

# PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP 2023-24 MANUAL

# **NCAA General Administrative Guidelines**

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# **Section 1 • Introduction**

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

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

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

#### Section 1.1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Squad Size.** In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of competition.

**Tournament Physician**. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

# Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

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

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

# **Section 3 • Conduct**

# Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

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

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

## Section 3.2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

## Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

### Section 3.4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

#### **MISCONDUCT**

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

# Section 3.5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

#### **POSTSEASON**

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

#### **HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

# Section 3.6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships

can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require realtime consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

# Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

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

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, **click here**.

# Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

# Section 6 • Health and Safety

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 including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. 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. In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events.

# Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

 Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and 2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

# Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

# Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online <a href="here">here</a>. Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

# **Section 10 • Division II**

# Section 10.1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. (Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning, Service, Passion, Sportsmanship, Resourcefulness and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: (Revised: 1/14/97)

- a. Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- b. That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- c. Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- d. That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)
- e. Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- f. Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- g. That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large; (Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)
- h. Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; (Revised: 1/14/97)
- i. Recognizing the need to "Balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); (Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- j. Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)
- k. That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget, and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and (Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- I. That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. (Revised: 1/14/97)

### Section 10.2 Division II Code of Conduct

#### **CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT**

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit the online form required for the sport administrator and have a complete and accurate signature page on file at the institution before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, institutional chancellor/president, institutional athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

#### MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: "... 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."

#### **EXPECTATIONS**

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship(s) packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship(s) events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

#### EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Have on file at the institution an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct signature page before the start of the first competition of the championship(s).
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship competition.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel traveling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in a honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- · Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship(s) site.
- Abide by federal, state and local laws and regulations and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- · Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

#### POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;

- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more
- g. NCAA championships;
- h. Cancelation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship(s); and
- i. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the chancellor/president of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

# Section 10.3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences/videoconferences, pre-championship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university chancellor/president university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

# Section 10.4 Make Game Day Yours

Division II promotes a game environment that is respectful and engaging for everyone through the Make Game Day Yours initiative. The initiative aims to create a positive game environment at Division II contests and promotes excellent customer service among hosts to both teams' fans, student-athletes, coaches and game officials.

Championship hosts should keep in mind the importance of safety, responsiveness and dignity in order to achieve a positive experience. We ask that each participant and fan be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Make Game Day Yours.

# Section 10.5 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (*Revised:* 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)

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

# **Division II Baseball**

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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#### Section 1.2 National Committee

#### Current members of the committee are:

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#### **CENTRAL REGION**

#### **Bryce Darnell**

Head Baseball Coach Missouri Southern State University

#### **EAST REGION**

#### **Matt Akins**

Associate Director of Athletics Saint Michael's College

#### **MIDWEST REGION**

#### **Mark Shook**

Director of Athletics Kentucky Wesleyan College

#### **SOUTH REGION**

#### John M. Phillips

Director of Athletics Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

#### **Nathan Blackwood**

Head Baseball Coach Lubbock Christian University

#### **SOUTHEAST REGION**

#### **Dustin Fuls**

Compliance Coordinator North Greenville University

#### **WEST REGION**

#### **Desi Storey**

Head Baseball Coach Central Washington University

# Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC REGION		
Guy Robertson	Frostburg	MEC
Jimmy Mullins	Glenville St.	MEC
Torry Rollins	Seton Hill	PSAC
John Kochmansky	East Stroudsburg	PSAC
Drew Bailey	Bluefield	Independent
CENTRAL REGION		·
Bryce Darnell	Mo. Southern St.	MIAA
Stan Wagnon	Central Okla.	MIAA
Ryan Bowen	Northwestern Okla.	GAC
Brian Ramsey	Ouachita Baptist	GAC
Alex Koch	Wayne St. (NE)	NSIC
Pam Gohl	Sioux Falls	NSIC
EAST REGION		
Matthew Atkins	Saint Michael's	NE10
Mike Rocco	Assumption	NE10
Jon Garvey	St. Thomas Aquinas	ECC
Chris Schoen	Mercy	ECC
Pat Horvath	Jefferson	CACC
AJ McNamara	Post	CACC
MIDWEST REGION		
Mark Shook	Ky. Wesleyan	G-MAC
Tim Mead	Walsh	G-MAC
Tom Albano	Purdue Northwest	GLIAC
Kevin Tidy	Davenport	GLIAC
Josh Rabe	Quincy	GLVC
Gary Burns	Rockhurst	GLVC
SOUTH REGION		
John Phillip	Embry-Riddle (FL)	SSC
Lance Niekro	Fla. Southern	SSC
Antonio Grissom	Morehouse	SIAC
Robert Henry	Kentucky St.	SIAC
Erik Maas	Montevallo	GSC
Rodney Batts	Delta St.	GSC
SOUTH CENTRAL REGIO	N	
Nathan Blackwood	Lubbock Christian	LSC
Robert Coleman	St. Mary's (Texas)	LSC
Heather Sutton	UC-Colo. Springs	RMAC
Bobby Applegate	CSU Pueblo	RMAC

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
SOUTHEAST REGION		
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Chris Anderson	Belmont Abbey	Conference Carolinas
Julio Llanos	Columbus St.	PBC
Nolan Belcher	Georgia College	PBC
Tom Griffin	Carson-Newman	SAC
Justin Hay	Lenoir-Rhyne	SAC
WEST REGION		
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Steve O'Brien	Saint Martin's	GNAC
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Joe Turgeon	CUI	PacWest PacWest
Tony Schifano	San Fran. St.	CCAA
Brian Swanson	Cal Poly Pomona	CCAA

# Section 1.4 Important Dates

Thursday, Feb. 1	2024 AQ application forms due from conferences.
Wednesday, April 10	Committee/RAC Orientation Webinar – noon Eastern time.
Tuesday, April 16	Regional advisory committee calls (unpublished ranking).
Wednesday, April 17	National committee call (unpublished ranking).
	Proposed budget materials posted on ncaa.org.
Tuesday, April 23	Regional advisory committee calls (first ranking call).
Wednesday, April 24	National committee call - first published ranking on NCAA.com.
Tuesday, April 30	Regional advisory committee calls (second ranking call).
Wednesday, May 1	National committee call - second published ranking on NCAA.com.
Monday, May 6	Proposed budgets for hosting regionals due to NCAA national office.
Tuesday, May 7	Regional advisory committee calls (third ranking call).
Wednesday, May 8	National committee call - third published ranking on NCAA.com.
Saturday-Sunday, May 11-12	Regional advisory committee selection calls.
Sunday, May 12	National committee selection.
	Selection show on NCAA.com, 10 p.m. Eastern time (tentative).

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

May 16-19	Regionals: on-campus sites.
May 24-25	Super Regionals: on-campus sites.
June 1-8	Finals: Cary, North Carolina.

#### **DATE FORMULA**

The finals begin the first Saturday after Memorial Day (Saturday to Saturday). Regionals are the Thursday through Saturday, two weeks before the finals, and super regionals are the Friday and Saturday the week before the finals.

#### **FUTURE DATES**

20	25	<b>Dates</b>
ZU	23	Dates

May 15-17	Regionals: On-campus sites.
May 22-23	Super regionals: On-campus sites.
May 31-June 7	Finals: Cary, North Carolina.
2026 Dates	
May 14-16	Regionals: On-campus sites.
May 22-23	Super regionals: On-campus sites.
May 30-June 6	Finals: Cary, North Carolina.
2027 Dates	
May 20-22	Regionals: On-campus sites.
May 28-29	Super regionals: On-campus sites.
June 5-12	Finals: Cary, North Carolina.

### Section 1.5 Equipment

The Rawlings FSR1NCAA flat-seam baseball has been selected as the official baseball for all NCAA championship tournaments.

The appropriate number of balls will be sent to all tournaments. The balls will be shipped from the manufacturer to the director of athletics or tournament director at the host institution. Each team must furnish its own practice balls.

### Section 1.6 Rules

NCAA Baseball Rules shall be followed to the letter. Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

# Section 1.7 Uniforms

Once a team enters the stadium/field, it must be in full pregame or regular-game uniform (no shorts permitted). In addition, team representatives must be in appropriate attire, not necessarily in uniform, for all other championship functions (press conferences, all practices, banquets, autograph sessions, etc.), which shall include warmups, batting practice and infield practice. Team personnel must remain in uniform until they exit the facility.

For the regionals and finals, teams must be in pregame or regular-game uniform for warmups, batting practice, infield practice and competition at the site.

#### **LOGOS**

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

# Section 2 • Determination of **Championship Participation**

# Section 2.1 Championship Format

All regular-season contests must be completed the Saturday before selections. All games must be scheduled to start not later than 3 p.m. Eastern time the Sunday of selections. (Allowances will be made for weather delays at the NCAA championship manager's discretion.)

Regionals/Super Regionals. The championship preliminary round competition provides for 16 regional sites that consist of either 3-team or 4-team, double-elimination tournaments. The winners of these regional-round competitions advance to a super-regional round that consist of two teams competing in a best-of-three series. Each of the eight regions are awarded postseason bids for six or eight teams, according to the regional access ratio. The following is the breakdown of regional tournament bids for 2024:

REGION	REGIONAL BIDS
Atlantic	7 (one, 3-team and one 4-team regional sites)
South Central	6 (two, 3-team regional sites)
West	6 (two, 3-team regional sites)
East	7 (one, 3-team and one 4-team regional sites)
Southeast	7 (one, 3-team and one 4-team regional sites)
Central	8 (two, 4-team regional sites)
Midwest	7 (one, 3-team and one 4-team regional sites)
South	8 (two, 4-team regional sites)

See Appendix A for all championship brackets.

Further information regarding the regional/super-regional format and schedule can be found in the Preliminary Rounds **Host Operations Manual.** 

During the first day of competition, only the host institution for a regional competition (not the No. 1 seed) may schedule its game at any of the established starting times; however, the game it replaces shall be played at the time originally scheduled for the host team. It should be noted that the pairings in the bracket may not be altered and the game times during the remainder of the tournament may not be adjusted. If no games are played the first day due to inclement weather, the host must play at the time as determined by the bracket.

Championship Finals. The eight super-regional champions will advance to the championship finals. Teams will be seeded by the national committee using the established selection criteria and placed in the bracket. A completed bracket with game times will be provided during the Monday, May 27 teleconference.

Four teams will be placed in one bracket and four teams will be placed in the other. The brackets will be a true doubleelimination format. The two bracket winners will play to determine the national champion.

#### **DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAM**

For first-round games during championship competition when teams are seeded, the higher-seeded team shall be designated as the home team. In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to a formula applied by the games committee.

In determining which of two teams in any game will be the home team, the games committee or the committee representative shall designate the home team using the following guidelines (except "if-necessary" games\*):

- The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times in that particular tournament.
- 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 higher-seeded team will be the home team.

\*In an "if-necessary" game, the teams will reverse home and away designation regardless of the above guidelines but remain in the same dugout and same uniforms.

#### **DUGOUT DESIGNATION AND UNIFORM COLORS**

The home team shall occupy the third-base dugout, take infield practice first and wear white, or light-colored, uniforms. The visiting team must wear a uniform of contrasting color.

The host institution may occupy their regular home dugout, regardless of their home/away designation, in games that they are participating. In this instance, the infield practice and uniform protocols remain the same.

The games committee, in conjunction with the NCAA championship manager, will resolve any conflicts in the selection/ designation of dugout and uniforms. All decisions are final.

#### START TIMES

Start times will be determined by the NCAA in conjunction with the host institution. It is preferred that regional hosts adhere to the recommended game times noted on the regional bracket located in the appendixes of this manual. The committee will make every attempt not to start a game before 10 a.m. (noon on Sunday) or after 11 p.m.; however, games may be started up until 11:59 p.m.

#### LENGTH OF GAME - HALTED-GAME RULE

All games shall be nine innings. If play has been stopped before nine innings have been completed, the halted-game rule (Rule 5-9) shall be used. [Note: The 10-Run Rule - Rule 5-8-b-(4) - shall not be used for regionals.]

In Division II, the games committee will make the decision as to when a game will be started, suspended, restarted or declared completed. If a regional cannot be completed, a team will advance to the final based on the following:

- Until one team becomes 3-0, the highest-seeded team that has not been eliminated will advance to the finals.
- If teams have an equal number of losses, the higher-seeded team, as determined by the Division II Baseball Committee before the start of regional play, will advance to the finals.

#### TRAVEL PARTY

The travel party for the Division II Baseball Championship is 29 persons. The number of eligible players in uniform shall not exceed 25. At the administrative meeting, each coach shall designate the 25 eligible players who will participate in the championship. A roster will be provided to list the 25 players, as well as the other personnel to be allowed in the dugout during the game.

The maximum number of people in the dugout area is 40. This includes 25 eligible players, and 15 additional personnel who regularly have performed functions during the season. One additional credential may be provided for a certified medical professional upon request. This cannot be used by an athletic trainer, other member of the institution's staff or a non-competing student-athlete.

Postseason Roster Replacements. Changes to the official squad list may only be made before the first pitch of the tournament. Changes shall not be permitted for any reason, including injury. (Note: Changes would be permitted between regionals and super regionals, and between super regionals and the championship).

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

#### Section 2.2 Results

#### SCORE REPORTING

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are now combined for Division II baseball. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will then be imported into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a memo from the media services staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Dave Lentz (dlentz@ncaa.org or 317-917-0783).

The regional advisory committee will conduct its weekly rankings on the following Tuesdays: April 23, 30 and May 7. The national committee will conduct its weekly rankings on the following Wednesdays: April 24, May 1 and 8.

### Section 2.3 Selection Information

#### **ALLOCATION OF BERTHS**

The Division II championship provides for a maximum field of 56 teams. Twenty-two conferences have been granted automatic qualification privileges. The remaining teams will be selected at-large by the baseball committee.

#### **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

The following conferences receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2024 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship:

California Collegiate Athletic Association	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	Mountain East Conference
Conference Carolinas	Northeast-10 Conference
East Coast Conference	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Great American Conference	Pacific West Conference
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Peach Belt Conference
Great Lakes Valley Conference	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
Great Midwest Athletic Conference	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Great Northwest Athletic Conference	South Atlantic Conference
Gulf South Conference	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Lone Star Conference	Sunshine State Conference

Conference AQs must be determined and submitted by the commissioner to the NCAA by 4 p.m. Eastern time, May 12.

### Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must:

- Have an overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better.
- Compete in at least 24 contests (if extenuating circumstances prevent an institution from meeting this requirement, the institution may request a waiver from the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee).

#### NCAA BYLAW 31.3.3.1.1 – COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.3.4.4) of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

#### AT-LARGE SELECTION

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an:

- Overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better.
- Compete in at least 24 contests, of which a minimum of 10 games must be played against in-region NCAA
  Division II opponents and at least one versus an in-region, non-conference NCAA Division II opponent. (If
  extenuating circumstances prevent an institution from meeting this requirement, the institution may request
  a waiver from the baseball committee.)

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The approved selection criteria for the 2023-24 Division II Baseball Championship is:

#### **Required Selection Criteria**

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.3.1 in the NCAA Manual]

- Availability of Student-Athletes;
- Application of Nullification;
- In-region winning percentage;
- Division II winning percentage;
- Division II strength of schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage);
- Division II head-to-head competition; and
- Results versus Division II common opponents.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3.1, the Division II Baseball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to use the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Baseball Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

#### **Additional Selection Criteria**

- Division II Results vs. Teams with a Winning Record.
- In-Region Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance Indicator (PI).

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Baseball Committee. The Division II Baseball Committee should contact a regional advisory committee upon making its final selection of teams if its selection of teams differs from the results put forth by the regional advisory committee via the RAC balloting process. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Division II Baseball Committee for selection purposes.

**Regular-Season Contests.** At the time the game is scheduled, both teams shall agree as to whether the game is to be counted for purposes of won-lost records and team and individual statistics. A game will be counted by both teams as an official contest unless both teams agree in writing before the game that it is to be an exhibition contest. If it is an exhibition contest, the team and the individual statistics and records cannot be counted for either team. In any event, the contest or exhibition remains countable as a contest for the purpose of Bylaws 17.2.7.1 and 17.02.3. Further, all games must be regulation length (See Rule 5-8 of the 2023 and 2024 NCAA Baseball Rules Book). All varsity games played between four-year, degree-granting institutions in the traditional season must be counted for purposes of won-lost records and team/individual statistics.

Coaches should be aware of the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of competition). Any participation by a student-athlete against outside competition, however limited, shall constitute a season of competition.

No games played during the fall will be included in a team's won-lost record and statistics, except for schools located in Puerto Rico (Bylaw 17.2.5.1).

#### Section 2.5 Site Selection

#### **PROSPECTIVE HOSTS**

The two top-ranked teams in each region, as determined by the baseball committee, shall be provided the opportunity to host the regional competition, provided those teams meet the criteria listed below. If these teams do not meet the criteria or elect not to host, the opportunity to host would then go to the next highest-ranked team.

#### Regional Site Criteria

- Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
- 2. Crowd control and behavior of the prospective host.

The following additional criteria have been approved:

- The facility must be enclosed so admission can be charged and provide for sufficient spectator seating.
- The host must have adequate field preparation resources available (e.g., tarp, drying agents, personnel) to maximize play of the field in case of inclement weather.
- 3. A full infield tarp and an adequate number of individuals to serve as a tarp crew are required. (The Division II Baseball Committee may grant a waiver of this requirement based on geography and field specs).
- 4. There must be a covered area for the working media and game operations personnel.
- 5. The host must provide protective screens for each team during practices and games.
- 6. Weather permitting, at least one practice session, maximum of 60 minutes, must be available to each team on the competition field the day before the first day of competition.
- Eight hotel rooms shall be reserved for the umpires, NCAA site representative and umpire evaluator (if applicable), if assigned, at a property separate from the team properties.
- 8. If teams are housed in separate properties, the host must negotiate comparable room rates at each property.
- 9. A minimum of 16 double/double rooms shall be reserved for each of the participating teams. If teams are housed in separate properties, teams will be assigned according to a random draw.
- 10. All housing must be located within a reasonable and comparable distance from the site of competition.

#### **BID MATERIALS**

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition must submit a proposed budget, respond to sportspecific questions and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid."

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the Championships Bid and Profile System at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for preliminary rounds is Monday, May 6.

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials and umpires evaluators lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials game fees, per diem, mileage (if applicable) and luggage fees (if applicable) will be reimbursed by the NCAA via RefQuest.

#### **FACILITY PROFILE**

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

A competing institution that cannot restrict access and charge admission at its venue, cannot establish a barrier between spectators and the field, or does not meet the minimum field requirements as outlined in the NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations Manual, may not host NCAA postseason competition.

#### **KEY CONTACTS**

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at championships.ncaa.org.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

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

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at: https://preview.ncaa.org/documents/2021/2/9/Best\_Practices\_for\_Venue\_Safety\_and\_Security.pdf

#### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

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

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Eric Breece at 317-917-6222 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

# **Appendixes**

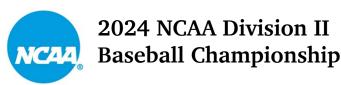
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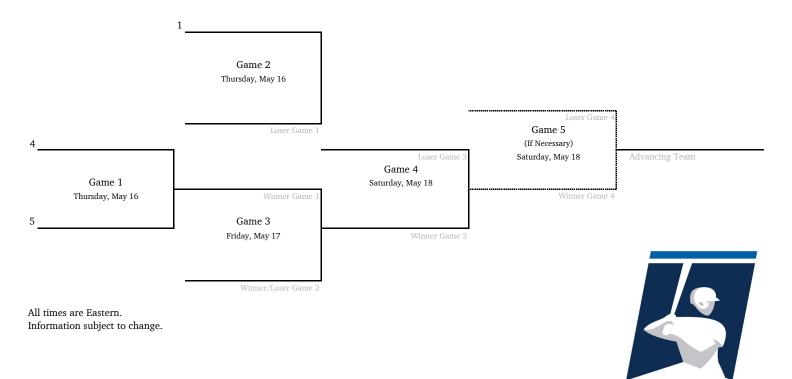








#### 3-Team Regional Bracket

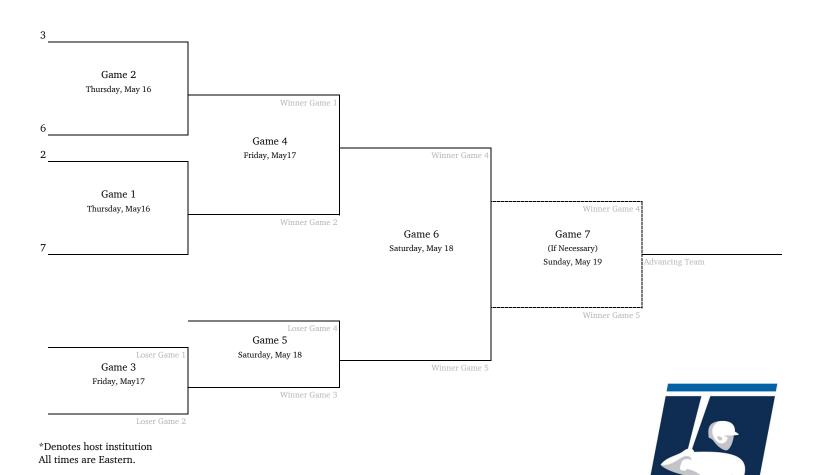




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#### **4-Team Regional Bracket**





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# 3- Team Regional Alternate Bracket (If 3 Team Remain After Game 3)





All times are Eastern. Information subject to change.

# **Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship**

#### ATLANTIC REGION

#### **Mountain East Conference (11)**

University of Charleston (West Virginia) Concord University Davis & Elkins College Fairmont State University Frostburg State University Glenville State College

Notre Dame College (Ohio) West Liberty University West Virginia State University West Virginia Wesleyan College Wheeling University

#### Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (17)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania California University of Pennsylvania Clarion University of Pennsylvania East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania Gannon University Indiana University of Pennsylvania Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

Mercyhurst University Millersville University of Pennsylvania University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Seton Hill University Shepherd University Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania West Chester University of Pennsylvania

#### Independent (3)

Bluefield State College Salem University (West Virginia) Virginia State University

#### **CENTRAL REGION**

#### **Great American Conference (12)**

Arkansas Tech University University of Arkansas, Monticello East Central University Harding University Henderson State University Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma Baptist University **Ouachita Baptist University** Southeastern Oklahoma State University Southern Arkansas University Southern Nazarene University Southwestern Oklahoma State University

#### Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (12)

University of Central Missouri University of Central Oklahoma **Emporia State University** Fort Hays State University Missouri Southern State University Missouri Western State University

Newman University Northeastern State University Northwest Missouri State University Pittsburg State University Rogers State University Washburn University

#### Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (14)

Augustana University (South Dakota) Bemidji State University Concordia University, St. Paul University of Mary Minnesota State University, Mankato University of Minnesota, Crookston University of Minnesota Duluth

Minot State University Northern State University University of Sioux Falls Southwest Minnesota State University St. Cloud State University Wayne State College (Nebraska) Winona State University

#### **EAST REGION**

#### **Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (11)**

**Bloomfield College** University of Bridgeport Caldwell University Chestnut Hill College

Dominican University New York)

Felician College

Goldey-Beacom College Holy Family University Post University

Thomas Jefferson University Wilmington University (Delaware)

#### **East Coast Conference (7)**

College of Staten Island D'Youville College Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)

Mercy College

Molloy College

Queens College (New York) St. Thomas Aguinas College

#### Northeast-10 Conference (12)

Adelphi University American International College Assumption College Bentley University Franklin Pierce University University of New Haven

Pace University Saint Anselm College Saint Michael's College The College of Saint Rose Southern Connecticut State University Southern New Hampshire University

#### MIDWEST REGION

#### Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (6)

**Davenport University** Grand Valley State University Purdue University Northwest

Saginaw Valley State University Wayne State University (Michigan) University of Wisconsin-Parkside

#### **Great Lakes Valley Conference (14)**

**Drury University** University of Illinois at Springfield University of Indianapolis Lewis University Maryville University of Saint Louis

McKendree University

Missouri University of Science and Technology

University of Missouri-St. Louis

**Quincy University** Rockhurst University Southwest Baptist University Truman State University Upper Iowa University William Jewell College

#### **Great Midwest Athletic Conference (13)**

Ashland University Cedarville University University of Findlay Hillsdale College Kentucky Wesleyan College Lake Erie College

Northwood University Ohio Dominican University Thomas More University\* Tiffin University

Trevecca Nazarene University Walsh University

#### Independent (1)

Malone University

Roosevelt University

<sup>\*</sup> Not eligible for championship

#### SOUTH REGION

#### **Gulf South Conference (13)**

University of Alabama in Huntsville Auburn University at Montgomery Christian Brothers University Delta State University Lee University Mississippi College University of Montevallo

**Shorter University** Union University Valdosta State University University of West Alabama University of West Florida University of West Georgia

#### Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

Albany State University (Georgia) **Benedict College** Clark Atlanta University Edward Waters College\* Kentucky State University Lane College

LeMoyne-Owen College Miles College Morehouse College Savannah State University Spring Hill College Tuskegee University

#### **Sunshine State Conference (11)**

Barry University **Eckerd College** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida) Florida Institute of Technology Florida Southern College Lynn University

Nova Southeastern University Palm Beach Atlantic University Rollins College Saint Leo University University of Tampa

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

#### **Lone Star Conference (13)**

Angelo State University University of Arkansas, Fort Smith Cameron University Eastern New Mexico University Lubbock Christian University Oklahoma Christian University St. Edward's University

St. Mary's University (Texas) Texas A&M International University Texas A&M University-Kingsville The University of Texas at Tyler University of Texas of the Permian Basin West Texas A&M University

#### **Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (9)**

Adams State University Colorado Christian University Colorado Mesa University Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University at Pueblo University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Metropolitan State University of Denver New Mexico Highlands University Regis University (Colorado)

<sup>\*</sup> Not eligible for championship

#### SOUTHEAST REGION

#### **Conference Carolinas (12)**

Barton College

Belmont Abbey College

Chowan University

Emmanuel College (Georgia)

**Erskine College** 

Francis Marion University

King University

University of Mount Olive

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

North Greenville University

Southern Wesleyan University

Young Harris College

#### Peach Belt Conference (10)

Augusta University

Claflin University

Columbus State University

Flagler College

Georgia College

Georgia Southwestern State University

Lander University

University of North Georgia

University of South Carolina Aiken

University of South Carolina Beaufort\*

#### South Atlantic Conference (13)

Anderson University (South Carolina)

Carson-Newman University

Catawba College

Coker University

Emory & Henry College\*

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Limestone University

Lincoln Memorial University

Mars Hill College

**Newberry College** 

**Tusculum University** 

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Wingate University

#### **WEST REGION**

#### California Collegiate Athletic Association (11)

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

California State University, Chico

California State University, Dominguez Hills

California State University, East Bay

California State University, Los Angeles

California State University, Monterey Bay

California State University, San Bernardino California State University, San Marcos California State University, Stanislaus San Francisco State University

Sonoma State University

#### **Great Northwest Athletic Conference (5)**

Central Washington University Montana State University Billings

Northwest Nazarene University

Saint Martin's University Western Oregon University

#### Pacific West Conference (9)

Azusa Pacific University

**Biola University** 

Chaminade University\*

Concordia University Irvine

Fresno Pacific University

University of Hawaii at Hilo Hawaii Pacific University Point Loma Nazarene University

Westmont College\*

#### Independent (4)

Jessup University\* Menlo College\*

Sul Ross State University\* Vanguard University\*

<sup>\*</sup> Not eligible for championship