



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

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

FROM: Jana Woodson, chair
NCAA Women's Bowling Committee.

SUBJECT: National College Women's 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 Jana Woodson was elected as the women's bowling committee chair. Jana is the Deputy Director of Athletics at Tulane University.
2. **Pre-Championships Manual.** The Women's Bowling Pre-Championships Manual will be posted on the bowling administration page no later than December 7.
3. **Championship Format.** The national committee will ***select 19 teams*** during its selections process, with one regional of four teams and three 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 one regional site and five teams assigned to three regional sites. Regional competition will be conducted April 5-6 and April 4-6 for the three 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 11-12.

4. **Automatic qualification.** The following eleven conferences will receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2025 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference
 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
 College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin
 Conference Carolina's
 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 8	Institutions must submit scores by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday, Oct. 9 through March 18.
December 7	Women's Bowling Championship Pre-championship manual posted on the Women's Bowling Administration Page.
January 8, February 5, March 12 and March 18	Release of RPI on NCAA.com Wednesday, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 12 and Tuesday, March 18.
March 23	Final submission of results on the online score-reporting form. No later than 5:30 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 26	Women's Bowling Championship Selections. Selection show will air on NCAA.com. RPI Releases on NCAA.com.
April 3-5	National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Regionals: Arlington, Texas; Lansing, Michigan; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Rochester, New York.
April 11-12	National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Final Site Las Vegas, Nevada.

6. **Rules.** The 2024-25 and 2025-26 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.

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 17; Sunday, March 23 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. **2025 Championship.** The 2025 championship will be held at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas and hosted by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.
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 15. Meeting invitations will be sent for the TEAMS 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