



2019 DIVISION II MEN'S
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2018-19 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

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

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sports Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of

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the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I and II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division III) and 31.2.3, and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

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

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division II

Section 9•1 Division II Philosophy

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9•2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere

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to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletic participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit a complete and accurate Division II Code of Conduct form before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 defines misconduct as: **“... any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.”**

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

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

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

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

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;

- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
- g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
- h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the
- i. Championships Committee.

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

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

Section 9•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

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

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

Section 9•4 Religious Conflicts

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

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

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Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Regional Advisory Committees in the Division II General Section and Bylaws 21.5.1.4 and 21.6.1.6 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]

Conference commissioners shall appoint an advisory committee in each of their respective regions to assist in the evaluation of teams throughout the season.

Weekly Calls. The advisory committees will conduct three teleconferences to review and evaluate teams in the appropriate regions before each national committee teleconference.

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC REGION		
Ashley Grimm	Shippensburg	PSAC
Breon Hagans	CIAA	CIAA
Ricky Jackson	Clafin	CIAA
Sean McAndrews	West Virginia State	MEC
Wendy Snodgrass	Clarion	PSAC
Lynn Ullom	West Liberty	MEC
EAST REGION		
TBD		NE-10
Matt Kilcullen	Mercy	ECC
Marty McCarthy	Bentley	NE-10
Dave Pauley	University of the Sciences	CACC
Jimmy Reilly	Jefferson	CACC
Erik Smiles	LIU Post	ECC
CENTRAL REGION		
Andy Carter	Minot State	NSIC
Tony Duckworth	Northeastern State	MIAA
Ja Havens	East Central	GAC
Shawn Jones	Henderson State	GAC
John Moseley	Lincoln (Missouri)	MIAA
Matt Reimer	St. Cloud State	NSIC
MIDWEST REGION		
Scott Davenport	Bellarmine	GLVC
Kris Dunbar	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	GLIAC
Mark Elliott	Trevecca Nazarene	G-MAC
Pat Estep	Cedarville	G-MAC
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SOUTH REGION		
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SOUTHEAST REGION		
Chris Faulkner	North Georgia	PBC
Ken Gerlinger	Peach Belt Conference	PBC
Brian Good	Wingate	SAC
Steve Hardin	Lees-McRae	CC
David Hicks	King (Tennessee)	CC
Christian Stryker	South Atlantic Conference	SAC
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION		
Justin Barkley	Rogers State	HC
Jason Boothe	Dixie State	RMAC
Andrew Brown	Cameron	LSC
Michael McBroom	West Texas A&M	LSC
Bob Pietrack	Fort Lewis	RMAC
Vic Trilli	Newman	HC
WEST REGION		
Eric Bovaird	Chaminade	PacWest
Dennis Francois	Central Washington	GNAC
Daryl Gross	Cal State L.A.	CCAA
Bob Hogue	Pacific West Conference	PacWest
Rusty Osborne	Alaska Anchorage	GNAC
Paul Trevor	Stanislaus State	CCAA

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 21	Preliminary-round bid information posted online.
Tuesday, Feb. 12	RAC practice ranking call.
Wednesday, Feb. 13	National committee practice ranking call.
Tuesday, Feb. 19	First RAC ranking call.
Wednesday, Feb. 20	First national committee ranking call.
Tuesday, Feb. 26	Second RAC ranking call.
Wednesday, Feb. 27	Second national committee ranking call.
Friday, March 1	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and facility questionnaire for regional tournaments.
Tuesday, March 5	Third RAC ranking call.
Wednesday, March 6	Third national committee ranking call.
Friday, March 8	Last day to notify the national office of an ineligible student-athlete.
Saturday, March 9 and Sunday March 10	RAC ranking calls.
Sunday, March 10	Team selections and announcement of bracket.
Sat., Sun., Tues., March 16, 17 and 19	Regional competitions on the campuses of participating institutions.
Wed., Thurs., Sat., March 27, 28 and 30	Quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games at the Ford Center, Evansville, Indiana.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2019 Regionals	March 16, 17 and 19 at on-campus sites to be determined.
2019 Men's Elite Eight	March 27, 28 and 30 at the Ford Center, Evansville, Indiana.

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (eight)	Second weekend in March (Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday).
Elite Eight	Fourth weekend in March (Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday).

NOTE: Elite Eight will always occur the week before the NCAA Division I Men's Final Four, even if the date formula conflicts due to the number of weekends in March in given years. When there are five Saturdays in March, the Division II championship is one week later.

Section 1•5 Equipment

The Wilson Solution basketball is the official basketball for men's NCAA championships and shall be used for all 2019 tournament games. The manufacturer will send the balls directly to the tournament directors.

Regional tournament directors will receive 13 balls, with one ball going to each of the participating teams. There will be 13 balls sent to the championship finals site. These balls should be used for practice and games.

Section 1•6 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 in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes not played in accordance with the NCAA rules book, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules and Interpretations shall be followed for the championship.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

LOGOS

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

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The Division II Men's Basketball Championship provides for a maximum field of 64 teams. The eight qualifiers in each regional will compete at a single regional site. The eight regional tournaments will be conducted March 16, 17 and 19 to determine the eight quarterfinalists that will advance to the Men's Elite Eight.

The Division II Men's Basketball Committee will seed the regional winners so that the No. 1 seed plays the No. 8 seed, the No. 2 seed plays the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed plays the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed plays the No. 5 seed at the Elite Eight.

START TIMES

Teams participating in the first game of a championship session may begin pregame warmups 60 minutes before the beginning of the first game. Teams participating in the second game may begin warmups 30 minutes before the next game.

No team is allowed on the floor before the sound of the horn that starts the warmup.

Local start times for first-round competition in a regional tournament are recommended as follows: Noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The semifinals shall begin at 5 and 7:30 p.m. The start time for the final of a regional tournament shall be 7 p.m. Any adjustments for game times must be approved by the Division II Men's Basketball Committee.

TRAVEL PARTY

The official traveling party for the Division II Men's Basketball Championship is 20. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

Section 2•2 Results

SCORE REPORTING

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are combined for division/sport. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (<http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login>), and this information will then be transferred 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 coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Mark Bedics at mbedics@ncaa.org or 317-917-6138.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following 24 conferences shall automatically qualify their conference champions for the 2019 championship:

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

IN-REGION COMPETITION

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3, 31.02.4 and 31.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]

A minimum of 22 games against Division II teams must be played during the regular season (conference tournament games do not count toward this minimum); of those 22, a minimum of 18 must be in-region games. Only contests played against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions shall be considered in meeting the 22-game minimum or counted in a team's won-lost record.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

An institution desiring to participate in the championship must complete all games (including conference tournament games) before the final scheduled selection call of the Division II Men's Basketball Committee on Sunday, March 10.

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Teams qualify automatically by conference berth and are also selected at large by the committee. Eight teams will compete in each of the eight regional tournaments and these teams shall be paired strictly within region.

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

- have an overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better; and
- compete in at least 22 contests against Division II institutions, of which a minimum of 18 games must be played against in-region Division II opponents.

Further, the minimum of 22 games must be played against NCAA Division II institutions. Only contests played against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions shall be considered in meeting the 22-game minimum or counted in a team's won-lost record (conference tournament games do not count toward this minimum). The minimum 18 in-region contests must be played during the regular season. Competition against service teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in the sport of basketball in any one year to 26 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded per NCAA Bylaw 17.

An institution desiring to participate in the championship must complete all games (including conference tournament games) before the selection call on Sunday, March 10.

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Reference: Bylaw 31.3.3 in the NCAA Manual; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships; and
- Nullification.

Required Selection Criteria. Following confirmation of the availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships and the application for any nullification, the following selection criteria shall be applied in no particular order:

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

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee has received approval from the Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Men's Basketball Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Rating percentage index (RPI);
- Performance indicator; and
- Record vs. ranked teams.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Men's Basketball Committee.

FORFEITS

For the purpose of seeding and selection to the NCAA championship, there is no forfeit of a contest until the referee or other appropriate contest official has assumed jurisdiction of the contest in accordance with the applicable playing rules. When a team does not appear (e.g., due to weather conditions, accidents, breakdown of vehicles, illness or catastrophic causes), a forfeit is not recorded. An institution shall not, for statistical purposes, declare a forfeit for nonfulfillment of a contract. Such instances shall be considered a "no contest."

Selection Date. Announcement of the acceptance of invitations to teams shall be made by the NCAA national office in accordance with procedures established by the committee. Final selections will be announced Sunday, March 10.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the Division II Men's Basketball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information is up to date via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "championships available for bid" and select "add bid."

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championship manager.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PORTAL PROFILE

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is March 1.

As a reminder, prospective hosts' budgets should include committee/site representative's lodging expense, game officials' lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RefPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

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

KEY CONTACTS

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

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop

a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at: http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the championship manager at 317-917-6813 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

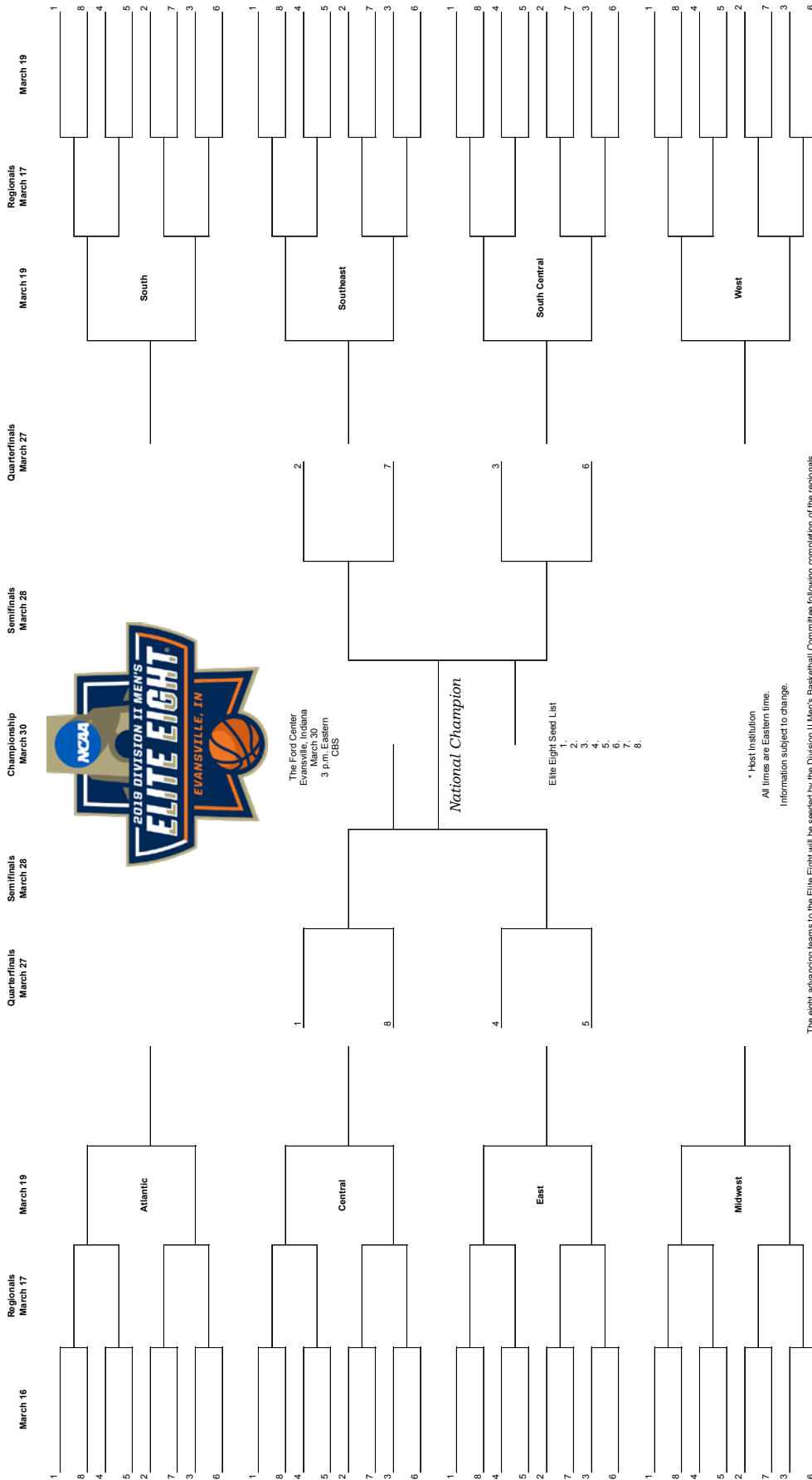
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Appendix A • Bracket

2019 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship



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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (13)

Bowie State University
 Claflin University
 Chowan University
 Elizabeth City State University
 Fayetteville State University
 Johnson C. Smith University
 The Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)

Livingstone College
 Shaw University
 Saint Augustine's University
 Virginia State University
 Virginia Union University
 Winston-Salem State University

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (17)

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

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

Mountain East Conference (12)

University of Charleston (West Virginia)
 Concord University
 Fairmont State University
 Glenville State College
 Notre Dame College (Ohio)
 Shepherd University

Urbana University
 The University of Virginia's College at Wise
 West Liberty University
 West Virginia State University
 West Virginia Wesleyan College
 Wheeling Jesuit University

Independent (2)

Bluefield State College

Salem International University

CENTRAL REGION

Great American Conference (12)

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

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

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (14)

University of Central Missouri
University of Central Oklahoma
Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University
Lincoln University (Missouri)
Lindenwood University
Missouri Southern State University

Missouri Western State University
University of Nebraska at Kearney
Northeastern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Pittsburg State University
Southwest Baptist University
Washburn University of Topeka

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (16)

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

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

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (14)

Bloomfield College
 Caldwell University
 Chestnut Hill College
 Concordia College (New York)
 Dominican College (New York)
 Felician College
 Georgian Court University

Goldey-Beacom College
 Holy Family University
 Nyack College
 Thomas Jefferson University
 Post University
 University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
 Wilmington University (Delaware)

East Coast Conference (10)

University of Bridgeport
 Daemen College
 University of the District of Columbia
 Mercy College
 Molloy College

New York Institute of Technology
 Long Island University/LIU Post
 Queens College (New York)
 Roberts Wesleyan College
 St. Thomas Aquinas College

Northeast-10 Conference (15)

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

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

MIDWEST REGION

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

Ashland University
*Davenport University
Ferris State University
Grand Valley State University
Lake Superior State University
Michigan Technological University

Northern Michigan University
Northwood University
*Purdue University Northwest
Saginaw Valley State University
Wayne State University (Michigan)
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Great Lakes Valley Conference (14)

Bellarmino University
Drury University
University of Illinois at Springfield
University of Indianapolis
Lewis University
Maryville University of Saint Louis
McKendree University

Missouri University of Sciences and Technology
University of Missouri, St. Louis
Quincy University
Rockhurst University
University of Southern Indiana
Truman State University
William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (13)

Alderson Broaddus University
Cedarville University
Davis & Elkins College
University of Findlay
Hillsdale College
Lake Erie College
Kentucky Wesleyan College

Malone University
Ohio Dominican University
Ohio Valley University
Tiffin University
Trevecca Nazarene University
Walsh University

Independent (1)

Oakland City University

*Ineligible for championship

SOUTH REGION

Gulf South Conference (13)

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

Union University
 Valdosta State University
 University of Montevallo
 University of West Alabama
 University of West Florida
 University of West Georgia

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (13)

Albany State University (Georgia)
 Benedict College
 Central State University
 Clark Atlanta University
 Fort Valley State University
 Kentucky State University
 Lane College

LeMoyne-Owen College
 Miles College
 Morehouse College
 Paine College
 *Spring Hill College
 Tuskegee University

Sunshine State Conference (11)

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

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

Independent (3)

*University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon
 *University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez

*University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

*Ineligible for championship

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Heartland Conference (9)

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
Dallas Baptist University
Lubbock Christian University
Newman University
Oklahoma Christian University

Rogers State University
St. Edward's University
St. Mary's University (Texas)
Texas A&M International University

Lone Star Conference (10)

Angelo State University
Cameron University
Eastern New Mexico University
Midwestern State University
Tarleton State University
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
University of Texas of the Permian Basin
*University of Texas-Tyler
West Texas A&M University
Western New Mexico University

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (16)

Adams State University
Black Hills State University
Chadron State College
Colorado Christian University
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University-Pueblo
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Dixie State University
Fort Lewis College
Metropolitan State University of Denver
New Mexico Highlands University
Regis University (Colorado)
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Western State Colorado University
*Westminster College (Utah)

*Ineligible for championship

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (10)

Barton College

Belmont Abbey College

*Emmanuel College (Georgia)

Erskine College

King University

Lees-McRae College

Limestone College

University of Mount Olive

North Greenville University

Southern Wesleyan University

Peach Belt Conference (12)

Augusta University

Clayton State University

Columbus State University

Flagler College

Francis Marion University

Georgia College

Georgia Southwestern State University

Lander University

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

University of North Georgia

University of South Carolina Aiken

Young Harris College

South Atlantic Conference (11)

Anderson University (South Carolina)

Carson-Newman University

Catawba College

Coker College

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Lincoln Memorial University

Mars Hill College

Newberry College

Queens University of Charlotte

Tusculum University

Wingate University

*Ineligible for championship

WEST REGION

California Collegiate Athletic Association (13)

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, San Bernardino

California State University, Stanislaus
California State University, San Marcos
University of California, San Diego
Humboldt State University
San Francisco State University
Sonoma State University

Great Northwest Athletic Conference (11)

University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Central Washington University
Concordia University Portland
Montana State University Billings
Northwest Nazarene University

Seattle Pacific University
Simon Fraser University
Saint Martin's University
Western Oregon University
Western Washington University

Pacific West Conference (12)

Academy of Art University
Azusa Pacific University
*Biola University
Chaminade University
Concordia University Irvine
Dominican University of California

Fresno Pacific University
University of Hawaii at Hilo
Hawaii Pacific University
Holy Names University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Point Loma Nazarene University

*Ineligible for championship

Appendix C • Future Dates

Year	Regionals	Championship Finals
2020	March 14, 15, 17	March 25, 26, 28
2021	March 13, 14, 16	March 24, 25, 27
2022	March 12, 13, 15	March 23, 24, 26

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Appendix D • Performance Indicator Breakdown

Performance Indicator (PI)

Division II games only (with neutral option)

23	Win on road against a .750 or above team
22	Win neutral-site game against a .750 or above team
21	Win at home against a .750 or above team
20	Win on road against a .500-.749 team
19	Win neutral-site game against a .500-.749 team
18	Win at home against a .500-.749 team
17	Win on road against a .250-.499 team
16	Win neutral-site game against a .250-.499 team
15	Win at home against a .250-.499 team
14	Win on road against a .000-.249 team
13	Win neutral-site game against a .000-.249 team
12	Win at home against a .000-.249 team
11	Road loss to .750 or above team
10	Neutral-site loss to a .750 or above team
9	Home loss to a .750 or above team
8	Road loss to a .500-.749 team
7	Neutral-site loss to a .500-.749 team
6	Home loss to a .500-.749 team
5	Road loss to a .250-.499 team
4	Neutral-site loss to a .250-.499 team
3	Home loss to a .250-.499 team
2	Road loss to a .000-.250 team
1	Neutral-site loss to a .000-.250 team
0	Home loss to a .000-.250 team

Total points/total games = PI Value

Note: Point values change each time an opponent's record places it in a different winning percentage range.