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**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**2018-19 MANUAL**

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two 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 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 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 Sports 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 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 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

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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

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I and 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 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division III) and 31.2.3, 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

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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

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#### 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, which 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 outline.

### Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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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; 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 when 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 when 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

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

## 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 the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her 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. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way 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 NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](http://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

## 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.]*

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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 warm-ups) 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 • 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 Sept. 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).

# Division I Cross Country

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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## Section 1•3 Important Dates

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<b>Friday, Aug. 31</b>	First date of allowable competition.
<b>Date of first institutional competition</b>	Deadline for rosters to be uploaded to TFFRS-XC.
<b>Friday, Sept. 7</b>	Qualifying window for cross country season begins.
<b>Saturday, Oct. 13</b>	Pre-Nationals, Madison, Wisconsin.
<b>Monday, Oct. 29</b>	Regional online entry forms available on Direct Athletics at 8 a.m. Eastern time.
<b>Thursday, Nov. 1</b>	Deadline for submission of regional online entry form – 5 p.m. Eastern time.
<b>Friday, Nov. 2</b>	LATE DEADLINE for regional entries with fine by 5 p.m. Eastern time. No entries will be accepted after this time.

<b>Monday, Nov. 5</b>	Deadline for all regular-season meet results to be submitted for qualification purposes into TFRRS-XC by 5 p.m. Eastern time.
<b>Monday, Nov. 5</b>	Regional entries posted on respective regional websites by noon Eastern time.
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 6</b>	Regional box draws posted by noon Eastern time.
<b>Thursday, Nov. 8</b>	Regional practices, packet pickup and coaches meeting.
<b>Friday, Nov. 9</b>	NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional Championships.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 10</b>	Unofficial four-hour posting window for selections begins at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 10</b>	Selections field announced by 5 p.m. Eastern time on ncaa.com.
<b>Thursday, Nov. 15</b>	Championships banquet, Madison, Wisconsin.
<b>Friday, Nov. 16</b>	Championships practice, packet pickup and coaches meeting, Madison, Wisconsin.
<b>Saturday, Nov. 17</b>	NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, Madison, Wisconsin.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

#### Nov. 9, 2018 – NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional Championships.

<b>Great Lakes Region</b>	Indiana State University, host; LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course, Terre Haute, Indiana.
<b>Mid-Atlantic Region</b>	Pennsylvania State University, host; Blue and White Golf Course, University Park, Pennsylvania.
<b>Midwest Region</b>	Bradley University, host; Newman Golf Course, Peoria, Illinois.
<b>Mountain Region</b>	Brigham Young University, host; East Bay Golf Course, Provo, Utah.
<b>Northeast Region</b>	University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, host; Audubon Golf Course, Buffalo, New York.
<b>South Region</b>	Florida State University, host; Apalache Regional Park, Tallahassee, Florida.
<b>Southeast Region</b>	Winthrop University, host; Winthrop University Recreation Complex, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
<b>South Central Region</b>	Texas A&M University, College Station, host; Dale Watts '71 Cross Country Course, College Station, Texas.
<b>West Region</b>	California State University, Sacramento, and Sacramento Sports Commission, hosts; Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, Sacramento, California.

#### Nov. 17, 2018 – NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, host;  
Thomas Zimmer Championship Course, Madison, Wisconsin.

### FUTURE DATES

#### Nov. 15, 2019 – NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional Championships.

<b>Great Lakes Region</b>	University of Wisconsin, Madison, host.
<b>Mid-Atlantic Region</b>	Lehigh University, host.
<b>Midwest Region</b>	Oklahoma State University, host.
<b>Mountain Region</b>	University of Utah, host.
<b>Southeast Region</b>	University of Virginia, host.
<b>Northeast Region</b>	University at Buffalo, the State University of New York, host.
<b>South Region</b>	TBD
<b>South Central Region</b>	University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, host.
<b>West Region</b>	Washington State University, host.

#### Nov. 23, 2019 – NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, Terre Haute, Indiana.

## Section 1•4 Equipment

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The host institution shall provide all the necessary equipment for conducting the cross country championships.

## Section 1•5 Rules

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*[Reference: Bylaw 17.30 and 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The 2017 and 2018 NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track and Field Rules Book will be followed. Men's races will be 10,000 meters at regional and national competitions. Women's races will be 6,000 meters at regional and national competitions.

## Section 1•6 Uniforms

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*[Reference the Rules Book and Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Uniform and logo rules contained in the Rules Book shall apply, in addition to the following: In all events and award ceremonies, competitors must wear the proper uniform (warmups included) of the institution they represent in the championships.

Uniforms for all cross country team members must meet the following criteria:

- All cross country team members must wear uniforms clearly indicating through color, logo and combination of all worn outer garments that members are from the same team;
- Visible undergarments on top (e.g., T-shirts) worn by team members must be of an identical solid color. Visible undergarments on the bottom (e.g., tights of any length) must be of an identical solid color.

### LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

Note: These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the competition, which includes prerace or post-race activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championships Format

The Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships provide for a maximum of 31 (five-to-seven-person) teams and 38 individuals per gender. Eighteen teams automatically qualify to the championships races by finishing as one of the top two teams at any of the nine regional races. The remaining 13 at-large teams are selected by the NCAA Division I Cross Country Subcommittee. Thirty-six individuals automatically qualify to the championships races by being one of the top four regional finishers not on an advancing team. Two additional individuals are selected at-large by the committee.

### Total Competitors Per Gender

31 teams of seven persons each	=	217
Individuals (who are not members of a team)	=	38
Total	=	255

### START TIMES

Note: Regional start times may differ from the published finals times. Please refer to the participant manual for that specific region.

### FINALS

#### Year 2018

TBD – Women's race

TBD – Men's race

### TRAVEL PARTY/SQUAD SIZE

[Reference: Squad Size in this manual and Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. [Travel policies](#) can be found online at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org), under Division I Championships, Championships Travel Information.

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of seven runners in uniform. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it shall automatically forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

Institutions entering five to seven runners in the regional or national championships must compete as a team. If an institution enters as a team in the regional competition and qualifies for nationals as a team, it must run as a team at nationals. If fewer than five competitors from one institution compete in the regional or national championships, they will compete as individuals only.

Please refer to the [NCAA Travel policies](#) for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses.

### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

**Regional and National Administrative Meeting.** Coaches participating in regional and national competitions are required to attend a meeting the evening before the competition. Coaches not in attendance are subject to a minimum fine of \$200 per school per gender. Attendance at the meetings will be taken. Check-in time is 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

## Section 2•2 Results Reporting

### CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS REPORTING

In order to be considered for selection to the 2018 cross country championships, all institutions must ensure that the

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electronic submission of results from all eligible competition opportunities (i.e., those that take place between the ninth weekend before the NCAA regional meet, Sept. 7 through Nov. 5) in which their student-athletes compete is reported by the meet host to the Track and Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS-XC) through the online provider DirectAthletics. This cross country results-reporting system was put in place in 2012 and was an expansion of the existing TFRRS site with a similar operational setup as track and field. Only the official electronically reported meet results as submitted by the meet host in TFRRS-XC will serve as proof of performance for all NCAA Division I cross country competitions. Results will be made available on a real-time basis at [www.tfrrs.org](http://www.tfrrs.org).

**NEW in 2018:** Double duals will no longer be allowed to be used toward the minimum contests for Division I sports sponsorship or for NCAA championship at-large qualification. Double duals or multiteam competition is only allowed to count as one contest for sport sponsorship purposes unlike the two or three that have been allowed in the past. In addition, the NCAA sponsorship minimums for Division I cross country have dropped from six to four, given that double duals are no longer allowed to count as more than one contest. Double duals should NOT be reported to TFRRS-XC for Division I. Additionally, effective August 1, 2018, Division I intercollegiate competition for cross country can be used to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements as long as one other Division I institution is represented in the event. This replaces the old two-thirds requirement and eliminates the need for institutions to break out scoring by division.

Responsibilities for host institutions and meet directors in submitting performances are summarized below.

**All** NCAA cross country results must be reported to the Track and Field Results Reporting System for Cross Country (TFRRS-XC) directly from meet management software using the JSON and XML APIs.

By standardizing to one format, meet hosts and timers can now upload cross country results to TFRRS-XC seamlessly from compliant meet management software without handling files or manipulating results data. This will simplify the upload process and help eliminate reporting errors.

Please note that support for legacy file formats has been discontinued and results will only be accepted directly from compliant meet management software. Host institutions will be responsible for working with their timing/results companies to ensure that they are using updated and compliant software that supports the submission of all required meet data in the JSON or XML format. **If all required data is not submitted to TFRRS-XC in the necessary JSON or XML format, the results will not be accepted into the results-reporting system, making the results invalid for NCAA championships selections. Please see the results reporting requirement memo posted on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org), Division I, Championships, Cross Country (MW) for additional information.**

**Team Rosters.** Institutions that sponsor NCAA Division I men's and women's cross country will be required to register and maintain their official team roster with TFRRS-XC by the date of their first institutional competition. Each student-athlete will be assigned a unique TFRRS-XC tracking ID that will identify the student-athlete throughout his or her collegiate career. Note: This is the same ID number used for indoor and outdoor track and field and users will be able to import existing TFRRS athletes into their cross country roster upon logging in. This ID will not change from season to season; however, institutions will be required to register their roster each season to confirm eligibility status. Roster registration for the cross country championships season is now available on TFRRS-XC.

**Accounts are per TEAM.** You could have up to four accounts per institution (Women's Cross Country, Men's Cross Country, Women's Track & Field, Men's Track & Field). Your DirectAthletics username/password are the exact same as your TFRRS-XC username/password (and vice versa). The majority of you should have DirectAthletics cross country accounts due to submitting your cross country regional entries on the system in years past. Only new coaches would warrant the need to create a new account. Even if the users are different for an institution (different cross country coach than track coach), the system will still bring up the rosters from the institution for you to import athletes from track to cross country and cross country to track.

Detailed account information and instructions to set up meets and download team rosters in preparation for uploading 2018 cross country results are available for meet hosts, meet directors and timers at [www.tfrrs.org](http://www.tfrrs.org) (select the link for Login/Register ). Take particular note of the frequently asked questions document posted, which highlights the following:

1. For the purpose of running a meet, any meet director/timer can download the rosters of TFRRS-XC teams (with TFRRS-XC IDs) at no cost to the meet director/timer. All TFRRS rosters and IDs will be available for download in file formats easily imported into timing software;
2. Meet hosts may use their method of choice to manage meet entries;

3. It is the responsibility of the meet directors/timers to collect valid TFRRS-XC IDs from the entering teams, regardless of the meet entry method;
4. Institutions registered with TFRRS-XC also can print out or download their TFRRS-XC rosters (with IDs) to facilitate the entry process.

If you experience technical difficulty using the TFRRS-XC system, please contact DirectAthletics ([support@directathletics.com](mailto:support@directathletics.com); phone: 347-674-3002), and notify the NCAA national office (w or 317-917-6503) if the difficulty will trigger a late fine.

**Meet Results.** It will be the responsibility of the meet HOST to submit complete meet results that include all team scores/ places to TFRRS-XC by midnight Eastern time, one day after the completion of a competition. Results may not be considered for championships selection if meet results are not received from the host within the designated time period. Only the top seven finishers at a meet will be designated for the sake of A/B team comparisons during the selections process. Participating institutions must ensure that the electronic submission of results from any competition occurring between Sept. 7 and Nov. 5 in which their student-athletes compete is reported by the meet host within five days of the performance and not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on Monday, Nov. 5. **Late results submissions that are the basis for championships selections will result in a minimum fine of \$200 per gender, with potential additional fines for repeated violations.**

Meet hosts will be responsible for uploading results electronically with TFRRS-XC ID numbers listed for all eligible NCAA student-athletes, requiring that TFRRS-XC ID numbers be imported or typed in for each student-athlete before running a meet. When official meet results are uploaded to TFRRS-XC, all performances achieved by eligible NCAA Division I student-athletes, and team scores, will be archived in the results-reporting database.

Results will be accepted only for student-athletes on the institution's TFRRS-XC roster form. The submission of incorrect performances may result in the disqualification of the student-athlete and/or team. If a result is submitted more than five days after the qualifying performance and the performance is the basis for championships selection, the institution of the selected student-athlete will be subject to a fine.

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

### ENTRY FORMS AND DECLARATIONS (REGIONALS AND NATIONALS)

Coaches will be allowed to submit a maximum of 12 student-athletes on the entry form. Only the 12 student-athletes listed on the entry form may compete in the regional and/or national championship meets. Coaches will not be able to change the 2 student-athletes on the entry form should the team qualify for the national championships meet. Online entries will be available on DirectAthletics beginning on Monday, Oct. 29, at 8 a.m. Eastern time. Coaches must submit the forms ONLINE by 5 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, Nov. 1. The late deadline for regional entries is 5 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, Nov. 2. Forms received after the deadline on Nov. 1 and before the late deadline will be subject to a minimum fine of \$400 per team per gender (men's and women's teams are considered separate teams). This includes corrections to the original submission or additions/deletions to the submission. Any exceptions to the roster policy will be considered only in extraordinary circumstances and should be addressed in writing to the Track and Field and Cross Country Committee and NCAA championships manager. Institutions that have not submitted an entry form by 5 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, Nov. 2, will not be eligible to compete at the regional meet. Each institution should print a copy of its entry forms to hand carry to the regional and national sites.

**Declarations.** Coaches may declare during packet pickup from the student-athletes submitted on their original entry form (maximum of 12). The runners declared for the national championships may be different than those who competed at the regional meet, but all must have appeared on the original entry form submitted by the aforementioned deadline. If an institution declares more than seven student-athletes during packet pickup (i.e., takes an eighth or ninth set of chips and bibs), those additional chips and bibs must be returned to meet management in the clerking area not later than 20 minutes before the start of the race. Hosts should give specific instructions during the coaches meeting as to where to deliver the extra chip(s) and bib(s).

**Declarations.** Regional meet directors will notify institutions of the declaration procedures for the respective regional meets.

**Declarations at the championships site must be made Friday, Nov. 6, during packet pickup.** Declarations must be made in person by each coach at the location designated by the host institution. Final declarations will not be accepted by telephone or email. An employed representative of the student-athlete's institution or a coach from a participating institution may declare for a team/individual, if necessary.

**Financial Penalty for Late Declarations.** Declarations received after the declared deadline may be accepted subject to a minimum fine of \$400 per gender (men's and women's teams are considered separate teams). A letter will be sent to the director of athletics of any institution receiving a fine with a copy to the coach describing the petitioning circumstances.

**Replacement.** A replacement may be made up to 20 minutes before the start of the race. The possible replacement must be designated at declarations during packet pickup and be listed on the entry form.

### MEDICAL

**If a team or individual chooses not to compete for whatever reason, including medical, they must notify the NCAA committee by 9 p.m. Eastern time on Saturday, Nov. 10.** Failure to do so will constitute misconduct and penalties may be imposed. If between Saturday, Nov. 10, and the national championships a student-athlete becomes unable to participate due to a medical condition, this must be certified in writing by a doctor/athletic trainer that the student-athlete's medical condition warrants that he or she not participate. If a student-athlete becomes unable to participate while on site at the national championships, then institutions must provide written documentation from the host doctor/athletic trainer. Any exceptions to the roster policy will be considered only in extraordinary circumstances and should be addressed in writing to the committee and NCAA championships manager.

## Section 2•4 Qualifying Procedures

To be eligible to participate in the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, teams and individuals must qualify from their respective regions. Conference meets may not be conducted in conjunction with NCAA regional championship meets. Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – 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.

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

#### Teams

The top two teams at each regional championships meet automatically qualify for the championships meet.

#### Individuals

From each NCAA regional meet, the first four student-athletes not on a qualifying team will be automatic qualifiers to the NCAA championships meet. All individual automatic qualifiers must finish in the top 25 within their region.

### AT-LARGE SELECTION — TEAM

Thirteen (13) at-large teams will be selected by the NCAA Division I Cross Country Subcommittee. This selection will be conducted on the Saturday following regional competition unless extraordinary circumstances arise.

The committee reviews regular-season results to apply the selection criteria as detailed below. The committee will use any available resources to track a team's finish at regular-season meets, including TFRRS-XC.

**Course Length Requirements:** Please note that in order for results achieved before the regional championships to count toward at-large selection, the course length must not be less than 75 percent of the championship race distance. Races contested on courses that are less than 75 percent of the championship distance will not be eligible for consideration for at-large qualification.

The committee will determine at-large berths by examining the following selection criteria in order:

1. **Regional finish.** Teams will come under consideration in the order of their regional finish.
  - a. As an example, a fourth-place team may not be selected for an at-large berth ahead of a third-place team from the same region. However, a fourth-place team from a region may be selected ahead of a third-place team from another region if the committee decides that the selection criteria favor the fourth-place team.
  - b. This criterion does not mean that any or all third-place teams must be selected into the championships before the committee considers fourth-place teams, etc.

- c. When a team from a region is selected as an at-large team for the championships, the committee moves the next team from that region based upon the order of regional finish into consideration. At all times during the selection process, the committee is reviewing not fewer than two teams from each region (total of 18 teams on the board) so as to be able to identify any potential “push” situations.
  - d. The Push Process: The situation may arise when the next team under consideration based upon regional finish from a specific region (Team X) does not have enough wins (points) to earn an at-large bid, but the team immediately behind Team X in regional finish (Team Y) does have enough wins (points) to be the next at-large team selected. In this case, both teams X and Y will receive at-large bids (Team Y “pushes” Team X into the championships) if:
    - (1) The push process has not been used within that specific region earlier in the at-large selection process, and
    - (2) There are two or more at-large positions available in the selection process, and
    - (3) Team Y would not be able to receive an at-large berth on its own -- in other words, when Team X is permanently blocking Team Y. There have been occasions when Team Y has the most wins of the teams under consideration, but the committee can determine that Team Y will receive an at-large berth later in the process. In these cases a “push” is not absolutely necessary and would not be applied.
  - e. Teams still under consideration for at-large selection will not be awarded wins (points) for having defeated any Team X advancing to the championship finals by virtue of the “push process.”
2. **Wins (points) against teams already in the championships.** Once the automatic qualifiers (AQs) have been confirmed, and the teams from each region are placed under consideration by their regional finish, the committee reviews two teams from each region (a total of 18 teams) for the wins against teams already in the championships.
- a. In order to maintain nine competition opportunities, institutions must accumulate wins (points) between the ninth weekend before the NCAA regional meet (i.e., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9, 2018) through the conclusion of NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships (scheduled for Nov. 9, 2018).
  - b. The committee begins the selection process by analyzing the win totals the third- and fourth-place finishers in each region have accumulated against the 18 automatic qualifiers. The next at-large berth is awarded to the team with the highest win total. As each at-large team is selected into the championships, the win totals of all teams under consideration are adjusted to reflect any victories over all the teams selected to the championships (e.g., the 18 automatic qualifiers and any at-large selections). This process continues until all the at-large teams are selected.
  - c. During the at-large selection process, institutions can only accumulate wins against any opponent’s “A” team. (See “A” Teams/”B” Teams information below.)
3. **Head-to-head competition between teams under consideration.** If there is a tie among teams under consideration for total wins, the committee reviews head-to-head results.
- a. In order to maintain nine competition opportunities, the head-to-head competitions must have taken place between the ninth weekend before the NCAA regional meet (i.e., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9, 2018) through the conclusion of NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships (scheduled for Nov. 9, 2018).
  - b. All teams tied for total wins against teams already in the championship will be compared head-to-head.
    - (1) If only two teams under consideration are tied in total wins against the teams already in the championships, the committee will select the team with the best head-to-head record. If head-to-head records are equal (e.g., two teams with 1-1 or 2-2, etc., records against each other), the committee will select the team with the head-to-head win that occurred closest to the regional championship date. If the two teams have no head-to-head matchups, the committee will use records versus common opponents as described in (4) below to break the tie.
    - (2) If three or more teams under consideration are tied in total wins against teams already in the championship, the committee will compare each team under consideration head-to-head against every other team under consideration as described in (3.b.1). If the head-to-head records between any two teams are equal, the team with the head-to-head win that occurred closest to the regional championship date will win the head-to-head comparison. The committee will select the team without any losing head-to-head comparisons. If there is more than one team without any losing head-to-head comparisons, the committee will use the records against common opponents as described in (4) below to break the tie.



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4. **Records of the teams under consideration against common opponents.** If the committee cannot make a decision based upon head-to-head competition, it reviews results against common opponents (Division I only).

a. In order to maintain nine competition opportunities, results versus common opponents must have occurred between the ninth weekend before the NCAA regional meet (i.e., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9, 2018) through the conclusion of NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships (scheduled for Nov. 9, 2018).

b. If a decision cannot be made based on head-to-head competition, the committee reviews the results against Division I common opponents as follows:

(1) If there are only two teams under consideration that are tied in total wins against the teams already in the championship and that have no losses in head-to-head comparisons as described in (3.b.1), the committee will select the team with the best cumulative record (win percentage) against common opponents, including multiple wins and/or losses against an opponent(s).

In situations where the win percentage against common opponents is equal between the two teams under consideration, or when there are no common opponents, the committee will select the team that finished highest at the NCAA Regional Championship. If a tie still remains, the point differential between tied teams and the last automatic team qualifier (2nd place) at their regional will be compared. The team with the smallest differential will advance.

(2) If there are three or more teams under consideration that are tied in total wins against teams already in the championship, and that have no losses in head-to-head comparisons as described in (3.b), the committee will compare each team under consideration to every other team under consideration using their records against their specific common opponents as described in (4.b.1). The committee will select the team without any losing common opponents comparisons.

If there is more than one team without any losing common opponents comparisons, the committee will select the team that finished highest at the NCAA Regional Championship. If a tie still remains, the committee will compare the point differential between tied teams and the last automatic team qualifier (2nd place) at their regional and select the team with the smallest differential.

5. **Top individuals on the teams under consideration.** If the committee cannot make a decision based upon records against common opponents, it reviews the individual runners from the teams under consideration. The committee may give the advantage to the team whose individual(s) is most likely to score highly at the championships, as determined by the committee.

**“A” Teams/“B” Teams.** The committee recognizes that coaches experiment with lineups during the year, especially early in the season, as well as the impact injuries may have on establishing a team’s top seven runners. During the at-large selection process, institutions can only accumulate wins against any opponent’s “A” team. An “A” team is considered to have competed if four or more of those individuals who compete at the regional qualifying meet finished the regular-season race. Any team that finishes three or fewer of the institution’s top seven runners is designated as a “B” team. The committee defines each institution’s top seven runners as those student-athletes who compete at the NCAA regional meet. Designation of “A” teams or “B” teams can only be accomplished after the results of the NCAA regional meets have been completed.

**Coaches’ polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a criterion by the Track and Field and Cross Country Committee for selection purposes.**

### Breaking Ties

Team ties in regional championships meets shall be broken by comparing the place finish of each team member 1-5 versus his or her respective competitor on the opposing team (Team A’s first finisher vs. Team B’s first finisher, etc.). The advancement advantage goes to the team winning the majority (best of five) of the comparisons.

### AT-LARGE SELECTION — INDIVIDUALS

The committee will select two at-large individuals by identifying the highest non-qualifying individual finishers at the regional meets. All individual at-large qualifiers must finish in the top 25 within their region meet. In cases where regions have less than four automatic individual qualifiers meet the required selection criteria, the committee will add individual at-large qualifiers to maintain the maximum number of 255 participants per gender. The next selected at-large individual(s) would be the next highest non-qualifying individual finishers among the regional meets. Any additional at-large individuals selected must finish in the top 25 of their regional meet.

## Breaking Ties to Advance to Championship Finals

1. **Automatic qualifiers.** If a true tie exists between two or more individuals from a region for the fourth automatic qualifying position, all tied individuals will advance to the NCAA championships meet. However, the additional automatic qualifiers will reduce the number of at-large individuals selected to the championships meet.
2. **At-large selections.** To break a tie for any at-large individual selection, the time differential between tied runners and the last automatic individual qualifier (the fourth-place automatic qualifier) from their respective regions will be compared. The runner with the smallest differential will advance.

## BOX DRAWS

The committee does box draws for regionals and nationals. Box draws will be sent to regional hosts and should be posted a minimum of two days prior to competition on the website. All starting boxes are randomly drawn.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA Travel and Reimbursement Policies, located on [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) (Division I, Championships, Championships Travel Information): <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution or conference interested in hosting a future regional round of the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions (if applicable) and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid." Please contact Jeff Mlynski ([jmlynski@ncaa.org](mailto:jmlynski@ncaa.org)), the championships manager, to inquire about current vacancies that may exist.

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the following website: <https://web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login>.

Final Financial Report [Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championships site must be submitted via the online host reporting system to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the NCAA Championships and Alliances staff at 317-917-6222 or [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

## HOST REPORTING SYSTEM, FACILITY EVALUATION AND KEY CONTACT FORM

<https://web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login?loginSubmit>LoginWithTabs>

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based upon a review of current and future Championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships, which can be found in the "Help/Other Resources" tab in the championship host portal. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program.

As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the [Best Practices document](#). This information should be submitted as part of your bid to be considered for championships site selection.

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Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Kent State University  
Marquette University  
Miami University (Ohio)  
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Michigan State University  
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The Ohio State University  
Ohio University  
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## DIVISION I CROSS COUNTRY

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University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Iowa  
Iowa State University  
University of Kansas  
Kansas State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
University of Missouri-Kansas City

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
University of North Dakota  
North Dakota State University  
University of Northern Iowa  
University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma State University  
Oral Roberts University  
Saint Louis University  
University of South Dakota  
South Dakota State University  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
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Western Illinois University  
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### MOUNTAIN REGION

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University of Colorado, Boulder  
Colorado State University  
Idaho State University  
University of Montana  
Montana State University-Bozeman  
University of New Mexico  
New Mexico State University  
Northern Arizona University

University of Northern Colorado  
Southern Utah University  
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 Jacksonville University  
 Kennesaw State University  
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University of Memphis  
 Mercer University  
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North Carolina State University  
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The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
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University of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
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Winthrop University  
Wofford College

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 University of Notre Dame  
 Oakland University  
 Ohio University  
 The Ohio State University  
 Purdue University  
 Purdue University Fort Wayne  
 University of Toledo  
 Valparaiso University  
 Western Michigan University  
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 Wright State University  
 Xavier University  
 Youngstown State University

### MID-ATLANTIC REGION

American University  
 Bucknell University  
 Coppin State University  
 University of Delaware  
 Delaware State University  
 Duquesne University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus  
 George Washington University  
 Georgetown University  
 Howard University  
 La Salle University  
 Lafayette College  
 Lehigh University  
 Loyola University Maryland  
 Marshall University  
 University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 Monmouth University  
 Morgan State University

Mount St. Mary's University  
 New Jersey Institute of Technology  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 Princeton University  
 Rider University  
 Robert Morris University  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick  
 Seton Hall University  
 Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)  
 Saint Joseph's University  
 St. Peter's University  
 Temple University  
 Towson University  
 U.S. Naval Academy  
 Villanova University  
 West Virginia University



## DIVISION I CROSS COUNTRY

### MIDWEST REGION

Bradley University  
Chicago State University  
Creighton University  
DePaul University  
Drake University  
Eastern Illinois University  
Illinois State University  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Iowa  
Iowa State University  
University of Kansas  
Kansas State University  
Loyola University Chicago  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Missouri State University  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
University of Missouri-Kansas City

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
University of North Dakota  
North Dakota State University  
Northern Illinois University  
University of Northern Iowa  
Northwestern University  
University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma State University  
Oral Roberts University  
University of South Dakota  
South Dakota State University  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Saint Louis University  
University of Tulsa  
Western Illinois University  
Wichita State University

### MOUNTAIN REGION

Brigham Young University  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
Colorado State University  
Idaho State University  
University of Montana  
Montana State University-Bozeman  
University of Nevada, Reno  
University of New Mexico  
New Mexico State University  
Northern Arizona University

University of Northern Colorado  
Southern Utah University  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Texas Tech University  
U.S. Air Force Academy  
University of Utah  
Utah State University  
Utah Valley University  
Weber State University  
University of Wyoming

### NORTHEAST REGION

University at Albany  
Binghamton University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brown University  
Bryant University  
University at Buffalo, the State University of New York  
Canisius College  
Central Connecticut State University  
Colgate University  
Columbia University-Barnard College  
University of Connecticut  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Fairfield University  
Fordham University  
University of Hartford  
Harvard University  
Hofstra University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Iona College  
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus

University of Maine, Orono  
Manhattan College  
Marist College  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
University of New Hampshire  
Niagara University  
Northeastern University  
Providence College  
Quinnipiac University  
University of Rhode Island  
Sacred Heart University  
Siena College  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Francis College Brooklyn  
St. John's University (New York)  
Stony Brook University  
Syracuse University  
U.S. Military Academy  
University of Vermont  
Wagner College  
Yale University

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

Abilene Christian University  
 Arkansas State University  
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
 University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
 University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff  
 Baylor University  
 University of Central Arkansas  
 Grambling State University  
 University of Houston  
 Houston Baptist University  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 Lamar University  
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
 University of Louisiana at Monroe  
 Louisiana State University  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 McNeese State University  
 University of New Orleans  
 Ncholls State University

University of North Texas  
 Northwestern State University  
 Prairie View A&M University  
 Rice University  
 Sam Houston State University  
 Southeastern Louisiana University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 Southern University, Baton Rouge  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 Texas A&M University, College Station  
 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas Southern University  
 Texas State University  
 University of Texas at Arlington  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
 University of Texas at San Antonio  
 Tulane University

**SOUTH REGION**

University of Alabama  
 Alabama A&M University  
 Alabama State University  
 University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Alcorn State University  
 Auburn University  
 Austin Peay State University  
 Belmont University  
 Bethune-Cookman University  
 University of Central Florida  
 East Tennessee State University  
 University of Florida  
 Florida A&M University  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida International University  
 Florida State University  
 University of Georgia  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Georgia Southern University  
 Georgia State University  
 Jackson State University  
 Jacksonville State University  
 Jacksonville University

Kennesaw State University  
 Lipscomb University  
 University of Memphis  
 Mercer University  
 University of Miami (Florida)  
 Middle Tennessee State University  
 University of Mississippi  
 Mississippi State University  
 Mississippi Valley State University  
 University of North Florida  
 Samford University  
 Savannah State University  
 University of South Alabama  
 University of South Florida  
 University of Southern Mississippi  
 Stetson University  
 Tennessee State University  
 Tennessee Technological University  
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 University of Tennessee at Martin  
 Troy University  
 Vanderbilt University

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

Abilene Christian University  
Appalachian State University  
Campbell University  
College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
Charleston Southern University  
The Citadel  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Davidson College  
Duke University  
East Carolina University  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Elon University  
Furman University  
Gardner-Webb University  
George Mason University  
Hampton University  
High Point University  
James Madison University  
University of Kentucky  
Liberty University  
Longwood University  
University of Louisville  
Morehead State University  
Murray State University  
Norfolk State University

University of North Carolina Asheville  
North Carolina A&T State University  
North Carolina Central University  
North Carolina State University  
Northern Kentucky University  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
University of North Carolina Wilmington  
Presbyterian College  
Radford University  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina, Columbia  
South Carolina State University  
University of South Carolina Upstate  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Wake Forest University  
Western Carolina University  
Western Kentucky University  
College of William & Mary  
Winthrop University  
Wofford College

**WEST REGION**

University of Arizona  
Arizona State University  
Boise State University  
California Polytechnic State University  
California State University, Bakersfield  
California State University, Fresno  
California State University, Fullerton  
California State University, Northridge  
California State University, Sacramento  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Eastern Washington University  
Gonzaga University  
Grand Canyon University  
University of Hawaii, Manoa  
University of Idaho

Long Beach State University  
Loyola Marymount University  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
University of Oregon  
Oregon State University  
University of the Pacific  
Pepperdine University  
University of Portland  
Portland State University  
University of San Diego  
San Diego State University  
University of San Francisco  
San Jose State University  
Santa Clara University  
Seattle University  
University of Southern California  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Stanford University  
University of Washington  
Washington State University