED, VIA EMAIL, PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THEIR ORDER.

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

ADDITIONAL CLUBHOUSE SNACKS TEAM EXPENSE	PRE-BOXED MEALS TEAM EXPENSE	DELI TRAY INCLEMENT WEATHER
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WHOLE FRUIT	18.00 DZ
GRANOLA BARS	20.00 DZ
TRAIL MIX	18.00 DZ
STRING CHEESE	18.00 DZ
PICKLE POUCHES	5.00 EA
DELI TRAY	300.00 EA
<i>SERVES 30</i>	
SPECIALTY ITEMS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST	

CLASSIC DELI SANDWICHES <i>Ham, Turkey or Roast Beef with lettuce, tomato, and American cheese</i>
CHEESEBURGERS <i>Lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and American cheese</i>
GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICHES <i>Lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles</i>
PULLED PORK SANDWICHES <i>Smoked pork, BBQ sauce and pickles</i>
12.00 EACH
<small>ALL PREBOXED MEALS COME WITH POTATO CHIPS</small>

SUPPLIED WHEN GAME HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO WEATHER.

DELIVERED TO EACH CLUBHOUSE. NO CHARGE TO TEAMS, NO REFILLS.

ASSORTED BREAD, DELI MEATS AND CHEESES, ALONG WITH POTATO CHIPS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CATERING ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO 21% SERVICE CHARGE, PLUS 7% TAX. THIS SERVICE CHARGE IS NOT A TIP AND IS NOT DISTRIBUTED TO SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Appendix J • Bat Testing Information

SUPPLEMENT NO. 3



NCAA BASEBALL BAT TESTING PROTOCOL UPDATED DECEMBER 2025

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

For Division I, the NCAA Baseball Rules require that all nonwood bats used during competition be reviewed by baseball bat testing conducted prior to the start of play on each date of competition. For Divisions II and III, the rules require that all nonwood bats used during competition be reviewed by baseball bat testing conducted prior to the start of play for each 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 shall not be used in 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 postseason 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.
5. Ensure the bat does not have a foreign substance on the surface of the bat beyond 18 inches from the end of the handle.

(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** - 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. All nonwood bats shall be tested approximately six (6) inches from the end of the barrel. The bat will then be rotated 90 degrees and tested again
3. Bats will be tested a maximum of three times, until it receives two passing results or two failing results, whichever comes first.
4. If after tests:
 - a. The bat has two passing results, the bat will be considered approved for competition.
 - b. 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.
 - c. The bat has two failing results, the bat will be considered unacceptable for play and is surrendered for the duration of the game/series.
 - d. If the compliance or non-compliance of a bat is questioned, game management will request final review by the umpire Crew Chief or umpire crew prior to a team's first game at a neutral site venue or tournament.

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. The bat testing sticker used for that day of competition shall be placed on the lineup card given to the umpire. For Division I, bats are required to be tested each day of competition. *Note: Bat stickers will be supplied by the NCAA for all rounds of the NCAA Baseball Championships (all three divisions).*

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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 as 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 scheduled start of competition.
- b. Testing must be conducted with representatives from both teams and a game management 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 spectators/media.

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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. The bat testing sticker used for that day of competition shall be placed on the lineup card given to the umpire.

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.
- **Delano Bat Company.** The Delano Bat Company – “Original Gamer” model, model number FOG-25-32, FOG-25-33, FOG-26-31, FOG-26-32, FOG-26-33, and FOG-26-34 are a wood composite bat design and are 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.

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TESTING QUESTIONS

Member institutions and conferences should contact Stanley Broaden (sbroaden@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.

Appendix K • Student-Athlete Memento Order Form

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR TEAM'S SUCCESS!

To celebrate your accomplishment, the NCAA is gifting Student-Athlete Mementos on-site at the Championship!



*The number of Student-Athlete Mementos you receive will match the NCAA-prescribed travel party size.

HOW TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE MEMENTOS

To purchase additional mementos beyond your travel party allotment, follow the steps below.

1. Navigate to <https://ncaa-champ-mementos.myshopify.com/> OR scan the QR code on this page.
2. Enter the password: **DIGIFT25_26**
3. Select your Championship Logo.
4. Choose the quantity of additional gifts you'd like and add them to your cart.
5. At checkout, provide your contact information and the shipping address for delivery.
6. Enter your payment information (all gifts must be paid for at checkout).
7. Submit your order.



Orders for additional Student-Athlete Mementos will be processed and shipped within two weeks.

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Morgan England at morgan@yiworks.com

Appendix L • MCWS Team Photo Information



**MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
ADDITIONAL TEAM PLAQUE & PHOTO ORDER FORM**

**EACH TEAM WILL BE GIVEN 45 PHOTO PLAQUES AT THE 2026 MCWS.*

PLEASE CONTACT KATIE KARMAZIN AT [KATIE@CWSOMAHA.COM](mailto:katie@cwsomaha.com) OR 402-657-5651 BY AUGUST 15, 2026, TO PLACE AN ORDER.

TEAM NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (NOT A P.O. BOX): _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

PRODUCT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
TEAM PLAQUE		\$40	\$
TEAM PHOTO		\$15	\$
TOTAL:			\$

EMAIL COMPLETED ORDER FORMS TO [KATIE@CWSOMAHA.COM](mailto:katie@cwsomaha.com).

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PAYMENT.

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