



2024 DIVISION III WOMEN'S  
**BASKETBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**2023-24 MANUAL**

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2023-24 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women and three for both men and women. Of the men’s championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women’s championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men’s and women’s championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

Sections one through nine 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.** 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 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 18.2.1.1 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

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#### 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

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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

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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 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 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](https://www.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 [NCAA Sport Science Institute 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 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

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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 III

### Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams within a regular-season philosophy that emphasizes regional competition and minimizes missed class time; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and at-large teams.

### Section 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.4.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

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 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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Division III promotes an 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 10•4 Religious Conflicts

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*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

**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 Sunday if required by the schedule).



# Division III Women's Basketball

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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### REGION I

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Middlebury College

### REGION III

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Director of Athletic Communications  
Farmingdale State College

### REGION V

**Rebecca Mullen**  
Assistant Commissioner/SWA  
Atlantic East Conference

### REGION VII

**Suzy Venet Pietz**  
Head Women's Basketball Coach/SWA  
University of Mount Union

### REGION IX

**Megan Wilson**  
Assoc. Dean of Student Engagement and Intercoll. Athletics  
University of Dubuque

### REGION II

**Denise Bierly**  
Head Women's Basketball Coach  
Eastern Connecticut State University

### REGION IV

**Gabrielle Lisella**  
Associate Athletic Director/SWA  
Rowan University

### REGION VI

**Bethany Dannelly**  
Associate Director of Athletics  
Washington and Lee University

### REGION VIII

**John Jones**  
Head Women's Basketball Coach/Associate AD  
Hanover College

### REGION X

**Kendra Whitehead**  
Head Women's Basketball Coach/SWA  
Hardin-Simmons University

## Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>REGION I</b>		
<b>KJ Krasco, chair</b>	Middlebury	NESCAC
Mike McDevitt	Saint Joseph's (Maine)	Great Northeast
Craig Dagan	Maine Maritime Academy	North Atlantic
Emily Garner	Trinity (Connecticut)	NESCAC
Laura Pierce	Fitchburg State	MASCAC
<b>REGION II</b>		
<b>TBD, chair</b>	TBD	TBD
Polly Thomason	Hartford	Commonwealth Coast
Jenna Cosgrove	Rhode Island	Little East
Sara Binkhorst	Wheaton (Massachusetts)	NEWMAC

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>REGION III</b>		
<b>Tom Emberley, chair</b>	Farmingdale State	Skyline
Allison Coleman	Russell Sage	Empire 8
Jessica Turner	Skidmore	Liberty League
Kate Vlahakis	Manhattanville	Skyline
Jerry Fisk	Fredonia	SUNYAC
<b>REGION IV</b>		
<b>Gabby Lisella, chair</b>	Rowan	NJAC
Lynda Day	John Jay	CUNYAC
Meg Haughey	Stevens	MAC Freedom
Ross Patrick	Penn State Harrisburg	United East
Kristen Foley	William Paterson	NJAC
<b>REGION V</b>		
<b>Rebecca Mullen, chair</b>	Atlantic East	Atlantic East
Margaret White	Marymount (Virginia)	Atlantic East
Alisha Mosley	Washington (Maryland)	Centennial
Gabby Holko	Susquehanna	Landmark
Jackie Boswell	Stevenson	MAC Commonwealth
<b>REGION VI</b>		
<b>Bethany Dannelly, chair</b>	Washington and Lee	Old Dominion
Bill Broderick	Christopher Newport	Coast-to-Coast
Darrin Travillian	Maryville (Tennessee)	Collegiate Conference of the South
Melissa Smeltzer-Kraft	Shenandoah	Old Dominion
Justin LeBlanc	Millsaps	SAA
Misha Jackson	Emory	UAA
Lori Drake	William Peace	USA South
<b>REGION VII</b>		
<b>Suzy Venet Pietz, chair</b>	Mount Union	OAC
Brian Giesler	Mt. Aloysius	AMCC
Tim Schoonveld	Hope	MIAA
Stephany Dunmyer	Oberlin	NCAC
Kole Vivian	Marietta	OAC
Rosanne Scott	Westminster	PAC
<b>REGION VIII</b>		
<b>John Jones, chair</b>	Hanover	Heartland
Olivia Lett	Millikin	CCIW
Juli Fulks	Transylvania	Heartland
Hannah Trees	MSOE	Northern Athletics
Talisha Washington	Westminster	SLIAC

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>REGION IX</b>		
Megan Wilson, chair	Dubuque	American Rivers
Bob Amsberry	Wartburg	American Rivers
Jason Imperati	Lawrence	Midwest
Jon Herbrechtmeyer	Bethel (Minnesota)	MIAC
Aaron Kahl	Northwestern-St.Paul	Upper Midwest
Erin Sullivan	Wisconsin-Stout	WIAC
<b>REGION X</b>		
Kendra Whitehead, chair	Hardin-Simmons	American Southwest
Chad Grubbs	Hardin-Simmons	American Southwest
Alecia Parker	Pacific (Oregon)	Northwest
Katherine Menendez	Colorado College	SCAC
Alaina Woo	Pomona-Pitzer	SCIAC

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b>	First regional ranking.
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 13</b>	Second regional ranking.
<b>Friday, Feb. 16</b>	Deadline for the online submission of proposed budget, key contacts and facility evaluation to the NCAA national office.
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 20</b>	Third regional ranking.
<b>Sunday, Feb. 25</b>	Deadline for conference offices to submit 2024 automatic-qualifier declaration form.
<b>Monday, Feb. 26</b>	Internet selection announcement of teams participating in championship at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time (tentative). First/second-round sites announced.
<b>Friday, March 1</b>	Sixteen first-round game sites.
<b>Saturday, March 2</b>	Sixteen second-round game sites.
<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	Sectional sites announcement.
<b>Friday-Saturday, March 8-9</b>	Sectional games on campus.
<b>Thursday and Saturday, March 14 and 16</b>	National semifinals and final at Capital Center Performance Arena, Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Capital University and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

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

<b>First Round</b>	Friday, March 1, 32 games at 16 campus sites.
<b>Second Round</b>	Saturday, March 2, 16 games at 16 campus sites.
<b>Sectionals</b>	Friday-Saturday, March 8-9, at four campus sites.
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Thursday and Saturday, March 14 & 16, Capital Center Performance Arena, Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Capital University and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

### FUTURE DATES

(Subject to change)

Year	First/Second Rounds (Fri.-Sat.)	Sectionals (Fri.-Sat.)	Semifinals & Final
2025	March 7-8	March 14-15	March 20 & 22
2026	March 6-7	March 13-14	March 19 & 21

## Section 1•5 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

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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](mailto: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

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The Wilson NCAA Evo NXT basketball shall be used for all 2024 tournament games.

## Section 1•7 Rules

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*[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 2023-24 and 2024-25 NCAA Women's Basketball Rules shall be followed. Copies of the basketball rules book may be purchased online at [ncaapublications.com](http://ncaapublications.com) or by calling 888-388-9748.

## Section 1•8 Uniforms

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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

The Division III Championships Committee has approved a 64-team, single-elimination bracket for the Division III Women's Basketball Championship. Sixteen four-team sites will conduct first- and second-round play on the first Friday/Saturday of the championship. The 16 second-round winners will advance to the four four-team sectionals. The four sectional winners will advance from the sectionals to the semifinals. In addition, 42 conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2024 championship.

The 16 four-team first-/second-round sites will conduct play on Friday-Saturday on the initial weekend of the championship. The four four-team sectionals will be conducted on the Friday-Saturday of the second weekend of the championship. First- and second-round and sectional competition will be conducted on the campuses of the participating institutions. The semifinals and final will be conducted at Capital Center Performance Arena in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Capital University and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

First-/second-round sites will be announced by the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee along with the team selections on Monday, Feb. 26. Sectional sites will be announced on Sunday, March 3.

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 21](#). A summary of the regional alignment, automatic-qualifying conferences and their members is listed in [Appendix B on page 22](#).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

#### SEMIFINALS

##### **Wednesday, March 13**

Team practice sessions  
Coaches meeting

##### **Thursday, March 14**

Team shootarounds  
Game times - 5 and 7:30 p.m. Eastern time (tentative)  
Advancing coaches meeting immediately following second game

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##### **Friday, March 15**

Team practice sessions

##### **Saturday, March 16**

Team shootarounds  
Game time – TBD - CBS Sports Network

### START TIMES

First/Second Rounds and Sectionals (four teams, three games). For the first- and second-round games and sectionals, it is required that the first game on Friday begin not earlier than 4 p.m. and not later than 6:30 p.m.

The host must play in the second game of the doubleheader. 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.

Starting times for the Saturday second-round games and the sectional final shall not be earlier than 5 p.m. and not later than 8 p.m.

### 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](http://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 eligible to participate in the game. 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. A maximum of 25 persons in the team bench from the start of the pregame warm-up through the entire game. There should only be 20 total chairs on each bench, then two chairs immediately behind the bench should be occupied by the two medical personnel. Of the maximum of 27 credentials to be distributed for the bench area, two are designated for institutional medical personnel and chairs should be placed behind the bench. 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. The event manager may provide additional chairs for the tournament doctor and a security representative, who shall not be included in the bench limitation.

## Section 2•2 Results

### SCORE REPORTING

**Schedule/Roster.** Institutions are required to submit their 2023-24 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](mailto: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](http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login)), and this information will then be transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Matt Holmes at [mholmes@ncaa.org](mailto: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 10-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 2024 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: 427
- Provisional institutions (not eligible for the championship): 5
- Declared NAIA (not eligible for the NCAA championship): 0
- Institutions eligible for NCAA championship: 422
- Conferences meeting automatic qualifying requirements: 42
- Eligible teams in automatic-qualifying conferences: 411
- Pool B teams: 11
- Access ratio (eligible teams in AQ conferences/# of AQ conferences): 1:9.79

Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2024 championship:

<b>Pool A</b>	42 teams	
<b>Pool B</b>	1 team	# of Pool B teams/Access ratio
<b>Pool C</b>	21 teams	Field size - Pool A - Pool B

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

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

The 42 conferences that have been granted automatic qualification for the 2024 championship are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
American Rivers Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
American Southwest Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Atlantic East Conference	North Atlantic Conference
Centennial Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference	Northwest Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	Ohio Athletic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Skyline Conference
Landmark Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Liberty League	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	United East 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](http://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login).

Each Division III women's basketball team is assigned to one of ten 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 and Coast-to-Coast Conference have 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

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.
- Teams from the same conference do not have to play one another in the first round.
- The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria (and after a review of the submitted host materials) will be selected as the host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained.

## 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);
4. Seeding; and
5. Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.

In addition, the Women's Basketball Committee requires each host to record 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 first-round, second-round or sectional contests, a regulation court as defined in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 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](mailto:kwhitaker@ncaa.org).

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

**Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2024 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." New for 2024: Prospective hosts must participate in a prospective host webinar. More details about the webinar will be in the championship newsletter and posted on the sport landing page during the bid process.**

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [kwhitaker@ncaa.org](mailto: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](https://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Feb. 16, 2024.

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 RQ+ 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](https://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](https://championships.ncaa.org).

## LODGING

The host institution/agency shall negotiate a courtesy hold for the participating institutions/student-athletes. The selected hotel properties shall be within no more than 30 miles of the competition site and be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate while remaining sensitive to daily divisional per diem allowances. The selection of a competition site may be dependent on availability and quality of rooms for participating institutions/student-athletes. A letter of intent template is provided by the NCAA for the host to use to confirm the hold with the hotel(s). Beginning in 2023-24, all prospective hosts for non-predetermined sites will be required to identify the hotel properties they secured for the event via the Hotels tab, along with an upload of signed hotel agreement(s)/letter(s) of intent.

## 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.

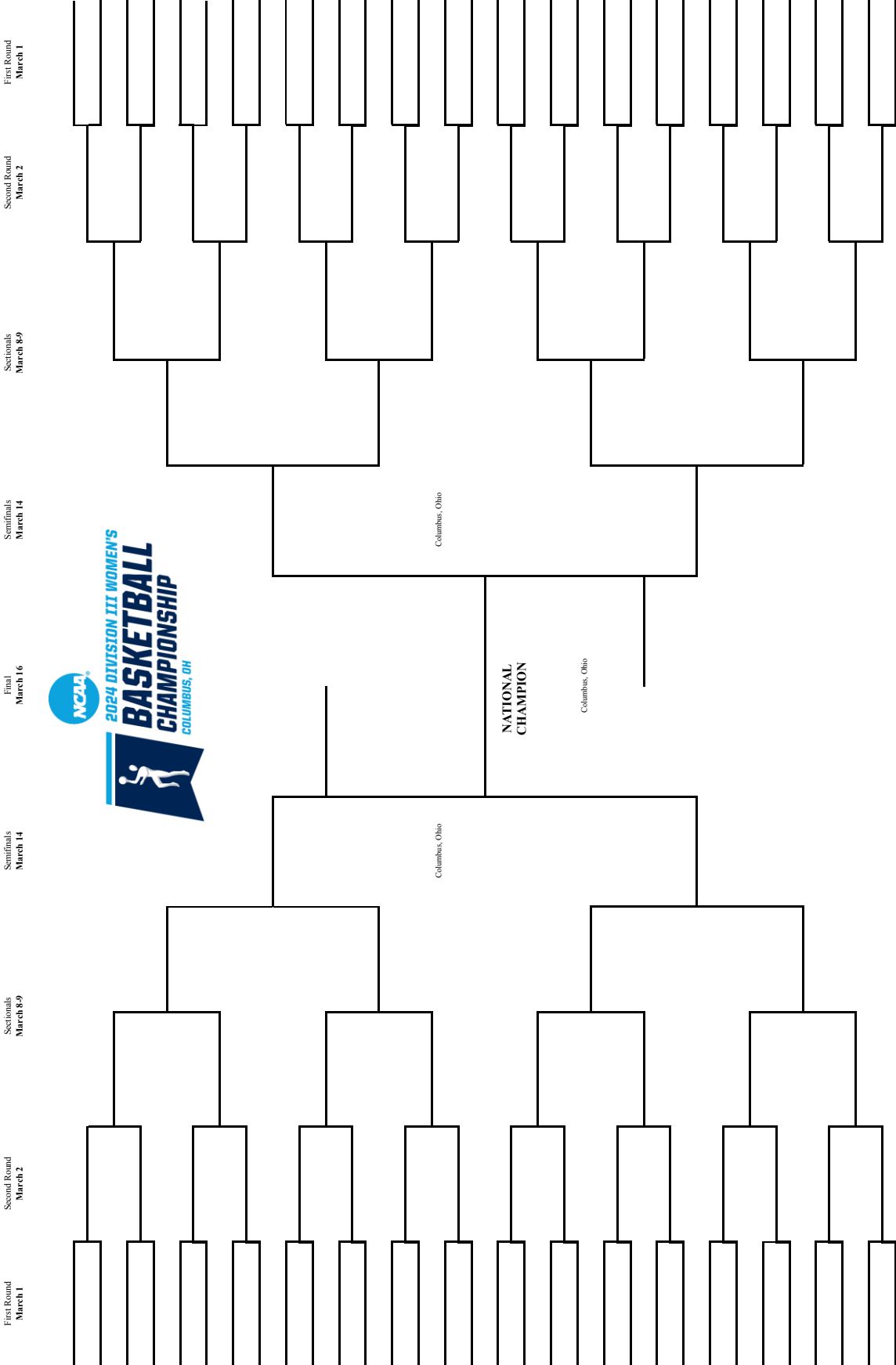
The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at [ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf](https://ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf).

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# Appendix A • Bracket



\* First- and second-round & sectionals games will be played on the campus of one of the participating institutions.

## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### 2024 DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION ONE - (KJ Krasco - Sept. 2025)

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (15)		North Atlantic Conference (14)	
AQ - Conference Championship		AQ - Conference Championship	
Albertus Magnus College	Anna Maria College	Colby-Sawyer College	Dean College
Elms College	Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	Lasell College
Mitchell College	New England College	Norwich University	Regis College (Massachusetts)
Rivier University	University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)	Saint Joseph's College (Maine)	
		Eastern Nazarene College	Husson University
		Lesley University	Maine Maritime Academy
		University of Maine, Farmington	University of Maine at Presque Isle
		Vermont State University-Johnson	Vermont State University-Lyndon
		State University of New York at Canton	State University of New York at Cobleskill
		State University of New York at Delhi	State University of New York at Morrisville
		State University of New York Polytechnic Institute	Thomas College
New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)		Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)	
AQ - Conference Championship		AQ - Conference Championship	
Amherst College	Bates College	Bowdoin College	Colby College
Connecticut College	Hamilton College	Middlebury College	Trinity College (Connecticut)
Tufts University	Wesleyan University (Connecticut)	Williams College	
		Bridgewater State University	Fitchburg State University
		Framingham State University	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
		Salem State University	Westfield State University
		Worcester State University	
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 4</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region – 47</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region – 47</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 47</b>			

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### REGION TWO (Denise Bierly - Sept. 2026)

REGION TWO (Denise Bierly - Sept. 2026)	
Commonwealth Coast Conference (9+1)	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (12)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Curry College Endicott College Gordon College University of Hartford [reclass - 2025-26] University of New England Nichols College Roger Williams University Suffolk University Wentworth Institute of Technology Western New England University	Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mount Holyoke College Salve Regina University Smith College Springfield College U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wellesley College Wheaton College (Massachusetts) Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Little East Conference (9)	University Athletic Association (1 of 8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
Eastern Connecticut State University Keene State College University of Massachusetts Boston University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Plymouth State University Rhode Island College University of Southern Maine Vermont State University Castleton Western Connecticut State University	Brandeis University
Total Conference AQ's - 3 (plus UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 31 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 30 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 30	



# DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## REGION THREE (Tom Emberley - Sept. 2027)

REGION THREE (Tom Emberley - Sept. 2027)	
<b>Empire 8 (9)</b>	<b>Liberty League (10)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Alfred University Elmira College Hartwick College Houghton College Keuka College Nazareth College Russell Sage College St. John Fisher University Utica University	Bard College Clarkson University William Smith College Ithaca College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rochester Institute of Technology Skidmore College St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College
<b>Skyline Conference (11)</b>	<b>State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College U.S. Merchant Marine Academy College of Mount St. Vincent Mount Saint Mary College (New York) State University College at Old Westbury Purchase College, State University of New York Sarah Lawrence College St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn) St. Joseph's College (Long Island) Yeshiva University	Buffalo State, State University of New York Plattsburgh State University of New York State University of New York at Brockport State University of New York at Cortland 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 State University of New York at Potsdam The State University of New York at Fredonia
<b>University Athletic Association (1 of 8)</b>	
<b>AQ - Regular-Season Champion</b>	
University of Rochester (New York)	
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus UAA)</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region - 41</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region - 41</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region - 41</b>	

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### REGION FOUR - Gabby Lisella - Sept. 2025

REGION FOUR - Gabby Lisella - Sept. 2025	
City University of New York Athletic Conference (8)	MAC Freedom (8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Baruch College Brooklyn College Hunter College The City College of New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice Lehman College Medgar Evers College York College (New York)	Arcadia University Delaware Valley University DeSales University Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham King's College (Pennsylvania) Lebanon Valley College Misericordia University Stevens Insitute of Technology
New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)	United East Conference (17)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Kean University Montclair State University The College of New Jersey New Jersey City University Ramapo College Rowan University Rutgers The State Univ. of New Jersey, Camden Rutgers The State Univ. of New Jersey, Newark Stockton University William Paterson University of New Jersey	Bryn Athyn College Cairn University Cedar Crest College Clarks Summit University Gallaudet University Keystone College Lancaster Bible College Notre Dame of Maryland University Penn State Berks College Penn State Harrisburg Penn State University, Abington Pennsylvania College of Technology Rosemont College Saint Elizabeth University St. Mary's College of Maryland University of Valley Forge Wilson College
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)	University Athletic Association (1 of 8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
Pratt Institute	New York University
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast and UAA)</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region – 45</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region – 45</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 45</b>	

# DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION FIVE (Rebecca Mullen - Sept. 2027)	
<b>Atlantic East (7)</b>	<b>Centennial Conference (11)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Cabrini University Centenary University (New Jersey) Gwynedd Mercy University Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia) Marywood University Neumann University	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)
<b>MAC Commonwealth (8)</b>	<b>Landmark Conference (10)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Hood College Messiah College Stevenson University Widener University York College (Pennsylvania)	Catholic University Drew University Elizabethtown College Goucher College Juniata College Lycoming College Moravian University University of Scranton Susquehanna University Wilkes University
<b>Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)</b>	<b>Pool B Institutions (1)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	Trinity Washington University
Salisbury University	
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast)</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region – 38</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region – 38</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 37</b>	

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### REGION SIX (Bethany Dannelly - Sept. 2025)

REGION SIX (Bethany Dannelly - Sept. 2025)	
Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)	USA South Athletic Conference (10)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Averett University Bridgewater College (Virginia) Eastern Mennonite University Ferrum College Guilford College Hollins University University of Lynchburg Randolph College Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University Virginia Wesleyan College Washington and Lee University	Brevard College Greensboro College Mary Baldwin University Meredith College Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan College Pfeiffer University Salem College (North Carolina) Southern Virginia University William Peace University
Southern Athletic Association (8)	University Athletic Association (1 of 8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
Berry College Birmingham-Southern College Centre College Hendrix College Millsaps College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College University of the South	Emory University
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (2 of 6)	Collegiate Conference of the South (9)
AQ - Conference Championship	Pool B - NO AQ
Christopher Newport University University of Mary Washington Warren Wilson College [active - 2024-25]	Agnes Scott College Belhaven University Berea College Covenant College Huntingdon College LaGrange College Maryville College (Tennessee) Piedmont University Wesleyan College (Georgia)

# DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pool B Institutions
Asbury University [active - 2024-25]
Total Conference AQ's - 3 (plus Coast-2-Coast and UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 45 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 43 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 34

REGION SEVEN (Suzy Venet Pietz - Sept. 2024)	
Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9 +1)	Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Alfred State College Carlow University [active 2026-27] Hilbert College La Roche University Mount Aloysius College Penn State University, Altoona Pennsylvania State University, Erie, the Behrend College University of Pittsburgh, Bradford University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg Wells College	Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin University Hope College Kalamazoo College The University of Olivet St. Mary's College (Indiana) Trine University
<b>North Coast Athletic Conference (8)</b>	<b>Ohio Athletic Conference (10)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Denison University DePauw University Hiram College Kenyon College Oberlin College Ohio Wesleyan University Wittenberg University The College of Wooster	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)

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Presidents' Athletic Conference (11)	University Athletic Association (2 of 8)
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Regular-Season Champion</b>
Allegheny College Bethany College (West Virginia) Chatham University Franciscan University of Steubenville Geneva College Grove City College Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Waynesburg University Westminster College (Pennsylvania)	Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 5 (plus UAA)</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region – 50</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region – 49</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 49</b>	

REGION EIGHT (John Jones - Sept. 2025)	
College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (9)	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9+1)
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
Augustana College (Illinois) Carroll University (Wisconsin) Carthage College Elmhurst University Illinois Wesleyan University Millikin University North Central College North Park University Wheaton College (Illinois)	Blackburn College Eureka College Fontbonne University Greenville University Lyon College [active 2025-26] Mississippi University for Women Principia College Spalding University Webster University Westminster College (Missouri)

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (14)	Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>
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 St. Norbert College	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
<b>Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)</b>	<b>University Athletic Association (2 of 8)</b>
<b>AQ - Conference Championship</b>	<b>AQ - Regular-Season Champion</b>
Mount Mary University	University of Chicago Washington University in St. Louis
<b>Pool B Institutions (1)</b>	
Maranatha Baptist University	
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast and UAA)</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region – 47</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region – 46</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 45</b>	

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION NINE (Megan Wilson - Sept. 2024)	
American Rivers Conference (9)	Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Buena Vista University Central College (Iowa) Coe College Loras College Luther College Nebraska Wesleyan University Simpson College University of Dubuque Wartburg College	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 Mary's University of Minnesota St. Olaf College The College of St. Scholastica
Midwest Conference (9)	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Beloit College Cornell College Grinnell College Illinois College Knox College Lake Forest College Lawrence University Monmouth College (Illinois) Ripon College	Bethany Lutheran College Crown College (Minnesota) Martin Luther College North Central University Northland College University of Minnesota, Morris University of Northwestern-St. Paul University of Wisconsin-Superior
Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (8)	
AQ - Conference Championship	
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	



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**Total Conference AQ's - 5**  
**Total Number of Schools in Region – 46**  
**Total Eligible Schools in Region – 46**  
**Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 46**

REGION TEN (Kendra Whitehead - Sept. 2027)	
American Southwest Conference (9)	Northwest Conference (9)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Concordia University Texas East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University LeTourneau University McMurry University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor University of the Ozarks (Arkansas) University of Texas at Dallas	George Fox University Lewis & Clark College Linfield College Pacific Lutheran University Pacific University (Oregon) University of Puget Sound Whitman College Whitworth University Willamette University
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
California Institute of Technology California Lutheran University Chapman University Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges Occidental College Pomona-Pitzer Colleges University of La Verne University of Redlands Whittier College	Austin College Centenary College (Louisiana) Colorado College Schreiner University Southwestern University (Texas) Texas Lutheran University Trinity University (Texas) University of Dallas University of St. Thomas (Texas)
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)	
AQ - Conference Championship	
Mount Mary University	
<b>Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast)</b> <b>Total Number of Schools in Region – 37</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region – 37</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 37</b>	

## 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
<b>Totals:</b>			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
<b>Totals:</b>	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
<b>OWP</b>	.561	.667	.374
<b>OOWP</b>	.505	.333	.168
<b>Strength of Schedule</b>			<b>.542</b>