



PRECHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2024-25 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 Prechampionship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

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

Section 1.1 Definitions

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

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 3•2 Drug Testing

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

Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that

intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

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

Section 4 • Elite 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 to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 6 • Health and Safety

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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

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

Section 8 • Research

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

Section 9 • Travel Party

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

Section 10 • Division 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 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

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

[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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Assistant Commissioner/SWA
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REGION VII

Sam Jones

Head Women's Basketball Coach
Waynesburg University

REGION IX

Diane Gilbert

Assistant Athletics Director/SWA
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

REGION II

Kristin Hughes

Director of Athletics
Smith College

REGION IV

Gabby Lisella

Associate Athletic Director/SWA
Rowan University

REGION VI

Bethany Dannelly

Commissioner
Ohio Athletic Conference

REGION VIII

John Jones

Head Women's Basketball Coach
Hanover College

REGION X

Kendra Whitehead

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

Section 1•3 Important Dates

Tuesday, Feb. 11	First regional ranking.
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Second regional ranking.
Friday, Feb. 21	Deadline for the online submission of proposed budget, key contacts and facility evaluation to the NCAA national office.
Wednesday, Feb. 26	Third regional ranking.
Sunday, March 2	Deadline for conference offices to submit 2025 automatic-qualifier declaration form.
Monday, March 3	Internet selection announcement of teams participating in championship at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time (tentative). First/second-round sites announced.
Friday, March 7	Sixteen first-round game sites.
Saturday, March 8	Sixteen second-round game sites.

DIVISION III WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Sunday, March 9	Sectional sites announcement.
Friday-Saturday, March 14-15	Sectional games on campus.
Thursday and Saturday, March 20 and 22	National semifinals and final at Cregger Center, Salem, Virginia; hosted by City of Salem and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

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

First Round	Friday, March 7; 32 games at 16 campus sites.
Second Round	Saturday, March 8; 16 games at 16 campus sites.
Sectionals	Friday-Saturday, March 14-15; at four campus sites.
Semifinals and Final	Thursday and Saturday, March 20 & 22, Cregger Center, Salem, Virginia; hosted by City of Salem and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

FUTURE DATES

(Subject to change)

Year	First/Second Rounds (Fri.-Sat.)	Sectionals (Fri.-Sat.)	Semifinals & Final
2026	March 6-7	March 13-14	March 19 & 21
2027	March 5-6	March 12-13	March 18 & 20

Section 1•4 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

If an institution’s commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager, 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 nonpredetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 1•5 Equipment

The Wilson NCAA Evo NXT basketball shall be used for all 2025 tournament games.

Section 1•6 Rules

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

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.33, 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 or by calling 888-388-9748.

Section 1•7 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 warmups 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, 43 conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2025 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 Cregger Center, Salem, Virginia, hosted by City of Salem and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

First-/second-round sites will be announced by the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee along with the team selections on Monday, March 3. Sectional sites will be announced on Sunday, March 9.

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

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 19

Team practice sessions
Banquet

Thursday, March 20

Team shootarounds
Game times – 5 and 7:30 p.m. Eastern time (tentative) – ESPN+

CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, March 21

Team practice sessions

Saturday, March 22

Team shootarounds
Game time – 4 p.m. Eastern time (tentative) – ESPN+

START TIMES

The women's basketball committee will determine game times. Games will be slotted in half-hour increments and will start between 4 and 6:30 p.m. local time for the first game on Friday. The second game of the double header at a site will be scheduled 2½ hours after the first game at the site. The second game begins 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. For the Saturday game, start times will be scheduled between 5 and 8 p.m. local time. The start time of Saturday's game will be in a consistent time frame as Friday. For example, if Friday's first game was in the first time slot (starting at 4 p.m.), then the start of Saturday's game at that site also will be in the first time slot (5 p.m.). This is to ensure equitable rest/recovery time between games. The game times will be listed on the championship bracket when it is released.

Double headers. Teams shall have 30 minutes of warm-up time on the floor with basketballs before tipoff. The host team will play in the second game of the night.

Single games. Teams have 60 minutes of warm-up time on the floor before the start of the game.

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](https://www.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 warmup 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 2024-25 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 NPI 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 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

The 64-team field will consist of two selection pools: AQs and at-large berths. AQ berths will be allocated to automatic qualifying conferences. The criteria for receiving automatic qualification are outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4 of the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual. At-large berths will be reserved for all remaining institutions not receiving an AQ. Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2025 championship:

Women's Basketball

Bracket	64 teams	Based on 2023-24 eligible institutions
Automatic Qualifiers	43 teams	
At-large	21 teams	

SPONSORSHIP DATA

- Division III institutions sponsoring women's basketball: 418
- Provisional institutions (not eligible for the championship): 4
- Declared NAIA (not eligible for the NCAA championship): 0
- Institutions eligible for NCAA championship: 414
- Conferences meeting automatic qualifying requirements: 43

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

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

The 43 conferences that have been granted automatic qualification for the 2025 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
Collegiate Conference of the South	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Conference of New England	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Empire 8	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Skyline Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Landmark Conference	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Liberty League	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	United East Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	University Athletic Association
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	USA South Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	

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 21.12.1.1).

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 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 conferences by evaluation region.

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

Division III team sports have adopted the use of the NCAA Power Index (NPI). NPI is a system that houses the division’s statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee’s established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant).

The NPI weights for women’s basketball is the following:

Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
20/80	1.0/1.0	54.00	0.667	100/0	15.0

See [Appendix C](#) for further explanation of the NPI Weights.

BRACKETING PRINCIPLES (PAIRINGS)

The following bracketing principles will be in effect for the next two years (2024-25 and 2025-26) to assess its financial impact and success in protecting top-seeded teams.

- Protection of top-eight seeded teams in the bracket.

In brackets greater than 32 teams, teams will be protected based on the seed lines of No. 1s and No. 2s (based on NPI ranking at the time of selection).
 - NPI rank 1-4 will be No. 1s. NPI rank 5-8 will be No. 2s.
 - No. 1s and No. 2s will be bracketed based on quarterfinal matchups providing a possibility that the top eight (8) teams could each advance to the round of eight.
 - No. 1s and No. 2s will be paired in the quarterfinals based on current bracketing principles (i.e., geographic proximity is maintained).
Brackets will be built outward based on protecting the quarterfinal matchups that will protect No. 1s and No. 2s while maintaining geographic proximity.
- Remaining teams will continue to be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams shall then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams shall be paired and eligible according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles). An exception may be granted when there are not enough teams within the 500-mile radius to fill the region. Geographic proximity shall take precedence over seeding for teams below the top-8 seeds.
- Teams from the same conference shall not play one another in the first round.
- The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria shall be selected as the host institutions, provided that geographic proximity is maintained and they meet all site selection criteria.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

CRITERIA

The Division III Championships Committee has prioritized the site-selection criteria in the following order for Division III championships:

- Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
- Geographical location (including such factors as rotation of sites, weather conditions, accessibility and transportation costs).

3. Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.
4. Hosts will be selected based on meeting the minimum hosting requirements and maintaining geographic proximity. Seeding may be a consideration when selecting hosts but is not determinative.

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.

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2025 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship must submit a proposed budget and a safety and security form, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contact and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the championships "Available for Bid" section and select "Start Bid." **A separate proposed budget must be submitted for each round that an institution or conference is interested in hosting.**

Member institutions can regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championship manager.

The deadline to submit all materials for hosting preliminary rounds is **Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

The host for each championship round must complete a financial report form, which is incorporated as part of the proposed budget form and located on the NCAA website. A separate financial report form must be submitted for each round of competition. Each form must be submitted to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the report within 60 days will result in financial penalties.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

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

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be paid by the NCAA via RefQuest for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

For both the game officials and committee/site representatives, hosts will pay for their lodging expenses and be reimbursed by the NCAA. However, if the NCAA manages the hotel block for the game officials, the officials' lodging expenses shall be directly billed to the NCAA. The NCAA typically manages the officials' hotel block at the final site for the championship.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition 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 – should 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.

NOTE: Amenities for all teams must be equal (i.e., tents, heaters). If amenities cannot be provided for all, they shall not be provided at all.

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.

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 nonpredetermined 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 their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships, which can be found [here](#). We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program.

JOINT HOSTING INFORMATION

The NCAA Division III Championships Committee has approved a recommendation from the NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Basketball Committees to establish hosting guidelines for institutions whose men’s and women’s teams earn berths in their respective championships. The committees established these guidelines to eliminate potential conflicts created by hosting both championship events, to assist institutions in preparing for hosting opportunities and to ensure the opportunity of providing a quality championship experience for all teams involved in both championships.

Institutions with both men’s and women’s teams in the championships and with the opportunity to host four-team events for both genders will follow these hosting guidelines:

Three-Game		
	First/Second Round	Sectionals
Even Years	Men host	Women host
Odd Years	Women host	Men host

NOTE: Doubleheaders involving single games for each gender are possible for first- and second-round sites, upon approval of the men’s and women’s committees. The committees will not approve proposals to host four-team, three-game first and second or sectional rounds for both genders at the same site.

If conflicts prevent another institution from hosting while following these guidelines, the combined men’s and women’s committees will determine which team will play first at the same site.

The men’s and women’s committees are concerned with conflicts created when institutions attempt to host both men’s and women’s championship events, and the impact those conflicts have on the committees during site selection, and on the institution during the administration of the events. The committees prefer that institutions not host both men’s and women’s events in the same round of the championships.

The committees also recognize that some institutions with both teams in the championships, while recognizing their limitations in hosting both events, may face administrative pressure having to choose to host one championship event over another. The committees believe these guidelines can alleviate this administrative pressure. The committees' primary concerns include the following:

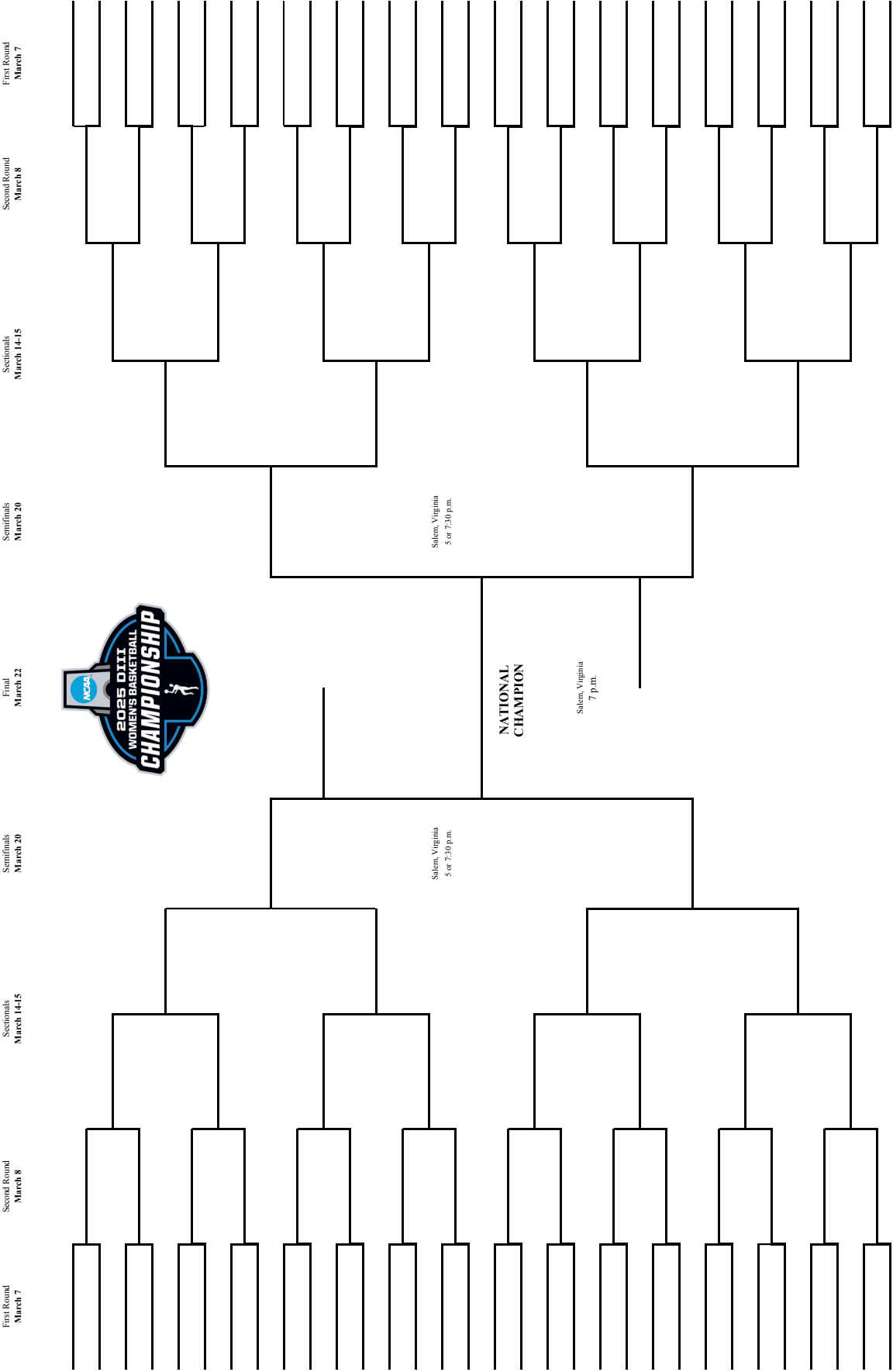
- The institutional administrative pressure to host both championship events and/or to choose between which championship event it will host if it cannot host both events; and
- The condition and availability of practice facilities.

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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

2025 DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION ONE - (KJ Krasco - Sept. 2025)	
Great Northeast Athletic Conference (15)	North Atlantic Conference (10)
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)	Husson University Lesley University Maine Maritime Academy State University of New York at Cobleskill State University of New York at Delhi Thomas College University of Maine at Presque Isle University of Maine, Farmington Vermont State University Lyndon Vermont State University-Johnson
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
Total Conference AQ's - 4 Total Number of Schools in Region – 43 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 43	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION TWO (Kristin Hughes - Sept. 2025)	
Conference of New England (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 – 32 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 31	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION THREE (Tom Emberley - Sept. 2027)	
Empire 8 (12)	Liberty League (10)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Alfred University Elmira College Hartwick College Houghton University Keuka College Nazareth University Russell Sage College St. John Fisher University State University of New York at Brockport State University of New York at Geneseo State University of New York Polytechnic Institute 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
Skyline Conference (11)	State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College U.S. Merchant Marine Academy University of Mount Saint 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 Canton State University of New York at Cortland State University of New York at Morrisville 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
University Athletic Association (1 of 8)	
AQ - Regular-Season Champion	
University of Rochester (New York)	
Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 44 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 44	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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 Institute of Technology
New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)	United East Conference (16+1)
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 Gallaudet University Keystone College Lancaster Bible College Notre Dame of Maryland University Penn State Berks College Penn State Brandywine (provisional) 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
	University Athletic Association (1 of 8)
	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
	New York University
Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 43 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 42	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION FIVE (Rebecca Mullen - Sept. 2027)	
Atlantic East (7)	Centennial Conference (11)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Centenary University (New Jersey) Gwynedd Mercy University Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia) Marywood University Neumann University Pratt Institute	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)
MAC Commonwealth (8)	Landmark Conference (10)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Hood College Messiah University 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
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)	Pool B Institutions (1)
AQ - Conference Championship	Trinity Washington University
Salisbury University	
Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast) Total Number of Schools in Region – 38 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 38	

REGION SIX (Bethany Dannelly - Sept. 2025)	
Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)	USA South Athletic Conference (9)
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 University Washington and Lee University	Brevard College Greensboro College Meredith College Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan University Pfeiffer University Salem College (North Carolina) Southern Virginia University William Peace University
Southern Athletic Association (7)	University Athletic Association (1 of 8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
Berry College Centre College Hendrix College Millsaps College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College University of the South	Emory University
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (3 of 6)	Collegiate Conference of the South (9)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Christopher Newport University University of Mary Washington Warren Wilson College	Agnes Scott College Asbury University Belhaven University Covenant College Huntingdon College LaGrange College Maryville College (Tennessee) Piedmont University Wesleyan College (Georgia)
Total Conference AQ's - 3 (plus Coast-2-Coast and UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 42 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 42	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION SEVEN (Sam Jones - Sept. 2028)	
Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (8 +1)	Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
Alfred State College Carlow University (provisional) 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	Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin University Hope College Kalamazoo College The University of Olivet St. Mary's College (Indiana) Trine University
North Coast Athletic Conference (8)	Ohio Athletic Conference (10)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
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)
Presidents' Athletic Conference (11)	University Athletic Association (2 of 8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
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
Total Conference AQ's - 5 (plus UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 49 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 48	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION EIGHT (John Jones - Sept. 2025)	
College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (9)	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9+1)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
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 (provisional) Mississippi University for Women Principia College Spalding University Webster University Westminster College (Missouri)
Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (14)	Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
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 St. Norbert College Wisconsin Lutheran College	Anderson University (Indiana) Berea College Bluffton University Earlham College Franklin College Hanover College Manchester University Mount St. Joseph University Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Transylvania University
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)	University Athletic Association (2 of 8)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Regular-Season Champion
Mount Mary University	University of Chicago Washington University in St. Louis
Pool B Institutions (1)	
Maranatha Baptist University	
Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast and UAA) Total Number of Schools in Region – 46 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 45	

DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REGION NINE (Diane Gilbert - Sept. 2028)	
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	
Total Conference AQ's - 5 Total Number of Schools in Region – 46 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 46	

REGION TEN (Kendra Whitehead - Sept. 2027)	
American Southwest Conference (5)	Northwest Conference (9)
AQ - Conference Championship	AQ - Conference Championship
East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University LeTourneau University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor GRACE PERIOD: YEAR ONE	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 (11)
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 Concordia University Texas McMurry University Schreiner University Southwestern University (Texas) Texas Lutheran University Trinity University (Texas) University of St. Thomas (Texas) University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)
Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 6)	
AQ - Conference Championship	
University of California, Santa Cruz	
Total Conference AQ's - 4 (plus Coast-2-Coast) Total Number of Schools in Region – 35 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 35	

Appendix C • NCAA Power Index (NPI) Guide

NCAA Power Index (NPI) – Guide

Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule:

The two main “dials” are winning percentage and strength of schedule.

25/75 is the default starting value (win percentage / strength of schedule) and sport committees will discuss and set these dials.

1. **Winning percentage:** A team's number of wins divided by the number of that team's total contests.
2. **Strength of Schedule:** SOS is simply an average of a team's opponent's NPI.

Example: Team A plays contests against teams with NPIs of 52, 58 and 70. SOS is calculated as $52 + 58 + 70 = 180$; $180 / 3 = 60$. SOS = 60.

Quality Win Bonus: A bonus applied to wins/partial wins (e.g., overtime victory) against “quality” teams.

1. **Quality Win Bonus – Base Value:**

- a. The sport committee determines the base NPI value at which a QWB is applied.
- b. The amount of bonus is determined by the difference between opponents NPI value and the QWB base value, multiplied by the QWB multiplier.

Example: Base value is set at 55.00. A bonus will be applied for all wins/partial wins against opponents with an NPI value of 55.00 or higher.

2. **Quality Win Bonus – Multiplier:**

- Set the multiplier/magnitude of bonus awarded for wins against teams with an NPI above the QWB base. Values can range from 0.00 to 1.00. Default setting is .500.

Example: QWB base is set at 52.00. Multiplier is set at .500.

- $\text{NPI} - \text{QWB Base} = X$; $X * .500 = \text{Bonus}$.
- Win over team with NPI of 56.00.
- $56.00 - 52.00 = 4.00$; $4.00 * .500 = 2.00$ (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)
- Win over team with NPI of 61.00.
- $61.00 - 52.00 = 9.00$; $9.00 * .500 = 4.50$ (4.50 is the Quality Win Bonus)

Example: QWB base is set at 51.00. Multiplier is set at .333.

- Win over team with NPI of 60.00.
- $60.00 - 51.00 = 9.00$; $9.00 * .333 = 3.00$ (3.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)
- Win over team with NPI of 57.00.
- $57.00 - 51.00 = 6.00$; $6.00 * .333 = 2.00$ (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)

Home/Away Multiplier:

1. Allows for additional emphasis/weights to be placed on away wins and home losses, with less emphasis on home wins and away losses.
2. Different weights can be applied to non-conference, conference, and [conference] post-season contests.
3. This is an optional adjustment and can be set a 1.0/1.0 to weigh all wins and losses, at home or away, as equal.

Example: Weights set at 1.2/0.8

- Away wins/home losses weigh as 1.2 wins/losses.
- Home wins/away losses weigh as 0.8 wins/losses.

Overtime Win/Loss:

1. Allows for an overtime win/loss to count as less than a full win/loss.
2. An example is in ice hockey. Overtime is played 3-on-3 versus 5-on-5 in regulation. Since a win in overtime required extra time and was played differently an OT win can be weighted at .75 win/.25 loss. The losing team would bet .25 wins/.75 losses.
3. Regular season and post-season can be weighted differently.
4. This is an optional adjustment and can be set at 1.00/0.00 meaning a win is a win, or a loss is a loss regardless of regulation or overtime.

Minimum Wins: The committee can elect to require a minimum number of wins to be retained in the NPI adjustment.