



MEMORANDUM

October 9, 2023

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

FROM: Glen Brittich, 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. Should there be any changes to this information, the women's bowling committee will communicate any changes or modifications to the information should they be necessary. For additional updates throughout the year, please check the [NCAA Bowling Sport Landing Page](#).

1. **Committee Chair.** The committee would like to announce that Mr. Glen Brittich continue in the roll of women's bowling committee chair. Mr. Brittich is the Director of Athletics for Elmhurst University.
2. **Pre-Championships Manual.** The Women's Bowling Pre-Championships Manual will be posted on the bowling administration page no later than December 8.
3. **Championship Format.** The national committee will ***select 18 teams*** during its selections process, with two regionals of four teams and two regionals of five teams. The women's bowling committee will follow the procedure below during the selection process.
 - The championship format involves four predetermined regional sites (Region 1, 2, 3 and 4) with four teams assigned to two regional sites and five teams assigned to two regional sites. Regional competition will be conducted April 5-6 and April 4-6 for the two five-team regionals.
 - The regional teams and matchups will be determined by the women's bowling committee based on selection criteria and NCAA Division I bracketing principles.
 - One of each of the top four seeded teams will be placed into one of the four corresponding regionals.
 - The committee will attempt to avoid conference opponents in the first-round of competition unless there are five or more teams in the field from one conference. If five or more teams from one conference are selected to the championship, then the integrity of the bracket will be protected (i.e., maintaining the pairing process according to seed will take priority over avoidance of first-round conference matchups).
 - 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.
 - At the five-team regional, the "play-in" match on day one will be considered single elimination.

- Any if-necessary regional final match, and the championship final, will be best-of-seven Baker match-play.
- The four regional winners will advance to the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship final site which will be conducted April 12-13.

4. **Automatic qualification.** The following conferences will receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2024 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin
Conference Carolinas
Conference USA
East Coast Conference
Great Lakes Valley Conference
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Northeast Conference
Southwestern Athletic Conference

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

October 9	Institutions must submit scores by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday, Oct. 9 through March 18.
December 9	Women's Bowling Championship Pre-championship manual posted on the Women's Bowling Administration Page.
February 7; March 13 and March 20	Release of RPI on NCAA.com Wednesday, Feb. 7, March 13 and March 20
March 24	Final submission of results on the online score-reporting form. No later than 5:30 p.m. Eastern time.
March 25	Institutions must notify the NCAA national office if any student-athletes are ineligible or unavailable for championship competition.
March 27	Women's Bowling Championship Selections. Selection show will air on NCAA.com. RPI Releases on NCAA.com.
April 4-6	National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Regionals: Arlington, Texas; Lansing, Michigan; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Rochester, New York.
April 12-13	National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Final Site Allen Park, Michigan.

6. **Rules.** The 2022-23 and 2023-24 rules book shall be used for all NCAA competition throughout the season and at the championship. A copy of the news rules book will be sent to each head coach and conference commissioner. To download a free digital version of the rules book or to purchase

additional physical copies can be done so [HERE](#). Any additional updates that may occur will be communicated as soon as possible.

Additionally, the women's bowling committee has deemed six select balls ineligible for postseason use. For more information, please view the committee report [HERE](#).

7. **Schedule and Score Reporting.**

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 18; Monday March 25 results must be submitted by 5:30 p.m. Eastern. As a reminder, 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 'save form' button that appears at the bottom of the last page.

Make sure when scores are being entered into the score reporting system, they are entered at 1-0 or 0-1. Do not put the total pinfalls.

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. **2024 Championship.** The 2024 championship will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan and hosted by the University of Detroit Mercy and the Detroit Sports Commission.
9. **Preseason Coaches Webinar.** NCAA staff and committee will be conducting a preseason webinar to provide additional information regarding the championship at 7 p.m. Eastern on Tuesday, October 17. Please use this link to join the webinar: [Click here to join the meeting](#).

If you have questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Lindsey Eldred at leldred@ncaa.org or 317-917-6747.

cc: NCAA Women's Bowling Committee