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BOWLING
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PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

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 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a

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

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division I

Section 9•1 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I 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 on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

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

National Collegiate Women's Bowling

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Section 1 • General Administration

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The National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship is under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee. **Current members of the committee are:**

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Mount Aloysius College

CENTRAL REGION

Loree M. McCary

Senior Woman Administrator
Stephen F. Austin State University

NORTHEAST REGION

Robert Cincotta

Head Women's Bowling Coach
Molloy College

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Florida State University

NORTHEAST REGION

Kayla Jones

Head Women's Bowling Coach
Long Island University

CENTRAL REGION

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CENTRAL REGION

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Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

| NAME | INSTITUTION | CONFERENCE |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| CENTRAL REGION | | |
| Matt Nantais | Louisiana Tech | Southland |
| Loree M. McCary | Stephen F. Austin State | Southland |
| Glen Brittich | Elmhurst College | CCIW |
| Glenn White | Prairie View A&M | SWAC |
| Sabrina Rose | Texas Southern | SWAC |
| NORTHEAST REGION | | |
| Becky Kregling | Sacred Heart | NEC |
| Barbara Ann Jones | Mount Aloysius | Independent |
| Kayla Jones | LIU | NEC |
| Kim Terrell-Kearney | North Carolina A&T | MEAC |
| Robert Cincotta | Molloy College | ECC |

Section 1•4 Important Dates

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| Monday, Oct. 19-Monday, March 29 | Each institution will be responsible for entering results in the online score-reporting system and submitting score report forms to the respective regional chair by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday. |
| Nov. 16, or 14 days before the first day of competition | Each coach will be responsible for submitting a schedule of your institution's season, using the schedule certification form, which is available online at ncaa.org . Send to Michael Fine (email: rulesmfine@yahoo.com). |
| Nov. 16, or 14 days before the first day of competition | Your institution is required to enter your team's entire schedule in the NCAA online score-reporting system. It will be your institution's responsibility to enter all match results online, beginning with your first match. |
| Wednesday, March. 3, 10, 17 & 23 | Release of RPI on ncaa.com . |
| Wednesday, Feb. 24 | National committee ranking call No. 1 and release of RPI on ncaa.com . |
| Monday, March 29 | Final submission of results on the online score-reporting form - 7 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Tuesday, March 30 | Institutions must notify the national office if any student-athletes are ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition. |
| Wednesday, March 31 | National committee selection call and release of final RPI. Championship selections announced via an online selection show on ncaa.com at 4 p.m. Eastern time. |
| TBD | Conference call with championship host, committee members, NCAA staff, head official and head coaches of all selected teams - 1 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Wednesday-Thursday, April 7-8 | Regional matches hosted by four predetermined regional sites. |
| Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 | National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship - Kansas City, MO. |

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

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| 2021 Finals | April 9-10; Host - University of Central Missouri and Kansas City Sports Commission |
| 2021 Regionals | April 7-8; Host - University of Central Missouri and Kansas City Sports Commission |

DATE FORMULA

The National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship will be held annually the Friday and Saturday after the second Thursday in April. Regionals will be held the Friday and Saturday the week prior to the championship.

FUTURE DATES

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| 2022 Finals | April 15-16; Host - Mid-American Conference and Greater Columbus Sports Commission |
| 2023 Finals | Host, University of Nevada, Las Vegas/USBC/Vegas Events - Venue, Southpoint Hotel, Las Vegas, NV |
| 2024 Finals | Host, University of Detroit Mercy/Detroit - Venue, Thunderbowl Lanes, Detroit, MI |
| 2025 Finals | Host, University of Nevada, Reno/USBC/Visit Reno - Venue, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV |
| 2026 Finals | Host, Mid-American Conference/Greater Cleveland Sports - Venue, RollHouse Wickliffe, Cleveland, OH |
| 2022 Regionals | Host, Roberts Wesleyan College/Rochester Sports - Venue, Bowl-A-Roll, Rochester, NY Host, Olivet College/Lansing Sports - Venue, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, Lansing, MI Host, Mercyhurst University/Erie Sports - Venue, Rolling Meadow Lanes, Erie, PA Host, Prairie View A&M University/Arlington Sports - Venue, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, TX |
| 2023 Regionals | Host, Roberts Wesleyan College/Rochester Sports - Venue, Bowl-A-Roll, Rochester, NY Host, Olivet College/Lansing Sports - Venue, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, Lansing, MI Host, Duquesne University/Sports Pittsburgh - Venue, AMF Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, PA Host, Prairie View A&M University/Arlington Sports - Venue, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, TX |
| 2024 Regionals | Host, Roberts Wesleyan College/Rochester Sports - Venue, Bowl-A-Roll, Rochester, NY Host, Olivet College/Lansing Sports - Venue, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, Lansing, MI Host, Duquesne University/Sports Pittsburgh - Venue, AMF Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, PA Host, Prairie View A&M University/Arlington Sports - Venue, International Training and Research Center, Arlington, TX |
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Section 1•5 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

Section 1•6 Equipment

Each student-athlete is limited to using six bowling balls during the championship.

Per Bylaw 12.5.4, all equipment can bear only the official manufacturer's mark. Balls with extra commercial marks in or on them will be excluded from championship competition.

Any equipment that did not meet official specifications can be altered by the competing coach or player and submitted for reapproval prior to the start of the first block of competition.

All equipment must be approved by the head official and checked into the paddock before to competition on Friday. Alterations of the ball surface may also be made in between competition blocks/rounds or during practice.

Section 1•7 Rules

For the championship, the 2020-21 and 2021-22 NCAA Women's Bowling Rules Book will be used. The rules book is available for purchase or download on the NCAA website at ncaapublications.com/.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

Uniforms must comply with the provisions set forth in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 NCAA Women's Bowling Rules Book.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The 2021 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship will feature a 16-team double-elimination tournament. Six conferences will receive an automatic qualifier and 10 additional teams will be selected at-large (a total of 16 teams selected) and placed into the bracket. The women's bowling committee will follow the procedure below during the selection process.

- Due to COVID-19 the championship playoff format involves 16 teams playing regional matches at the final site. Regional competition will be conducted April 7-8, 2021.
- 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, which will be conducted April 9-10.
- 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.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*All times listed are local to the host location and are subject to change.

APRIL 5

Regional Round teams and committee arrive on-site prior to 6 p.m. for COVID testing.

APRIL 6

Practice and equipment check.

April 7-8 Regional matches hosted at Championship site (Kansas City, Missouri).

CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, April 9

Rounds 1 and 2

Saturday, April 10

Round 3 and Championship final

TRAVEL PARTY

The travel party for the National Collegiate Bowling Championship is 13 persons. The number of eligible players in uniform shall not exceed 10.

Section 2•2 Regular-Season Competition

In order to be considered for the championship, teams must comply with the following regulations during the regular season.

- Only competition against NCAA member schools will be used for consideration; however, outside competitions against non-member schools will count toward the day of competition limitations. This includes club and NAIA programs which may be played but will not count toward NCAA selection.

- Institutions are required to participate in a minimum of four days of competition to be considered for selection. A day of competition is defined as any day on which a team competes using one of the approved formats. NCAA teams at the same tournament/invitational must randomly select the order in which matches will count. If a tournament manager chooses to predetermine the NCAA teams' rotation before competition, that is acceptable as well.
- Matches — number per day. A maximum number of matches (identified by a win or loss) during each day of competition will count toward a team's daily performance, with the number of matches based on the following guidelines.

| Number of Teams | Number of Matches Each Day |
|------------------|--|
| 1-6 teams | Maximum of five matches a day. |
| 7-11 teams | Maximum of five matches for a one-day event. Maximum of five matches for a two-day event. Maximum of five matches for a three-day event. |
| 12-16 teams | Maximum of five matches for a one-day event. Maximum of five matches for a two-day event. Maximum of five matches for a three-day event. |
| 17 or more teams | Maximum of five matches a day. |

- Note: For information regarding pool play contest guidelines and maximum matches per day, see Rule 7.3a.
- Forfeits are not counted toward championship selection. Unopposed matches are to be considered "No Contests" and are not to be recorded within the online system.
- When competing at tournaments where NCAA varsity and club teams are present, only competition against NCAA varsity teams can count toward championship selection.
- Each NCAA varsity team will be able to count only the first five or six predetermined matches each day based on the chart above.
- Only team competition can count toward championship selection.
- For purposes of an institution's won-lost record, competition must be against another team.
- For each match, scores must count for each competing team as either a win or a loss.
- The results of each date of competition must be reported online (web1.ncaa.org/champsel_new/exec/login) and complete tournament/dual match/invitational results must be sent to the respective regional advisory committee chair by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday.
- Institutions will need to indicate whether the matches they played were in Baker or regular team format. The appropriate box must be checked in the online score-reporting system when a Baker match is played.
- Schedule certification and event certification forms must be completed and verified by the regional advisory committee chair for results to be declared official.
- A predetermined schedule of matches must be completed prior to the start of competition.
- For more information, please see Rule 7.7.

Section 2•3 Forms

Schedule Certification Form

Each coach will be responsible for submitting a schedule certification form to Secretary-Rules Editor Michael Fine not later than Oct. 14, or 14 days before the start of the institution's season (first competition), whichever is earlier. All matches, including those against non-NCAA institutions, must be included on the form.

NCAA Event Certification Form

When hosting an event, the event manager must submit an event certification form to Mr. Fine at least ten days before the start of the event. Designated pre-event information also must be provided to all participating teams at least ten days before the event. The event manager must submit a complete event certification form, the post-event report, a summary copy of event standings (team and individual) and the head officials' form to Mr. Fine within seven days of the conclusion of the event.

Score Reporting

All institutions that sponsor women's bowling must report results via the NCAA online score-reporting system. The system and instructions are available at web1.ncaa.org/champsel_new/exec/login. Only results against NCAA institutions should be included in the score-reporting system. Each institution must enter its complete schedule online not later than Oct. 12, or 14 days before the start of the institution's season (first competition), whichever is earlier. Each institution is responsible for entering complete and accurate match results in the online system by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday, October 12 through March 29. If an institution fails to submit results by a designated deadline, the institution's coach and director of athletics will receive a written warning.

Score Sheet

In addition to entering results in the online score-reporting system, coaches must submit an electronic score report form (two pages) to their respective regional advisory committee chair by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday following competition. If an institution fails to submit score sheets by a designated deadline, the institution's coach and director of athletics will receive a written warning.

Section 2•4 Selection Information

Teams for the championship will be selected by the Women's Bowling Committee on March 31. The 16 selected teams will be announced via an online selection show March 31 at 4 p.m. Eastern time on ncaa.com.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2021 championship.

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| Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference | Northeast Conference |
| East Coast Conference | Southland Conference |
| Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference | Southwest Athletic Conference |

NOTE: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association granted automatic qualification for 2021 championship however excluded because schools in the conference did not compete in 2021.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

10 teams will be selected at large using the criteria.

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 3.2.4.5) 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.

Section 2•5 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

The Women's Bowling Committee has received approval from the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of teams for the Women's Bowling Championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Overall Criteria (Primary)

- Overall won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results versus common opponents
- Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' winning percentage)
- Rating Percentage Index (RPI) (See [Appendix A](#))

Secondary Criteria (Baker)

- Overall won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results versus common opponents
- Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' winning percentage)
- Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

Secondary Criteria (Regular Team)

- Overall won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Results versus common opponents
- Results versus teams previously selected or ranked
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' winning percentage)
- Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

Tiebreaker

- Event finish between two teams in the same conference
- Event finish between two teams not in the same conference

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Appendix A • Rating Percentage Index (RPI)

THE RATING PERCENTAGE INDEX (RPI)

Factor I: Overall winning percentage — 25%

Factor II: Opponents' average winning percentage — 50%

Factor III: Opponents' opponents' average winning percentage — 25%

Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

CENTRAL REGION

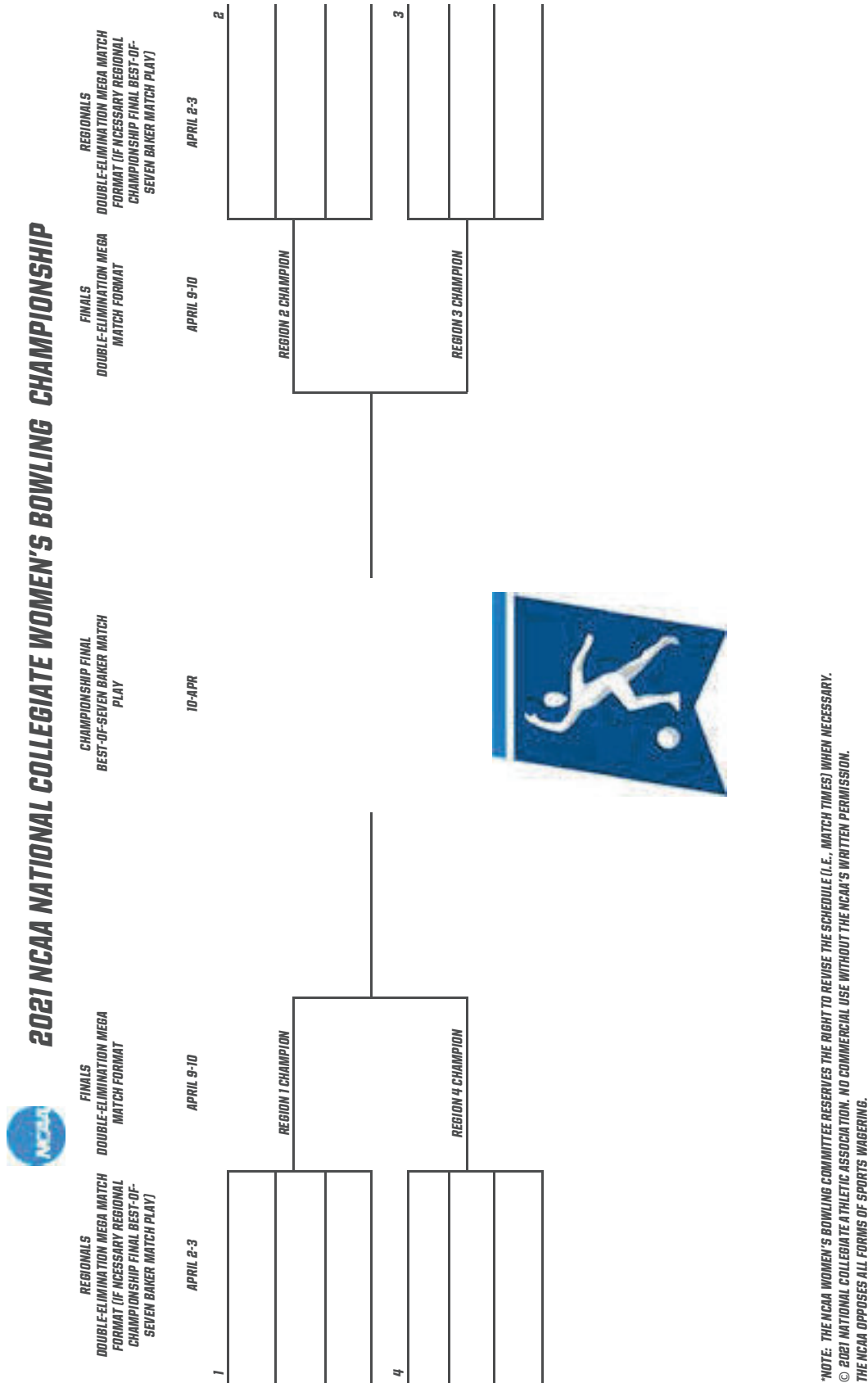
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| Alabama A&M University | North Central College |
| Alabama State University | Prairie View A&M University Quincy |
| Arkansas State University | University |
| Augustana College (Illinois) | Sam Houston State University |
| Aurora University | Southern University, Baton Rouge |
| Bethune-Cookman University** | Spalding University |
| Carthage College | Stephen F. Austin State University |
| Dominican University (Illinois) | Texas Southern University |
| Drury University | Tulane University |
| Elmhurst University | Tusculum University |
| Florida A&M University | University of Alabama at Birmingham |
| Grambling State University | University of Central Missouri |
| Illinois Wesleyan University | University of Nebraska, Lincoln |
| Jackson State University | University of Wisconsin-Whitewater |
| Kentucky Wesleyan College | Upper Iowa University |
| Lakeland University | Ursuline College |
| Lewis University | Valparaiso University |
| Lincoln Memorial University | Vanderbilt University |
| Louisiana Tech University | Walsh University |
| Marian University (Wisconsin) | Wartburg College |
| Maryville University of Saint Louis | Youngstown State University |
| McKendree University | |

NORTHEAST REGION

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| Adelphi University** | Molloy College |
| Belmont Abbey College | Monmouth University |
| Bloomfield College | Morgan State University |
| Bowie State University** | Mount Aloysius College |
| Caldwell University | Mount St. Mary's University |
| Chestnut Hill College | New Jersey City University |
| Chowan University** | Norfolk State University |
| Coppin State University | North Carolina A&T State University |
| Daemen College | Penn State University, Altoona |
| Delaware State University | Pennsylvania State Univ. Erie, the Behrend College |
| Duquesne University | Roberts Wesleyan College |
| D'Youville College | Sacred Heart University |
| Elizabeth City State University** | Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania) |
| Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan | Saint Vincent College |
| Fayetteville State University** | Shaw University** |
| Felician University | St. Francis College Brooklyn |
| Hilbert College | St. Thomas Aquinas College |
| Howard University** | University of Maryland Eastern Shore** |
| Johnson C. Smith University** | University of Pittsburgh, Bradford |
| Kutztown University of Pennsylvania** | University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg |
| La Roche University | Virginia State University** |
| Livingstone College** | Virginia Union University** |
| Long Island University | Wagner College |
| Medaille College | Wilmington University (Delaware)** |
| Mercyhurst University | |

**Denotes schools not competing in 2021.

Appendix C • 2021 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Bracket



*NOTE: THE NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE (I.E., MATCH TIMES) WHEN NECESSARY.
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