



2021 DIVISION III WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

Section 1.1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to 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 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 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 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 31.2.1.5 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 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division 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 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), 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, 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 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; 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, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

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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 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 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 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. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • 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 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

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

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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 III

Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

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

Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sport committee to consider an accommodation and a change to the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sport committee, in consultation with participating institutions, may reschedule the game on the nearest possible date.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.
- The governing sport committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 9•3 Gameday the DIII Way

Division III promotes and atmosphere that is a respectful and engaging educational environment through athletics, for everyone through Gameday the DIII Way. Gameday the DIII Way establishes an expectation for championship hosts, coaches, student-athletes and spectators to focus on the common standards of safety, responsiveness, dignity and experience while participating or attending a championship event. We ask that each participant and attendee be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Gameday the DIII Way.

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 before May 1 of the preceding academic year to be excused from competing on that day. The notification shall be valid for a period of two years. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution, and such adjustment shall not require its team or an individual competitor to compete before the time originally scheduled.

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

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Section 1 • General Administration

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University of Mount Union

CENTRAL REGION

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SOUTH REGION

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Head Women's Basketball Coach
University of Texas at Dallas

EAST REGION

Jacey Brooks
Head Women's Basketball Coach
State University of New York at Cortland

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Nate Davis
Head Women's Basketball Coach
Gettysburg College

NORTHEAST REGION

MaryLynn Skarzenski
Head Women's Basketball Coach/Asst. AD
Nichols College

WEST REGION

Michelle Ferenz
Head Women's Basketball Coach/Assoc. AD/SWA
Whitman College

Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC REGION		
Gabrielle Lisella, chair	Rowan	NJAC
Ashley Rogers	Marymount (Virginia)	Atlantic East
Kristin Karat	Cedar Crest	Colonial States
Eric Harrison	Lehman	CUNYAC
Caitlin Hadzimichalis	King's (Pennsylvania)	MAC Freedom
Annette Reiter	Rutgers-Camden	NJAC
Anthony Macapugay	St. Joseph's (Brooklyn)	Skyline
CENTRAL REGION		
Megan Wilson, chair	Wisconsin-Platteville	Wisconsin Intercollegiate
Tim Bernero	Carthage	CCIW
Tamlyn Tills	Lake Forest	Midwest
Chaia Huff	Edgewood	Northern Athletics

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
CENTRAL REGION CONTINUED		
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Tonja Englund	Wisconsin-Eau Claire	Wisconsin Intercollegiate
EAST REGION		
Jacey Brooks, chair	SUNY Cortland	SUNYAC
Melissa Kuberka	St. John Fisher	Empire 8
Lindsay Sharman	William Smith	Liberty League
Shayla Johnson	Penn State-Abington	NEAC
Jerry Fisk	Fredonia	SUNYAC
GREAT LAKES REGION		
Suzy Venet Pietz, chair	Mount Union	OAC
Amy Senefelder	Hilbert	Allegheny Mountain CC
Melissa Makielski	St. Mary's (Indiana)	Michigan Intercol.
John Jones	Hanover	Heartland Collegiate
Sara Lee	Denison	North Coast
Kole Vivian	Marietta	OAC
Jimmy Petruska	Saint Vincent	Presidents' AC
Jennifer Reimer	Case Western	UAA
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION		
Nate Davis, chair	Gettysburg	Centennial
Kelly Baskow	Salisbury	Coast-to-Coast
Margaret White	Ursinus	Centennial
Janice Luck	Albright	MAC Commonwealth
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NORTHEAST REGION		
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Tim Barrett	Castleton	Little East
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Toni Kabilian	Eastern Nazarene	NECC
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Cameron Hill	Trinity (Texas)	Southern Collegiate
Ross James	Mary Baldwin	USA South

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
WEST REGION		
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Alex Focke	Hamline	Minnesota Intercol.
Joial Griffith	Whitworth	Northwest
Bridgette Reyes	Caltech	SCIAC
Zach Otto-Fisher	Wisconsin-Superior	Upper Midwest

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 25	Deadline for the online submission of proposed budget, key contacts and facility evaluation to the NCAA National Office.
Wednesday, Feb. 17	First regional ranking.
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Second regional ranking.
Wednesday, March 3	Third regional ranking.
Saturday, March 6	Deadline for conference offices to submit 2021 automatic-qualifier declaration form.
Sunday, March 7	Internet selection announcement of teams participating in championship at 2:30 Eastern time (tentative). First-, second- and third-round sites will be predetermined for 2021 and will be announced in advance of selections.
Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13	Eight first-, second- and third-round games at predetermined sites.
Wednesday, March 17	Quarterfinal round at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem.
Thursday, March 18	National semifinals at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem.
Saturday, March 20	National championship game at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem.

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[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

First Round	Thursday, March 11, 16 games at eight predetermined sites.
Second Round	Friday, March 12, 16 games at eight predetermined sites.
Third Round	Saturday, March 13, eight games at eight predetermined sites.
Quarterfinals and Semifinals	Wednesday-Thursday, March 17-18, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem.
Final	Saturday, March 20, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem.

FUTURE DATES

(Subject to change)

Year	First/Second Rounds (Fri.-Sat.)	Sectionals (Fri.-Sat.)	Semifinals & Final
2022	March 4-5	March 11-12	March 18-19

Section 1•5 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager, Kelly Whitaker (phone: 317-917-6511; email: kwhitaker@ncaa.org) in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sports committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

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

Section 1•6 Equipment

The Wilson NCAA Solution basketball shall be used for all 2021 tournament games.

Section 1•7 Rules

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

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules.

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

The 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Women's Basketball Rules shall be followed. Copies of the basketball rules book may be purchased online at ncaapublications.com or by calling 888-388-9748.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

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

Additional Requirements. The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.3 shall apply during NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench or in the competition area for practices and games or who participate in news conferences.

Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before Aug. 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in Bylaw 12.5.3 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events.

LOGOS

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

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

Due to COVID-19, for 2021 only, the Division III Championships Committee has approved a 48-team, single-elimination bracket for the Division III Women's Basketball Championship. Eight six-team sites (predetermined) will conduct first-, second- and third-round play on the first Thursday/Friday/Saturday of the championship. The eight third-round winners will advance to the finals site for the quarterfinals. In addition, 44 conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2021 championship.

The eight six-team first-/second-/third-round sites will conduct play on Thursday-Saturday on the initial weekend of the championship. First-, second- and third-round competition will be conducted at predetermined sites for 2021, which may be on or off campus. The quarterfinals, semifinals and final will be conducted at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

First-/second-/third-round sites will be announced by the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee in early February following the deadline for bid submissions on Monday, January 25.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to play a game(s) during the championship, the committee is authorized to determine which team or teams advance in the bracket.

A championship bracket can be found in [Appendix A on page 20](#). A summary of the regional alignment, automatic-qualifying conferences and their members is listed in [Appendix B on page 21](#).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Following is a tentative schedule of activities to be held in conjunction with the semifinal and championship sites (game times subject to change):

Tuesday, March 16

Team practices

QUARTERFINALS

Wednesday, March 17

Team shootarounds

Game times - TBD

SEMIFINALS

Thursday, March 18

Team shootarounds

Game times - TBD

Friday, March 19

Team practice

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Saturday, March 20

Team shootarounds

Game time — 7 p.m. Eastern time (tentative)

START TIMES

Preliminary Rounds. For the regionals, the first game on Thursday and Friday shall begin not earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 6:30 p.m. local host time. The second game of the doubleheader shall begin not later than 30 minutes after the completion of the first game after both benches and the floor are cleared, or the announced starting time, whichever is later. Teams will not be allowed onto the floor until the clock has started. All times are local times. The committee reserves the right to adjust game times, if necessary.

Starting times for the Saturday game shall be not earlier than 5 p.m. and not later than 8 p.m. local time.

TRAVEL PARTY

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.

Squad Size

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 15 players in uniform. Only those 15 players may participate in pregame warmups. Replacements are permitted up to 10 minutes before the starting time of any game; after the game starts, no replacements shall be permitted for any reason. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

Bench personnel may not exceed a maximum of 15 players in uniform and eight non-uniformed personnel. Eighteen chairs or spaces are to be available at courtside for players and other members of the official party. A total of 25 credentials (including two credentials for medical personnel) will be provided to participating institutions. The sports information director from each institution is not considered part of the 25 credentials but will receive a media credential.

Section 2•2 Results

SCORE REPORTING

Schedule/Roster. Institutions are required to submit their 2020-21 schedule to the NCAA statistics department. If you have questions concerning the submission of the schedule, please contact Matt Holmes (phone: 317-917-6385; email: mholmes@ncaa.org). Please email him with any schedule date/opponent/location changes and he will make those updates throughout the season, as you will not have access to make changes to your schedule. Note that the roster link on the statistics site should be updated before your team's first game. Adjustments can be made throughout the season as needed.

Results. The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are combined for Division III women's basketball. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will then be 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 Matt Holmes at mholmes@ncaa.org or 317-917-6385.

SELECTIONS INFORMATION

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

Teams shall be selected for the championship by the eight-member NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee. Each member of the committee serves as the chair of the advisory committee in his/her respective region. Regional advisory committees (RACs) assist the national committee by evaluating teams, sites and officials within their regions through a series of conference calls.

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

Allocation of Berths — Pools A, B and C

1. Pool A will be composed of the conference champions from each conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification (NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3). Conferences that meet automatic-qualification requirements are guaranteed only one Pool A berth. After the determination of the automatic (Pool A) berths, the committee will determine the Pool B selections followed by the Pool C selections.
2. Pool B will be composed of independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification.
3. Pool C will be reserved for institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion and the remaining teams in Pool B.
4. Berths from Pools B and C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pools B and C.
5. There will be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region.
6. For the 2021 championship, no conference will receive more than one automatic berth.

The NCAA Division III Championships Committee has clarified Bylaw 31.3.3.1 to reflect that institutions participating in conferences that meet the automatic-qualification requirements, and are eligible to be selected to a championship via Pool A and/or Pool C, may not elect instead to be selected via Pool B as an independent institution.

SPONSORSHIP DATA

- Division III institutions sponsoring women's basketball: 436
- Provisional institutions (not eligible for the championship): 6
- Declared NAIA (not eligible for the NCAA championship): 0
- Institutions eligible for NCAA championship: 430
- Conferences meeting automatic qualifying requirements: 44
- Eligible teams in automatic-qualifying conferences: 428
- Pool B teams: 2
- Access ratio (eligible teams in AQ conferences/# of AQ conferences): 1:9.727

Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2021 championship:

Pool A	44 teams	
Pool B	0 teams	# of Pool B teams/Access ratio
Pool C	20 teams	Field size - Pool A - Pool B

*Due to the ongoing pandemic related to COVID-19 complications, the Division III Championships Committee has approved a recommended reduced bracket size, resulting in a 48-team bracket to be implemented for 2021. The adjusted pool allocations would be: Pool A: 44 teams and Pool C: 4 teams.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.3 and 31.3.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The 44 conferences that have been granted automatic qualification for the 2021 championship are:

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

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At-Large Selection Countable Games. Only games listed on the institution's originally submitted schedule will be considered for tournament-selection purposes. The addition of games not listed on the institution's published schedule as an aid for selection shall not be considered.

Scheduling Requirements. To be considered for the selection process, an institution must play at least 70% of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

Bylaw 31.3.4.1.1 – Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

IN-REGION COMPETITION

In-region competition is defined as:

- All competition within an institution's defined region.
- All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another.
- All conference games.
- All competition within an institution's membership geographical region (Bylaw 4.13.1.1).

The country is divided into four membership regions as listed below. For most institutions, the change in definition should result in a more expanded list of potential in-region opponents than in the past.

Region 1

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region 2

New York, Pennsylvania

Region 3

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 4

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

The NCAA Travel Expense System mileage calculator will be used to confirm distances from campus to campus using the "shortest" distance option. This program can be accessed online at web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login.

Each Division III women's basketball team is assigned to one of eight geographic "evaluation" regions. For women's basketball, all conference members are placed in the same region for evaluation purposes, unless the championships committee has granted an exception. The University Athletic Association has been granted an exception. Members of this conference will be placed in their natural geographic regions for evaluation purposes. See [Appendix B](#) for listing of Pool A and B institutions.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Expense Reimbursement. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. [Travel policies are located on the NCAA website.](#)

Section 2•3 Selection Criteria

PRIMARY CRITERIA

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

- Win-loss percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III strength of schedule.
 - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) (weighted 2/3). Take each opponent's won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents' winning percentage. Refer to [Appendix C](#).
 - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) (weighted 1/3). The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents' won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents' opponents' won-lost record. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents). Refer to [Appendix C](#).
 - Add OWP and OOWP to determine total strength of schedule.
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents.
- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the final ranking and the ranking preceding the final ranking. Conference postseason contests are included.
- *Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selection.*

SECONDARY CRITERIA

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

- Non-Division III win-loss percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.
- Division III Non-conference strength of schedule.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Women's Basketball Committee. In order to be considered for selection for Pools A, B or C, an institution must play at least 70% of its competition against Division III in-region opponents. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the Women's Basketball Committee.

PAIRINGS AND SITE SELECTION

*For 2021 only, there will be eight predetermined sites selected by the committee prior to team selections. These sites may or may not be located on the campuses of participating institutions.

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

- Teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams then will be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

The championships committee has prioritized the following site-selection criteria for all championships:

1. Complete bid;
2. Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
3. Geographical location (which may include such factors as rotation of sites, weather, accessibility and transportation costs); and
4. Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.

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In addition, the Women's Basketball Committee requires each host to videotape all contests at its site, and before leaving, make video available to each team a copy of the contest in which it participated. Sites will also be evaluated as to the availability of appropriate practice times for all competing teams as well as other events on campus occurring during the championship. To host preliminary-round contests, a regulation court as defined in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Women's Basketball Rules must be used. Please review the host operations manual for a detailed list of facility requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the NCAA championship manager, Kelly Whitaker, at 317-917-6511 or kwhitaker@ncaa.org.

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution, conference or local organizing committee interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the key contacts and facility information are 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 kwhitaker@ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

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

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE SYSTEM

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 Jan. 25, 2021.

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 be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the Division III Women'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 their deliberations of prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS FORM

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.

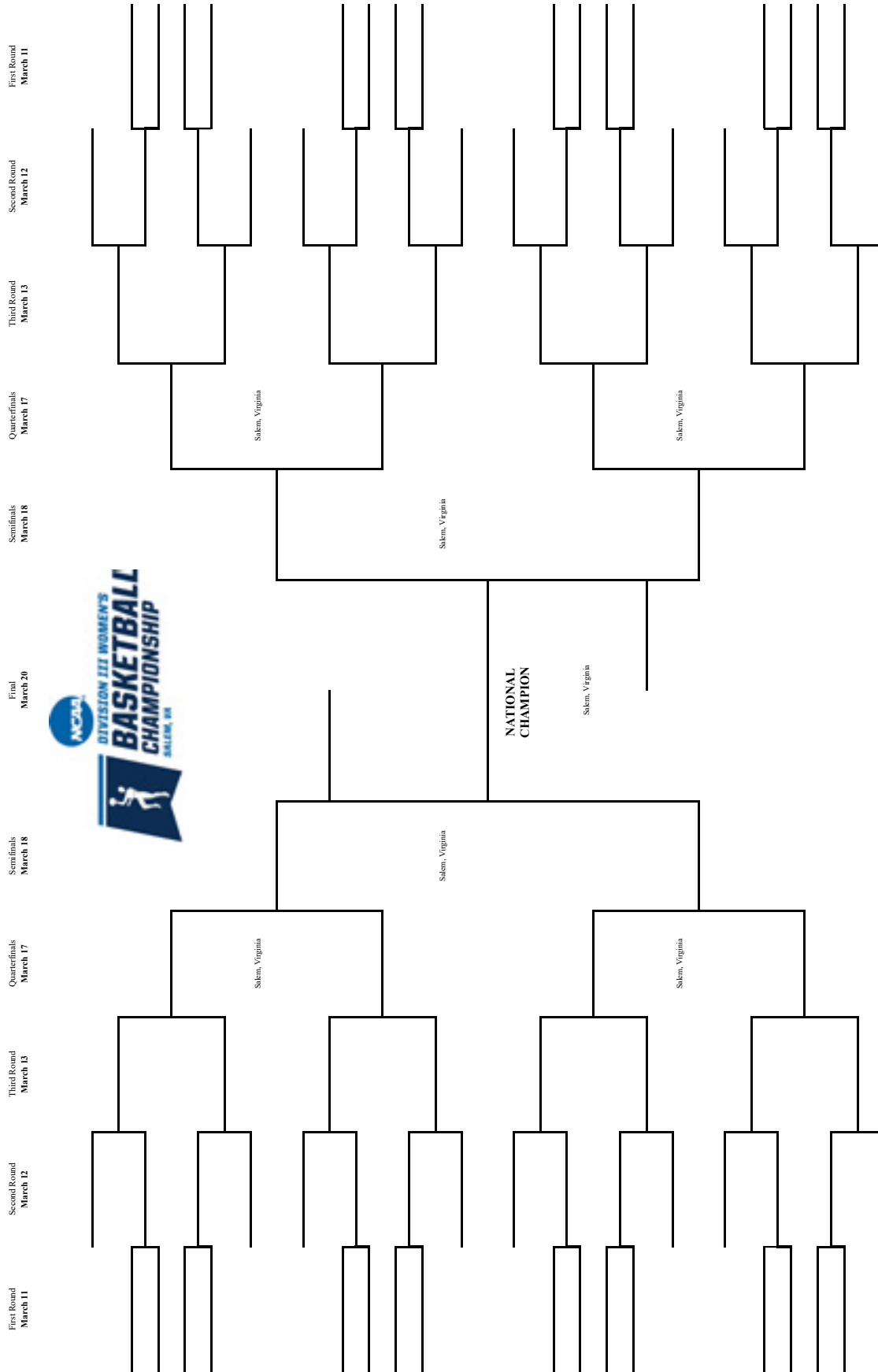
The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf.

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Appendix A • Bracket



* First-Second- and Third-Round games will be played at predetermined sites for 2021.

Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

2020-21 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

ATLANTIC REGION

<p>Atlantic East Conference (7) Cabrini University Gwynedd Mercy University Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia) Marywood University Neumann University Wesley College</p>	<p>City University of New York Athletic Conference (8) Baruch College Brooklyn College The City College of New York Hunter College John Jay College of Criminal Justice Lehman College Medgar Evers College York College (New York)</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship Colonial States Athletic Conference (11) Bryn Athyn College Cairn University Cedar Crest College Centenary University (New Jersey) Clarks Summit University Keystone College Notre Dame of Maryland University Rosemont College Saint Elizabeth University University of Valley Forge Wilson College</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8) Arcadia University Delaware Valley University DeSales University Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham King's College (Pennsylvania) Misericordia University Stevens Institute of Technology Wilkes University</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship New Jersey Athletic Conference (10) Kean University Montclair State University The College of New Jersey New Jersey City University Ramapo College Rowan University Rutgers, State Univ. of N. Jersey, Camden Rutgers, State Univ. of N. Jersey, Newark Stockton University William Paterson University of New Jersey</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship Skyline Conference (11) Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College Mount Saint Mary College (New York) College of Mount St. Vincent Purchase College, State University of New York Sarah Lawrence College St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn) St. Joseph's College (Long Island) State University College at Old Westbury U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Yeshiva University</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship Pool B - Independent (1) Trinity Washington University 56 institutions/1 Pool B</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>

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CENTRAL REGION

<p>College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9) Augustana College (Illinois) Carroll University (Wisconsin) Carthage College Elmhurst University Illinois Wesleyan University Millikin University North Central College North Park University Wheaton College (Illinois)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Midwest Conference (10) Beloit College Cornell College Grinnell College Illinois College Knox College Lake Forest College Lawrence University Monmouth College (Illinois) Ripon College St. Norbert College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (13) Alverno College Aurora University Benedictine University (Illinois) Concordia University Chicago Concordia University Wisconsin Dominican University (Illinois) Edgewood College Illinois Institute of Technology Lakeland University Marian University (Wisconsin) Milwaukee School of Engineering Rockford University Wisconsin Lutheran College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9) Blackburn College Eureka College Fontbonne University Greenville University Iowa Wesleyan University Principia College Spalding University Webster University Westminster College (Missouri)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8) University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University of Wisconsin-La Crosse University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh University of Wisconsin-Platteville University of Wisconsin-River Falls University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Stout University of Wisconsin-Whitewater</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Pool B - Independent (1) Maranatha Baptist University</p> <p>52 institutions/1 Pool B</p>

Members of conferences in other regions, but placed in the Central Evaluation region.

** University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis – University Athletic Association

EAST REGION

<p>Empire 8 (9) Alfred University Elmira College Hartwick College Houghton College Keuka College Nazareth College Russell Sage College St. John Fisher College Utica College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Liberty League (10) Bard College Clarkson University Ithaca College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rochester Institute of Technology Skidmore College St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College William Smith College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>North Eastern Athletic Conference (8) Gallaudet University Lancaster Bible College Morrisville State College Pennsylvania College of Technology Penn State University, Abington Penn State Berks College Penn State Harrisburg Wells College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>State University of New York Athletic Conference (10) State University of New York at Brockport Buffalo State, State University of New York State University of New York at Cortland The State University of New York at Fredonia State University of New York at Geneseo State University of New York at New Paltz State University of New York at Oneonta State University of New York at Oswego Plattsburgh State University of New York State University of New York at Potsdam</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
	<p>39 institutions/0 Pool B</p>

Members of conferences in other regions, but placed in the East Evaluation region.

**University of Rochester and New York University – University Athletic Association

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GREAT LAKES REGION

<p>Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9) Alfred State Hilbert College La Roche College Medaille College Mount Aloysius College Penn State University, Altoona Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College University of Pittsburgh, Bradford University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10) Anderson University (Indiana) Bluffton University Defiance College Earlham College Franklin College Hanover College Manchester University Mount St. Joseph University Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Transylvania University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9) Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin College Hope College Kalamazoo College Olivet College Saint Mary's College (Indiana) Trine University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>North Coast Athletic Conference (9) Allegheny College Denison University DePauw University Hiram College Kenyon College Oberlin College Ohio Wesleyan University Wittenberg University The College of Wooster</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Ohio Athletic Conference (10) Baldwin Wallace University Capital University Heidelberg University John Carroll University Marietta College University of Mount Union Muskingum University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University Wilmington College (Ohio)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Presidents' Athletic Conference (10) Bethany College (West Virginia) Chatham University Franciscan University of Steubenville Geneva College Grove City College Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Waynesburg University Westminster College (Pennsylvania)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
	<p>59 institutions/0 Pool B</p>

Members of conferences in other regions, but placed in the Great Lakes Evaluation region.

****Carnegie Mellon University and Case Western Reserve University–University Athletic Association**

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

<p>Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (9) University of California, Santa Cruz Christopher Newport University Finlandia University University of Mary Washington St. Mary's College of Maryland Mount Mary University Pine Manor College *Pratt Institute (active 2023-24) Salisbury University Southern Virginia University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Centennial Conference (11) Bryn Mawr College Dickinson College Franklin & Marshall College Gettysburg College Haverford College Johns Hopkins University McDaniel College Muhlenberg College Swarthmore College Ursinus College Washington College (Maryland)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Landmark Conference (8) Catholic University Drew University Elizabethtown College Goucher College Juniata College Moravian College University of Scranton Susquehanna University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (10) Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Hood College Lebanon Valley College Lycoming College Messiah College Stevenson University Widener University York College (Pennsylvania)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>38 institutions/0 Pool B</p>	

* Not eligible for NCAA championship selection.

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NORTHEAST REGION

<p>Commonwealth Coast Conference (10) Curry College Endicott College Gordon College University of New England Nichols College Roger Williams University Salve Regina University Suffolk University Wentworth Institute of Technology Western New England University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Great Northeast Athletic Conference (12) Albertus Magnus College Anna Maria College Colby-Sawyer College Dean College Emmanuel College (Massachusetts) Johnson & Wales University (Providence) Lasell University Norwich University Regis College (Massachusetts) Rivier University University of St. Joseph (Connecticut) Saint Joseph's College (Maine)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Little East Conference (9) Castleton University Eastern Connecticut State University Keene State College University of Massachusetts Boston University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Plymouth State University Rhode Island College University of Southern Maine Western Connecticut State University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Massachusetts State Collegiate Ath. Conference (7) Bridgewater State University Fitchburg State University Framingham State University Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Salem State University Westfield State University Worcester State University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>New England Collegiate Conference (7) Bay Path University Becker College Eastern Nazarene College Elms College Lesley University Mitchell College New England College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>New England Small College Athletic Conference (11) Amherst College Bates College Bowdoin College Colby College Connecticut College Hamilton College Middlebury College Trinity College (Connecticut) Tufts University Wesleyan University (Connecticut) Williams College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (11) Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mount Holyoke College Smith College Springfield College U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wellesley College Wheaton College (Massachusetts) Worcester Polytechnic Institute</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>North Atlantic Conference (11) Cazenovia College Husson University Maine Maritime Academy Northern Vermont University-Johnson Northern Vermont University-Lyndon University of Maine, Farmington University of Maine at Presque Isle State University of New York at Canton State University of New York at Cobleskill *State University of New York at Delhi (active 2022-23) State University of New York Polytechnic Institute Thomas College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>79 institutions/0 Pool B</p>	

Members of conferences in other regions, but placed in the Northeast Evaluation region

* Not eligible for NCAA championship selection.

** Brandeis University –University Athletic Association

SOUTH REGION

<p>American Southwest Conference (12) Belhaven University Concordia University Texas East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University LeTourneau University Louisiana College University of Mary Hardin-Baylor McMurry University University of the Ozarks (Arkansas) Sul Ross State University University of Texas at Dallas</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13) Bridgewater College (Virginia) Eastern Mennonite University Emory & Henry College Ferrum College Guilford College Hollins University University of Lynchburg Randolph College Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University Virginia Wesleyan University Washington and Lee University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Southern Athletic Association (8) Berry College Birmingham-Southern College Centre College Hendrix College Millsaps College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College University of the South</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (8) Austin College Centenary College (Louisiana) Colorado College University of Dallas *University of St Thomas (Texas) (active 2023-24) Schreiner University Southwestern University (Texas) Texas Lutheran University Trinity University (Texas)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>USA South Athletic Conference (16) Agnes Scott College Averett University Berea College Brevard College Covenant College Greensboro College Huntingdon College LaGrange College Mary Baldwin University Maryville College (Tennessee) Meredith College Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan College Pfeiffer University Piedmont College Salem College (North Carolina) Wesleyan College (Georgia) William Peace University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Pool B - Independent *Bob Jones University (active 2023-24) *Mississippi University for Women (active 2023-24) *Warren Wilson College (active 2023-24)</p> <p>58 institutions/0 Pool B</p>

Members of conferences in other regions, but placed in the South Evaluation region.

* Not eligible for NCAA championship selection.

**Emory University–University Athletic Association

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WEST REGION

<p>American Rivers Conference (9) Buena Vista University Central College (Iowa) Coe College University of Dubuque Loras College Luther College Nebraska Wesleyan University Simpson College Wartburg College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (13) Augsburg University Bethel University (Minnesota) Carleton College Concordia College, Moorhead Gustavus Adolphus College Hamline University Macalester College College of Saint Benedict St. Catherine University Saint John's University Minnesota Saint Mary's University of Minnesota St. Olaf College University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Northwest Conference (9) George Fox University Lewis & Clark College Linfield University Pacific Lutheran University Pacific University (Oregon) University of Puget Sound Whitman College Whitworth College Willamette University</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>Southern California Intercollegiate Conference (9) California Institute of Technology California Lutheran University Chapman University Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges University of La Verne Occidental College Pomona-Pitzer Colleges University of Redlands Whittier College</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Upper Midwest Conference (9) Bethany Lutheran College Crown College (Minnesota) Martin Luther College University of Minnesota, Morris North Central University Northland College University of Northwestern-St. Paul The College of St. Scholastica University of Wisconsin-Superior</p> <p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>49 institutions/0 Pool B</p>

MULTIPLE EVALUATION REGION

<p>University Athletic Association (8) Brandeis University Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University University of Chicago Emory University New York University University of Rochester Washington University in St. Louis</p> <p>AQ – Regular Season Champion</p>	

Appendix C • Strength of Schedule Calculation

Strength of Schedule Calculation

The strength of schedule is made up of two factors: the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and the opponents' opponents' winning percentage (OOWP).

Opponents' Winning Percentage. Take each opponent's won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents' winning percentage.

To Calculate. Team A's schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Record	vs. Team A	Wins	Losses
Team B	21-7	1-0	20	7
Team C	14-11	0-1	14	10
Team D	9-14	0-1	9	13
Team E	8-17	0-1	8	16
Team F	19-8	1-0	18	8
Totals:			69	54

$69 \div (69 + 54) = .561$ (OWP)

Opponents' Opponents' Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents' won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents' opponents' won-lost record. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

To Calculate. Using the total opponents' won-lost record for Teams B, C, D, E and F (Team A's opponents), perform the same calculation as the OWP.

	Opponents' Wins	Opponents' Losses
Team B	35	75
Team C	63	40
Team D	55	55
Team E	75	37
Team F	44	60
Totals:	272	267

$272 \div (272 + 267) = .505$ (OOWP)

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of .561; Team A has an OOWP of .505 and Team C has an OOWP of .456; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

Strength of Schedule Calculation. To calculate the strength of schedule, add two-thirds of the OWP to one-third of the OOWP. Team A's strength of schedule calculation is as follows:

	Value	Weight	SOS Value
OWP	.561	.667	.374
OOWP	.505	.333	.168
Strength of Schedule			.542