



MEMORANDUM

September 9, 2019

TO: NCAA Women's Bowling Conference Commissioners and Head Coaches.

FROM: Tony O'Neal
Chair, NCAA Women's Bowling Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Bowling Season and Championship Information.

In preparation for the season and the championship, please be aware of the items outlined below. For additional updates throughout the year, please check the [NCAA Bowling Sport Landing Page](#).

1. **Pre-Championships Manual**. The Women's Bowling Pre-Championships Manual will be posted on the bowling administration page no later than Dec. 6.
2. **Championship Format (NEW for 2020)**. With the approval of the necessary funding for bracket expansion, the national committee will *now select 16 teams* during its selections process, with four regions of four teams. The women's bowling committee will follow the procedure below during the selection process.
 - The championship playoff format involves four predetermined regional sites (Region 1, 2, 3 and 4) with four teams assigned to each regional site. Regional competition will be conducted April 3-4, 2020.
 - The regional teams and matchups will be determined by the women's bowling committee based on selection criteria and geography.
 - One of each of the top four seeded teams will be placed into one of the four corresponding regionals.
 - The four regional winners will advance to the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship final site which will be conducted April 10-11.
 - Each match of the double-elimination tournament, other than the if necessary regional final match and championship final match, will consist of teams competing in a best-of-three match format, bowled in the following order:
 - Five-person team match
 - Baker total pin fall
 - Best-of-seven Baker match play
 - The winner of each of the regional final matches will advance to the championship final site. **Any if necessary regional final match and the championship final match will be best-of-seven Baker match play.**
3. **Regional Round Hosting**. The committee will begin requesting bids for hosts for four predetermined regional locations on Oct. 14, 2019. The bid portal will be open for regional round hosting opportunities for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 championships. The regional round host operations manual will be posted. Please refer to the regional round bid specifications

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on the [NCAA Bowling Administration Page](#). **The deadline to submit a bid to host for the 2020 regional round is 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, Jan. 17.**

4. **Automatic qualification.** The following conferences will receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2020 National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference
 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
 East Coast Conference
 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
 Northeast Conference
 Southland Conference
 Southwestern Athletic Conference

5. **Important Dates.** Please pay close attention to the following dates throughout the season.

Oct 14	Each coach must submit a schedule certification form to Michael Fine and their respective regional chair by Oct. 14, or 14 days prior to the start of the season, <i>whichever is earlier.</i>
Oct 14	Institutions must enter their team’s entire schedule on the initial online Score Reporting Form by Oct. 14 or 14 days prior to the start of the season, whichever is earlier.
Oct 14	Institutions must submit scores by 7p.m. Eastern time each Monday, Oct. 14 through March 23.
Dec 6	Women’s Bowling Championship Pre-championship manual posted on the Women’s Bowling Administration Page
Feb 12	Release of RPI on NCAA.com
Feb 26	Release of RPI on NCAA.com
March 11	Release of RPI on NCAA.com
March 23	Final submission of results on the online score-reporting form. No later than 7 p.m. Eastern time
March 24	Institutions must notify the NCAA national office if any student-athletes are ineligible or unavailable for championship competition
March 25	Women’s Bowling Championship Selections Selection show will air on NCAA.com RPI Releases on NCAA.com
April 3-4	National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship Regionals
April 10-11	National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship Final Site Detroit, Michigan

6. **Rules.** The 2018-19 and 2019-20 rules book shall be used for all NCAA competition throughout the season and at the championship. For a review of any rules changes that occurred prior to the start of the new two-year rules cycle, please refer to the Bowling Administration page and the “Women’s Bowling Rules of the Game” link. Additional copies of the rules can be downloaded or purchases in this location.
7. **Schedule and Score Reporting.** The deadline to submit your team’s season schedule in the NCAA online score reporting system is ***Oct. 14, or 14 days prior to the start of your season, whichever is earlier.*** The system to submit this information can be accessed [HERE](#).

A schedule certification form must be turned in to the secretary-rules editor, and your respective regional chair, by the same date (region/contact info below). The certification form can be found on the Women’s Bowling Administration Page.

It is the responsibility of each institution to submit results throughout the season on the online score reporting system, and emailing score reporting forms to their respective regional chair by 7 p.m. Eastern, each Monday following competition through Monday, March 23. The score reporting system can be accessed [HERE](#); and the score reporting form can be found on the Women’s Bowling Administration Page. These forms can be submitted directly from the document once they are filled out properly by clicking the ‘send’ button that appears at the bottom of the last page. Additionally, we have included a tournament score sheet. If you or your tournament utilizes this form, please feel free to email it as well to your respective region chair. This will provide the region chairs an additional resource to ensure that the women’s bowling score portal is up-to-date and accurate.

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Failure to submit scores by the deadline each week will result in the information not being considered for the regional and national ranking process. Failure to submit forms on time shall result in a warning for the first offense, and a \$200 fine for each offense thereafter.

8. **2020 Championship.** The 2020 championship will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes, in Allen Park, Michigan and hosted by Detroit Mercy University and the Detroit Sports Commission.
9. **2023-26 Bid Cycle.** As a reminder, the NCAA 2023-26 championship site selection campaign has started. The timeline for the bid process is as follows:

Aug 26: Bid specifications were published on ncaa.org/bids.

Bid portal opened.

Feb 3: Bid responses due.

March-September: Committee deliberations, recommendations and approvals.

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Oct 23: Hosts/sites announced.

We will provide updated communications throughout the process to keep you well informed.

If you have questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Andy Supergan at asupergan@ncaa.org or 317-917-6081.

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