

## MEMORANDUM

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 <u>NCAA Bowling Sport Landing Page</u>.

- 1. <u>New Committee Chair.</u> The committee would like to announce that Mr. Glen Brittich will be the new women's bowling committee chair. Mr. Brittich is the Director of Athletics for Elmhurst University.
- 2. <u>Pre-Championships Manual</u>. The Women's Bowling Pre-Championships Manual will be posted on the bowling administration page no later than December 9.
- 3. <u>Championship Format.</u> The national committee will *select 17 teams* during its selections process, with three regionals of four teams and one regional 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 three regional sites and five teams assigned to one regional site. Regional competition will be conducted April 7-8, 2023 and April 6-8 for the one five-team regional.
  - 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.
  - 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 14-15.

4. <u>Automatic qualification.</u> The following conferences will receive automatic qualification (AQ) for the 2023 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin East Coast Conference Great Lakes Valley 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.

October 17	Institutions must submit scores by 7 p.m. Eastern time each Monday, Oct. 17 through March 28
December 9	Women's Bowling Championship Pre-championship manual posted on the Women's Bowling Administration Page
February 16	Release of RPI on NCAA.com each Thursday, Feb. 16 through March 29
March 27	Final submission of results on the online score-reporting form. No later than 7 p.m. Eastern time
March 27	Institutions must notify the NCAA national office if any student-athletes are ineligible or unavailable for championship competition
March 29	Women's Bowling Championship Selections Selection show will air on NCAA.com RPI Releases on NCAA.com
April 7-8	National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Regionals
April 14-15	National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship Final Site Las Vegas, Nevada

6. <u>**Rules**</u>. 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 <u>HERE</u>. 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 <u>HERE</u>.

## 7. <u>Schedule and Score Reporting</u>.

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 27. As a reminder,

the score reporting system can be accessed <u>HERE</u>; 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. 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 reporting portal is accurate.

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. **<u>2023 Championship.</u>** The 2023 championship will be held at South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada and hosted by the University of Nevada Las Vegas and Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.
- 9. <u>Preseason Coaches Webinar</u>. NCAA staff and committee will be conducting a preseason webinar to provide additional information regarding the championship at 7 p.m. Eastern on Monday, October 10. Please use this link to join the webinar: (<u>Click here to join the meeting</u>).

If you have questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Aaron King at <u>aking@ncaa.org</u> or 317-917-6771.

cc: NCAA Women's Bowling Committee