



PRECHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25 MANUAL

Division III Baseball

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Section 1.3 Important Dates

Tuesday, April 22	Regional Ranking No. 1.
Tuesday, April 29	Regional Ranking No. 2.
Tuesday, May 6	Regional Ranking No. 3.
Sunday, May 11	Regional Ranking No. 4 Championship Selections

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

Regionals: Friday-Sunday, May 16-18 (Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17 if there is a Sunday no-play)

64 teams, 16 regionals with four teams (double elimination)

Super Regionals: Friday-Saturday, May 23-24

16 teams, eight super regionals with two teams (best of three series)

Finals: Friday-Thursday, May 30-June 5 (Eight Teams)

Site-Hosted by: Classic Auto Group Park, Eastlake, Ohio; co-hosted by the North Coast Athletic Conference and the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (16)	Friday-Sunday the weekend before Super Regionals
Super Regionals (8)	Memorial Day Weekend (Friday and Saturday)
Finals	Friday-Thursday 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 11, 2026
Regionals (All sites TBD)	May 15-17, 2026
Super Regionals	May 22-23, 2026
Finals	May 29-June 4, 2026 (Eastlake, Ohio)

Section 1.4 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 nonpredetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 1.5 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 1.6 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 for Regional and Super Regional play. Practice balls will be provided at the site of the finals.

Section 1.7 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.

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 any round of 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;
3. 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;
4. No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an umpire; and

5. All protests must be ruled upon immediately by the 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•8 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 warmups and competitive uniforms.

LOGOS

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

DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAMS AT REGIONALS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

During the Regionals and the Finals pods, the higher seed will be the home team until there are two teams remaining. When there are two teams remaining, the undefeated team (2-0 team) will be the home team. In the event of an 'if necessary' game, the home and away designations will be switched but teams will remain in the same dugout and uniforms.

DUGOUT DESIGNATION

During the prechampionship meeting for regionals and super regionals, the host institution must designate whether the first or third base dugout will be designated the home team dugout during the tournament. For the "if necessary" game, teams will reverse home and away designation, but remain in the same dugout and uniforms.

DETERMINATION OF HOME TEAMS AT SUPER REGIONALS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (BEST-OF-THREE SERIES)

During the Super Regionals and the Finals championship series, the higher seed will be the home team in game one; the lower seed will be the home team in game two. At the administrative meeting prior to the Super Regional and Championship series, there will be a coin flip to determine the home team in the Game 3 "if necessary" game. Teams will remain in the same dugout and uniforms in the "if necessary" game.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2.1 Championship Format

Championship Structure. The championship provides for a maximum field of 64 teams. Sixteen regional sites will have four teams competing. The four-team regionals will use a double-elimination format. Eligible conference champions shall qualify automatically.

The 16 teams advancing from regionals will compete in a two-team, best-of-three tournament at eight super regional sites.

Winners of the eight super regionals tournaments will qualify for the double-elimination championship in Eastlake, Ohio. 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 two- or three-day period. Regionals will begin Friday, May 16. (Competition will be conducted Thursday-Saturday 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 super regionals. 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 20, one team will be selected by the committee.

REGIONAL FORMATS – FOUR-TEAM (THREE DAYS)

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

Game times for four-team regionals:

DAY 1	WITH LIGHTS	WITHOUT LIGHTS	DAY 2	WITH LIGHTS	WITHOUT LIGHTS	DAY 3	WITH LIGHTS	WITHOUT LIGHTS
G – 1	11 A.M.	10 A.M.	G – 3	11 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	G – 6	11 A.M.	11 A.M.
G – 2	2:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	G – 4	2:30 P.M.	NOON	G – 7	45 MIN. FOLLOWING	45 MIN. FOLLOWING
			G – 5	6 P.M.	3:30 P.M.			

Super Regional. Super regionals will be conducted for a two-day period beginning Friday, May 23. 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.

Game times for super regionals:

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

NOTE: 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.

Four-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	Winner of Game 6 unless each team has one loss (i.e., the teams are tied), then: 1) Head-to-head competition 2) Highest remaining 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

Eastlake, Ohio – All times Eastern

Wednesday, May 28

	Teams arrive
6:30 p.m.	Coaches meeting

Thursday, May 29

8-9:30 a.m.	Administrative meeting
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Team practices
6-7 p.m.	Team barbecue
7-8:30 p.m.	Championship ceremony

Friday, May 30

10 a.m.	Game No. 1
1:15 p.m.	Game No. 2
4:45 p.m.	Game No. 3
8 p.m.	Game No. 4

Saturday, May 31

10 a.m.	Game No. 5
1:15 p.m.	Game No. 6
4:45 p.m.	Game No. 7
8 p.m.	Game No. 8

Sunday, June 1

11 a.m.	Game No. 9
3 p.m.	Game No. 10

Monday, June 2

10 a.m.	Game No. 11
11:15 a.m.	Game No. 12
4:45 p.m.	*Game No. 13 (If-necessary)
4:45/8 p.m.	*Game No. 14 (If-necessary)

Tuesday, June 3

TBD	Team practices
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Wednesday, June 4

Noon	Championship Series Game No. 1
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Thursday, June 5

11 a.m.	Championship Series Game No. 2
45 min. following	*Championship Series Game No. 3 (If-necessary)

TRAVEL PARTY/SQUAD SIZE

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

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. All student-athletes within the 33 may be in uniform, but only the 25 listed on the roster are eligible to compete in that game. Nonuniformed 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.

TEAM ROSTER

Teams will submit a roster prior to each game of competition (i.e., regionals, super regionals and the finals). Only 25 eligible players may be included on the roster. Once the game begins, no changes may be made to a team roster for any reason. Coaches may change the designated 25 individuals for each game in each round; however, the number of eligible players per game shall not exceed 25.

Section 2.2 Results

SCORE REPORTING

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 At-Large 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 2024-25 championship:

Automatic Qualifiers – 41, At-Large – 23

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 nonqualifying

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 41 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2024-25 championship are as follows:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate 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
Atlantic East Conference	North Atlantic Conference
Centennial Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Collegiate Conference of the South	Northwest Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Ohio Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Skyline Conference
Landmark Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Liberty League	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	United East University Athletic Association
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	USA South Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	Upper Midwest 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, 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 10 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

At-large teams will be selected using the NCAA Power Index (NPI), the system that houses the division’s statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee’s established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when applicable). Teams will be selected not later than Sunday, May 11. NPI will determine the at-large teams selected to the championship after the Automatic Qualifiers (AQ) have been designated. See Appendix C for the NPI weights and data procedures.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2025 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 auto-populate 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 JP Williams at the NCAA (jpwiliams@ncaa.org) as part of your bid to be considered for championship site selection.

Appendixes

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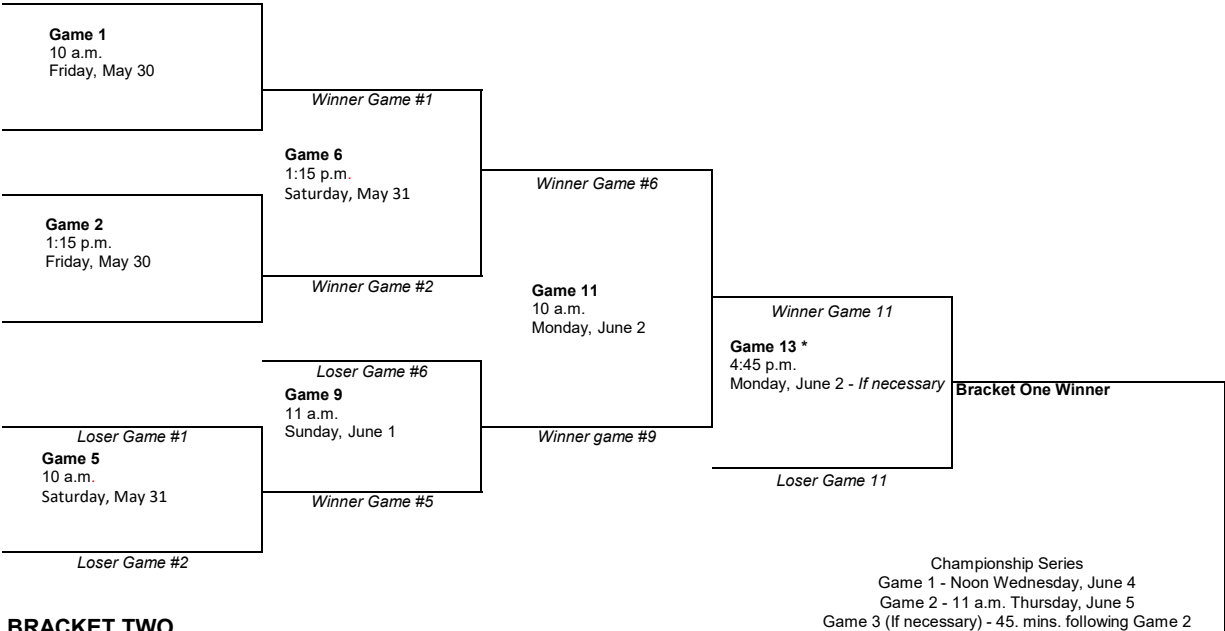
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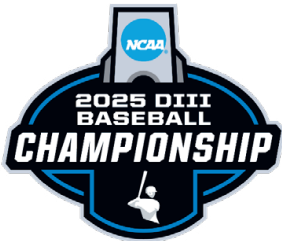
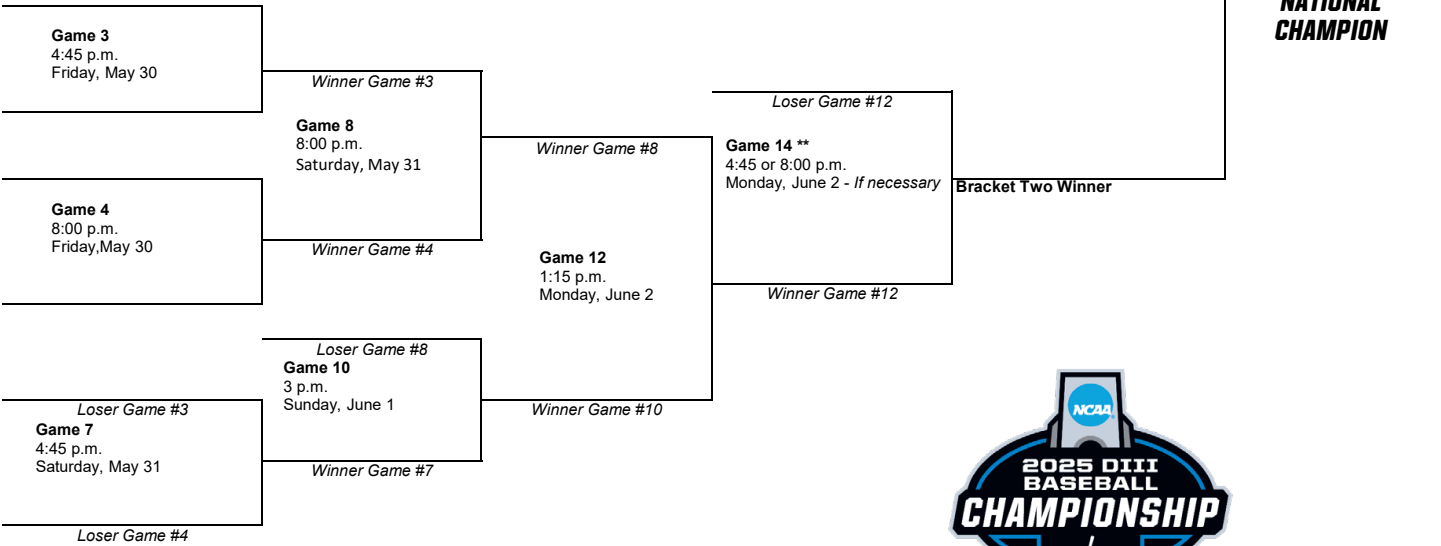


2025 NCAA DIVISION III BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
EASTLAKE, OHIO
MAY 30 - JUNE 5, 2025

BRACKET ONE



BRACKET TWO



ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN

*GAME 13 WILL BE NECESSARY IF THE WINNER OF GAME 9 ALSO WINS GAME 11.
**GAME 14 WILL BE NECESSARY IF THE WINNER OF GAME 10 ALSO WINS GAME 12.

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

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Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)

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Colby-Sawyer College	Norwich University
Dean College	Rivier University
Elms College	Saint Joseph's College (Maine)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	University of Saint Joseph (Connecticut)
Lasell University	

AQ - Postseason

New England Small College Athletic Conference (10)

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

AQ - Postseason

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (9)

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

AQ - Postseason

North Atlantic Conference (10)

Husson University	State University of New York at Cobleskill
Lesley University	Thomas College
University of Maine, Farmington	Vermont State University-Lyndon
University of Maine, Presque Isle	

AQ - Postseason

REGION II**Conference of New England (9)**

Curry College
 Endicott College
 Gordon College
 Nichols College
 Roger Williams University

Salve Regina University
 Suffolk University
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Western New England University

AQ - Postseason

Little East Conference (9)

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
 Vermont State University Castleton
 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

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (1)

**Brandeis University

REGION III

Empire 8 (9)

Alfred University
State University of New York at Brockport
Elmira College
Houghton College
Keuka College

State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
Russell Sage College
St. John Fisher College
Utica College

AQ - Postseason

Liberty League (11)

Bard College
Clarkson University
Hobart College
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

Skyline Conference (11)

Farmingdale State College
Manhattanville College
State University of New York Maritime College
Mount Saint Mary College (New York)
College of Mount St. Vincent
Purchase College, State University of New York

St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)
St. Joseph's College (Long Island)
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 Canton
State University of New York at Cortland
The State University of New York at Fredonia
State University of New York at New Paltz

State University of New York at Oneonta
State University of New York at Oswego
Plattsburgh State University of New York

AQ - Postseason

REGION IV**Middle Atlantic Conference - Freedom (7)**

Arcadia University
 Delaware Valley College
 DeSales University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

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

AQ - Postseason

New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)

Kean University
 Montclair State University
 New Jersey City University
 The College of New Jersey
 Ramapo College

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

AQ - Postseason

United East (14)

Cairn University
 Keystone College
 Lancaster Bible College
 Notre Dame of Maryland University
 Penn State University, Abington
 Penn State Berks College
 #Penn State Brandywine

Penn State Harrisburg
 Pennsylvania College of Technology
 Rosemont College
 Saint Elizabeth University
 St. Mary's College of Maryland
 University of Valley Forge
 Wilson College

AQ - Postseason

At-Large Institutions/Non-AQ (5)

Baruch College
 The City College of New York
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Lehman College
 **New York University

REGION V

Atlantic East Conference (6)

Centenary University (New Jersey)
Gwynedd Mercy University
Immaculata University

Marymount University (Virginia)
Marywood University
Neumann University

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

Landmark Conference (9)

Catholic University
Drew University
Elizabethtown College
Juniata College
Lycoming College

Moravian College
University of Scranton
Susquehanna University
Wilkes University

AQ – Postseason

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (8)

Albright College
Alvernia University
Eastern University
Hood College

Messiah University
Stevenson University
Widener University
York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (1)

Salisbury University

REGION VI**Collegiate Conference of the South (7)**

Asbury University
 Belhaven University
 Covenant College
 Huntingdon College

LaGrange College
 Maryville College (Tennessee)
 Piedmont College

AQ – Postseason

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)

Averett University
 Bridgewater College (Virginia)
 Eastern Mennonite University
 Ferrum College
 Guilford College
 Hampden-Sydney College

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

AQ – Postseason

Southern Athletic Association (7)

Berry College
 Centre College
 Hendrix College
 Millsaps College

Oglethorpe University
 Rhodes College
 University of the South

AQ – Postseason

USA South Athletic Conference (8)

Brevard University
 Greensboro College
 Mary Baldwin University
 Methodist University

North Carolina Wesleyan College
 Pfeiffer College
 Southern Virginia University
 William Peace University

AQ – Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (3+2 prov.)

#*Bob Jones University
 Christopher Newport University (C2C)
 **Emory University

University of Mary Washington
 #*Mississippi University for Women

REGION VII

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (8)

Alfred State College
Hilbert College
La Roche University
Mount Aloysius College

Penn State University, Altoona
Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College
University of Pittsburgh, Bradford
University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

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 (9)

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 (11)

Allegheny College
Bethany College (West Virginia)
Chatham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
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

REGION VIII**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

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Anderson University (Indiana)
 Berea College
 Bluffton University
 Earlham College
 Franklin College

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

AQ - Postseason

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (13)

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 College
 St. Norbert College
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ - Postseason

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)

Blackburn College
 Eureka College
 Fontbonne University
 Greenville University
 Mississippi University for Women

Principia College
 Spalding University
 Webster University
 Westminster College (Missouri)

AQ - Postseason

Pool B Institutions/Non-AQ (2+2 prov.)

Maranatha Baptist University
 **Washington University in St. Louis

##Asbury University
 ##Mississippi University for Women

REGION IX

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

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (11)

Augsburg College
Bethel University (Minnesota)
Carleton College
Concordia College, Moorhead
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University

Macalester College
Saint John's University (Minnesota)
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
St. Olaf College
The College of St. Scholastica

AQ – Postseason

Midwest Conference (9)

Beloit College
University of Chicago (affiliate member)
Cornell College
Grinnell College
Illinois College

Knox College
Lawrence University
Monmouth College (Illinois)
Ripon College

AQ – Postseason

Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (8)

Bethany Lutheran College
Crown College (Minnesota)
Martin Luther College
University of Minnesota, Morris

North Central University
Northland College
University of Northwestern-St. Paul
University of Wisconsin-Superior

AQ – Postseason

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
University of Wisconsin-Platteville

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

AQ – Postseason

REGION X**American Southwest Conference (10)**

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

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 College
 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 (8)

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

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

AQ – Postseason

*** = Not eligible to compete in the 2025 Championship**

**** = Member of the multi-region University Athletic Association**

= Reclassifying

Appendix C • NPI Weights



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NPI WEIGHTS					
Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
25/75	1.0/1.0	53.5	.700	100/0	12

Rationale.

- **Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule.** The committee utilized data from the past four seasons, 2021-2024, to determine the appropriate balance of winning percentage verses strength of schedule. The committee worked to ensure that a high winning percentage was balanced with an appropriate strength of schedule resulting in a 25/75 ratio of weight.
- **Home/Away – Win/Loss Weights.** The committee discussed the uniqueness in the sport of baseball, and consulted with softball, as it relates to scheduling. There are many contests played at neutral sites, as well as doubleheaders at one institution's location where a team serves as the away team one game and then the home team in the next game. The designation as home team does not require the institution-to be playing at its home field. Therefore, the committee voted to weigh a home or away win the same despite the location of the game.
- **Quality Win Base (QWB.)** The committee relied heavily on the previous year's data to establish an appropriate QWB. The committee worked to define a quality win base number that took into consideration approximately the top 25% of all Division III teams each year over the past four years and defined that a quality win is a win over a top 25% team. This weight would reward teams appropriately based off an important win against a top 25% team. As a result, a win over an institution around the QWB cut line had a smaller impact on the NPI number, while winning a game against teams at the top of the 25% had a larger impact of reward for that win.
- **Quality Win Base Multiplier.** The committee felt .700 provided the appropriate range of rewarding a quality win based off the QWB that was determined. The .700 multiplier gives an appropriate reward for a quality win within the overall context of a team's complete resume. The committee was cognizant of wanting to reward a quality win, but not significantly enough that a single game result would overwhelm or skew the institution's overall postseason resume.
- **Overtime Weight.** The committee voted wins in extra innings should not impact the overall NPI number differently than a win in regulation. Similar to home/away rationale, there are too many factors that determine who the home team is and who has the advantage during extra innings. Therefore, the committee decided to weigh a win in regulation or extra innings equally.
- **Minimum Wins.** The committee voted a minimum of 12 wins to evaluate an institution's complete season. The committee felt that evaluating a team's 12 best wins was the ~~best~~ most equitable method to allow teams to balance the philosophy of conference and non-conference

play. Having to play games and potentially gaining wins that could potentially be viewed as harmful to a team's NPI ranking should not serve as a detriment to their NPI while also understanding a critical mass of games is needed to evaluate a team's overall best games for potential post-season seeding purposes.

Resources.

- [NPI Frequently Asked Questions and Reference Guide.](#)

Appendix D • Umpires

1. Four umpires shall work every championship game (regionals, super regionals and finals).
2. Five umpires shall be assigned to the regional.
3. Four umpires shall be assigned to the super regionals.
4. If different umpires are assigned to the continuation of a suspended game, the umpiring fee will be divided equally among the officials.

The umpires must report to the tournament 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.