

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP 2020-21 MANUAL

Division III Baseball

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Section 1.4 Important Dates

Wednesday, May 5	Regional Ranking No. 1.
Wednesday, May 12	Regional Ranking No. 2.
Wednesday, May 19	Regional Ranking No. 3.
Sunday, May 23	Regional Ranking No. 4
	Championship Selections

2021 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

Regionals: Thursday-Sunday, May 27-30

48 teams, eight regionals with six teams (double elimination),

Finals: Friday-Tuesday/Wednesday, June 4-8/9 (Eight Teams)

Site-Hosted by: Perfect Game Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Iowa;

Hosted by the American Rivers Conference

TYPICAL DATE FORMULA (NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2021)

Regionals (16)	Friday-Sunday the weekend before Super Regionals
Super Regionals (8)	Memorial Day Weekend (Friday and Saturday)
Finals	Friday-Tuesday (Wednesday / "If necessary" game) the weekend following Super Regionals

FUTURE DATES OF COMPETITION (PRACTICE DAYS WILL BE ONE DAY PRIOR TO START OF REGIONALS, SUPER REGIONALS AND FINALS)

Selections	May 16, 2022	May 15, 2023	May 12, 2024
Regionals (All sites TBD)	May 20-22, 2022	May 19-21, 2023	May 17-19, 2024
Super Regionals	May 27-28, 2022	May 26-27, 2023	May 25-26, 2024
Finals	June 3-8, 2022 (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	June 2-7, 2023 TBD	May 31-June 5, 2024 TBD

Section 1.5 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week prior to the selection date for the governing sports committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, would reschedule the game on the nearest possible date if a participating school has a conflict.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.

The governing sports committee shall make a good faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 1.6 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams possible while minimizing missed class time; to emphasize regional competition in regular-season scheduling; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and a limited number of at-large teams, realizing that this may be done at the expense of leaving out some championship-caliber teams.

Section 1.7 Equipment

The Rawlings R1NCAA baseball has been selected as the official baseball for all games in the three NCAA championship tournaments.

The appropriate number of balls will be sent to all tournaments. The balls will be shipped to the director of athletics or tournament director at the host institution, or delivered by the NCAA representative.

Each team must furnish its own practice balls.

Section 1.8 Rules

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 where the Association follows rules 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 not played in accordance with the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

Seats for Nonplaying Teams and NCAA Personnel. Hosts should make every effort to reserve seats for nonplaying teams as long as they are participants in the championship competition. These seats should be covered, if possible, and should be located in the first rows behind home plate.

Speed Guns. Use of speed guns by participants is prohibited.

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 5-8) shall be used.

[Note: The 10-Run Rule – Rule 5-7-b-(4) – shall not be used for the championship.]

Protest Procedure. The following protest procedure shall be used in all tournaments:

- 1. Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed;
- 2. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has 20 seconds to voice its protest intentions;
- All protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief; however, if he is not working the game, the home plate umpire shall receive the protest;
- No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an umpire; and
- All protests must be ruled upon immediately by the games committee. The committee shall confer with the umpires before making its decision, and the chair shall make a written report to the chair of the NCAA Division III Baseball Committee.

Tobacco Products. The use of all tobacco products is prohibited by student-athletes and game personnel (e.g., coaches, umpires, trainers, managers) during practice sessions and game competition. The use of tobacco products during other championship activities, such as banquets, autograph sessions, press conferences and postgame interviews, is prohibited. Violations of this regulation shall be dealt with by the appropriate sports committee in accordance with Rule 3-10 of the NCAA Baseball Rules and the misconduct provisions of Bylaw 31.1.10.

Films and Still Photographs. The videotaping or filming of an opponent's game is not permitted. If in-person scouting occurs, the individual(s) shall pay the regular admission price. Institutions are permitted to videotape championship competition by their teams or the individual student-athletes for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use one camera and may videotape only that portion of the competition in which it participates. The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes. An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site to arrange for camera space at that site. The host institution shall provide a comparable location for both competing teams.

Section 1.9 Uniforms

Competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored jerseys and light- and dark-colored stockings available. In preliminary-round competition, the home team must wear a uniform in clear contrast with the visiting team. In case of conflict, the home team must wear white- or light-colored uniforms. For the semifinals and final, the games committee will determine the home teams. Student-athletes competing in the championship shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to warm-ups and competitive uniforms.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAMS AT REGIONALS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

For first-round games during regional competition when teams are seeded, the highest-seeded team shall be designated as the home team. If there are no seeds, the home team shall be determined by a coin toss. In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to a formula applied by the games committee. The "if necessary" game will be determined by a coin toss. The NCAA site representative will determine which team is heads and which team is tails. If both teams have one loss, the home team will be determined by coin toss. In determining which of two teams in any non-championship game will be the home team, the games committee or the committee representative shall designate the home team using the following guidelines:

- The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times in that particular tournament.
- 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.
- If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the games committee or the committee representative shall observe the following procedures in the order stated:
 - a. If the two teams have met previously in that particular tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question (Exception, not applicable for 2021: In a two-team tournament where both teams have been the home team twice, the fifth game will be determined by coin toss. The NCAA site representative will determine which team is heads and which team is tails);
 - b. The team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding games; or
 - c. If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, the home team shall be determined by coin toss. The NCAA site representative will determine which team is heads and which team is tails.

DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAMS AT SUPER REGIONALS (NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2021) AND CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (BEST-OF-THREE SERIES)

A coin toss will determine the home team in game one. The loser of the coin toss will be home in game number two. Another coin toss will determine the home team in game three (if necessary). The NCAA site representative will determine which team is heads and which team is tails for all coin tosses.

DUGOUT DESIGNATION

During the pre-championship meeting for the four-team regionals, the host institution must designate whether the first or third base dugout will be designated the home team dugout during the tournament. For the "if necessary" game, teams will reverse home and away designation, but remain in the same dugout and uniforms. In two-team regionals and super regionals, the host institution will remain in their dugout throughout the weekend unless there are obvious competitive advantages between the two dugouts. The NCAA site representative/committee will determine any perceived competitive advantages and will have final say over dugout designation at the administrative meeting the night before the tournament starts.

Section 2 • Determination of **Championship Participation**

Section 2.1 Championship Format

Championship Structure. The championship provides for a maximum field of 48 teams. Eight regional sites will have six teams competing. All regionals will be a double elimination format. Eligible conference champions shall qualify automatically.

Winners of the eight regional tournaments will qualify for the double-elimination championship in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The final two teams will compete in a best-of-three series to determine the national champion (Appendix A).

Regionals. All regional tournaments will be conducted for a four-day period. Regionals will begin Thursday, May 27. (Competition will be conducted Thursday-Sunday at regional sites with a team that has a no-Sunday play policy and the inclement weather formula will be adjusted accordingly.) Every attempt should be made to complete regional competition by the Sunday before the championship. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day.) A team may be required to play three games in one day on the rain date (Monday) to complete competition. If exceptions (e.g., weather) preclude the completion of competition by Monday, the advancing team will be determined based on the inclement weather formula in this section. If the regional representative cannot be determined on the field of play by Monday, May 31, one team will be selected by the committee.

REGIONAL FORMATS - SIX-TEAM (FOUR DAYS)

Day 1:	Game 1	No. 1 seed vs. No. 6 seed
	Game 2	No. 2 seed vs. No. 5 seed
	Game 3	No. 3 seed vs. No. 4 seed
Day 2:	Game 4	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
	Game 5	Winner Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3
	Game 6	Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3
Day 3:	Game 7	Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6
	Game 8	Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 6
	Game 9	Winner Game 8 vs. Loser Game 7
Day 4:	Game 10	Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 9
	Game 11	Winner Game 10 vs. Loser Game 10 (if necessary)

Game times for six-team regionals:

DAY 1	WITH	DAY 2	WITH	DAY 3	WITH	DAY 4
	LIGHTS		LIGHTS		LIGHTS	
G - 1	11 A.M.	G - 4	11 A.M.	G - 7	11 A.M.	11 A.M.
G - 2	2:30 P.M.	G - 5	2:30 P.M.	G - 8	2:30 P.M.	45 MIN.
						FOLLOWING
G - 3	6 P.M.	G - 6	6 P.M.	G - 9	6 P.M.	

NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2021: Super Regional. Super regionals will be conducted for a two-day period. Game 1 will be played on the first day; Game 2 (and Game 3, if necessary) will be played on the second day. Every attempt should be made to complete super regional competition by the Saturday before the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day. Teams may be required to play three games in one day on the rain date to complete competition.)

NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2021 - Game times for super regionals:

DAY 1	WITH &	DAY 2	WITH &
	WITHOUT		WITHOUT
	LIGHTS		LIGHTS
G - 1	NOON	G - 2	11 A.M.
		G - 3	45 MIN.
			FOLLOWING

^{*}Game times cannot be changed without approval from the Division III baseball committee.

METHOD OF DETERMINING REGIONAL/SUPER REGIONAL CHAMPION IF PLAY CANNOT BE COMPLETED

The committee reserves the right to revise the game schedule because of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Six-team Regionals. If inclement weather limits play, every effort has been made to complete competition by Sunday and competition cannot be completed by Monday, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on the following:

0 games played	Highest seed
1 game played	Highest seed
2 games played	Highest undefeated seed
3 games played	Highest undefeated seed
4 games played	Highest undefeated seed
5 games played	Highest undefeated seed
6 games played	Highest undefeated seed
7-9 games played	Winner of Game 7
10 games played	Winner of Game 10 unless each team has one loss (i.e., the teams are tied), then:
	1) Head-to-head competition
•	2) Highest remaining seed

NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2021: Two-team Regionals. If inclement weather limits play, every effort has been made to complete competition by Sunday and competition cannot be completed by Monday, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on the following:

0 games played	Highest seed
1 game played	Winner of game 1
2 games played	If each team has a loss, the highest seed
3 games played	Winner of 2/3 games
4 games played	If each team has two losses, the highest seed

Super Regional. If exceptions (e.g., weather) preclude the completion of competition by Sunday, the advancing team will be determined based on the inclement weather formula in this section.

0 games played	Highest seed
1 game played	Winner of Game 1
2 games played	If each team has a loss, the highest seed

For all rounds of competition, the committee will do its best to make sure that no team plays more than two games in a day, barring unforeseen circumstances.

Championship Finals. The eight winners of the competitions will advance to the championship series. The championship finals bracket, including dates and game times, may be found in Appendix A.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Cedar Rapids, Iowa - All times Central

Wednesday, June 2

Teams	arrive

	leams arrive				
Thursday, June 3 8–9:30 a.m.	Coaches meeting				
9:40 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Team practices				
N/A	Team barbecue				
N/A	Championship ceremony				
Friday, June 4					
10 a.m.	Game No. 1				
1:15 p.m.	Game No. 2				
4:30 p.m.	Game No. 3				
7:45 p.m.	Game No. 4				
Saturday, June 5					
10 a.m.	Game No. 5				
1:15 p.m.	Game No. 6				
4:30 p.m.	Game No. 7				
7:45 p.m.	Game No. 8				
Sunday, June 6					
10 a.m.	Game No. 9				
1:15 p.m.	Game No. 10				
4:30 p.m.	Game No. 11				
7:45 p.m.	Game No. 12				
Monday, June 7* See Championship Seri	es Schedule				
Tuesday, June 8* See Championship Seri					

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SCHEDULE*

See Championship Series Schedule (If necessary)

Championship series doubleheaders – Second game starts 30 minutes following the conclusion of the first game.

If no pool "If necessary" games needed

Monday, June 7

Wednesday, June 9*

Noon	Game No. 1 – Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #1, Best-of-Three Series)
Tuesday, June 8	
11 a.m.	Game No. 2 – Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #2, Best-of-Three Series)
TBD	Game No. 3 – "If necessary," Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #3, Best-of-Three Series)

If one pool needs "If necessary" game

Monday, June 7

Noon	Game No. 13 – Pool A or Pool B "If necessary" game			
Tuesday, June 8				
11 a.m.	Game No. 1 – Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #1, Best-of-Three Series)			
TBD	Game No. 2 – Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #2, Best-of-Three Series)			
Wednesday, June 9				
11 a.m.	Game No. 3 – "If necessary," Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #3, Best-of-Three Series)			

If both pools need "If necessary" game

Monday, June 7

Noon	Game No. 13 – Pool A "If necessary" game		
3:30 p.m.	Game No. 14 – Pool B "If necessary" game		
Tuesday, June 8			
11 a.m.	Game No. 1 – Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #1, Best-of-Three Series)		
TBD	Game No. 2 – Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #2, Best-of-Three Series)		
Wednesday, June 9			
11 a.m.	Game No. 3 — "If necessary" Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #3, Best-of-Three Series)		

TRAVEL PARTY/TEAM ROSTER/SQUAD SIZE

[Reference: Official Traveling Party, Per Diem and Transportation in the General Section.]

No changes may be made in a team roster for any reason. This procedure will also be followed at the finals, although the same players need not be designated for regional and finals competition. Travel party is 30. Each team will be permitted a maximum roster of 33 (35 with inclusion of two medical personnel) persons in the dugout, including 25 eligible players in uniform, coaching staff in uniform and other personnel performing game functions, including two medical personnel (doctor, trainer, etc.). If two medical personnel are not used, nonmedical personnel may not be substituted. Non-uniformed personnel may not participate in pregame warmups or game-type functions.

An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not conform to it promptly automatically shall forfeit the competition. This is not an "appeal play;" further, there shall be no inordinate delay of the contest to allow the institution to conform to the rule. There will be no exceptions regarding the "Squad Size" section.

Section 2.2 Results

SCORE REPORTING

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are now combined for Division III 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 Sean Straziscar (sstraziscar@ncaa.org or 317-917-6122).

Section 2.3 Selections Information

Pairings and Site Selection. Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the Pools B and C teams are selected, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Once selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams will then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.
- Teams from the same conference do not have to play one another in the first round as long as geographic proximity is maintained.

[Reference: Annual Forms in this handbook and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the Division III NCAA Manual.]

The NCAA Baseball Committee will follow Bylaw 31.3.3 in selecting at-large participants.

Regular-season conference standings and/or conference postseason competition shall be considered by the committee when selecting at-large teams.

Regular-Season Contests. At the time the game is scheduled, both teams shall agree 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 Bylaw 17.2.1. Further, all games will be of regulation length.

Coaches should be aware of the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (seasons 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.

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

Pool Information. As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2020-21 championship:

Pool A - 42, Pool B - 0, Pool C - 6

The Division III Baseball Committee will select teams to the championship based on the following selection principles:

- After the determination of the automatic (Pool A) berths, the committee will determine the Pool B selections followed by the Pool C selections.
- Pool B will comprise independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification. Pool C will be reserved for institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champions and the remaining teams in Pool B. The number of berths available for Pool B institutions is determined by dividing the number of institutions eligible in Pool B by the access ratio for Pool A (total number of institutions in conferences with automatic qualification divided by the number of Division III conferences with automatic qualification). Pool B = (number of independents and non-qualifying conference members) divided by (the access ratio for Pool A) — with the result truncated to the nearest whole number (e.g., 5.61 truncates to 5).
- Berths from Pool B and Pool C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pools B and C.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The 42 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2020-21 championship from Pool A are as follows:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New England Collegiate Conference
American East Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
American Rivers Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
American Southwest Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	North Atlantic Conference
Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	North Eastern Athletic Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Northwest Conference
Empire 8	Ohio Athletic Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Landmark Conference	Skyline Conference
Liberty League	Southern Athletic Association
Little East Conference	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	USA South Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

AT-LARGE SELECTION/IN-REGION COMPETITION

To be considered during the at-large selection process (Pools B or C), an institution must play at least 70% of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee. In-region competition consists of the following:

- All competition within an institution's defined sports region.
- All competition within an institution's geographical region (Constitution 4.13.1).
- All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another.
- All conference competition.
- All out-of-region contests conducted during one institutional vacation period (i.e., spring break) for sports with a spring NCAA championship (Bylaw 31.3.2.3).

The NCAA Travel Expense System mileage calculator will be used to confirm distance from campus to campus. (web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles).

Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – 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 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

REGIONAL ALIGNMENT

Each Division III baseball team is assigned to one of eight geographic "evaluation" regions. The primary criteria used for ranking and selection is based on how a team performs against other Division III "in-region" teams. In addition, results versus Division III opponents within 500 miles or less of a team's campus, but outside its assigned geographic region, will be considered "in-region" and part of the primary selection/ranking criteria. All conference competition is considered in-region. And finally, the championships committee has expanded the definition of an in-region contest to include "all competition within an institution's membership geographical region (Bylaw 4.13.1.1)." The country is divided into four membership regions. For most institutions, the change in definition should result in an expanded list of potential in-region opponents.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Information about the Division III travel policies for baseball can be found on the NCAA membership website at: ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

PRIMARY CRITERIA

The primary criteria emphasize regional competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Win-loss percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents.
- Results versus ranked Division III opponents as established by the rankings at the time of selection.
- Division III strength of schedule.
- Win-loss percentage last 25% of the season (if applicable).
- Win-loss percentage versus teams with a win-loss percentage above .750.

Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria.

Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selection.

Weighted Scale. Once the OWP and OOWP are calculated, they are to be combined on a weighted scale (e.g., 2/3 weight for OWP and 1/3 weight for OOWP) and this combined number becomes the strength of schedule.

SECONDARY CRITERIA

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against out-of-region Division III and all other opponents, including those contests versus opponents from other classifications (i.e., provisionals, NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Non-Division III win-loss percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.
- Non-Division III strength of schedule.
- Win-loss percentage versus teams with a win-loss percentage at or above .500.

Section 2.5 Site Selection

For 2021, the regionals will be predetermined. All bids must be submitted by Monday, April 12. Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2021 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship must submit a proposed budget, facility evaluation form, key contacts form and video board questionnaire (if applicable) to be considered to host. A separate proposed budget and key contacts form must be submitted for each round that an institution or conference is interested in hosting. The highest-ranked teams will be given consideration as regional and super regional sites, assuming they meet the requirements of Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1. Institutions that do not qualify for the regional or super regional rounds of the championship will not be required to host.

Note the proposed budget form has changed slightly to allow us to collect more detailed information when relevant. The form is now an expandable/collapsible tree format with the ability to upload supporting documents. Please note the unbudgeted expenditures section has been removed in the new budget form. As part of the bid, prospective hosts must enter a budgeted amount for both the game officials and committee/site representatives; hosts will pay for their lodging expenses and be reimbursed by the NCAA. However, if the NCAA manages the hotel block for the game officials, the officials' lodging expenses shall be directly billed to the NCAA. The NCAA typically manages the officials' hotel block at the final site for our championships.

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the following website: championships.ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the online host reporting system to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

FACILITY EVALUATION FORM

An online facility evaluation form must be completed by each institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition.

If you submitted a facility evaluation form for this championship last year, the responses to a number of questions will autopopulate with information you submitted last year. Please verify or edit those responses as needed, and provide responses to all blank questions. Please refer to the Baseball Rules book for minimum field dimensions and specifications.

KEY CONTACTS FORM

A key contacts form must be submitted for each round of the Division III Baseball Championship. The online form is available in the host reporting system.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based upon a review of current and future Championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their 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, which can be found in the "Help/Other Resources" tab in the championship host portal. 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. This information should be submitted to J.P. Williams at the NCAA (jpwilliams@ncaa.org) as part of your bid to be considered for championship site selection.

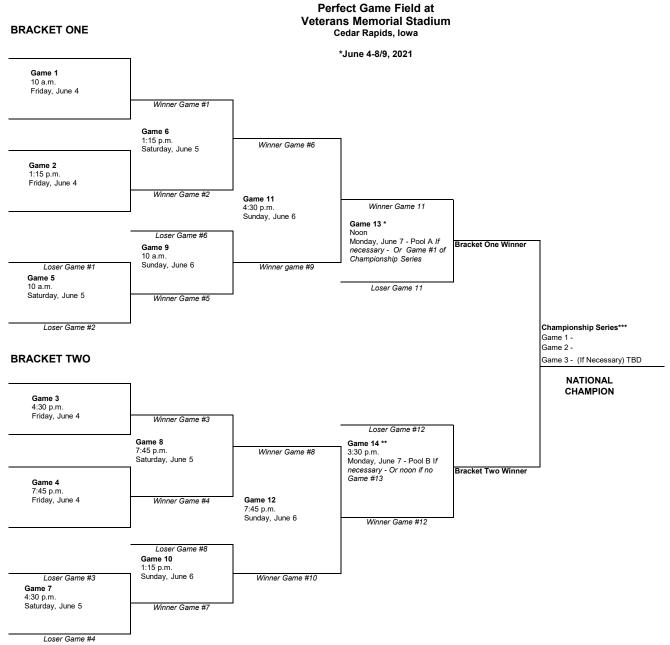
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Appendix A • Bracket





All times are Central

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^{*}Game 13 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. If it is the only game scheduled for that day, the game will start at Noon.

^{**}Game 14 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. If it is the only game scheduled for that day, the game will start at Noon.

***Championship Series

If No If Necessary Games Needed

Monday, June 7

Game **Time**

Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #1, Best of Three Series) #13 Noon

Tuesday, June 8

Game Time

#14 Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #2, Best of Three Series) 11 a.m.

#15 ----If Necessary, Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #3, Best of Three Series)

If One Pool Needs If Necessary Game

Monday, June 7

Game **Time**

#13 Pool A or Pool B If Necessary Game Noon

Tuesday, June 8

Game Time

#14 Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #1, Best of Three Series) 11 a.m. #15 Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #2, Best of Three Series)

Wednesday, June 9

Game **Time**

#16 If Necessary, Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #3, Best of Three Series) 11 a.m.

If Both Pools Need If Necessary Game

Monday, June 7

Game **Time**

#13 Noon Pool A If Necessary Game #14 3:30 p.m. Pool B If Necessary Game

Tuesday, June 8

Game **Time**

#15 11 a.m. Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #1, Best of Three Series) #16 Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #2, Best of Three Series)

minutes following the conclusion of Game #15

Wednesday, June 9

Game Time

#17 11 a.m. If Necessary, Pool A Winner vs. Pool B Winner (Game #3, Best of Three Series)

^{* -} Game #15 will start 30 minutes following the conclusion of Game #14

^{* -} Game #15 will start 30 minutes following the conclusion of Game #14

Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

CENTRAL EVALUATION REGION

American Rivers Conference (9)

Buena Vista University Central College (Iowa) Coe College University of Dubuque Loras College Luther College Nebraska Wesleyan University Simpson College Wartburg College

AQ - Postseason

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)

Augustana College (Illinois)
Carroll University (Wisconsin)
Carthage College
Elmhurst University
Illinois Wesleyan University

Millikin University North Central College North Park University Wheaton College (Illinois)

AQ - Postseason

Midwest Conference (10)

Beloit College University of Chicago Cornell College Grinnell College Illinois College Knox College Lawrence University Monmouth College (Illinois) Ripon College St. Norbert College

AQ - Postseason

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Blackburn College Eureka College Fontbonne University Greenville University Iowa Wesleyan University MacMurray College
Principia College
Spalding University
Webster University
Westminster College (Missouri)

AQ – Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non AQ (1)

Washington University in St. Louis**

MID-ATLANTIC EVALUATION REGION

Atlantic East Conference (7)

Cabrini University
Gwynedd Mercy University
Immaculata University
Marymount University (Virginia)

Marywood University Neumann University Wesley College

AQ - Postseason

Centennial Conference (10)

Dickinson College Franklin & Marshall College Gettysburg College Haverford College Johns Hopkins University McDaniel College Muhlenberg College Swarthmore College Ursinus College Washington College (Maryland)

AQ – Postseason

Colonial States Athletic Conference (7)

Cairn University Centenary College (New Jersey) Clarks Summit University Keystone College

Saint Elizabeth University University of Valley Forge Wilson College

AQ - Postseason

Landmark Conference (7)

Catholic University **Drew University** Elizabethtown College Juniata College

Moravian College University of Scranton Susquehanna University

AQ - Postseason

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)

Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Hood College

Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University Stevenson University Widener University York College

AQ - Postseason

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)

Arcadia University Delaware Valley College DeSales University

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

King's College (Pennsylvania) Misericordia University Stevens Institute of Technology Wilkes University

AQ - Postseason

New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)

Kean University Montclair State University New Jersey City University Ramapo College Rowan University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark Stockton University The College of New Jersey William Paterson University of New Jersey

AQ - Postseason

North Eastern Athletic Conference (5) (Multi-Region Conference – New York and South Region)

Lancaster Bible College Penn State University, Abington Penn State Berks College

Penn State Harrisburg Pennsylvania College of Technology

AQ - Postseason

Pool B Independents/Non-AQ (0)

MIDEAST EVALUATION REGION

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (10)

Alfred State College (affiliate member)

D'Youville College Hilbert College La Roche College Medaille College Mount Aloysius College
Penn State University, Altoona

Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College

University of Pittsburgh, Bradford University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

AQ - Postseason

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Anderson University (Indiana) Bluffton University Defiance College

Earlham College Franklin College Hanover College
Manchester University
Mount St. Joseph University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Transylvania University

AQ - Postseason

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (8)

Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin University Hope College Kalamazoo College Olivet College Trine University

AQ - Postseason

North Coast Athletic Conference (10)

Allegheny College Denison University DePauw University Hiram College Kenyon College Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
The College of Wooster
Wabash College
Wittenberg University

AQ - Postseason

Ohio Athletic Conference (10)

Baldwin Wallace University Capital University Heidelberg University John Carroll University Marietta College University of Mount Union Muskingum University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University Wilmington College (Ohio)

AQ - Postseason

Presidents' Athletic Conference (9)

Bethany College (West Virginia) Chatham University Geneva College Grove City College Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Waynesburg University Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Postseason

Pool B Independents/Non-AQ (1)

Case Western Reserve University**

MIDWEST EVALUATION REGION

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (11)

Augsburg University

Bethel University (Minnesota)

Carleton College

Concordia College, Moorhead

Gustavus Adolphus College

Hamline University

Macalester College

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota St. John's University (Minnesota)

St. Olaf College

University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

AQ - Postseason

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (12)

Aurora University

Benedictine University (Illinois)

Concordia University Chicago

Concordia University Wisconsin

Dominican University (Illinois)

Edgewood College

Illinois Institute of Technology

Lakeland University

Marian University (Wisconsin)

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Rockford University

Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ - Postseason

Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (9)

Bethany Lutheran College

Crown College (Minnesota)

Martin Luther College

University of Minnesota, Morris

North Central University

Northland College

University of Northwestern-St. Paul

The College of St. Scholastica

University of Wisconsin-Superior

AQ - Postseason

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7)

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Stout University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (1)

Maranatha Baptist University

AQ - Postseason

NEW ENGLAND EVALUATION REGION

Commonwealth Coast Conference (8)

Curry College

Endicott College

Gordon College

Nichols College

Roger Williams University Salve Regina University

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Western New England University

AQ - Postseason

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (9)

Albertus Magnus College

Anna Maria College

Colby-Sawyer College

Dean College

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lasell University Norwich University Rivier University

Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

AQ - Postseason

Little East Conference (9)

Castleton University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Keene State College
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Plymouth State University Rhode Island College University of Southern Maine Western Connecticut State University

AQ - Postseason

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Bridgewater State University
Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts Maritime Academy Salem State University Westfield State University Worcester State University

AQ - Postseason

New England Collegiate Conference (6)

Becker College Eastern Nazarene College Elms College Lesley University Mitchell College New England College

AQ - Postseason

New England Small College Athletic Conference (10)

Amherst College Bates College Bowdoin College Colby College Hamilton College Middlebury College
Trinity College (Connecticut)
Tufts University
Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
Williams College

AQ - Postseason

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (8)

Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Springfield College U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wheaton College (Massachusetts) Worcester Polytechnic Institute

AQ - Postseason

North Atlantic Conference (9)

Cazenovia College
Husson University
University of Maine, Farmington
University of Maine, Presque Isle
Northern Vermont University - Lyndon

State University of New York at Canton State University of New York at Cobleskill State University of New York Polytechnic Institute Thomas College

AQ - Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (1)

Brandeis University**

NEW YORK EVALUATION REGION

City University of New York Athletic Conference (5)

Baruch College The City College of New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice Lehman College College of Staten Island

Do not meet requirements for AQ - All teams Pool B

Empire 8 (5)

Elmira College Houghton College Keuka College

St. John Fisher College Utica College

AQ - Postseason

Liberty League (10)

Bard College Clarkson University Ithaca College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute University of Rochester

Rochester Institute of Technology Skidmore College St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College

AQ - Postseason

North Eastern Athletic Conference (1) (Multi-Region Conference – Mid-Atlantic and South Regions)

Wells College

Skyline Conference (11)

Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College Mount Saint Mary College (New York) College of Mount Saint Vincent Purchase College, State University of New York St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)

St. Joseph's College (Long Island) State University of New York Maritime College State University College at Old Westbury U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Yeshiva University

AQ - Postseason

State University of New York Athletic Conference (7)

State University of New York at Brockport Plattsburgh State University of New York State University of New York at Cortland State University of New York at New Paltz State University of New York at Oneonta State University of New York at Oswego The State University of New York at Fredonia

AQ - Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (1)

New York University**

SOUTH EVALUATION REGION

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (7)

Christopher Newport University Finlandia University University of Mary Washington Pine Manor College

Salisbury University Southern Virginia University St. Mary's College of Maryland

AQ - Postseason

North Eastern Athletic Conference (1) (Multi-Region Conference – Mid-Atlantic and New York Regions)

Gallaudet University

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)

Bridgewater College (Virginia) Eastern Mennonite University **Emory and Henry College** Ferrum College Guilford College Hampden-Sydney College

University of Lynchburg Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University Virginia Wesleyan College Washington and Lee University

AQ - Postseason

USA South Athletic Conference (14)

Averett University Berea College **Brevard University** Covenant College Greensboro College **Huntingdon College** LaGrange College

Mary Baldwin University Maryville College (Tennessee) Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan College Pfeiffer University Piedmont College

William Peace University

AQ - Postseason

Southern Athletic Association (8)

Berry College Birmingham-Southern College Centre College Hendrix College

Millsaps College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College University of the South (Sewanee)

AQ - Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (1 + 1 prov.)

Emory University**

#Mississippi University for Women (active 2023-24)

WEST EVALUATION REGION

American Southwest Conference (12)

Belhaven University Concordia University Texas East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University LeTourneau University

Louisiana College University of Mary Hardin-Baylor McMurry University University of the Ozarks (Arkansas) Sul Ross State University University of Texas at Dallas

AQ - Postseason

Northwest Conference (9)

George Fox University Lewis & Clark College Linfield University Pacific Lutheran University Pacific University (Oregon)

University of Puget Sound Whitman College Whitworth University Willamette University

AQ - Regular Season

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)

California Institute of Technology California Lutheran University Chapman University Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges University of La Verne

Occidental College Pomona-Pitzer Colleges University of Redlands Whittier College

AQ - Postseason

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (7 + 1 prov.)

Austin College Centenary College (Louisiana) University of Dallas Schreiner University

Southwestern University (Texas) Texas Lutheran University Trinity University (Texas) **#University of St. Thomas (Texas)**

AQ - Postseason

- * = Not eligible to compete in the 2021 Championship
- ** = Member of the multi-region University Athletic Association
- # = Provisional/Reclassifying

Appendix C • OWP and OOWP Calculation

Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) and Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) Calculation Explanation

Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP). Take each opponent's regular won-lost percentage against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question) and average the percentages.

To Calculate. Team A Schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Record	vs. Team A	Revised Record	Revised W-L Percentage
Team B	21-7	0-1	21-6	.7778
Team C	11-15	0-1	11-14	.4400
Team D	7-20	0-1	7-19	.2692
Team E	13-13	0-1	13-12	.5200
Team F	23-6	1-0	22-6	.7857
Total			74-56 (.5692)	.5585 (OWP)

Team A's Opponents' Average Winning Percentage = .5585

Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponents' schedule is measured by computing the opponents' winning percentage for each opponent, then averaging the percentages. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

To Calculate. Take Team B, C, D, E and F schedules and perform the same calculation as above (OWP). It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and B have the same OWP of .5692; Team A has a OOWP of .6125 and Team B has a OOWP of .4567; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

Appendix D • Umpires

- 1. Four umpires shall work every championship game (regionals, *super regionals and finals).
- Six umpires shall be assigned to a six-team regional for 2021.
- *Five umpires shall be assigned to a four-team regional.
- *Four umpires shall be assigned to a two-team regional and the super regionals.
- 5. An alternate (from the local area) shall be designated at each regional site.
- If different umpires are assigned to the continuation of a suspended game, the umpiring fee will be divided equally among the officials.

*Not applicable for 2021.

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

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

It is recommended that the host institution for regional and finals competition provide seats for nonworking umpires.

For the championship, the games committee shall select eight umpires.

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