



PRECHAMPIONSHIP 2025-26 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four 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, eight 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 Prechampionship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 92 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1.1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship 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).

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 3.2 Drug Testing

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

Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

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

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

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

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

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

Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [Health, Safety & Performance website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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 warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

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

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • Division II

Section 10.1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the constitution 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.

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate. Division II members abide by the following principles that help define and distinguish the division: (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution's educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(b) Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution's budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a "partial scholarship" model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(c) Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This "Life in the Balance" emphasis facilitates learning through: (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(1) **Academics.** Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(2) **Athletics.** Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division's 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA's three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(3) **Community Engagement.** Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(4) **Postgraduation Success.** Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(d) Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a "game environment" initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(e) Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division's governance structure. *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

Section 10•2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

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

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

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: "... **any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.**"

EXPECTATIONS

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

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

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

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

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more
- g. NCAA championships;
- h. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship(s); and
- i. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

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

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

Section 10•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

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

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

This policy applies to the following sports: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Section 10•4 Make Game Day Yours

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

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

Section 10•5 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before 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 Sunday if required by the schedule).

Division II Women's Basketball

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Section 1 • General Administration

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SOUTH REGION

Stephanie Yelton

Head Women's Basketball Coach
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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Tiffany McCampbell

Associate Athletics Director/External Relations
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CENTRAL REGION

Amy Anderson

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Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Regional Advisory Committees in the Division II General Section and Bylaw 8.9.1.6 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 regional advisory committee will conduct three videoconferences to review and evaluate teams in the appropriate regions before each national committee videoconference.

Name	Institution	Conference
ATLANTIC REGION		
Allie De Witt	MEC	MEC
Tesla Southcott	Concord	MEC
Allison Hostetter	West Chester	PSAC
Mike Drahos	Pitt.-Johnstown	PSAC
Tyreece Brown	Fayetteville St.	CIAA
Kisha Middleton	Lincoln (PA)	CIAA
CENTRAL REGION		
Amy Anderson	Arkansas Tech	GAC
Trent May	Southern Nazarene	GAC
Nate Davis	Northern St.	NSIC
Emilee Thiesse	Minnesota St.	NSIC
Chris Ratcliff	Rogers St.	MIAA
Amanda Davied	Pittsburg St.	MIAA
EAST REGION		
Courtney Finn	Bentley	NE10
Mark Swasey	Franklin Pierce	NE10
Marlena Wright	District of Columbia	ECC
TBD		ECC
Tom Shirley	Jefferson	CACC
Bethann Burke	Goldey-Beacom	CACC
MIDWEST REGION		
Erika Wallace	Wayne St. (MI)	GLIAC
Jenny Pruett	Saginaw Valley	GLIAC
Al King	Ashland	G-MAC
Addy Miller	Cedarville	G-MAC
Kira Carter	Missouri S&T	GLVC
Kim Pate	Drury	GLVC
SOUTH REGION		
Stephanie Yelton	West Florida	GSC
Jennifer Grubbs	Valdosta St.	GSC
James Rice	Benedict	SIAC
Antonio Bailey	Clark Atlanta	SIAC
Julia Tucker	Lynn	SSC
Jill Stephens	Fla. Southern	SSC

Name	Institution	Conference
SOUTHEAST REGION		
Randy Loggins	Converse	Conference Carolinas
Lasheena Brooks	Shorter	Conference Carolinas
Kristen Salyer	UVA Wise	SAC
Emry Tsitouris	Lenoir-Rhyne	SAC
Michael MacEachern	Georgia College	PBC
Matt Houser	Columbus St.	PBC
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION		
Tiffany McCampbell	Colo. Sch. of Mines	RMAC
Mario Caetano	Adams St.	RMAC
Danielle Anderson	Lone Star	LSC
Beth Jillson	Texas Woman's	LSC
WEST REGION		
Christine Collins-Kiernan	CUI	PacWest
Spencer Shamo	Dominican (CA)	PacWest
Sarah Hopkins-Chery	Cal St. Monterey Bay	CCAA
Allison Kern	Cal St. East Bay	CCAA
Randi Richardson	Central Wash.	GNAC
Hollie West	Mont. St. Billings	GNAC

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Wednesday, Jan. 21	Regional bid documents available on ncaa.org .
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Regional advisory committee practice ranking calls.
Wednesday, Feb. 11	National committee practice ranking call.
Tuesday, Feb. 17	First regional advisory committee ranking calls (in alphabetical order).
Wednesday, Feb. 18	First national committee ranking call (in alphabetical order).
Tuesday, Feb. 24	Second regional advisory committee ranking calls (in rank order).
Wednesday, Feb. 25	Second national committee ranking call (in rank order).
Friday, Feb. 27	Deadline for submission of regional bids.
Tuesday, March 3	Third regional advisory committee ranking calls (in rank order).
Wednesday, March 4	Third national committee ranking call (in rank order).
Saturday, March 7	Regional advisory committee selection calls.
Sunday, March 8	Team selections and announcement of bracket.
Monday, March 9	Videoconference for regional tournament participants.
Fri., Sat. & Mon., March 13, 14 & 16	Regional tournaments.
Thursday, March 19	Videoconference for Men's and Women's Elite Eight participants.
Tue., Thu. & Sat., March 24, 26 & 28	Women's Elite Eight at UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND PAIRINGS

2026 Regionals March 13, 14 and 16 at on-campus sites to be determined.

2026 Women's Elite Eight March 24, 26 and 28 at UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh.

The eight advancing teams to the Women's Elite Eight will be seeded by the Division II Women's Basketball Committee after completion of the regional using KPI.

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (eight) Second weekend in March (Friday, Saturday and Monday).

Women's Elite Eight*^ Fourth week in March (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

**The Women's Elite Eight will always take place the week before the NCAA Division I Women'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 championship is one week later.*

^As a result of the joint championship schedule in which the men's championship game will be conducted in conjunction with the Men's Final Four in Indianapolis, the Division II Championships Committee approved a Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday format for the 2026 women's championship only.

FUTURE DATES

2027

Sunday, March 7 Selection of teams and regional sites.

**Friday, Saturday and Monday
March 12, 13 and 15** Regional competition.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
March 22, 24 and 26** Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

2028

Sunday, March 5 Selection of teams and regional sites.

**Friday, Saturday and Monday
March 10, 11 and 13** Regional competition.

**Monday and Wednesday
March 20 and 22** Quarterfinals and semifinals in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Saturday, April 1 Championship game in Indianapolis (in conjunction with the Women's Final Four).

2029

Sunday, March 4 Selection of teams and regional sites.

**Friday, Saturday and Monday
March 9, 10 and 12** Regional competition.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
March 19, 21 and 23** Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in TBD.

Section 1•5 Equipment

The Wilson EVO NXT Game Ball shall be used for all tournament games. The manufacturer will send the balls directly to the tournament managers.

Each regional tournament manager will receive 13 balls, with one ball going to each of the participating teams after the conclusion of the tournaments. Each of the eight regional sites will also receive one basketball rack with the NCAA Basketball logo.

Twenty-four balls will be sent to the Women's Elite Eight championship site. Each team will receive one game ball at the conclusion of the final game.

Section 1•6 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 18.6 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]

NCAA Women's Basketball Rules shall be followed for the women's championship.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7 of this manual.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The Division II Women'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 13, 14 and 16 to determine the eight quarterfinalists that will advance to the Women's Elite Eight. If, for unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to play a regional tournament game, the committee is authorized to determine with team or teams shall advance in the bracket.

The Division II Women'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. KPI will be used to seed the teams.

Split-Site Regionals. In the event the number one seed for men's and women's basketball is the same institution, the regional automatically becomes a split regional with the No. 1 seed hosting both men's and women's teams, while the number No. 2 seed team in the region hosts a four team sub-regional. Games will be played Friday and Saturday, with the regional final hosted Tuesday evening at the site of the highest remaining seed. See [Appendix D](#) for a detailed schedule.

The Women's Basketball Committee will assign site representatives to oversee the regional competition. The Division II coordinator of officials will evaluate and advance the officials throughout the regional tournament.

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 7:30 p.m. The semifinals shall begin at 5 p.m. 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 Women's Basketball Committee.

TRAVEL PARTY

The official traveling party for the Division II Women'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 ncaa.org/sports/2013/11/7/championships-travel-information.aspx.

Section 2•2 Results

REPORTING RESULTS/SCHEDULE/ROSTERS

Institutions will submit all schedules, rosters 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 sports information directors in a memo from the media services staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Nick Moeller (nmoeller@ncaa.org or 317-917-6390).

Section 2•3 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaw 18.4.3.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual.]

For the women's basketball championship, the following conferences shall automatically qualify their conference champions for the 2026 championship.

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

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 Women's Basketball Committee Sunday, March 8.

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.

- 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.

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 can count toward this minimum). 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. Results against NCAA members in Puerto Rico count in only the overall win-loss record.

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 18.4.3 in the NCAA Manual; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Availability of student-athletes.
- Nullification.

DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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:

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

In addition to Bylaw 18.4.3, the Women'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 Women's Basketball Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Sport-Specific Selection Criteria.

- In-region Rating Percentage Index.
- Results versus ranked Division II opponents.
- *KPI.

*The KPI also will be used to seed teams for the Women's Elite Eight.

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 8.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2026 championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, upload an alcohol sales agreement (if applicable) and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid Portal. Please note that to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid."

Committee/site representative per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RQ Pay system for their game fee, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

For both the game officials and committee/site representatives, institutional 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 its championships.

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all materials for hosting regionals is Feb. 27.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Division Championships Committee policy.]

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. Hosts that opt to sell alcohol at their regional sites also must complete the Concessions Reporting section in the budget system and submit it along with their actual expenses.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Lynne Andrew at 317-917-6666 or landrew@ncaa.org.

HOST REPORTING SYSTEM

An online proposed budget must be completed for each round of competition you wish to host. In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

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

Committee/site representative per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. All game officials fees also will be paid by the NCAA via RQ Pay.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting regional competition of the 2026 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 to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

Accuracy and completeness of the facility evaluation forms must be acknowledged and verified once per year.

KEY CONTACTS

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

Personnel who will administer the competition should be listed on the key contacts form. **Please include the proper mailing address for overnight deliveries. The system will not accept P.O. Box addresses.**

SAFETY AND SECURITY EVENT ACTION PLAN

The NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group to develop Best Practices for all NCAA championships. The SSAG developed these Best Practices based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own experience and knowledge. All hosts and competition venues are strongly encouraged to refer to the [Safety and Security Best Practices](#) when developing a safety and security event action plan. Please submit your final safety and security plan with your bid materials.

The bid portal automatically will generate a critical incident response team contact information form based on data entered into the key contacts form and the Emergency Numbers tab in the facility profile. Individual points of contact from each agency are preferred, followed by LOCAL emergency numbers. The use of 911 should be avoided. If applicable, site representative information will be added by the championship manager once a site has been selected for hosting.

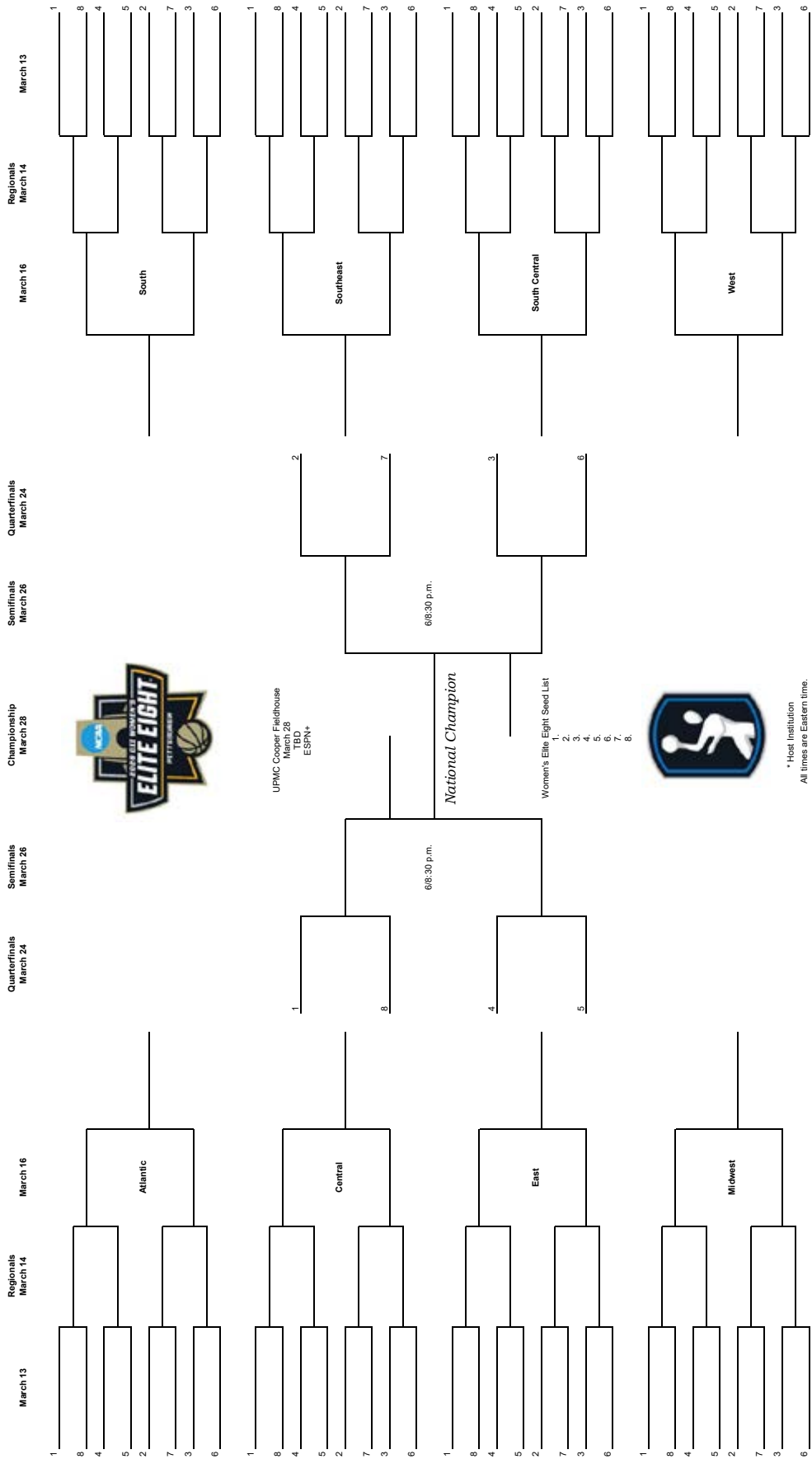
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Appendix A • Bracket

2026 NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Championship



* Host Institution
All times are Eastern time.
Information subject to change.
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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (12)

Bluefield State University	Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)
Bowie State University	Livingstone College
Claflin University	Shaw University
Elizabeth City State University	Virginia State University
Fayetteville State University	Virginia Union University
Johnson C. Smith University	Winston-Salem State University

Mountain East Conference (11)

University of Charleston (West Virginia)	*Point Park University
Concord University	West Liberty University
Davis & Elkins College	West Virginia State University
Fairmont State University	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Frostburg State University	Wheeling University
Glenville State College	

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (17)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro
Gannon University	University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Seton Hill University
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Shepherd University
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Western University, California	

Independent (1)

Salem University (West Virginia)

*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

CENTRAL REGION**Great American Conference (12)**

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

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

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (14)

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
 University of Central Missouri
 University of Central Oklahoma
 Emporia State University
 Fort Hays State University
 Missouri Southern State University
 Missouri Western State University

University of Nebraska at Kearney
 Newman University
 Northeastern State University
 Northwest Missouri State University
 Pittsburg State University
 Rogers State University
 Washburn University

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (16)

Augustana University (South Dakota)
 Bemidji State University
 Concordia University, St. Paul
 *University of Jamestown
 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
 Wayne State College (Nebraska)
 Winona State University

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (11)

University of Bridgeport	Goldey-Beacom College
Caldwell University	Holy Family University
Chestnut Hill College	Post University
Dominican University New York	Thomas Jefferson University
Felician University	Wilmington University (Delaware)
Georgian Court University	

East Coast Conference (9)

D'Youville College	Queens College (New York)
Daemen College	Roberts Wesleyan University
University of the District of Columbia	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Mercy College	College of Staten Island
Molloy College	

Northeast-10 Conference (10)

Adelphi University	Pace University
American International College	Southern Connecticut State University
Assumption University	Southern New Hampshire University
Bentley University	Saint Anselm College
Franklin Pierce University	Saint Michael's College

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

MIDWEST REGION**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (11)**

Davenport University
 Ferris State University
 Grand Valley State University
 Lake Superior State University
 Michigan Technological University
 Northern Michigan University

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

Great Lakes Valley Conference (15)

Drury University
 University of Illinois at Springfield
 University of Indianapolis
 Lewis University
 Lincoln University (Missouri)
 Maryville University of Saint Louis
 McKendree University
 Missouri University of Science and Technology

University of Missouri-St. Louis
 Quincy University
 Rockhurst University
 Southwest Baptist University
 Truman State University
 Upper Iowa University
 William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (13)

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

Northwood University
 Ohio Dominican University
 Thomas More University
 Tiffin University
 Ursuline College
 Walsh University

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

SOUTH REGION

Gulf South Conference (12)

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

University of Montevallo
Trevecca Nazarene University
Union University
Valdosta State University
University of West Alabama
University of West Florida

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (14)

Albany State University (Georgia)
Allen University
Benedict College
Central State University
Clark Atlanta University
Edward Waters University
Fort Valley State University

Kentucky State University
Lane College
LeMoyne-Owen College
Miles College
Savannah State University
Spring Hill College
Tuskegee University

Sunshine State Conference (11)

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

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

Independent (3)

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

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**Lone Star Conference (17)**

Angelo State University
 Cameron University
 Eastern New Mexico University
 Lubbock Christian University
 Midwestern State University
 Oklahoma Christian University
 St. Edward's University
 St. Mary's University (Texas)
 *Sul Ross State University

Texas A&M International University
 Texas A&M University-Kingsville
 Texas Woman's University
 *University of Texas at Dallas
 University of Texas Permian Basin
 The University of Texas at Tyler
 West Texas A&M University
 Western New Mexico University

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (15)

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

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

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (16)

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Chowan University
Converse University
Emmanuel University (Georgia)
Erskine College
*Ferrum College
Francis Marion University

King University
Lees-McRae College
University of Mount Olive
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
North Greenville University
Shorter University
Southern Wesleyan University
Young Harris College

Peach Belt Conference (11)

Augusta University
Clayton State University
Columbus State University
Flagler College
Georgia College
Georgia Southwestern State University

Lander University
*Middle Georgia State University
University of North Georgia
University of South Carolina Aiken
University of South Carolina Beaufort

South Atlantic Conference (12)

Anderson University (South Carolina)
Carson-Newman University
Catawba College
Coker University
Emory & Henry University
Lenoir-Rhyne University

Lincoln Memorial University
Mars Hill University
Newberry College
Tusculum University
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Wingate University

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

WEST REGION**California Collegiate Athletic Association (12)**

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
 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, San Bernardino
 California State University, San Marcos
 California State University, Stanislaus
 *University of California, Merced
 San Francisco State University
 California State University, Monterey Bay

Great Northwest Athletic Conference (10)

University of Alaska Anchorage
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 Central Washington University
 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 (13)

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
 Jessup University
 *Menlo College
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Vanguard University
 Westmont College

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

Appendix C • Table Crew Reference Sheet



2025-27 NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GAME ADMINISTRATION AND TABLE CREW REFERENCE SHEET

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GAME ADMINISTRATION

Game administration shall make available an individual at each basket with a device capable of untangling the net when necessary. The individual must ensure that play has clearly moved away from the affected basket before going onto the playing court.

TABLE PERSONNEL

It is strongly recommended that table personnel (scorers, timer, shot-clock operator) refrain from the use of personal electronic devices during the game.

SCORER

It is strongly recommended that the scorer be present at the table with **at least 15 minutes** remaining on the pregame clock.

Signals

1. For a team's fifth foul, the scorer will display two fingers and verbally state the team is in the bonus. The public-address announcer is not to announce the number of team fouls beyond the fifth team foul.
2. In a game with replay equipment, record the time on the game clock when the official signals for reviewing a two- or three-point goal or whether a try was released before the shot-clock period ended.
3. For a disqualified player, the scorer will inform the officials as soon as possible by displaying five fingers with an open hand and verbally stating that this is the fifth foul on the number of the disqualified player.
4. The scorer shall notify, or have notified, the statistical crew when there are any atypical situations (e.g., technical, **flagrant 1**, and/or **flagrant 2** fouls).

Coaches' Appeal:

When the head coach makes a formal appeal to the official scorer that: (1) a correctable error occurred; (2) a timing, scoring, bookkeeping, or alternating-possession arrow mistake occurred; (3) a **flagrant 1** or contact **flagrant 2** foul occurred; (3) the officials' ruling for an out-of-bounds or backcourt violation was incorrect; (4) free throws should or should not have been awarded when a foul was committed near a change of team control; or (5) the ruling to count a goal when a foul was committed by or against a teammate of the shooter was incorrect, the scorer shall have the timer sound the game-clock horn at the first dead ball or immediately when the ball is in control of the appealing coach's team.

GAME-CLOCK TIMER

TIMER must:

1. Confirm with the officials that the game clock is operating properly, which includes displaying tenths-of-a-second under one minute, the horn is operating, and the red/LED lights are functioning. These tests are to be performed before arriving at the pregame meeting with the officials. If these tests have not been conducted prior to the meeting, they are to be done immediately following the meeting.
2. Not sound the horn at the media-timeout mark unless the officials fail to recognize the media-timeout window.
3. Not sound the horn for a disqualified player until the reporting official notifies the timer to start the clock for the disqualified player.

4. Have a digital stopwatch available (may **not** be a cell phone) to time the length of timeouts, the intermission following the first and third periods, any injury/blood, or displaced lens situation. The game clock may not be used to track time during any of these situations.
5. Notify the official of any timing mistake or malfunction of the timing device.

START the clock when an official signals that an inbounds player touches the ball during:

1. The jump ball.
2. Any throw-in after the ball has been released by the thrower-in.
3. An unsuccessful free throw that will remain live.

STOP the game clock when:

1. An official's whistle sounds.
2. A goal is successful (clears the bottom of the net) in the last 59.9 seconds of the fourth and all extra periods.

SOUND A WARNING HORN 15 seconds before time expires for:

1. The 20-second time limit to remedy a blood or lost/displaced contact lens situation or to replace an injured player.
2. The 15-second time limit to replace a disqualified player.
3. Intermission.
4. Any timeout.

SOUND A FINAL HORN when time expires for:

1. The 20-second time limit to remedy a blood or lost/displaced contact lens situation or to replace an injured player.
2. The 15-second time limit to replace a disqualified player.
3. Intermission.
4. Any timeout.

For more information on the duties of the timer, see Rule 2-10. When any whistle-based timing system is used, the timer is still required to start and stop the game clock by rule.

ALTERNATING-POSSESSION ARROW

SET arrow to start the game or any extra period when:

1. A team obtains the initial possession/control of the ball.
2. After a violation or non-personal foul, the ball is placed at the disposal of the thrower-in.
3. After a personal foul, the ball is placed at the disposal of the thrower-in or free-throw shooter.

SWITCH arrow when:

1. A throw-in ends (an inbounds player legally touches the ball on a throw-in).
2. The throw-in team violates (example: thrower-in steps over the boundary line).

DO NOT SWITCH arrow when:

1. A team fouls on an alternating-possession throw-in.
2. Ball is intentionally kicked or fisted during an alternating-possession throw-in.

For more information on the alternating-possession procedure, see Rules 6-3 and 6-4

SHOT-CLOCK OPERATOR

SHOT-CLOCK OPERATOR must:

1. Confirm that the shot clocks are operating properly, which includes the horn sounding at zero and the red lights connected to the game clock do **NOT** engage at zero on the shot clock. This test is to be performed before arriving at the pregame meeting with the officials. If these tests have not been conducted prior to the meeting, they are to be done immediately following the meeting.

START shot clock when:

1. A team gains possession of a:
 - a. Rebound.
 - b. Jump ball.
 - c. Loose ball after a rebound or jump ball.
2. An official signals that an inbounds player legally touches the ball on a throw-in.
3. Only during games with a shot clock that can display tenths of a second, a minimum of .3 seconds must expire from the shot clock when the ball is legally touched inbounds.

STOP the shot clock when an official's whistle sounds.

FULL RESET to 30 seconds when:

1. There is a change of possession with a new team in control, and the ball remains live or when team control is re-established in the backcourt after the team loses control or after a score by the opponent. This includes when one team clearly causes the ball to be out of bounds on a jump ball, and the opponent is awarded possession in their backcourt.
2. There is a single personal foul charged to the offense, and, when charged to the defense, the foul was committed in the offensive team's backcourt.
3. There is a single player/substitute, team, or bench technical foul, or a flagrant 1, or flagrant 2 foul assessed.
4. Opponents commit fouls, which stop play, and one foul is a flagrant 1 or flagrant 2 foul.
5. An administrative technical foul has been assessed to the defensive team.
6. A try/shot (not a pass) hits the rim or flange, and a player on the non-shooting team is first to control the ball anywhere inbounds, or a player of the shooting team is first to gain control of the ball in their backcourt.
7. There is a violation by the offense in its frontcourt, or when there is no team control.
8. There is an inadvertent whistle with no team control, and:
 - a. The alternating-possession arrow favors the non-shooting team when the ball is located in their backcourt, or
 - b. The ball is in the shooting team's backcourt when the whistle sounds following a try that strikes the ring/flange, and the alternating-possession arrow favors the shooting team.
9. When free throws are to be attempted, reset to 30 prior to the first attempt.
10. When a shot hits the ring or flange and is unsuccessful, the shot clock shall be held at 30 seconds until team control is established. When the shooting team is first to control the ball in its frontcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 20 seconds.

RESET to 20 seconds when:

1. There is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball by the defense with 19 seconds or fewer on the shot clock.
2. The defensive team commits a single personal foul in the offensive team's frontcourt with 19 seconds or fewer on the shot clock.
3. A try/shot (not a pass) hits the rim or flange, and a player of the shooting team is first to gain control of the ball in its frontcourt.
4. A personal foul is committed by the non-shooting team before the bonus is in effect in the shooting team's frontcourt:
 - a. following an unsuccessful field-goal or free-throw attempt that contacts the ring/flange and remains live.
 - b. During a successful field-goal or free-throw attempt and until the ball becomes live but is not committed against a player in the act of shooting or an airborne shooter.
5. The shooting team is awarded the ball for a throw-in after the ball goes out of bounds in its frontcourt following an unsuccessful field-goal or free-throw attempt that contacts the ring/flange and remains live.
6. There is an inadvertent whistle with no team control, and the ball is in the shooting team's frontcourt when the whistle sounds following a try that strikes the ring/flange, and the alternating-possession arrow favors the shooting team.
7. A foul is committed by the nonshooting team in the shooting team's frontcourt during an unsuccessful try that

does not strike the ring/flange, and the shot clock displays 20 seconds or less.

8. When the offense/shooting team commits a personal foul or violation in its backcourt, and play resumes with an awarded throw-in to the opposing team.
9. When a player located in their team's backcourt violates the provisions of the jump ball at the start of the game or any overtime.
10. When the alternating-possession procedure is used to determine which team shall be awarded the ball following a held ball or other stoppage that occurred in the offense/shooting team's backcourt, and the alternating-possession arrow favors the opposing team.

NO RESET when:

1. The offense retains possession after the following:
 - a. A held ball.
 - b. An out-of-bounds violation.
2. There is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with 20 seconds or more on the shot clock.
3. The defensive team commits a single personal foul in the offensive team's frontcourt with 20 seconds or more on the shot clock.
4. There is an injured player.
5. There is a timeout.
6. A double foul occurs, or opponents commit fouls of equal gravity.
7. There is an administrative technical foul on the offensive team.
8. There is an inadvertent whistle with team control or following a try for goal that does not strike the ring/flange when the alternating-possession arrow favors the shooting team.
9. A foul is committed by the non-shooting team in the shooting team's frontcourt during an unsuccessful try that does not strike the ring/flange, and the shot clock displays more than 20 seconds.
10. When the shooting team regains control of the ball in their backcourt after an unsuccessful try that does not contact the ring or flange.

ALLOW shot clock to run:

1. During loose-ball situations.
2. During a try for goal that does not strike the ring or flange.

TURN OFF the shot-clock display when there is a reset situation and there is less than the time in a shot-clock period remaining on the game clock; however, situations may arise when a shot clock that is not currently displaying any time may be set to 20 seconds.

For more information on the duties of the shot clock operator, see Rule 2-11

MEDIA TIMEOUT (See Rule 5-14.10 for timeout rules)

1. Media timeouts are permitted in any game.
2. The length of a media timeout is determined by the host institution/conference or the electronic-media agreement between the host institution/conference and its media partner.
3. The media-timeout format includes one scheduled media timeout at or below the 5-minute mark in each quarter.
4. When a replay review occurs before the 5-minute mark in a quarter and prior to the quarter's electronic-media timeout, the replay review triggers that quarter's electronic-media timeout. The replay review will be conducted concurrently with the electronic-media timeout.

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5. A team-called timeout called before the 5-minute mark or anytime at or under the mark when there has been no other whistle, will become the media timeout in that quarter.
6. The first replay review or team-called timeout of the second half will trigger the second half electronic-media timeout. This timeout does not replace the 5-minute media timeout in the quarter in which it is called. The replay review will be conducted concurrently with the electronic-media timeout.
7. When the replay review is completed before the end of the electronic-media timeout, substitutes must report prior to the first warning horn. When the replay review is completed after the end of the electronic-media timeout, once the officials have finished any communication with the scorer/timer, the timer shall be instructed to sound the horn, followed by a second horn 15 seconds later. Any substitute permitted to enter the game by rule must report prior to the final horn.
8. The official will give the media a timeout signal regardless of the type of timeout being requested. Following the media timeout signal, the official will then report to the scorer whether the timeout is charged as a 30- or full-timeout, depending on what the coach requested. Teams are charged with what they request, even when that timeout becomes a media timeout.
9. The intermission between the first and second quarters and between the third and fourth quarters may be used as an electronic-media timeout (per the media agreement).

Example 1:

1st Quarter:	2nd Quarter:
6:30- team calls a TO - Becomes the 5-min. media timeout	4:30- team calls timeout creating first stoppage at or under 5-min. - Becomes the 5-min. media timeout
4:55- whistle occurs - Not a media timeout	

Example 2:

3rd Quarter:	4th Quarter:
6:30- team calls a timeout (first team-called timeout in second half) - Becomes a media timeout as it is the first team-called timeout of the second half	7:30- team calls timeout (first team-called timeout in 4th period) - Becomes the 5-min. media timeout
4:55- whistle occurs - Becomes the 5-min. media timeout	4:55- whistle occurs causing the first clock stoppage at or under 5:00 mark - Play continues; no media timeout

Example 3:

3rd Quarter:	4th Quarter:
8:00- team calls a timeout (first team-called timeout in second half) - Becomes a media timeout as it is the first team-called timeout of the second half	7:30- team calls a timeout (first team-called timeout in 4th period) - Becomes the 5-min. media timeout
6:30- team calls a timeout - Becomes the 5-min. media timeout	4:55- whistle occurs causing the first clock stoppage at or under 5:00 - Play continues; no media timeout
4:55- whistle occurs causing first clock stoppage at or under 5:00 mark - Play continues; no media timeout	

Appendix D • Split Regional Schedule

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Split Regional Schedule

Games will be played Friday and Saturday with the regional final Tuesday night.

Quarterfinals and Semifinals:

#1 Seed Site Schedule

Thursday

8 – 9:25 a.m.	Seed #5 practice (Women)
9:30 – 10:55 a.m.	Seed #4 practice (Women)
11 – 12:25 p.m.	Seed #8 practice (Women)
12:30 – 1:55 p.m.	Seed #1 practice (Women)
2 – 3:25 p.m.	Seed #8 practice (Men)
3:30 – 4:55 p.m.	Seed #1 practice (Men)
5 – 6:25 p.m.	Seed #5 practice (Men)
6:30 – 7:55 p.m.	Seed #4 practice (Men)

Friday

7 – 7:25 a.m.	Seed #5 shootaround (Women)
7:30 – 7:55 a.m.	Seed #4 shootaround (Women)
8 – 8:25 a.m.	Seed #8 shootaround (Women)
8:30 – 8:55 a.m.	Seed #1 shootaround (Women)
9 – 9:25 a.m.	Seed #8 shootaround (Men)
9:30 – 9:55 a.m.	Seed #1 shootaround (Men)
10 – 10:25 a.m.	Seed #5 shootaround (Men)
10:30 – 10:55 a.m.	Seed #4 shootaround (Men)
Noon	Seed #4 vs. Seed #5 (Women) – QF #1
2:30 p.m.	Seed #1 vs. Seed #8 (Women) – QF #2
5 p.m.	Seed #1 vs. Seed #8 (Men) – QF #3
7:30 p.m.	Seed #4 vs. Seed #5 (Men) – QF #4

Note: Evening games could be adjusted at the request of the host institution and approved by the men's and women's basketball committees.

Saturday

9 – 9:55 a.m.	Quarterfinal #1 winner
10 – 10:55 a.m.	Quarterfinal #2 winner
11 – 11:55 a.m.	Quarterfinal #3 winner
Noon – 12:55 p.m.	Quarterfinal #4 winner
5 p.m.	Semifinal #1 (4/5 winner vs. 1/8 winner) – Women
7:30 p.m.	Semifinal #2 (4/5 winner vs. 1/8 winner) – Men

Men's and Women's sub regional winner will advance to Tuesday's night regional final at highest remaining seed.

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#2 Seed Site Schedule

Thursday

10 – 11:25 a.m. Seed #7 practice
11:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. Seed #2 practice
1 – 2:25 p.m. Seed #6 practice
2:30 – 3:55 p.m. Seed #3 practice

Friday

9 – 9:55 a.m. Seed #7 shootaround
10 – 10:55 a.m. Seed #2 shootaround
11 – 11:55 a.m. Seed #6 shootaround
Noon – 12:55 p.m. Seed #3 shootaround
5 p.m. Seed #2 vs. Seed #7
7:30 p.m. Seed #3 vs. Seed #6

Saturday

10 – 11:25 a.m. Winner of 2/7 shootaround
11:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. Winner of 3/6 shootaround
7:00 p.m. Semifinal (2/7 winner vs. 3/6 winner)

Finals Schedule

If the highest remaining seeds are from the same institution:

Monday Schedule

10 – 11:25 a.m. Low seed (Women) practice
11:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. High seed (Women) practice
1 – 2:25 p.m. Low seed (Men) practice
2:30 – 3:55 p.m. High seed (Men) practice

Tuesday Schedule

9 – 9:55 a.m. Women low seed shootaround
10 – 10:55 a.m. Women high seed shootaround
11 – 11:55 a.m. Women low seed shootaround
Noon – 12:55 p.m. Men high seed shootaround
5 p.m. Women's regional championship
8 p.m. Men's regional championship

If the highest remaining seeds are from different institutions:

Monday Schedule

1 – 2:25 p.m. Low seed practice

2:30 – 3:55 p.m. High seed practice

Tuesday Schedule

10 – 10:55 a.m. Low seed shootaround

11 – 11:55 a.m. High seed shootaround

7 p.m. Regional Championship