



HOST OPERATIONS 2025-26 MANUAL

National Collegiate Fencing

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INTRODUCTION

This manual outlines the responsibilities of an institution/conference hosting this round of an NCAA championship. It is essential that each host institution/conference staff become familiar with the information and policies included in this manual.

The NCAA considers this hosting opportunity a partnership between the host institution/conference, competition site, committee and the NCAA. The primary objective of each individual involved in the administration of the championship shall be to provide a memorable championship experience for each participating student-athlete, coach, institutional staff member and championship attendee.

DEFINITIONS

Championship: Postseason competition conducted by the NCAA in a particular sport, in which eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions compete to determine the division champion (or National Collegiate champion in sports that do not have a separate division championship) in that sport.

Governing Sports Committee: The NCAA membership committee responsible for developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the championship under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the applicable division's governance structure and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by NCAA Bylaw 31.

Host Institution/Conference: An active NCAA member institution and/or conference selected to serve as host for a championship. The host shall administer the finances of an NCAA championship in accordance with the institutional/conference championship budget, as submitted during the selection process and approved by the governing sports committee.

Local Organizing Committee: A local organization formed in the city where a member institution/conference proposes to host an NCAA championship, to provide to the NCAA services and assistance in connection with the various activities related to the championship. The host institution/conference must be a part of the leadership of the local organizing committee.

NCAA Championships Manager: The staff member(s) representing the NCAA championships and alliances staff assigned to serve as administrator(s) for a championship.

ROLE OF NCAA

The NCAA championships and alliances staff, working in conjunction with the NCAA sport committees and other NCAA partners, will lead the planning efforts, management and execution of all NCAA championships and events. The NCAA will oversee all aspects of the championship and its related activities, including facility operations and space allocations, hotel accommodations, media and team operations, hospitality functions and social events, in venue entertainment, fan and sponsor events, broadcast programming, youth events, as well as many other aspects.

The NCAA will work closely with the host institution/conference, competition venue and local organizing committee to ensure that the championship provides a positive and rewarding experience for student-athletes and fans.

ROLE OF GOVERNING SPORT COMMITTEE

The NCAA's core purpose, values and envisioned future provide the framework for all actions in the committee's administration of the championship and its stewardship of the game. Within the framework and spirit of its charge, the governing sport committee will balance the principle of student-athlete well-being with its efforts to maximize exposure for intercollegiate athletics and revenues from the championship through policies and activities that are subject to the final authority of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors.

ROLE OF HOST INSTITUTION/CONFERENCE

The support, commitment and involvement of the host institution/conference, its key staff members and local media are essential elements in hosting a successful NCAA championship.

The host institution/conference is the local entity responsible for making arrangements for the competition. By submitting a bid, each host institution/conference has agreed to provide services and assistance in connection with the various activities related to the championship as prescribed by the bid specifications.

The responsibilities of the host institution/conference are defined herein. The games management, media and marketing activities associated with the competition are to be administered and approved by the NCAA staff on behalf of the governing sport committee.

The host institution/conference will work in collaboration with the NCAA staff to preserve the mission of the championship. The NCAA believes that the most successful host institutions/conferences are those that emphasize service, promotion and marketing of the event, and fiscal responsibility and commitment to the NCAA's core values-leadership, inclusion, communication, collaboration and accountability.

As a core value, the NCAA and its championship host institution/conference must be committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion across its functions, staff, partners, stakeholders and communications platforms. Host institution/conference should embrace the NCAA's stated interest of sustaining a welcoming, safe and supportive culture across all dimensions of diversity, including race, age, sex, class, national origin, creed, educational background, religion, gender identity, disability, gender expression, geographical location, income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and work experiences. The host institution/conference plays a central role in fostering, growing and preserving an inclusive culture on-site at NCAA championship events.

2025-26 NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING COMMITTEE

Current members of the committee can be found at the following link: web1.ncaa.org/committees/#/reports/roster?committeeCode=FENCING

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Section 1 • Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products

For Division I and Division II

Beer, wine and prepackaged/premixed beverages (in the latter case, with alcohol by volume of not greater than 15%, such as most hard seltzers) may be sold and dispensed at NCAA Division I, II, and National Collegiate championship and ancillary events, provided that the host, venue and/or concessionaire:

- Comply with, and certifies in writing the compliance with, the NCAA Championship and Ancillary Event Alcohol Sales Policy, as amended by the NCAA from time to time, which addresses such matters as:
 - Permissible types of alcoholic beverages;
 - Eligibility for the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages;
 - Indemnity, warranty and insurance obligations; and
 - Verification.
- Agree to (i) keep and maintain, or cause its designated vendor or concessionaire to keep and maintain, complete and accurate records of all (a) alcohol-related incidents (e.g., expulsions, arrests) and (b) sales transactions related to the sale of concessions at the NCAA Championship and related ancillary events, including gross revenue, cost of goods, allocable overhead, and applicable taxes; (ii) no later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the event, provide the NCAA with a report setting forth in reasonable detail such information, together with the corresponding dates of transaction, including (a) alcohol-related revenue generated on each day of the event, (b) the direct cost of selling alcohol at the event (including the cost of goods), and (c) the indirect cost of selling alcohol at the event (including overhead and increased security needs at the event venue site); and (iii) permit the books, records, and accounts of host, venue, and vendor/concessionaire pertaining to the sale of concessions at the event to be inspected, audited, and copied by NCAA or its agents at any time during normal business hours upon giving reasonable notice to host, venue and vendor/concessionaire.
- Agree to pay the NCAA an amount of twenty percent (20%) of the gross revenue generated from the sale of alcohol during the event (and any approved ancillary events), less the pro rata applicable sales tax and credit card fees (without deduction of any operating, costs of goods, indirect or other expenses, such as overhead, marketing, fulfillment, general and administrative, interest or other expenses), with such agreement to be reflected in a written agreement between the NCAA and the applicable parties (host, venue, and/or concessionaire) executed prior to, or simultaneously with, the NCAA's official selection of the host for the applicable championship.
- Following the championship conclusion, provide the NCAA with certain information regarding the concessions activity – including gross sales, direct costs, and applicable taxes – for food, nonalcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages sold during the event.
- Execute, as part of the bid submission, the applicable policy and agreement documents maintained in the NCAA Championships Bid Portal.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Tobacco products shall not be advertised, sold or dispensed at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the NCAA. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue; this includes cigars.

Section 2 • Awards

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION ENHANCEMENT TEMPLATE

To celebrate and enhance the student-athlete experience at the championship site, the NCAA will work with the local organizing committee to implement a unique and fun way to recognize the champion(s) at the end of competition during the awards. These enhancements should help increase the excitement of the awards presentation and the level of championship branding exposure in photos for student-athlete's memories when looking back on their experience.

When considering what enhancements could work at your championship site, please consider your site and playing surface, whether your championship is indoor or outdoor and weather elements could be a factor, how many teams or individual-student athletes you may have participating in the awards presentation and your budget.

In most cases, enhanced staging and unique signage opportunities are great options for both indoor and outdoor sports. These items can be freestanding or attached to another item easily. Other ideas to consider would be logo cut outs, confetti, streamers, pyrotechnics/fireworks, a short video recap of championship performance(s), champion(s) or coach interview, utilizing pep bands or using an emcee or notable sport representative (i.e., Olympic Medalist) for the presentation.

These items can be covered through the operations budget, as well as, the local organizing committee budget. The NCAA has preapproved artwork with pricing available. If you need assistance with ideas or ordering the preapproved items, please contact Nathan Arkins at 317-917-6790 or narkins@ncaa.org. Otherwise, please work directly with your primary signage contact at the NCAA on overall ideas, approvals, production and implementation with the operations staff.

CHAMPIONSHIP LOCKER ROOM PROGRAM

The NCAA has partnered with select NCAA licensees to celebrate the national champions of each NCAA championship. Each team champion shall receive a national champions T-shirt and hat to commemorate the experience of winning a national title. A detailed explanation of the logistics of the locker room program will be provided in championship specific section of the manual. However, listed below is a summary of steps that should be followed when implementing the locker room program at all final championship sites.

- The product is for team champions only. Individual championships are not a part of the locker room distribution.
- Please remove all hangtags and stickers (if needed) on the merchandise before being distributed.
- The merchandise should be distributed to the winning team only immediately after the handshake as soon as the game has officially concluded. Extra product (if any) should be given to the team's equipment manager.
- All winning team inquiries about obtaining additional locker room product should be directed to Jared Hunt with Event 1 for T-shirts (jared.hunt@unrivaledteamwear.com) Jackie Rivas or Matt Boeke at Zephyr for hats (jacqueline.rivas@blue84.com; matt.boeke@blue84.com). Please contact David Clendenin, associate director of licensing, at the NCAA national office should you have any questions, dclendenin@ncaa.org or 317-917-6496.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

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MTM, Inc., the NCAA national office awards supplier, will send official NCAA awards to the tournament manager approximately two weeks prior to the championship. When the awards arrive the tournament manager should inventory all awards to be sure they are undamaged, are correctly inscribed and are in the appropriate quantities. The awards boxes should then be retaped, closed and secured in a limited-access area.

No additional awards, unless otherwise approved by the championships manager, should be presented to the student-athletes and coaches of the participating teams.

ELITE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD PRESENTATION

The NCAA Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete 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 to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. Award winners must meet certain criteria including being a sophomore or above, participating in their sport for at least two years at their school, being an active member of their team, and being a designated member of the squad size at their championship. The member school is responsible for submitting its student-athlete who has the highest GPA and meets all other requirements. Olivia Baumhoer or another member of the NCAA communications staff will determine the winner of this award for each championship and provide the name of the recipient to the NCAA championships manager. The winner's name should not be released to the public until after the student-athlete is publicly recognized. If appropriate, the championships manager can share the information with the coach of the winning student-athlete to make sure of that person's attendance. However, the coach should not inform the student-athlete. Baumhoer or a member of the NCAA communication staff will typically send a template of a release and the logo to the sports information director of the winner's school the morning of the announcement to allow the school time to prepare. In addition, the information will be given to the NCAA social media staff to prepare a graphic which will post shortly after the announcement.

Each championship should provide an appropriate forum to adequately recognize and celebrate this award winner among student-athletes and fans at the championship. In addition, information about this award winner may be included in local press releases about the championship and in public address and/or video board announcements during the championship.

Award Presentation

When determining the most appropriate time to present the Elite Scholar-Athlete award, the NCAA and host staff should evaluate the time and venue that will create the greatest impact and amount of exposure for the award winner while also appropriately honoring and celebrating the winner's accomplishments. The presentation should be semi-formal in nature and not be rushed or overshadowed by other presentations or events surrounding it. The award winner should be visible, the announcement clearly audible. In addition, the award presentation should receive the full attention and respect of all of those in attendance. The standard award script is listed below:

At this time, we would like to present the Elite Scholar-Athlete award. This award was instituted to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring individuals who has 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 to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

The recipient of the Elite Scholar-Athlete award for Division X (sport) with a GPA of X.XXX in (major, is student-athlete and institution).

Presentation at the Student-Athlete Banquet

This award has traditionally been presented at the student-athlete banquet for most NCAA championships. In many cases the student-athlete banquet provides the best forum for the award presentation and greatest exposure for the winner as it is the one time when all championship participants and administrators are gathered in one place with a controlled, semi-formal environment complete with a sound system and set program. Presenting at the student-athlete banquet also alleviates any potential conflicts with the winning student-athlete's participation in or preparation for an NCAA championship event. Guidelines for presentation of this award at the student-athlete banquet are:

- The award should be presented by either the banquet emcee, the NCAA committee chair or the NCAA championships manager.
- The award should be presented near the end of the program and be clearly recognizable as the premier award being given (see student-athlete banquet page for sample run of show).
- The award should be presented after attendees have had a chance to finish their meals.
- If video screens are available, the video slide or footage of the winning student-athlete provided by Van Wagner may be run as the individual is introduced.

- The coach of the winning student-athlete should be informed to help ensure the winner's attendance.
- If a photographer is at the student-athlete banquet or championship, a photo of the recipient receiving the award should be taken. This may be used in-venue during competition days to showcase the academic achievement of the student-athlete or provided to the student-athlete as a memento. The host sports information director should arrange to provide the winner's SID with a copy of the photo.

If the award winner is recognized primarily at the student-athlete banquet, public address and video board announcements should be made whenever possible and applicable at the actual championship for additional exposure to fans who do not have access to the banquet

In-Venue Presentation

The NCAA and host staffs are encouraged to look for opportunities for the Elite Scholar-Athlete award winner to be presented their award in the championship venue during a time when most participants and fans are in attendance. While this may not be appropriate for championships that are spread out over multiple venues or, large areas, or have multiple games in one day that disperses the crowd chronologically – it should be explored for championships in which the majority of fans are gathered during a predetermined time frame and can provide their undivided attention to the award presentation. The presentation must also not conflict in any way with the student-athlete's participation or preparation for the championship. Examples could be:

- In a championship with two semifinals played on one day, the award winner could be recognized during the semifinal in which the individual is participating, so that the school's fans are in attendance (video board and/or public address read recognition).
- If the award winner is not participating or completes competition in the championship rounds of a sport but is still in attendance, the student-athlete may be recognized during breaks between events, weight classes, heats or during a scheduled break in the game.
- The award winner could be recognized during a scheduled opening or closing ceremony at which all participating student-athletes are in attendance and fans are encouraged to attend.

Other In-Venue Recognition

If the Elite Scholar-Athlete award winner is not introduced live inside the competition venue, public address and/or video board announcements recognizing the winner should be played during the championship to recognize this individual. Van Wagner will provide the following standard PA announcement sometimes accompanied by a video board slide. The championships manager (or champs engagement representative will need to provide Van Wagner the name of the winning individual and a headshot photo if a video board is used for the championship.

The Elite Scholar-Athlete award, an award founded by the NCAA, recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete 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 to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

The recipient of the Elite Scholar-Athlete Award for the (list year/championship here:), with a cumulative grade-point average of (GPA) in (major of study), is (winner and school: Jane Doe of State University).

Press Release

On the day of/or prior to the winner of the Elite Scholar-Athlete award being publicly recognized, the NCAA communication staff will send out a template of a standard press release to the sports information director of the winner's school and to the NCAA championships administrator. For selected championships, a press release will be written by a member of the communications or media coordination staff and be provided to national media by the NCAA public relations staff. If appropriate, this press release may also be provided to the host for distribution to local media.

Social Media

The NCAA X account (formerly known as Twitter) will promote the 90 winners after the on-site announcement has been made. Olivia Baumhoer will work with the social media staff members to make sure they have the appropriate information, including photo to make the graphic and the timing of when to post.

The host or NCAA championships manager should ensure a photo of the presentation is taken and emailed to socialmedia@ncaa.org.

For more information on the Elite Scholar-Athlete Award winners, log on to ncaa.org/elitescholarathlete.

PARTICIPATION

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Participation awards are permissible (one per participant) as long as they meet the conditions outlined in Bylaws 16.1.4.2 and 16.1.4.3 and are provided by the NCAA selected student-athlete participation awards licensee. The NCAA championships and alliances group will be responsible for selecting the participation awards that will be provided. All participation awards will be distributed at the site of the championship(s). Hosts should work with the championship manager on award logistics.

Section 3 • Broadcasting/Internet

Please see Section 2 (“Television Guidelines for Site Selection”) of the NCAA Broadcast Manual & Policies, located on the NCAA Web site at ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/broadcast/Media/Broadcasting/Broadcasting+Manual/.

Section 4 • Championship Merchandise/Licensing

ADMINISTRATION

The NCAA licensing department has oversight of the event merchandising program at all rounds and sites of NCAA championships. All licensing and merchandising questions should be directed to David Clendenin (317-917-6496; dclendenin@ncaa.org).

AVAILABILITY

An online ordering system will be available to participating institutions interested in ordering Event 1, Inc., merchandise in advance of the championship. Orders will be shipped by Event 1 directly to the participating institution's campus.

GENERAL POLICIES

The NCAA retains the exclusive right to sell souvenir products at all rounds and sites of the 91 National Collegiate Championships; host institutions/conferences and sponsoring agencies for all NCAA championships are required to sell items provided by the official NCAA event souvenir merchandiser. The official NCAA event souvenir merchandiser is Event 1.

Event 1, Inc. will enter into an agreement with the official vendor of the host institution/conference or sponsoring agency, and will supply merchandise and inventory reconciliation forms to the official vendor. The official vendor of the host institution/conference or sponsoring agency at the site of the championship(s) is responsible for complete retail vending accountability, including full responsibility for inventory. When the requirements listed below are met, the host institution/conference will receive a 20% commission fee for providing these services. The 20% commission fee will be from net sales, which is defined as gross sales minus taxes and credit card fees. The following is a list of the requirements that must be met to qualify for the 20% commission fee:

- a. Receive and count in all merchandise upon arrival from Event 1, Inc., as well as receiving all reorders required to meet customers demand. Reorders could arrive any day of the week and could be as early as 8 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday.
- b. Locked and supervised storage adequate to accommodate all championship merchandise.
- c. Immediate notification (within 24 hours of receipt) to Event 1, Inc. of any discrepancies in initial inventory counts. Nonnotification will represent host or vendor acceptance of initial inventory provided by Event 1, Inc.
- d. Total management, control and accountability of the merchandise. If goods are lost, stolen or damaged, those goods are the responsibility of the host institution/conference or vendor.
- e. At the conclusion of the event, everything sent must be returned to Event 1 within two days of the conclusion of the event.
- f. An appropriate number of selling locations and sellers throughout the facility in order to meet the demands of the projected crowds.
- g. Selling locations that are well displayed and fully stocked prior to the public's access to them.
- h. Strict adherence to the merchandising and display standards as outlined below:
 - Merchandise made available for sale at all times during the event.
 - Each item neatly displayed with correct prices clearly marked.
 - Merchandise should be neatly folded at all times.
 - Neatly dressed personnel that are customer-oriented.
 - Skirted tables for display and checkout.
 - Display boards and grids to properly display product at all selling locations.
 - Selling locations located in high traffic and easily located locations.
 - Vendor shall be responsible for hanging any display or signage material provided by concessionaire.

- Keeping selling areas clean and neat at all times.
 - Restocking of back-up inventory in a fast and efficient manner.
 - Transferring merchandise between the slower and higher volume stands to meet the demands of the consumers.
 - Providing electricity and either hard internet lines or dedicated secured Wi-Fi network connection to support the merchandise sales effort at no extra cost.
 - Calling Event 1, Inc. to request reorders should sales warrant.
- i. A complete inventory accounting of all merchandise sold with a final inventory count and merchandising report supplied to Event 1, Inc., not later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the event.
 - j. Total gross sales revenues and a final copy of the inventory report must be sent to Event 1, Inc., within two business days of the conclusion of the event.
 - k. The remaining inventory forwarded to Event 1, Inc., or the next event site as determined by Event 1, Inc., within two days of the conclusion.
 - l. Having met each of the above requirements, Event 1, Inc. will pay to the host institution/conference, sponsoring agency or its assigned vendor, a commission equal to 20% of sales net of taxes and credit card service fees. The host institutions will keep commissions earned and the remaining money owed to Event 1 must be sent within seven days of the conclusion of the event.

The host institution/conference may not sell or allow for sale any merchandise that infringes upon the exclusive rights of Event 1, Inc.

Institutional Merchandise. A buy-out option can be made with Event 1/NCAA when the host institution/conference wants to sell merchandise that features the host mark or logo at the NCAA competition. This can only be done when the host institution/conference agrees to purchase the entire product that Event 1 provides. The host institution/conference will receive a 20% commission fee of net sales, gross sales minus credit card fees and taxes, on product supplied by Event 1. The host institution or official vendor will provide the NCAA 15% of sales (net of taxes and credit card service fees) of all non-NCAA championship merchandise. The quantity of NCAA merchandise available for sale shall not be less than a comparable shipment to a comparable site of the previous year's championship.

Reordering Process. The host institution/conference may contact Event 1 to place an order for additional merchandise during the event. The concessionaire must contact Event 1 no later than the conclusion of each day to evaluate inventory levels. The more time Event 1 has to react to the request, the better the chance a reorder can be processed and shipped in a timely manner. Event 1 cannot guarantee that additional merchandise will be available.

Event 1 will provide an event manual, which will include the contact information for the event coordinator assigned to the event as well as additional merchandising guidelines.

DIVERSE SUPPLIERS

The NCAA strongly encourages the participation, directly or indirectly, when possible, by diverse businesses in providing goods and services in support of NCAA championships and requests local organizing committees/hosts to explore opportunities for diverse businesses to provide any necessary goods and services for awarded championships. At the NCAA, diverse suppliers are defined as entities that are majority (at least 51%) owned, managed and controlled by ethnic minorities, women, LGBTQ people, people with disabilities or veterans. At a minimum, we encourage local organizing committees/hosts to ensure that at least 10% of the suppliers invited to participate in the championship are diverse suppliers.

Section 5 • Championship Presentation/Fan Engagement

FAN FESTS

The NCAA prohibits host institutions/conferences from conducting special ancillary entertainment activities for fans in conjunction with the championship. Should another entity (e.g., convention and visitor's bureau) elect to stage such activities, the following policies shall apply:

- All plans must be approved in advance by the NCAA.
- NCAA marks, logos, name or references to the championship or tickets may not be used.
- No activity connected with the championship may be sponsored by an entity that is not an NCAA Corporate Champion/Corporate Partner (CC/P).
- Such an activity may not take place on property controlled by the competition venue.

No entity may contact NCAA CC/Ps directly. All such contact shall be directed through the NCAA staff.

NCAA MARKS

The NCAA owns and controls all rights and interests in its name, logo, seal, trademarks and service marks. Use of these marks is prohibited without advance written approval by the NCAA. Host institutions/conferences should review information outlined in NCAA Bylaw 31.6.1. Only official NCAA Corporate Champions/Partners (CC/Ps) and licensees are permitted to use NCAA marks and logos in commercial advertising and promotions, unless written approval is provided by NCAA Marketing. All and any proposed commercial advertising and promotions, if not by a CC/P, must be reviewed by NCAA Marketing staff prior to approval and production.

IN-VENUE ENTERTAINMENT

Video Board Content and Public Address Scripts

NCAA championship hosts are required to utilize NCAA provided public address announcer scripts, runs of shows and video board content. Host and participating team messaging or video board content is not allowed. This includes promotion of upcoming events at the championship site, recognitions and sponsorships. Any enhancements that you would like to propose for the event must be approved in advance by the championship manager.

The NCAA will provide video board content to sites that have such capabilities. The video board content is important to the overall championship experience for student-athletes and those in attendance. Please work directly with your NCAA championship liaison to identify if there is a Van Wagner producer assigned to you (final sites) or if content should be downloaded from the Van Wagner box site directly (preliminary rounds).

Questions related to video board content logistics should be directed to:

Brandon Anthony - Senior Producer
Van Wagner
Telephone: 925-354-5721
Email: banthony@vanwagner.com

Break in Action Contests or Promotions

NCAA championship hosts are encouraged to explore in-venue entertainment options during the championship to keep fans engaged, excited and to enhance the atmosphere for both the fans and student-athletes. Various potential areas of in-venue entertainment and the guidelines associated with them are shared below. Please discuss any forms of in-venue entertainment you would recommend with your NCAA staff point person for approval.

Hosts should consider continuing nonsponsored regular season halftime/quarter break/timeout contests and promotions or creating new, unbiased/nonsponsored promotions to use during NCAA championships. Entertainment can also include local performance groups or youth scrimmages. Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- Must not include any commercial recognition (unless approved/provided by an NCAA corporate champion, partner or official equipment supplier and signed off by a member of the NCAA Corporate Relations staff).
- Must be appropriate and in good taste.
- Must fit safely within given time constraints with no chance of interfering with the competition.
- Must not negatively impact the championship playing surface in any way.
- No connection or resemblance to gambling.
- Participants must be randomly selected.
- No bias toward or against any participating team.
- Campus and venue rules must be considered when developing the contest or promotion.
- NCAA championship merchandise purchased by the host (e.g., extra volunteer apparel, committee or contributor gifts, items or certificates purchased from Event 1) make good prizes for these contests as prizes with commercial recognition would not be permitted.

National Anthem Singers

Hosts are encouraged to explore their resources to bring in local, regional or even nationally recognized celebrities or groups to sing the national anthem (e.g., recording artists with strong local ties, military, local individuals, choir groups or bands). Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- No bias toward or against any participating team (e.g., performers should not wear the apparel of a participating team).
- Performances should not come at a cost and will not be reimbursed by the NCAA.
- A brief description and “thank you” for the performing group or individual may be incorporated into the script, but no commercial recognition, sponsorship, sales or recruitment messages should be included.
- Anthem should take two minutes or less to perform, however please build extra time into the script for introduction and placement of the color guard (if applicable).
- Highly recommend a pre-event rehearsal with the performer(s) and others involved.

Enhanced Team Introductions

Examples of this could include using special music, smoke machines, flame units, on-field fireworks, team banners/flags, youth athletes forming a tunnel or holding hands with student-athletes as they are introduced, etc. Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- Must be appropriate and in good taste.
- Must fit safely within given time constraints with no chance of interfering with the competition.
- No bias toward or against any participating team and should be equally executed for all participating teams.
- Should be discussed with the NCAA point person in advance.

Musical Entertainment

Participating school bands will be scheduled into the overall championship presentation when they are available. When they are not, the host institution marching band, other school bands or local bands may be appropriate for entertainment during pregame, halftime or other breaks in the action or for greeting fans in the stadium entrance or other congregating area.

Affiliated Award Recognitions

If appropriate, award winners for the given sport who are in attendance but not competing at the time of the scheduled recognition may be awarded on field during NCAA championships (e.g., Elite Scholar-Athlete Award, coaches' association player of the year). Please consult with the NCAA point person to determine appropriateness. Sponsored awards should not be incorporated without approval from an NCAA Corporate Relations staff member.

MILITARY INVOLVEMENT

Military involvement in NCAA championships may include national anthem or break performances (military singer, instrumentalist, or band), color guard, fly-overs, parachute teams, precision drill teams, etc. Please work with the NCAA Corporate Relations and Game Presentation team to finalize military involvement, as some elements may be influenced by partnership agreements.

STUDENT-ATHLETE RED CARPET ARRIVALS/TEAM WALKS

At many NCAA championships, a red-carpet arrival or team walk featuring the participating teams and their band and/or cheer squads can be a significant fan enhancement. A red-carpet arrival/team walk allows fans to feel a greater connection with the student-athletes through brief personal interaction that provides lasting memories for young fans and may help create a greater overall impression of the championship for both fans and participating student-athletes, if conducted properly. Listed below are some elements to consider before deciding to conduct a red-carpet arrival/team walk, a list of guidelines for a red-carpet arrival/team walk and a checklist of items needed for the event.

Elements to Consider

- Number of fans – will there be an adequate number of fans to support a red-carpet arrival/team walk and make it a positive experience for the participating student-athletes.
- Timing and location – is there a time and place available in which there will be an adequate number of fans, space and the event will not conflict with the student-athletes' preparation for or participation in the championship (e.g., before each semifinal match concludes, during a highly attended ancillary event surrounding the championship or only before the championship game).
- Equitable participation – will all participating teams have equal opportunities to participate (it is permissible to have a red-carpet arrival/team walk only on championship night with the two final teams only versus semifinal day and championship day).
- Team's experience – this should be a positive experience for all participating student-athletes and it should not interrupt their team's normal schedule for a competition. It should be communicated to the teams that a 5-15-minute window between teams is needed. Depending on the schedule of the teams you can pre-determine the arrival times or if they do not have any other commitments prior to the arrival at the venue, you can allow the teams to pick their arrival time as long as they are between the 5-15 minute window of separation, giving them more control of their schedule and not interrupting their normal game-day routine.
- Fan's experience – consider the location of the red-carpet arrivals/team walks for the fans as well. Consider using one of the main entrances or going through a fan fest location (if applicable) to the venue so that even if they did not know a red carpet/team walk event was happening, they still might see it and participate.
- Visibility and promotion – is the red-carpet arrival/team walk in a place that will be highly visible and accessible to all fans and/or can it be adequately promoted through social media, ncaa.com, e-blast, push notifications and/or signage? Ask each participating team to send out the red-carpet arrival/team walk times to their ticket holders and on their social media platforms as well.
- Timing of buses – Consider the route that the buses will need to drive to arrive on the correct side of the street and the time it will take them to get from the hotel to the location of the red-carpet arrivals/team walk.

Guidelines

- The host staff will have primary responsibility for coordinating and managing the red-carpet arrivals/team walk, as well as all staff, volunteer, equipment and logistical needs associated with them.
- The host staff should work with the NCAA staff point person to determine if red carpet arrival(s) or team walk(s) are appropriate, for advice, approval, look and collateral.
- The host should arrange for a walkthrough of the event with the NCAA point person as well as security, the facility rep, bus drivers, team hosts the event sponsor and/or fire marshal when appropriate.
- If a team has a band and/or spirit squad, communicate to the team that they should also participate in the red-carpet arrivals/team walks. If only one team has a band, ask the other team for a copy of their fight song to play over a speaker, if sound is available at the red-carpet arrival/team walk area.
- Select a time when the most fans can be accommodated and student-athletes will be least inconvenienced, consider what time the venue opens to the fans and what time the teams would normally choose to arrive.
- Student-athletes should wear game apparel or matching team issued warm-up gear.
- Student-athletes should be escorted by staff, volunteers or security to the security check-in area or their locker room.
- Red carpet arrivals/team walks should have stanchions or barricades to create a safe environment for the student-athletes. Security should also be considered.
- No local sponsorship of student-athlete red carpet arrivals/team walks will be permitted.
- A sound system which can be used in conjunction with the red-carpet arrivals/team walks can be effective in communicating which team is arriving, providing fans with additional championship events and for keeping fans entertained with music and/or team statistics.

Checklist

- Carpet – red, blue or black are all acceptable if the venue has one of these colors on hand, otherwise rent red carpet when the budget allows. Carpet is always preferred, but not essential to making this a successful event.
- Stanchions or other form of a barrier between the student-athletes and fans.
- Red carpet arrival/team walk sign or entrance way (e.g., balloon arch), if appropriate.
- Staff or volunteers.
- Security, if appropriate.
- Lighting elements if it is going to be dark out, depending on the time of the arrivals.
- Tents over the carpet if it is raining, unless the location of the red-carpet arrivals/team walk is already under a covered location, consider cancelation plan (notifying the teams and fans if the weather is not conducive to hold the red-carpet arrivals/team walk).
- Announcements for emcee – instructional, NCAA branding, NCAA corporate champion or partner recognition, team stats, if appropriate.
- Radios or cell phone numbers for communication. Essential for either the team host or bus driver to notify someone at the red-carpet arrival/team walk location of the arrival time changes, if appropriate.
- Other entertainment (e.g., DJ/music, local drum line) to keep fans entertained before and in-between team arrivals, if appropriate.

Section 6 • Championships Banquet

STUDENT-ATHLETE BANQUET

To celebrate and welcome all participating student-athletes and championship personnel at the final site, the host may provide a banquet (or other student-athlete recognition event). The number of guests, financial assistance (\$4,000) provided by the NCAA and total budget shall be determined after consultation with the NCAA staff. NCAA corporate champions, partners or official equipment suppliers may receive approval to sponsor the banquet, but no local sponsors are permitted. Officials should not be included in this or any social event including the participating coaches and student-athletes. Per NCAA policy, student-athlete banquets (or other celebratory events) are not permitted at preliminary-round sites.

The NCAA may provide a video featuring the teams and student-athletes advancing to the final site depending on the amount of footage available and cost of obtaining. If practical, the NCAA staff will request the video from the NCAA presentation team and inform the host.

The host will be responsible for coordinating all other details and logistics of the banquet including location, emcee, speakers, transportation, catering, A/V equipment, a printed program, etc., in consultation with the NCAA staff. The exact run of show and presentations included can be altered slightly to accommodate the number of student-athletes, teams and guests present as well as unique venue, sport or local elements. However, the run of show listed below and the 90-minute time frame should be used as a guiding template. Please note, that a 60-minute event is ideal, and the event should not last longer than 90 minutes.

Words of reflection or invocation are not required but may be included at NCAA student-athlete banquets. The NCAA supports a flexible policy which allows each host to follow the traditions and protocols of their university. If included, any words of reflection or invocation should be respectful and inclusive of all.

Run of Show

6:30 p.m.	Greet teams and student-athletes, direct to tables or attractions (emcee or NCAA chair) Soft A/V presentation (e.g., music, slideshow of participating teams and student-athletes, NCAA tribute video, DII or DIII branding video - optional)
6:45 p.m.	Welcome/comments to student-athletes and guests from the event emcee and/or a city/host institution representative
6:50 p.m.	Dinner buffet lines open or plated dinner served
7:20 p.m.	Guest Speaker (optional)
7:40 p.m.	Comments by Head Coaches or Q&A with selected student-athletes (optional)* <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Team 12. Team 23. Team 34. Team 4
7:50 p.m.	Comments by the NCAA committee chair and the presentation of Elite 90 Award Championship Video (if available)
7:55 p.m.	Closing Comments (emcee with talking points from NCAA or NCAA chair)

**Comments by head coaches may not be practical at some championships, especially those with a large number of teams or individual qualifiers.*

Best Practices

While the guidelines above provide a standard framework for the student-athlete banquet, the event should be tailored to suit the needs, size and unique aspects of the championship. The purpose of the event is primarily to congratulate, celebrate and welcome all of the participating student-athletes to the NCAA championship and the host community.

The most successful NCAA student-athlete banquets have often been enhanced by unique venues, décor, interactive features, program enhancements or keepsake items that showcase the uniqueness of the host city or region and their excitement to host the NCAA championship. The NCAA will rely on the creativity of the host for development of these items. The formality of the event, attendee attire, appropriate number and type of speakers, level of interaction between student-athletes, etc., varies from sport to sport. The NCAA point person can help advise the host on sport specific nuances.

The host will assume the lead production role for the student-athlete banquet but should seek the advice and approval of the NCAA point person on such items as location, budget, timing, final run of show, speaker, menu, giveaway items (some may be provided free of charge by NCAA official equipment suppliers) and additional enhancements. Some past student-athlete banquet enhancements that have been well received are listed below. Please note, however, that the potential impact of all possible banquet enhancements on student-athletes should be weighed against appropriateness, available budget and other needs of the overall championship.

Sample Enhancements

- Unique venue – a skybox club overlooking the host university’s football stadium; a historical or cultural center; an aquarium or museum where brief tours can be incorporated into the programming; an iconic restaurant, theater or arena in the area; a beach party setting; etc.
- Slideshow – before and/or after the formal presentation, a slideshow of participating team or student-athlete images is shown on video boards or mixed with NCAA branding messages (host would be responsible for collecting images from schools or preliminary round hosts).
- Speakers – relevance to the participating student-athletes is the most important factor. Former NCAA champions or graduating student-athletes who went on to professional or Olympic fame in the given sport are ideal, however other options available at no or little expense to the host should be explored as some speakers transcend their sport or profession. Examples of previous speakers include Todd Martin – Tennis, Dot Richardson – Softball, President of the USGA – Golf, Bill Belichick – Lacrosse (Boston), ESPN personalities, comedians, motivational speakers, well-known football or basketball coaches at the host institution, etc.
- Photo opportunities – opportunities for teams or individuals to pose for a photo in front of a championship backdrop (possibly with the championship trophy) or in conjunction with unique or iconic elements of the area (e.g., with giant hanging shark in Florida, with longhorn steer in Texas, in winners circle at Churchill Downs, overlooking city skyline, football stadium).
- Favors unique to the sport or area – examples include mini soccer balls, mini lacrosse sticks, baseball shaped cheese – Wisconsin, make-your-own beach flip flops – Florida; please check with your championship administrator regarding budget, appropriateness and possibility of items provided by official equipment suppliers before pursuing.
- Special entrances for student-athletes – red carpet into venue, spotlights, limos, local youth teams wearing team colors or with pom poms/signs to greet the student-athletes.
- Band/DJ/Interactive Games – are generally only appropriate in more informal settings with numerous teams of both genders, relaxed time constraints, fun atmosphere, etc.
- Event 1/Championship merchandise – sales booth or display area with order forms on-site.
- Special Olympics Component – speaker, athletes, etc. (recommended for all DIII championships).

Coaches' Association Award Guidelines

The primary purpose of NCAA student-athlete banquets is to honor, celebrate and welcome participating student-athletes in a concise and entertaining manner. Coaches' association awards and other presentations not directly related to the championship itself may be considered for inclusion if they are in the best interest of the attending student-athletes:

- The presentation should be relevant and provide a significant enhancement to the banquet programming for the student-athletes (awards or speakers which have limited relation to the championship or significance to the student-athletes will detract from their enjoyment and the attention they pay to other programming).
- The presentation should be brief (in most cases it should be limited to 5-10 minutes, but should never exceed 30 minutes).
- Awards presented should be limited to those presented to participating student-athletes and coaches or those which have some special significance to the student-athletes in attendance.
- The presentation should be secondary in significance and placement in the programming to any official NCAA championship presentations.
- If these conditions are not met, other championship related platforms should be explored by the NCAA to assist the coaches' association.
- All final decisions on inclusion of coaches' association awards, other presentations, scripts and presenters should be made by the NCAA staff with the best interest and overall experience of the student-athlete in mind.
- NCAA staff may call on leadership team members to assist in delivering and explaining the specific decisions to the coaches' association as needed.

Section 7 • Championship Marketing

CONTACTS

The host institution should designate a marketing contact or marketing team for the championship. This person should be familiar with marketing strategies that have worked in the community where the championship will be held to sell tickets and drive attendance. It is the primary responsibility of the marketing contact to work closely with the NCAA Championships Marketing contact to create and implement the championship marketing plan. While many host institutions may have a marketing contact in the athletics department, this individual may also be from the local organizing committee, convention and visitor's bureau, sports commission or a combination thereof. Contact information for the designated marketing contact(s) should be submitted through the Key Contact portion of the Host Reporting System.

EXPECTATIONS

- Know the marketing budget. The NCAA championship tournament manager on your campus or the NCAA Tournament Operations point person can communicate your marketing budget.
- Develop marketing goals. The primary focus should be driving ticket sales and attendance at the championship by developing inclusive promotion and awareness opportunities and utilizing diverse targeting strategies.
- Map out the time frame to market the championship.
- Determine how to best use the marketing materials provided by the NCAA.
- Establish grassroots initiatives to implement in your local and regional communities by creating and promoting messaging that resonates with people of all race, sex, class, national origin, creed, education background, religion, gender identity, disability, gender expression, geographical location, income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and which appeals to diverse communities.
- Explore opportunities with traditional media (print, radio and television) in your area.

MARKETING PLAN

Host institutions/conferences shall establish a marketing plan in coordination with the NCAA Championships Marketing contact. The marketing should reflect the host's commitment to creating an environment where all guests feel welcome and see themselves represented throughout the championship experience. All marketing plans, marketing budgets and collateral must be approved by the NCAA Championships Marketing contact prior to implementation.

MARKETING COLLATERAL

NCAA Marketing Portal. The NCAA Marketing Portal is a comprehensive tool designed to help hosts create marketing products which will generate awareness, drive ticket sales and promote attendance at championship events. The [NCAA Marketing Portal](#) can be accessed at ansira.com/cn/ncaachampspromotions.

Championship hosts should customize and download all necessary artwork to promote the championship from the website. Hosts should utilize imagery from the artwork provided, produce the items locally and obtain reimbursement for production costs, up to the reimbursable allocation provided for the championship round you are hosting.

Each NCAA Championships host marketing contact and tournament manager will receive an email with the marketing website address, username and password. Please contact ncaachampspromotions@ncaa.org if you are unable to locate this information.

Customizable artwork templates and marketing resources available on the NCAA Marketing Portal include, but are not limited to:

- PRINT
 - Poster
 - Flyer
 - Print ad
 - Table tent
- DIGITAL
 - Email blast
 - Banner
 - Social media graphics
- OUTDOOR
 - Billboard
 - Banner
- RESOURCES
 - Marketing best practices
 - Social media guidelines
 - Special artwork requests

If you have artwork needs and/or sizing which may not be available on the NCAA Marketing Portal, you may submit a special request through the website. Any additional questions can be directed to ncaachampspromotions@ncaa.org.

All requests must be approved by the national office staff before you proceed. Artwork requests and approvals will be managed through the website. If you do not have a local print vendor, we have listed NCAA preferred vendors on the website.

Collateral should not be created outside of the NCAA Marketing Portal. The website ensures proper usage of NCAA logos and trademarks, as well as ensures consistent branding across each championship round and all 90 NCAA Championships.

NOTE: A limited number of Division I predetermined hosts will create all marketing collateral by coordinating directly with the NCAA Championship Marketing contact; they will not have access to the NCAA Marketing Portal.

Television/Video and Radio Ticket Spots. The marketing website allows hosts of select predetermined championship sites to download TV, video, and radio spots for immediate use. Questions regarding the availability of these spots for your championship event should be directed to your NCAA Championship Marketing contact.

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

Host institutions/conferences may use already established social media accounts (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) as a place to promote the hosting of an NCAA championship. However, host institutions/conferences should use marketing messages and assets supplied from or approved by the NCAA (links, web banners, flyers, updates, etc.). If the championship does not have an official NCAA social media page, a host is NOT permitted to create a social media page. The NCAA will make efforts to promote this championship on the established pages, as necessary. Please refer to ncaa.org/socialmedia for a listing of official NCAA social media accounts.

Section 8 • Commercialism/Contributors

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Activation of Corporate Champion and Corporate Partner Program. The NCAA may request/require that certain areas of the competition site be made available for use by NCAA Corporate Champions or Corporate Partners (CC/Ps) for the purpose of marketing/promotional events/activities. If such requests are made, the host institution will provide requested space or similar accommodations.

Local Organizing Committee Hospitality. If approved by the NCAA, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has the option to host specified events during the championship. Commercial identification of any kind at any LOC function is prohibited unless specifically approved by the NCAA. The NCAA must approve all uses of NCAA logos, names, or other graphics (including school logos). The LOC shall submit detailed proposals (e.g., location, date, time, food and beverage, entertainment, budget), to the NCAA for review and approval at least 60 days in advance of the event. Any such events conducted are conducted at the LOC's expense.

Other Functions. To enhance the experience for participating institutions, fans, and alumni during NCAA championships, the NCAA (in conjunction with a third-party agency) may facilitate an official hospitality program in or outside of the competition site.

PREMIUMS GUIDELINES

Competition Venue shall provide to the NCAA a set of guidelines, similar to those outlined below, that identify items that are not permitted in the venue no fewer than 120 days prior to the first NCAA championship related event. The NCAA will then utilize and share that information with its NCAA Corporate Champions and Corporate Partners.

Laser Pointers. Laser pointers of any kind are not permissible.

Noisemakers. Artificial noisemakers of any kind including but not limited to, air horns, electronic instruments, inflatable noisemakers, etc., are not permissible. Facility personnel are responsible for confiscating prohibited items at the entrance points or removing such items from the facility. Megaphones may be used for voice amplification, but they shall not be used as a distraction.

Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., cups, shakers, flags) with commercial slogans or identification other than those from NCAA Corporate Champions and Partners, are not allowed on the premises. Items such as newspapers, handbills, flyers, memorabilia, T-shirts, caps, etc., except products sold/distributed by the NCAA or its agents, may not be distributed on the premises.

Signs, Flags, Banners. Large signs, flags or banners are not permissible. It is the facility personnel's responsibility to confiscate all prohibited articles. Items that can be held by one individual, reflect good sportsmanship and do not block the view of other ticketed patrons may be permitted. In no case may a sign, flag or banner be affixed to the facility.

Video Camera/Still Camera Policies. Ticketed patrons shall not bring video equipment into the facility on game days. Still cameras with a lens no longer than four inches are permissible on any day.

NCAA CORPORATE CHAMPION AND CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM

The NCAA Corporate Champions and Corporate Partners Program (i.e., corporate sponsors of the NCAA), managed by the NCAA along with TNT Sports and CBS Sports, authorizes the exclusive rights to license NCAA trademarks, tickets and taglines in commercial promotions with respect to the NCAA championships.

The host shall not solicit or permit involvement by any corporations or entities whose products may be in competition with any of the NCAA corporate champions or corporate partners. All proposed commercial involvement must receive prior approval of the NCAA.

NCAA Corporate Champions and Corporate Partners are dedicated to emphasizing the role of athletics in higher education, support all 90 NCAA Championships and are granted a wide variety of benefits, including certain category exclusivity around use of NCAA logos, trademarks, designations and championship tickets.

For more information and a current list of corporate champions and partners, please click on the following link:

[NCAA Corporate Champions & Partners](#)

LOCAL CONTRIBUTOR PROGRAM

Currently, local non-CCP corporate entities are not permitted to utilize the NCAA's registered marks, logos, tickets, name or references to the championship in a promotional/commercial manner. If a host institution/conference has an interest in using value-in-kind contributors, the contributor plan must be approved in advance by the NCAA Corporate Relations staff. The LOC is permitted to involve a local contributor in the championship only as a sponsor of LOC activities or as a ticket package purchaser (pending NCAA approval of said local entities and approval of the arrangement).

Local contributors may only be referred to as "local contributors of the LOC." Local contributors may not use the word "official," "official sponsor of" or "corporate champion/partner" in any manner. Local contributors will not receive any in-venue or on-site recognition/branding/exposure, with the exception of small signage in private hospitality locations; in the souvenir (print or digital) game program, and/or additional digital advertisement space. In being recognized, these local contributors must be referenced as supporters of the local organizing committee, and not of the NCAA. Any recognition, branding and/or exposure creative must be submitted to the NCAA Corporate Relationships staff for review and approval.

Local contributors may be provided an opportunity to purchase an advertisement in the souvenir game program, provided the corporation is not a competitor of any NCAA Corporate Champion. All advertisements must be submitted to the NCAA Corporate Relationships staff for advance approval. As noted above, local contributors who purchase an NCAA-approved ticket package may not receive recognition of any kind without the advanced approval of the NCAA staff.

NCAA TRADEMARKS

NOTE: These general guidelines do not include merchandise designs. All product designs must be submitted through the NCAA's licensing program administered by The Collegiate Licensing Company. Inquiries should be directed to the NCAA licensing staff.

1. ALL uses of NCAA trademarks or logos must be submitted to the NCAA for approval.
2. [Click here for the most current list of NCAA licensed or owned trademarks.](#)
3. Downloads of NCAA logos may be obtained through the [NCAA Digital Library](#).
4. The NCAA's position on inclusion of ® and ™ marks is first and most prominent use.

The location of the trademark and how it is used is the primary factor in determining if a trademark symbol should be included in text. If the protected logo location is prominent and the primary focus on the page or product design, an ® or ™ in the text is not necessary. However, if the logo location is placed lower on the page or is secondary to the message being delivered, an ® or ™ in the text or header (first use only) should be inserted.

In the case of NCAA Women's Final Four, an ® is required after NCAA and after Women's Final Four. The NCAA owns "NCAA" and "Women's Final Four", but "NCAA Women's Final Four" is not a registered mark in itself: NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

To further expand, if the NCAA primary logo, which displays the registered mark, is used in a prominent position; NCAA Women's Final Four would require an R-ball only after the Four because the NCAA has already been identified as a registered mark. NCAA Women's Final Four®.

5. In radio and television advertising, NCAA should only be pronounced as N-C-A-A or N-C-double-A. It should not be referenced as "N-C-two-A" or in any other fashion.
6. Official names cannot be changed or abbreviated unless specifically trademarked (Final 4, F4).
7. There may be no registration of or use of NCAA marks within internet domain names unless advance approval from the NCAA is secured and ownership of the URL is maintained by the NCAA. Such use of NCAA marks in Internet directories is prohibited; however, members may use an NCAA mark within a member URL, provided such NCAA mark does not appear in the domain name portion of the URL. By way of example, members may use the following URL: memberx.edu/ncaa.

Identification of commercially named venues on NCAA materials

- For the purposes of providing information about and promoting the location of an NCAA championship, the venue/competition site of any round of NCAA championships can be printed, in text-only, on any and all pertinent materials bearing NCAA marks (subject to NCAA approval of the graphics).
- The logo of a commercially named venue cannot be used on any materials bearing NCAA logos or trademarks.
- The venue's name and information (without use of logos) will also be included on the dedicated website that the NCAA will provide to sell tickets.

NCAA logo use by commercially named venues

For the purposes of providing information about and promoting the sale of NCAA tickets, the venue/competition site of any round of NCAA championships is permitted to display (subject to NCAA approval of the graphics) the championship site-specific logo as recognition of the event being held in its facility. The NCAA logo must be in the form of a link to a dedicated web page that will be established and/or assigned by the NCAA championship administrator to sell the NCAA tickets.

The following conditions apply to this NCAA logo use:

- The NCAA championship site-specific logo can be used by the venue to communicate the NCAA event as one of the variety of upcoming events at the facility. The NCAA logo must be used only once and only as a part of a group of other logos of events being held at the venue.
- The one-time logo use is limited to the site's "home web page" or "event web page."
- The NCAA logo must be placed in a location on the venue's web page so that there is clear and defined separation between the NCAA logo and any other commercial logos (including that of the commercially named venue). [This is because NCAA Corporate Champions/Corporate Partners and WBD/CBS have graphic exclusivity in the use of NCAA logos and marks.] Logos of the venue's or the website's advertisers/sponsors may be used on the home/event web page even with the NCAA's championship site-specific logo on the same page if those commercial entities are clearly separated from the NCAA logo (e.g., are on a different colored background and are located at the bottom of the website page).
- The venue is not permitted to claim to be "the home," a host or co-host of any session of the NCAA championship.
- The logo provided by the NCAA championship staff cannot be modified in any way.
- ALL uses of NCAA logos must be submitted to the NCAA staff for approval.

NCAA trademarked protection language:

NCAA trademarks benefit from consistent "source identification" to the public through basic legal language attributing ownership.

The legal statement should be used on "printed" materials of all types for all NCAA trademarks, except where there is agreement by key staff stakeholders that aesthetic or space limitations prevent legal language. The legal statement is NOT required when the NCAA blue disk or the word NCAA is used alone and part of NCAA-produced materials without any of the conditions below.

- Printed items that display logos of other business entities/organizations (i.e., corporate champions/corporate partners, network partners, official suppliers, official licensees, local organizing committees and NCAA members).
- Printed items that are produced to be "used" by other business entities/organizations including NCAA members and host institutions.
- Printed items produced for advertisement/promotional purposes (i.e., magazine and newspaper ads, NCAA souvenir publication ads, posters, newsletters).

The NCAA requires protection language as outlined below. This does not have to be prominently displayed language and is expected to be included as some form of “mouse print.”

The examples below are written only to represent the most typical examples. If you are unsure of exact wording for a specific example, please contact Ashley Murray at amurray@ncaa.org or 317-917-6349..

For blue disc and/or secondary (word) mark, please use:

- NCAA is a trademark of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

For blue disc/secondary marks plus another NCAA trademark, please use (for example):

- NCAA and March Madness are trademarks of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.
- NCAA, NCAA Sweet Sixteen and Road to the Final Four are trademarks of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

For blue disc/secondary marks plus another NCAA trademark used with other authorized business entities, please use (for example):

- The NCAA, March Madness, Men’s Final Four and Women’s Final Four are trademarks owned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. All other licenses or trademarks are property of their respective holders.

NCAA Licensed Trademarks:

College World Series and Women’s College World Series: The NCAA is the exclusive licensee of these marks, registered by Major League Baseball, in connection with the NCAA Division I Men’s Baseball Championship and the Division I Women’s Softball Championship.

All other licenses or trademarks are property of their respective holders.

Helpful Links:

[The NCAA’s Advertising and Promotional Standards](#)

[NCAA Trademarks](#)

[NCAA Trademark Protection Program](#)

[NCAA Digital Library](#)

[NCAA Corporate Champions and Corporate Partners](#)

OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/LICENSEE SUPPLIERS

The NCAA licensing program is designed to ensure the quality and consistency of all of the NCAA’s Championship Event merchandise, protect the intellectual property of the NCAA and our member schools, and generate revenue to enhance programs that support NCAA student-athletes.

Any premiums and/or other merchandise that bear NCAA marks, brackets, taglines or other NCAA references must be produced by an official NCAA Licensee or NCAA Official Equipment Supplier. There may be royalties or other related costs associated with such items. If the NCAA is unable to identify a current NCAA Licensee or NCAA Official Equipment Supplier to provide a specific piece of merchandise, the NCAA will work to sublicense (on a short-term basis) a company that can provide the specific item.

For a list of NCAA licensees and official equipment suppliers, ncaa.org/championships/marketing/ncaa-official-licensee-list.

ADVERTISING/SIGNS/“LOOK AND DÉCOR”

- Advertising/Banners/Signs/Displays.** The host shall not permit advertising, marketing identification, banners, signs or displays of any kind to be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within the general public seating/viewing area of the competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s) (i.e., any place that can be seen from the playing surface, seats or within broadcast view), including the scoreboard and the playing surface prior to or during the conduct of the championships, other than NCAA, media partner or NCAA corporate champion/partner branding/recognition (e.g., signage, banners, scoreboards, LED scorer’s table, video board, ribbon board, PA announcements) approved by the NCAA. Any permanently affixed (or previously leased) advertising banners, signs, cup holders, select equipment

bearing corporate marks (e.g., TVs, computer monitors, stats monitors or displays), product/exhibit displays (e.g., car displays, branding exhibits/kiosks) shall be covered with décor elements or other NCAA directed elements by the competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s) and at the expense of the venue(s) as specified by the NCAA, including costs of production and installation and strike. The NCAA must be notified a minimum of 60 days if any signage has changed after the site visit or before the championship. Similarly, for any surrounding areas/facilities that are to be used by the NCAA for official events, no advertising, marketing, identification, banners, signs, decals, sampling, distribution or displays of any kind shall be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within those areas unless authorized by the NCAA. Professional and collegiate signage/marks/pennants/banners/retired numbers/etc. may continue to be displayed. NCAA staff representatives have the discretion, during their site visit or when on-site in advance of the tournament, to have the building staff remove a sign/banner. All usage of marks must follow NCAA brand guidelines and must be approved by NCAA staff in advance.

- b. **Alcohol/Tobacco/Gambling.** All alcohol, tobacco and gambling advertisements/corporate identification within broadcast view or viewable by game attendees in the competition venue bowl must be covered at the expense of the host or venue. Any alcohol, tobacco or gambling advertising that is deemed by the NCAA as not viewable from within the bowl does not need to be covered, whether in the concourse or in ancillary venues. All other advertisements/corporate identification in the noted areas must, at a minimum, not be backlit unless otherwise authorized by the NCAA. This would apply to preliminary rounds and the championship rounds for all the NCAA's 90 championships.
- c. **External Signs.** All exterior venue corporate signage, other than professional franchise identification, must be covered as specified by the NCAA and must be covered with décor elements as specified by the NCAA at the expense of the competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s).
- d. **Commercially Named Venues.** Commercially named competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s) may display no more than two preexisting interior signs consisting only of the competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s)' name at the top of the venue, with placement designated by the NCAA. The competition, practice and ancillary event venue(s) signage design and placement must be approved by the NCAA. If the commercially named competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s) is an existing NCAA corporate champion or corporate partner, the NCAA, in its sole discretion, may allow additional branding of the commercially named venue(s).
- e. **Covering Existing Signage/Product Branding.** In regard to any signage that is to be covered in accordance with these bid specifications, the practice, competition and/or ancillary event venue(s) shall not limit or prohibit the ability of the NCAA to use signage or other elements of its own third-party designees in covering such existing signage/product branding.
- f. **NCAA Corporate Champion and Partner Branding/Recognition.** The NCAA shall have the right to display branding/recognition (e.g., signage, banners, scorer's table, video board, ribbon board, PA announcements, inflatables, projections, kiosks, decals, window clings, lighting, street teams, logos) for the Association, its corporate champions and partners and media partners inside and outside of the competition, practice and/or ancillary event venue(s). These locations, include but are not limited to the concourse, within the competition bowl and venue exterior without limitation.
- g. **Official Stickers and Stencils.** The NCAA shall provide the competition venue with the appropriate stickers/field stencils for the approved playing surface markings for the championship.
- h. **Fan Promotion Materials.** If facility approves, patrons are permitted to bring in small signs and non-noise-making items in accordance with NCAA and venue policies. Items may not include any (non-CCP) commercial identification.
- i. **Digital Inventory.** At no charge, the NCAA will have full access to, and control of, all LED and other digital signage inventory, both internal and external to the competition venue. This includes TV monitors, video screens, video walls, LED fascia, and all internal and all external signage, digital or otherwise. This includes all digital inventory to be made available at the time of the championship, inclusive of any inventory that may be added by the venue after this bid document is signed.

Section 9 • Credentials/Travel Party

CREDENTIALS

Credentials will be provided by the NCAA. Credentials will be provided for coaches, competitors, trainers, managers, officials, VIP, event staff and media. Each type of credential will be a different color. Additional credentials may be purchased by institutions following the guidelines stated below and as listed on the official roster form turned in by each institution and includes only those individuals listed on the institution's NCAA Staff Reporting Form. Please print adhesive name labels for all assigned credentials prior to distribution for identification purposes.

CREDENTIAL AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY FORMULA

- One to three student-athletes = One non-student-athlete in official travel party
- Four to six student-athletes = Two non-student-athletes in official travel party
- Seven to nine student-athletes = Three non-student-athletes in official travel party
- 10 or more student-athletes = Five non-student-athletes in official travel party

For those institutions that qualify only one gender for the championships and have student-athletes competing in all three weapons, an additional credential may be given. An additional credential will also be provided to an institution's team administrator if they attend the championships with their team. The NCAA staff liaison and fencing committee will assist the host in determining additional credential qualification.

Section 10 • Critical Incident Response/Emergency Plan

PREPARATION

The facility liaison and NCAA staff shall review with the local law-enforcement agencies their procedures for circumstances requiring emergency evacuation of the facility or interruption of the championships. Facility management is reminded of its responsibility to provide sufficient security and/or law-enforcement personnel.

Each host will be asked to provide the following:

- Develop contact lists using the contacts form found in Appendix I
- Review emergency protocol prior to the start of the event.
- Identify chain of authority.
 - Incident Commander (second in command).
 - Decision-making personnel/team.
- Identify incident command center.
- Identify incident communication plan.
- Review evacuation plan – Review plan with facility manager.
- Review emergency response plan for typical emergencies.
- Review emergency response plan for national disasters.
- Review emergency response plan for terrorists' actions.

In the event of a critical incident, contact the NCAA championships manager immediately before any decisions are made.

Interruption of Play. The officials have the authority to interrupt play. If play is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the committee, it shall be continued from the point of interruption at a time determined by the committee. If necessary, the remaining schedule of bouts also shall be adjusted by the games committee. The committee should review the following procedures for interruption of a game:

Administration Table. Assure that bouts already in progress are accurately recorded.

Officials. Assure that the officials know the exact bout situation when play was halted.

Student-Athletes and Coaches. These individuals should proceed to their team area or, upon instruction from the NCAA staff or committee members, retire to a secure room or outside the building to await further instructions.

Power Source/Public Address. Facility management should protect the power source and the public-address system. If an alternate public-address location is available (i.e., away from the competition area) it should be used so communication is not interrupted.

Responsibility. Building security and/or law enforcement personnel shall be responsible for the restoration of order in the event unauthorized individuals occupy the competition area or if play is otherwise disrupted. The NCAA suggests that law enforcement personnel attempt to communicate with the leaders of the group occupying the competition area (if applicable) to ascertain whether the situation can be rectified in the short term. Under no circumstances are players, coaches, officials or NCAA representatives to become involved in the removal of such persons.

Communication. A senior member of the facility management and the senior law enforcement officer at the site must proceed immediately to the administration table with means of portable communication to and from other facility staff and security officers. The public-address announcer should keep spectators informed of the conditions, if possible. Participants and game officials must be kept informed throughout the delay.

Meeting. The committee chair, NCAA staff and game-management staff (facility manager, game-management liaison and senior law-enforcement officer) should assemble immediately at the administration table to assess the situation.

Normal Conditions. The committee shall determine when conditions have returned to normal.

Resumption of Competition. As soon as possible, competition shall resume from the point of suspension. The games committee shall determine the revised schedule after consultation with the committee. If possible, the contest should be resumed in the primary facility. If necessary, the games committee has the authority to limit attendance to credentialed individuals, other individuals designated by each institution's director of athletics and required facility operations personnel. Also, the games committee has the authority to reschedule the game or session in a nearby facility (e.g., on campus or elsewhere in the city) provided the alternate facility meets the provisions of NCAA playing rules.

Spokesperson. The committee chair or his or her designee, working with the facility management, the NCAA and, when appropriate, city, county, state and federal law-enforcement agencies, will serve as spokesperson in the event of an emergency.

Section 11 • Drug Testing

The NCAA is dedicated to fair and equitable competition throughout each round of NCAA championships and strongly supports the drug-testing program established by its membership, to safeguard the health and safety of the participating student-athletes.

Comprehensive drug testing details for hosts can be found at the following link: [NCAA Drug Testing Program - ncaa.org](https://www.ncaa.org/sportscollection/competition/competition-operations/ncaa-drug-testing-program).

Section 12 • Facility, Equipment & Space Requirements

ADMINISTRATION TABLE

The administration table (or bout table) should be large enough to accommodate 12-15 people, and be roped off or otherwise isolated from traffic by being placed on an elevated platform (at least three feet high). The administration table should be located in a section on the competition floor that has visibility of all strips. This area should also provide ample room for the public address announcer, statistician and bout committee to work undisturbed. The public address system should be loud enough to be heard in the referees' hospitality room as well as throughout the facility. The PA system should be tested prior to each session.

Internet access at the administration table or wireless access throughout the competition venue is required. In addition, provide paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, paper clips, rubber bands, stapler, safety pins, ink pens, felt tip markers and a copying machine.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans with Disabilities Act, Title III prohibits private places of public accommodation (e.g., sports arenas) from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. The host institution/conference is required to confirm that each facility in which an NCAA championship or ancillary event occurs is in compliance with the ADA. The host institution/conference is responsible for determining if the competition site will be in compliance as of the dates of the championship. If the host institution/conference becomes aware that a competition site hosting an NCAA championship event will not be in compliance, it shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to discuss the issue.

If the host institution/conference receives a request for an accommodation, which may require input from the NCAA, the host institution/conference shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to address the request.

ARMORERS' AREA

The armorers' area should be equipped with at least two strong (strong enough to support a grinder and large vise) work tables. Gauges, scales and weights for weapon check, in accordance with USFA rules, should be available. The gauges and weights will be sent by Absolute Fencing. The hired armorers will provide other necessary items, and should be set up in an area that does not interfere with the conduct of the championships.

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOMS

Provide a training room stocked with towels and other necessary equipment, and staff it with the appropriate personnel prior to, during and after competition.

CONCESSIONS

Food and beverage prices shall be no higher than similar events or primary tenants in the facility.

Vending. No food, beverage or merchandise, of any nature, may be vended or dispensed in the seating areas. During competition, selling is restricted to the arena concourse and established selling locations.

CORRALS

Two chairs must be provided for the camera operator and scorer at each strip within the corrals. Camera operators and scorers should be seated opposite the scoring machines for visibility purposes. Four chairs per corral should be provided in each corner of the bout area for participants.

Trash and Recycling. Provide trash and recycling receptacles in various locations throughout the competition facility.

NEUTRALITY

Host institutions should keep in mind that an NCAA event is not a home event. Neutrality is important; therefore, such items as the use of players on programs and host institutional signage should not be used. Traditional "home" atmosphere activities are not permissible. If providing other sport student-athletes as volunteers, please emphasize that, while volunteering, they may NOT cheer for their team.

PRACTICE TIMES

The competition venue should be available for practice one day prior to the start of competition from 3 to 7 p.m. local time. Throughout the championships, the practice area should be open 90 minutes prior to the start of competition, and for a period of two hours after the conclusion of competition. Postcompetition practice time may be altered to less than two hours at the discretion of the host and fencing committee.

A minimum of four practice strips should be made available in a location adjacent to, or nearby, the competition floor. These strips should have the same capability as the competition strips (scoring machines and reels, etc.).

TEAM AREAS

There should be adequate space in the venue for all fencers and coaches to leave their extra equipment, bags and personal items during the competition each day. The equipment area should not be the same as the spectator area. This area should be secured and monitored during competition. Each institution should have a designated area with chairs available.

RESTROOMS/LOCKER ROOMS

Provide separate men's and women's dressing areas and clean restroom facilities for participants. Public restrooms must be available. Personnel responsible for care of the facilities must be available for the duration of the championships.

SPECTATOR SEATING

Adequate seating should be provided for spectators surrounding the competition floor as to allow for viewing of each competition strip. Spectators should have a clear view of the fencers, referee and electronic scoring equipment. It is recommended that portable bleachers or chairs be placed around the competition floor for spectator seating.

Noncredentialed personnel will NOT be allowed in the dedicated competition floor area.

Extra spectator seating should be available for the semifinal and final bouts to accommodate a larger number of spectators. As recommended, the semifinal and final bouts should be a highlighted event for the championships.

DECORATING AND ADVERTISING

Covering. The facility shall not permit any advertising banners, signs or displays of any kind to be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within the seating area (i.e. any place that can be seen from the playing area or seats), including the scoreboard, during the championship session or practices, other than NCAA, CBS and radio banners, as specified by the NCAA. No local /school radio banners are allowed.

Institutional Signage. Institutional signage does not need to be covered. Championship banners may remain if permanent (not hung seasonally). If temporary and hung on a seasonal basis, they must be taken down.

Directional Signs. Directional signs should be posted in all areas used by the participants, media and spectators.

Video Boards and Electronic Messages. No electronic board advertising of any kind or messages promoting non-NCAA events in the facility may be displayed during practice or competition. The following kinds of messages are permissible: announcements of results from other NCAA competition; reminders that NCAA merchandise and concessions are on sale; or any public-service announcements or promotional messages specifically provided by the NCAA. The NCAA will provide programming upon request.

Table Banner. The NCAA will provide one banner for the administration table and one to be displayed for the semifinal and final bouts. The NCAA staff will consult with the tournament manager to determine the dimensions for the banners. Additionally, the administration table should be covered with a distinctive cloth.

EQUIPMENT

Absolute Fencing. Absolute Fencing is the preferred vendor for equipment for the championships. They will provide 14 current international Fencing Federation Regulation Saint-George Fencing Technologies scoring machines including the extension lights, scoring and timing displays, remote controls, 26 Favero reels, 13 pairs of AF floor cables and 14 grounding cables for the championships. The NCAA will request that 10 weights and 10 gauges be sent to the host site as well.

A raised final strip will be sent from Absolute Fencing for use during the semifinal and final bouts. This Final Strip is 0.5 m high, with total 24 meters long and 3.5 meters wide (Including ramp). Top metal cover areas are 20 meters X 3.5 meters including the color 18 meters X 2 meters strip build in. On one side of the strip, a total 20 meters long repeater lights are included.

The head and assistant armorers will oversee the set-up of all rental equipment prior to the start of practice on Wednesday.

Upon receiving any loaned equipment, it is recommended that all pieces be clearly labeled and that a master list of all equipment be compiled. When not in use, store all equipment in a secure area. At the end of the championships, the armorers should supervise dismantling of the equipment. After checks against the inventory list, return equipment to Absolute Fencing.

Prior to setup, all equipment **must** be tested for function and brought to tournament specification by the assigned armorers. Fencing strips and electrical scoring apparatus should be set up for the committee walk-through the day prior to competition. Adequate spacing around strips and other safety requirements will be mandatory.

General Equipment List.

- 12 Standard aluminum competition strips (provided by NCAA).
- 10 Video Replay Systems (provided by NCAA contracted vendor)
- 14 Scoring machines with extension lights, scoring and timing displays and remotes.
- 4 Practice strip – 3 provided by the NCAA; one (or two) by the host or Absolute Fencing.
All must be in tournament condition and tournament marked.
Total area for four strips: 39 meters x 15 meters = 127.9 feet x 49.2 feet.
Each strip is approximately 17 meters x 2 meters = 55.77 ft x 6.56 feet (USFA rules).
Three meters (9.84 feet) between each strip.
- 9 Tables for video replay referee and scoring equipment with sample score cards. Attach penalty sheets to the tabletop, along with schedules and other pertinent information.
One meter (3.28 feet) from the scoring table to the strip.
- 15 Clipboards for scorers with 2 pencils attached to each board.
- 100 Chairs.
- 3 Eight foot tables for tournament administration (bout table) on an elevated platform at least three feet high) in a secure area, but prominent to the fencing strips.
- 9 Eight foot tables – 3 each for armorers, trainers and equipment repair.
- 8 Two-way radios for the committee, NCAA staff, head official and tournament staff.
- 10 Combination weights – will be sent by Absolute Fencing.
- 10 Gauges – will be sent by Absolute Fencing.
- 2 Stamps to check equipment.

Pipe and drape – 3-foot high to surround each individual competition corral and surround the overall competition area with access points for student-athlete and credentialed personnel access.

Electrical Scoring Apparatus. For each strip in foil, sabre and epee, a scoring system will be provided by Absolute Fencing. The scoring apparatus will include extension lights that are plainly visible to the referee and spectators. Two machines should not have back-to-back lights unless separated by a dark material. All scoring apparatus will have built-in clocks. An additional back scoring machine will be sent by Absolute fencing.

Additional Electrical Equipment. Two Power extension cords (50-feet each) containing three pronged outlets or more if layout requires.

FENCING STRIPS

A nine-strip format will be used. Twelve interlocking aluminum strips will be sent to the host competition site – nine for competition and three for the practice area. If a separate space is used for semifinal and final bouts, two strips will be used for the practice area (two additional provided by the host or absolute fencing). Strip markings must be in accordance with current USFA rules. Have all strips and important areas clearly marked.

Practice Strips. At least four practice strips are to be set up in an adjacent area to the competition strips for practice. Scoring machines should be fully functional and set up similar to the competition strips.

VIDEO REPLAY EQUIPMENT

Video replay equipment will be provided by the NCAA through an outside contractor. 10 replay systems will be shipped to the competition site to the attention of the tournament director. This equipment should be held in a secure area prior to being set up for the championships. The contractor will be on site a minimum of one day in advance of competition to set up the video replay equipment at each competition strip.

POWER SUPPLY

Power voltage must comply with USFA requirements. If 110-115-volt house current is used, be sure adequate power is available for all scoring machines and video replay equipment. All cords should be taped to the floor, where appropriate. Consult the technical commission of the USFA regarding power requirements. GFCI outlets should be used. A minimum of five outlets must be made available at each strip.

SIGNAGE

The following signs should be made in advance of the championships and placed appropriately in the facility:

- a. Bout Committee and Staff Only.
- b. Armors.
- c. Strip (1 through 9). Each strip should be clearly labeled as “Strip 1,” “Strip 2,” etc.
- d. Restrooms/Locker Rooms (men and women).
- e. Officials’ Hospitality.
- f. Coaches’ Hospitality.
- g. Student-Athletes’ Hospitality.
- h. Names of each competing institution for team areas.
- i. Awards stand places – First thru eighth place (two third places).
- j. Placards with the last name of participants and their institution’s logo to be placed on a display at each strip. These placards must be large enough to be visible by spectators outside of the competition area.

NOTE: Banners and/or signs will be sent in advance by the NCAA. A list of signage that will be provided will be sent to the tournament manager. These signs should be hung throughout the venue to create a championship atmosphere.

RADIOS

The tournament manager should provide the NCAA staff with eight handheld radios to use throughout the competition.

INTERNET ACCESS

Wireless internet access throughout the facility is highly encouraged. Please communicate log in procedures to all coaches, participants, national committee and NCAA staff members.

VIDEO PROJECTION SCREENS

Two large video projection screens should be set up to display scoring information and standings. The NCAA assigned statistician will be responsible for displaying all information on the projection screens. The NCAA staff liaison will put the host in contact with the official statistician to ensure the correct equipment is available for displaying this information.

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Equipment Information

The NCAA will provide certain championships equipment (sidelines hydration, competition playing equipment, etc.) on a sport-by-sport basis that must be used in all championship activity. Each championship will receive information from the NCAA pertaining to any equipment that will be provided.

Cups, Coolers and Water Bottles

Drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests, cooler carts and water bottles should be provided at team benches (if applicable) for each scheduled practice or competition of any round of an NCAA championship. Participating teams shall place any premix fluid replacement in the NCAA-issued coolers and water bottles when applicable. No other cups, cans, coolers or water bottles may be used courtside or in the media areas during championships in which such equipment is provided by the NCAA. If applicable, the host institution/conference may retain the coolers, cooler carts and ice chests after the competition. Participating teams may retain the water bottles and bottle carriers after the competition.

Competitors of NCAA Corporate Champion Coca-Cola may not provide product (beverages, water, isotonic) for any NCAA championship, even if the competition offers product for free or at a reduced cost. The championship budget will cover the purchase of Coca-Cola beverage products.

Sideline Equipment Hydration Program

Depending on the championship site, the NCAA and Coca-Cola – a Corporate Champion supporting all NCAA championships – will provide POWERADE branded drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests and, when applicable (depending on the sport), water (squeeze) bottles and cooler carts for the championship. Please note that towels are not part of the equipment provided; any towels used on the sidelines must not contain any corporate logos/marks. Please review the information below as it pertains to the different scenarios that may exist.

Championship Final Sites and Selected Preliminary Round Sites

All final and selected preliminary round sites will receive POWERADE branded equipment and product. Exact items and quantities will be provided to championship hosts by the NCAA.

If a championship also receives POWERADE branded squeeze bottles, they should be provided to all student-athletes. Non-POWERADE branded squeeze bottles brought by teams/student-athletes will not be allowed.

Coca-Cola will provide a bottled water product (e.g., Dasani), POWERADE powder, and when applicable, POWERADE in bottles. Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice in the NCAA-provided equipment. Equipment carrying any branding other than POWERADE, however, will not be permitted on the sidelines during NCAA championships.

The POWERADE branded equipment must be used and should be positioned in all areas – specifically on or near the team benches/sidelines and in practice areas, locker rooms, student-athlete hospitality areas and media areas (when applicable). The POWERADE and water products must be made available in any/all areas as referenced above.

On the sidelines and within the competition area, all product should be consumed from the NCAA-provided POWERADE branded water cups or water (squeeze) bottles only.

The host institution/conference may retain the coolers, ice chests and any remaining product after the competition.

Use of NCAA-Provided Coolers from Previous Years

The host may use previously supplied equipment from the NCAA, specifically red POWERADE, equipment; however, they must be used in areas not within television or photographer view [they may not be used on the sidelines or within the competition area(s)]

FACILITY USE

The facility shall be reserved for the exclusive use of the NCAA beginning at 8 a.m. two days before competition begins through the conclusion of the final bout (i.e., Tuesday through Sunday). All space shall be available and the facility set up no later than 90 minutes prior to the beginning of the first practice.

FACILITY WALK-THROUGH

A meeting with the fencing committee and host staff at the competition site will take place either Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning prior to competition.

ENTRANCES

Entrances must be staffed by an adequate number of persons. Signage should be posted to clearly identify all entrances (e.g., spectators, participants).

Participants and Coaches Entrance. If possible, a gate must be identified to admit credentialed participants and coaches only.

Spectators. An entrance, if possible, should be identified for all spectators.

MEDIA AREA

A table should be set up for working press in the competition venue.

Media Backdrop. The NCAA will provide a backdrop with the NCAA logos to be hung behind a designated media area. ESPN may use this area for interviews while shooting footage of action for their seasonal show.

Section 13 • Financial Administration

AUDIT

Sites will be randomly selected for financial and box office audits following the championship.

The NCAA will make every effort to notify sites selected for audits within 30 days after the submission of financial reports, but reserves the right to audit a site up to one year after the championship. Receipts, facility settlements, expense reimbursements and honorariums are subject to change until the audits are reviewed and accepted by the NCAA. If selected for audit, the following documentation will be requested: box office audit reports or sales summaries; ticket purchase invoices or statements; unsold tickets; invoices, contracts or timesheets supporting all expenses; general ledger; bank statements; check copies and reconciliations; and competition venue rental agreement and any other documentation to support details reported on the host financial report. In addition, overages between budgeted and actual numbers will be reviewed.

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

As part of the site-selection process, each prospective host must submit a proposed budget for approval by the NCAA. All receipts and expenses associated with the conduct of the championship competition shall be included in the proposed budget. This includes lodging expenses for officials and site representatives, if applicable. The proposed budget must be submitted before the selection date in accordance with the schedule set by the sport committee and approved by the NCAA prior to the first date of competition of the championship. Additionally, best efforts should be made by the host to reasonably forecast expected ticket sales from the hosted event due to attendance driving a number of host expenses.

The host institution is responsible for adhering to championship expenses as approved by the NCAA, including (but not limited to) competition site rental, maintenance, insurance, printing of tickets, ushers, maintenance personnel, ticket sellers, ticket takers, minor officials, police and security, promotion, publicity, advertising, meetings, banquets, medical staff. Other expenses not included in the original proposed budget must be approved in advance by the NCAA.

It is also incumbent upon the host to understand and remit all necessary taxes related to the sale of championship tickets made by both the NCAA and the host at their given state and locality. All consideration must be given by the host for certain relief of taxes with respect to the NCAA's not for profit status under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, certain championships may be required to provide a letter of attestation regarding tax status provided by an outside CPA/accounting firm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Host institutions must complete the online financial report, which includes accurately reporting all revenues and expenses, within 60 days after the final date of competition at the site (if applicable). An automated email will be generated notifying the host of the final, approved settlement payable/receivable amount. Remittance of any amount due to the NCAA should be made to the NCAA upon approval of the financial report by the NCAA staff and receipt of the automated email noted above. If requested, the host may be required to provide all supporting documentation to validate the revenues and expenses of their site. As a best practice, hosts are encouraged to upload all appropriate receipts, ticket audits and other supporting documentation to their host report on the "Summary" tab as documentation supporting each line of their revenue and expense figures.

Financial reports showing net receipts are not considered complete until payment is received at the national office. Institutions that fail to meet the 60-day reporting period will be assessed the following penalties: 60-90 days past due (25% reduction in honorarium), 91-120 days (50% reduction in honorarium) and 121 days or more (100% reduction in honorarium). If the financial report results in the NCAA paying the host, the NCAA will make its best efforts to reimburse the host within five business days of the report being approved by the NCAA accounting department.

DRUG TESTING EXPENSES

The budget for drug testing expenses should only be completed and returned to Drug Free Sport if the host has been notified that drug testing will occur. The drug-testing budget and expenses are separate from the financial report form. The drug-testing budget form is an appendix in the [drug testing manual](https://ncaa.org/Student-Athlete%20Programs/Health%20and%20Safety) (ncaa.org/Student-Athlete Programs/Health and Safety).

PARTICIPANTS

The NCAA will reimburse the competing institutions for transportation and per diem expenses in accordance with the appropriate NCAA policies. The competing teams shall be responsible for their local transportation, unless otherwise allowed under NCAA policy. Once the championship is completed, participating institutions should submit online expense forms via the Travel Expense System (TES) to the travel group department at the NCAA national office within 30 days of the competition. Please note that if you host a championship, the submission of per diem and/or transportation reimbursement is a separate process and submission from completing the host budgeting and approval process defined above.

SITE REPRESENTATIVES

The NCAA representative's hotel room and tax shall be paid (via direct bill) by the host institution and submitted on the financial report. All other expenses (i.e., per diem, travel) will be paid directly by the NCAA.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation. The NCAA shall pay for the rental of cars for a predetermined number of game officials and the NCAA committee representative(s). The championships staff will approve the individual to get a rental car and the individual will need to call Short's Travel to book.

Local Transportation for Teams. For team sports, eligible for reimbursable ground transportation, must arrange ground transportation through Short's Travel. Individual sports, eligible for reimbursable ground transportation receive mileage reimbursement in accordance with the travel policy.

Air Transportation for Teams. If a school is eligible for air transportation, all air travel must be booked through Short's Travel.

NCAA Championship Travel Policies

Section 14 • Game Management

HOSPITALITY LOUNGES

Separate hospitality lounges should be provided for coaches, student-athletes, officials and the administration table. A person should be assigned to each lounge to check the credentials of coaches, student-athletes and officials who enter their respective lounge.

Coaches' Hospitality

It is highly recommended that breakfast and lunch options be offered each day of competition. Coffee, tea, water, juice and soda (Coke products) should be available all day. A vegetarian option should be made available if requested.

Officials' Hospitality

Breakfast and lunch should be available for officials each day of competition. Coffee, tea, water, juice and soda (Coke products) should be available all day. A vegetarian option should be made available if requested the NCAA championship manager.

Student-Athlete Hospitality

Breakfast and lunch options should be provided each day of competition. Healthy options are suggested with the inclusion of a vegetarian meal option if requested ahead of time by the committee. Water, juice, fruit, granola bars, etc., should be available throughout competition. Only student-athletes that are competing may access the hospitality area (i.e., female student-athletes are not to access hospitality on days when male student-athletes are competing). The host will be able to include in their budget funds that will reasonably cover the cost of providing hospitality for competing student-athletes each day.

Administration Table

Breakfast and lunch should be available on all days of competition. Coffee, tea, water, juice and soda (Coke products) should be available all day. A vegetarian option should be made available if requested by the committee.

Coca-Cola Product. If you would like to purchase additional product or soft drinks beyond what is initially provided, and are a Coke pour institution, please use the relationship you have with your local bottler. You do not need to contact the NCAA national office regarding additional product. Please note that this amount is to be listed on your final financial report. If you are a Pepsi pour school and would like the opportunity to purchase product, please contact the NCAA liaison for the appropriate forms and guidelines. In the event that you are purchasing small quantities of product, you should check your local grocer as these prices may be better than what the Coke local bottler can offer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Music and/or a singer for the national anthem shall be played each day of competition and an American flag should be visible within the facility at all times throughout competition.

RESULTS

Paper. Results and score sheets will be printed by the NCAA assigned statistician on colored paper. One color per weapon, per gender, should be provided by the host.

Copies. Copies of the complete results each day will be provided to participating coaches by the statistician.

Reporting Results. During the championships and at the conclusion of the competition, the host sports information director, media coordinator or NCAA assigned statistician is responsible for reporting official results to the NCAA official Web site. The following information should be submitted in the following manner:

- Email the results to ncaa-editorial@warnermedia.com and zchristopher@ncaa.org
- Specify the sport (Division, Championship, Round) in the SUBJECT area.
- Paste the text directly into an email **or** send email as an attachment in an MS Word document or Windows Notepad text document.

Please convert photos to JPEG format and attach to the email.

SUPPLIES

Arrange for the following necessary materials at the tournament administration table:

Paper – two reams per color, per weapon	Copy machine – large quantity output required.
Pencils (2 boxes)	Electric pencil sharpener
Black felt-tip markers (2 boxes)	Safety pins (50)
Jumbo paper/binder clips (2 boxes)	Staplers (2)
Clipboards (20)	

TEAM AREAS

A secured area within the competition facility should be designated as a participants/teams area. Participants should be able to leave their bags etc., in this area during competition. Signs with the names of participating institutions should be made and displayed to designate an area large enough to accommodate their entire team.

WARM-UP MUSIC

The host institution will select and administer the music to be played prior to the start of competition each day.

Section 15 • Health & Safety Considerations

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member Institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance with event staff and personnel including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care, consulting with institutional legal, medical and risk management personnel as necessary. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Health, Safety and Performance website](https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2019/7/11/preventing-catastrophic-injury-and-death-in-collegiate-athletes.aspx). A nonexhaustive list of some of the key health and safety considerations is provided below. More detailed information on each of these topics can be found at [ncaa.org/sports/2019/7/11/preventing-catastrophic-injury-and-death-in-collegiate-athletes.aspx](https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2019/7/11/preventing-catastrophic-injury-and-death-in-collegiate-athletes.aspx).

- Blood-Borne Pathogens and Other Biohazards.
- Catastrophic Incidents and Emergency Action Plans.
- Cleaning and Disinfection.
- Inclement Weather, Air Quality and Other Environmental Considerations.
- Independent Medical Care.
- Medical Facilities.
- Medical Disqualification, Removal and Return to Activities.
- Medical Staff: Resources, Communications, Training and Responsibilities.
- Medical Supplies and Equipment.
- Medical Treatment (including for, among others, the following emergency conditions):
 - Asthma.
 - Burners (Brachial Plexus Injuries).
 - Cardiac Emergencies.
 - Cervical Spine Injuries.
 - Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury.
 - Diabetic Emergency.
 - Head and Neck Injury.
 - Heat Illness and Heat Stroke.
 - Hypothermia.
 - Mental Health Emergencies.
 - Rhabdomyolysis.
 - Sickle Cell and Other Exertional and Nonexertional Collapse.
 - Skin Infections.
- Prescription Medications, Banned Substances and Drug Testing.
- Protective Gear and Equipment.
- Sexual Violence.
- Visiting Team Care and Coverage.

In addition, and as a supplement to the legislative and policy requirements and related guidance described above, the following health and safety considerations and expectations will also apply to all championship events.

Ambulance Service

Planned access to an ambulance shall be provided by the championship host. If it is determined that an ambulance should be provided on site, the championship host shall obtain the ambulance service and the incurred cost is reimbursable by the NCAA. Any ambulance used must be equipped in accordance with all applicable government regulations and industry medical and safety standards.

Coaches, Officials, Event Staff and Spectators

Host institutions should consult as necessary with applicable institutional legal, medical and risk management personnel to determine and appropriately plan for the management of emergency and other health and safety incidents involving individuals other than student-athletes that may occur at the championship event or venue.

Medical Staff Credentials and Access

Travel party credentials for participating institutions will include credentials for medical personnel; provided it is the responsibility of the participating institution to include medical personnel in their normal credential numbers. Institutions may include medical staff beyond travel party limits provided they pay for the additional numbers with institutional funds. Competition site access can be secured by acquiring session tickets through purchase or an institutional pass list.

Any medical staff traveling with participating teams will have access to their team participants with the assistance of host medical staff, should an injury occur. If medical staff are not to be seated with the team during any championship event for any reason, they should communicate to host medical staff their seat locations and host medical staff should be prepared to provide all participant medical staff with the necessary credentials to access and provide necessary escort to the team locker room or athletic training room in the event of an emergency. Typically, an access point from the stands supervised by security will allow access by medical personnel to student-athletes.

Portable Immersion Tubs

Portable immersion tubs (hot or cold) are permitted at championship events only where use is a component of an established emergency or other health and safety plan and managed under the direction of sports medicine staff, an athletic trainer or physician in accordance with all applicable institutional and government health regulations and requirements.

Section 16 • Hydration Product

POWERADE

Equipment Information

The NCAA will provide certain championships relevant equipment (sideline hydration product, sideline hydration equipment, etc.) on a sport-by-sport basis that must be used in all championship activity. The purpose of the product and equipment is to hydrate student-athletes for competition. Each championship will receive information from the NCAA pertaining to any product and equipment that will be provided. Following the championships, each host site will be required to provide the NCAA with a completed inventory sheet (template provided by the NCAA) and pictures for proof of performance.

Cups, Coolers and Water Bottles

Drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests, cooler carts and water bottles should be provided for each scheduled practice or competition of any round of an NCAA championship. Participating teams shall place any premix fluid replacement in the NCAA-issued coolers and water bottles when applicable. Only cups, cans, coolers or water bottles may be used during championships that are provided by the NCAA. If applicable, the host may retain the coolers, cooler carts and ice chests after the competition. Reoccurring host sites are strongly encouraged to use the same equipment the following year unless otherwise notified by the NCAA. Participating teams may retain the water bottles and bottle carriers after the competition.

Hydration Program

Coca-Cola will provide a bottled water product (e.g., Dasani), POWERADE powder, and when applicable, POWERADE in bottles. Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice in the NCAA-provided equipment. Equipment carrying any branding other than POWERADE, however, will not be permitted on the sidelines during NCAA championships.

If a championship also receives POWERADE-branded squeeze bottles, they should be provided to student-athletes. Non-POWERADE-branded squeeze bottles brought by teams/student-athletes will not be allowed.

If the host must provide and/or purchase product for any NCAA championship use (e.g., student-athlete banquet, committee tent/suite, hospitality areas, media areas), the host must purchase and provide only Coca-Cola products (e.g., Dasani, POWERADE, Coca-Cola, Sprite).

Competitors of NCAA Corporate Champion Coca-Cola may not provide product (beverages, water, isotonic) for any NCAA championship, even if the competition offers product for free or at a reduced cost. The championship budget will cover the purchase of Coca-Cola beverage products.

Use of NCAA-Provided Coolers from Previous Years

The host may use previously supplied equipment from the NCAA, specifically POWERADE equipment with approval from the NCAA; however, unless approved by the NCAA (which is often possible), they must be used in areas not within television or photographer view [they may not be used on the sidelines or within the competition area(s)].

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact Zach Christopher (317-917-6112; zchristopher@ncaa.org).

Section 17 • Insurance

LIABILITY

If event is held on-campus:

Host institution must maintain and provide proof of at least \$1 million of Commercial General Liability (CGL) insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol or food-borne illness. Certificate must be submitted to NCAA prior to competition. State institutions subject to state governing tort laws are permitted to provide proof of limited liability under state laws instead of CGL coverage. (This is the minimum requirement per NCAA bylaws).

NOTE: All insurance must be provided by an insurance company with an A.M. Best Rating of A-, VII or higher.

Section 18 • Lodging

NCAA PREDETERMINED PRELIMINARY-ROUND COMPETITIONS AND PREDETERMINED CHAMPIONSHIPS

For all NCAA predetermined preliminary-round competition and predetermined championships, On Location acting on NCAA's behalf shall contract hotel accommodations for the participating institutions/student-athlete(s). The contracted hotel properties shall be within 30 miles (30 minutes) of the competition site and be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate. The selection of a competition site may be dependent on availability and quality of rooms for participating institutions/student-athlete(s). Teams must stay at an NCAA contracted hotel unless otherwise noted. Hosts are no longer required to secure the rooms. On Location, the official hotel management provider of the NCAA, will solicit, negotiate and contract all hotel rooms at these sites.

For select individual-team sports, the NCAA will secure risk-free hotel accommodations with favorable concessions and contract terms on the participating teams and individuals' behalf. Teams are encouraged but not required to use NCAA-secured hotels.

MERCHANDISING

The hotel understands that the NCAA exclusively will have first right of refusal to sell products licensed by the NCAA for merchandising at the selected hotels unless otherwise noted in the hotel agreement. If the NCAA executes this right, the hotel agrees to provide space in its lobby, tables, electricity, dedicated phone line and a secure storage location for such sales at no charge to the NCAA merchandising agent. The NCAA guarantees that the merchandise will be displayed in a neat, professional manner.

In return, the NCAA merchandising agent will pay to the hotel a percentage of the net sales from the hotel location. Net sales are defined as gross sales minus sales tax and credit card fees. The percentage rate will be a predetermined, nonnegotiable rate included in the contract between the two parties, except as specified in the following sections.

Section 19 • Media Services

The NCAA considers this hosting opportunity a partnership between the host school/conference, facility and the NCAA. The primary objective of everyone involved in the administration of the championship, shall be to provide a memorable championship experience for each participating student-athlete, coach, administrator and tournament attendee.

Note that health and safety protocols related to preparedness, response and protocols might have an effect on the media services detailed below, with any changes provided to all hosts in advance of each championship.

BROADCASTING/INTERNET

Please log on to ncaa.com/media for information regarding broadcast/internet rights.

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

NCAA championship records are available in PDF format at ncaa.org - ncaa.org/championships/statistics/ncaa-records-books.

CREDENTIALS

All media credentials are authorized and issued by the host or NCAA media coordinator. The NCAA provides credentials for all final championship sites and selected preliminary rounds sites. Hosts should contact the NCAA media coordinator or championships administrator to confirm who will produce credentials for preliminary sites. **PDF templates are available for preliminary round credentials if desired. Please contact Jenn Rodgers (jroddgers@ncaa.org) for more information.** If you are producing your own credentials, the “Conditions Placed on Use of Credentials” should be placed on the back of all credentials. That text, located at ncaa.com/credentialterms, should also be visible at credential pickup.

The following is a sample of the types of credentials that can be produced, if applicable:

- All Access – For event management-type people who need access to every area, including game surface.
- Event Management – For event management staff who does not need all access (based on space and demand, it may not be necessary to produce an event management and an all-access pass).
- Media – For members of the media to provide them access to press areas (press box, media room, interview room, locker rooms (postgame only)).
- Participant – For student-athletes, coaches, equipment managers (anyone in the official travel party).
- Photo – For still photographers and television camera operators (if the contest is not going to be televised) to allow them access to appropriate areas [playing surface, locker rooms (postgame only), press box and media room].
- SID – For sports information directors of the participating teams (may allow access to media areas and locker rooms as needed).
- Television Network – If the game is going to be televised by ESPN, Turner Sports, etc., those entities should have their own credential to allow them to specific places such as the truck compound.

It is up to the tournament director to determine which areas may be accessed with each credential type.

CREDENTIAL QUALIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Approximately one month before the start of final site competition, the site media coordinator should send credential application information to media representatives who regularly cover intercollegiate athletics in their markets. The information should be directed to media to apply for credentials at ncaa.com/media, which includes credential application instructions, credential criteria and links to the NCAA media policies. The site media coordinator will approve or deny all credential requests in the online credentialing system (Sport Systems) Credential system training sessions will be conducted. The system will notify via email all media members who apply for credentials whether their request has been approved or denied. If a media member is granted a credential, the site media coordinator is responsible for sending that member of the media information regarding game times, press conference schedules, credential pickup times and location, parking and any other pertinent information.

CREDENTIAL BOARDS

The NCAA will provide credential boards to all final sites. These are to advise security personnel at the competition venue which credentials are allowed into specific areas of the venue. For credentials that are not allowed into a specific area, use a black marker to cross out the credentials not permitted.

FINAL RESULTS BOOKS AND STATISTICS

The final results book for team championships should include, at a minimum, final statistics, play-by-play summary and results as well as a cover sheet, event recap and postgame notes/quotes.

The host institution shall provide complete statistics of all NCAA championships competition.

FLIP CARDS

Flip cards should be provided to all media members for easy reference to participating team information, where applicable. The flip cards should include all players on the roster and a minimum of their uniform numbers along with the head coach and any assistants. The flip card should include team results as well as standard information regarding the game, such as date, location and opponent.

INTERNET POLICY

The NCAA website, ncaa.com, serves as the official online resource for NCAA championships.

The NCAA and its partners own the Internet rights to all of its 90 championship events. Rights include live statistics, video and audio streaming, electronic commerce, and postevent footage use. The NCAA and its partners own all game action, practice footage, press conferences, one-on-one interviews or any other content on the NCAA website.

Internet Live Statistics

The current live statistics policies can be found at the following link: ncaa.com/media-center/coordination-statistics

MEDIA GUIDES AND POSTSEASON GUIDES

The NCAA or host media coordinator should notify each school that qualifies for the championship how many media guides and/or postseason guides should be sent to the championship site and/or if media guides and postseason information should be uploaded to the NCAA box library. If wanting to provide a printed version, the media coordinator should provide an overnight address where the schools can send the information (their office or the facility) and a deadline as to when it should arrive. Consider security when selecting the location where these materials will be shipped.

MEDIA ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel. If necessary, the media coordinator should arrange for a block of rooms to be set aside for media, preferably at the headquarters hotel. Media members should be given a contact/link at the hotel whom they can call or link to make reservations; this can be listed on the credential application form along with the room rate and deadline for making reservations.

Meals. Media meals are not required at all championships. Disbursements should be guided by the budget which was originally submitted by the tournament manager and approved by the NCAA national office.

Parking. Complimentary media parking should be provided at all championship host sites. The media coordinator should determine if it would be more effective to use parking passes or a parking list. If passes are used, the host institution must generate them. Media shuttle systems may also be used provided any costs are approved in advance by the specific sport committee and NCAA championships staff liaison.

Media Workroom. If possible, a media workroom should be designated at each site, where media members can be provided a workspace. The workroom should provide an adequate amount of media seating, electrical outlets, complimentary wireless internet access and a pool of high-speed internet lines, if possible. Each school's media guides and/or postseason guides, along with any materials the host institution distributes (statistics, game notes, quotes, etc.), should be provided in this area.

NEWS FILM AND MINI-CAMS

Please visit ncaa.com/media for updated information related to television, video and ENG policies.

OFFICIATING QUESTIONS/POOL REPORTER

The host media coordinator shall appoint one member of the media to serve as the pool reporter at the competition site and must be approved in advance by the NCAA staff. In most cases, the media coordinator should designate the reporter from the Associated Press or the local newspaper as the pool reporter. The pool reporter should be clearly designated on the media seating chart and should be listed on the starting lineup sheets (if applicable) distributed prior to competition.

When a game includes a potential fighting situation that results in a technical foul and/or ejection of a participant, a rules interpretation is requested or there is a clock or timing issue, the pool reporter shall accompany the NCAA staff representatives to the officials' locker room to receive an interpretation in order to enhance the media's understanding of the activities that occurred. Interpretations are not given if the situation in question is a judgment call. Prior to entering the officials' locker room, the pool reporter shall go to the interview room or media workroom to speak to other media members and compile a list of questions to ask the involved official.

The host media coordinator, who will prepare the statement, will distribute the information to the media after it is reviewed and approved by an NCAA staff representative. Any statement involving an official's interpretation can be read by the news conference moderator in the interview room while the statement is being distributed.

If the involved official does not elect to speak to the pool reporter, the referee will decide whether the referee or the standby official will provide the interpretation on behalf of the officiating crew. The interpretation shall apply exclusively to the specific situation and will only be used to provide an interpretation of a rule.

PERSONNEL

Each media coordinator is responsible for organizing workers to assist in the media operations of the championship. It is important to remind volunteers that they may see very little of the championship competition because of their responsibilities and the NCAA will not pay any expenses. All volunteers should be a minimum of 16 years or older. It is preferred that all media coordination volunteers have experience with media relations or championships.

The number of workers will depend upon the media demand for the games at the site. Communication with the participating SIDs and the media coordinator's knowledge of the area media will help with advance planning.

The following is a basic list of duties for volunteers (if applicable):

- Copy Machine Personnel – Photocopies materials (stats, notes, quotes, etc.).
- Credential Distribution – Pass out credentials to the media; check government-issued photo ID.
- External PA – Announcer for fans.
- Internal PA – Announcer for the media.
- Locker Room Attendant – Person to identify when the locker room is open and closed to the media.
- Mixed Zone Coordinator – Coordinates interviews in the mixed zone in events such as track and field and swimming and diving. Depending on the number of participants, this individual may need several assistants.
- Note Takers – Compiles worthy notes during and after the game or day.
- Photo Marshall – Makes sure photographers work in approved event coverage locations. Hands out photo armbands, if necessary.
- Press Conference Moderator – Introduces players and coach; directs questions from media.

- **Quote Takers** – Records postgame quotes from the press conferences/locker rooms. A minimum of one person should be designated to take quotes for each team. They should get quotes from the head coach and student-athletes.
- **Results Disseminator** – Transmits stats, notes, quotes, through appropriate delivery means (website, email, social media, etc.).
- **Runner(s)** – Distributes photocopied materials (stats, notes, quotes, etc.).
- **Spotter** – Helps the official scorer identify assists and any other assistance for official scorer.
- **Stat Crew** – Records the official stats. Note that when applicable, NCAA LiveStats software must be used at all NCAA championships.
- **Team Escorts** – People to escort the coaches and student-athletes to the postgame press conference.

NEWS CONFERENCES

The media coordinator, or a member of the coordinator's staff, shall attend all press conferences, including any conducted before the start of championship play. A media coordinator can decide to have a prechampionship news conference if the number of media or interest in the championship warrants it. If a formal press conference will be held, the media coordinator should produce name (table) tents to place on the dais/riser to identify coaches and student-athletes.

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES AND COACHES MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS. With permission from the NCAA, exceptions may be made to the policy.

The open locker room policy applies to all formal press conferences and to any interview requests for coaches and/or student-athletes not involved in the press conferences. Failure to do so may result in a misconduct finding, as determined by the respective sport committee.

NOTE: In the event that a student-athlete has been selected for drug testing, all media obligations must be fulfilled before going to the drug-testing center.

1. **Individual Championships with no Postevent News Conference.** Student-athletes are allowed a maximum 10-minute cooling-off period following an event before meeting with the media. If ready before 10 minutes, the student-athlete can participate in interviews sooner. However, student-athletes are not allowed to leave the competition area before conducting media interviews. Interviews will be conducted in the mixed zone or interview room. A student-athlete who is competing in more than one event on a given day may ask the media coordinator to delay the interview period until after the student-athlete's final event of the day. The only exception to this is if a record is set, and then the student-athlete should be made available to the media shortly after that event. If time prohibits this, the media coordinator should get a quote from the student-athlete and distribute it to the media.
2. **Individual Championships with a Formal News Conference.** Student-athletes are allowed a maximum of a 10-minute cooling-off period following an event before meeting with the media. If ready before 10 minutes, the student-athlete can participate in interviews sooner. In individual championships, typically only the winner(s) needs to report to the press conference. If media requests warrant having the runner-up participate in the news conference, that person should answer questions before the champion.
3. **Team Championships with a Formal News Conference.** The losing team shall have a 10-minute cooling-off period before reporting to the interview room. The cooling-off period starts once the head coach and all of the student-athletes have reached the locker room area. The winning team will report to the interview room immediately following the completion of the losing team's press conference. *(NOTE: For some championships, the governing sport committee has determined that the winning or visiting team should go first to the press conferences, before the losing team. Please refer to championship manual for the sport.)*

It is mandatory for the head coach and at least one student-athlete to report to the press conference following the cooling-off period. However, media coordinators should request a minimum of two student-athletes. A coach can shorten the cooling-off period but cannot extend it.

As soon as one media member enters a locker room, it will be open to all media members. Locker rooms are open to the media for a minimum of 30 minutes, provided media are present the entire time.

The head coach must complete all NCAA championship media obligations before honoring any in-season radio or television contracts. Coaches or student-athletes may only conduct interviews with rights-holding television or radio networks (including ESPN or NCAA Radio Network, but not school radio stations) before the press conference following the conclusion of a game. These interviews are permitted during a period totaling no more than four minutes for all interviews, immediately after the game. The media coordinator or designee has the responsibility to terminate the four-minute interview period, NOT the network/station that has purchased rights. (Assistant coaches are not obligated to the entire media staffing the championship and may grant postgame radio interviews at any time after the conclusion of the game.)

Moderator Duties

1. The moderator should give pertinent game statistics (i.e., leading rushers, passers, tacklers, game records) to media while they wait for the first team to arrive. Statistics should be distributed to the media, coaches and student-athletes as soon as they arrive.
2. Media coordination representatives should obtain the names of the student-athletes who will be attending the press conference and give them to the host or NCAA media coordinator, who then will provide them to the moderator so that they can be announced in advance.
3. The moderator should open the press conference by asking the head coach for his/her opening statement.
4. After the coach's comments, the moderator should invite questions from media.
5. If necessary, the moderator should direct a question to student-athletes to get them involved, if the media do not do so.
6. Limit each team news conference to 10 minutes.
7. The moderator should keep the flow of the press conference moving. If there is a gap of time between questions, limit questions to one more and then thank the head coach and student-athlete(s).

News Conference Setup. Each host media coordinator should designate an interview room or area at the facility, and an individual to coordinate the activities in it. The interview area should have a public address system and an elevated head table.

Media coordinators should use an audio mixer (mix down unit) in the interview area to permit individuals using microphones to attach their equipment to it, eliminating the presence of audio equipment and/or operators in front of, or adjacent to, the speakers at the dais.

The following is a checklist of suggested minimum requirements for the interview room:

- Seating for a minimum number of media or VIPs (check with the previous host for an approximate number).
- Risers or an area with an unobstructed view for television cameras.
- Table for a minimum of 4-6 interviewees.
- Sufficient electrical outlets.
- Sufficient lighting for dais and workspaces.
- Mult box.
- Wireless microphones.

For selected NCAA championships, press conference backdrops, interview room table tents and microphone flags will be sent to the institution by the NCAA. Quotes shall be distributed to the media immediately following each press conference.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Commercial use of any still photographs is prohibited unless permission is obtained from the NCAA. Specific areas will be designated for photographers, and these areas will be limited by priority and space. Please see Appendix G for further information regarding photography done at the championships.

PHOTOGRAPHY AREA POLICIES

The media coordinator shall be prepared to designate “photographer positions,” should media requests warrant it. “Prime” positions should be given to NCAA Photos and/or Getty Photos, or otherwise rotated among members of the media. All special requests (i.e., placing a remote camera on the backboard) must be approved by NCAA staff or site representatives.

PROGRAMS

Championships will feature either a printed or digital game program, which the NCAA and LEARFIELD Publishing has the exclusive right to post/distribute at the competition venue during the championship. No competing publications, whether sold or free of charge, are permitted at NCAA events where printed programs are available. Any publications delivered to the venue are the property of LEARFIELD before, during and after the event.

LEARFIELD will be responsible for all program production, including editorial content, layout and design, advertising and printing. Championship media contact should provide LEARFIELD with text and photos for editorial pages about host institution/venue/city, if requested by LEARFIELD. Any pages promoting the host institution/venue/city will not be display advertisements; those interested in purchasing advertising space for sponsors, etc., should contact Clerrinda Queen (clerrinda.queen@learfield.com).

LEARFIELD encourages the host institution/venue to distribute supplemental handouts (i.e., updated statistics and notes), provided any such materials:

- Are only distributed with the purchase of a program.
- Do not include information available in the program.
- Do not include advertisements.

The host should not include expenses for such supplements in the championship budget and/or financial report. All supplemental content is subject to NCAA and LEARFIELD approval.

RADIO/INTERNET AUDIO COVERAGE

Radio broadcast rights and made for internet audio at any NCAA championship may take place only through advance written request and permission of the NCAA media services group. (Refer to ncaa.com/media.)

All stations broadcasting any round of an NCAA championship shall be required to fill out the NCAA Championship Radio/Internet Streaming form online. To access the form, log onto ncaa.com/content/audio-policies-0.

SCOUT VIDEO COORDINATOR

A scout video coordinator is permitted to film the game from an upper video position. A credential also may be issued to a team videographer. The scout video coordinator will receive a media credential and may only film the game of the team represented by the video coordinator. Representatives of participating institutions may record the network telecast of any game at the site, using a video distribution outlet in the video distribution area. The institution must provide its own recording equipment.

SEAT ASSIGNMENTS

Media coordinators should provide preferred seat locations for media agencies that regularly staff games played by the participating and host institutions.

SECURITY

Security personnel should be instructed to protect the working media areas and interview area, especially before and after each game, and to limit access in all restricted areas to individuals wearing credentials.

STATISTICS REPORTING TO THE NCAA

The host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official championship results to the Association's website, ncaa.com, with the NCAA providing delivery information. At the conclusion of each championship contest or session (preliminary rounds and finals), please forward information that specifies the division, sport, round, date and official results, and provide a brief game/event summary. On the final day, the email should include the all-tournament and Most Outstanding Player selections.

Institutions should send all information as follows:

- Email the information to NCAA-Editorial@warnermedia.com. Specify the division, sport, round and region in the subject area.
- Paste the text (official results, including date of competition, round, etc.) directly into the message box.
- Attach HTML box score, if available.

TEAM VIDEOGRAPHER

Institutions are permitted to videotape championships competition by their teams or their individual student-athletes for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use one camera and may videotape only that portion of the competition in which it participates. The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes. An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site to arrange for camera space at that site. For the latest information and policies in regard to team content, go to "Team Content Policy" link at ncaa.com/media-center/broadcast-services.

INTERNET

Complimentary wireless internet access must be available at all championship rounds for media use. The host institution may NOT assess an additional "hookup fee" to any media agency. Any wireless charges should be charged to the host or reflected in the proposed budget.

TELEVISION

If an NCAA championship is to be televised, the media coordinator will be notified by the NCAA championships liaison, media coordinator or member of the broadcast staff. This person will relay any needs specific to television, such as power, press row space, etc., to the host media coordinator. Information about NCAA broadcasts can be found online at ncaa.com/media.

LIVE STREAMING

For final sites of all nontelevised championships, ncaa.com will provide live streaming of the contest. For all other nontelevised rounds, the NCAA encourages all hosting institutions to provide a live stream of the event.

Apply for NCAA internet streaming rights online at ncaa.com/rights-request. Questions about Internet streaming can be directed to Nate Flannery (317-917-6523; nflannery@ncaa.org).

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS MICROSITE GUIDELINES

NCAA championship hosts and LOCs are welcome to build a city specific microsite to house local information regarding things-to-do, travel tips, restaurants, volunteer info, ticket sales, etc. The primary purpose of the microsite should welcome fans to enhance their experience in preparation for traveling to your city. The following information should assist you with the creation of a local microsite.

Venue Information

Host venue details should be included within the microsite; the following are topic suggestions for this section:

- Venue address.
- Venue parking map and details including hours, pricing, etc.
- Venue security information.

Dining, Shopping and Local Attractions

The following topics are permissible and encouraged to house within your microsite, but must link away from the main page:

- Local fan gathering and entertainment locations.
- Shopping and dining options.
- Special attractions unique to city.

Local News

The microsite can contain story modules to promote local press releases or additional information pertaining to hosting the event. This should not include national information about the competition that is covered by the NCAA. You should link back to the official NCAA championship page, when applicable. The championship manager can provide this information, as needed.

Travel and Transportation Information

It is permissible, and encouraged, to share travel information such as local hotel options, car rental, public transportation, etc., within the microsite for consumer knowledge. Links should direct away from the microsite and no mention of company names are to be included within the copy of the microsite.

EXAMPLE: “For hotel options within the {city name} area, please click here” (link can be to city tourism page or visitors’ bureau, etc.).

Volunteer Information

The microsite can contain additional details to recruit and register volunteers. A general overview, schedule and registration information are commonly found details within this section.

Ticket Information

If ticket sales apply to the championship, please link away from the microsite to the official ticket landing page. If images of student-athletes are present on any of the microsite pages, please do not use verbiage that includes “ticket sales,” “purchase your tickets” or anything alike, but rather use language such as “ticket information,” “ticket details,” etc. and link directly to the official ticket landing page from there. The ticket landing page should be free of student-athlete imagery, institutional markings and abide by NCAA championships guidelines. Those guidelines include the championship logo used for every icon listed, correct naming convention of the championship (Year, NCAA division sport championship – e.g., 2026 NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships) and use of NCAA hex code (#009CDE) for button and color scheme of ticketing site.

Selections, Preliminary Rounds and Broadcast Schedule

All information regarding the details of selections, all preliminary rounds and broadcast schedules should be linked to ncaa.com. The championship manager can provide this information.

Email Sign Up

Fans who would like to receive more information can sign up to receive newsletters from the NCAA. The following link should be included for email sign up: ncaa.com/newsletter-signup

Logo Usage

For official NCAA blue disk and championship logos, please submit a request to access the NCAA Digital Library to Nathan Arkins at narkins@ncaa.org.

Copyrights, Photos, Licensing, Trademarks and Corporate Marks

The following are guidelines for use of NCAA trademarks and the process for requesting licensing for photos:

Host cannot promote or click thru to any URL other than ncaa.com.

- Host corporate partner marks or any commercial advertising are prohibited from being displayed on the microsite.
- The NCAA primary logo must be displayed more prominently than any other logo and must precede or be placed above any other identification marks. If the microsite is built within an existing site's framework, exceptions will be made at the NCAA's discretion.
- Photos from previous years' championships can be accessed by submitting a request form here: ncaaphotos.photoshelter.com/contact. All imagery must be owned by the NCAA or host city.
- The microsite must adhere to fair and equitable treatment for ALL participating student-athletes and schools.
- Trademark script must be included on the homepage of the site. This text can be in a mouse print format at the bottom of the page as follows: *NCAA is a trademark of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.*

A complete list of NCAA trademarks and trademark protection can be found by [clicking here](#).

Social Media

All social media icons should be linked to the appropriate NCAA-hosted platforms for the specific championship. The official list of NCAA social media pages and hashtags may be located at ncaa.com/social.

Mobile Version

The NCAA championship information pages will be mobile friendly. In order for the microsite to convert to mobile devices, pages will need to be created for use on a mobile site.

Local Contributor Recognition

The host can recognize their local contributors under the following guidelines:

- The page should be titled "Local Contributors" Do not use any other reference such as "sponsors" or "partners".
- Contributor name can be listed in text format only. No corporate logo usage is permitted.
- The NCAA logos should not be included within this specific page.
- Include text at the bottom of the page indicating that the Local Contributors are not official sponsors of the NCAA.

Example

If you would like to review an approved championship microsite, please reference the following page:

- Visit Oklahoma City / Women's College World Series Microsite: visitokc.com/wcws

NOTE: A reminder the website should be clean of any and all corporate sponsor marks. Additionally, the information provided regarding local travel accommodations, restaurants, or the like must link away from the microsite completely. Final approval of the city-specific microsite will come from the NCAA event marketing, ticketing and/or branding team. Prior to the microsite URL going live, please share with the championship manager to begin the official approval process.

PHOTOGRAPHY

NCAA Photos (also known as Clarkson-Creative/Clarkson) will be on site for the final day of competition, unless otherwise specified. Hosts/institutions are not required to have a photographer when Clarkson is not on site. An additional photographer may be hired by NCAA or host staff to shoot additional days and ancillary events, if the staff chooses. For those instances, it is necessary to have the hired photographer(s) complete the photography services agreement.

All photographers will agree to the NCAA Championship Photography Terms and Conditions upon requesting a credential. Photo sales are strictly prohibited.

Images for use by NCAA member institutions are available at a special rate and are bound by the following rights:

“For official NCAA member institution athletic department website, social media and publications only. Other reproduction, distribution, and/or display print production is prohibited unless specified in writing.”

For internal member institution use, please contact Clarkson-Creative at info@ncaaphotos.com with the name of the image(s) you would like to purchase, and an online transaction will be set up to download the image(s). All images should be credited, where it appears, to: ©Photographer’s Name/NCAA Photos. For all other uses, please contact Howie Burke howie.burke@gettyimages.com.

Any other entity, with the exception of the NCAA membership, seeking a championship event photo must license it through Getty Images. To license an NCAA championship event photo, please visit on.ncaa.com/NCAAonGetty.

For additional questions regarding championship photography, please contact Nate Flannery (nflannery@ncaa.org or 317-917-6222).

NCAA SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTS

The official NCAA social media pages and official hashtags can be found here: on.ncaa.com/socialaccounts

Host Promotion of Championships

A lot of hosts already have an established presence in social media. Examples are school, local organizing committee, sport corporations, venue or city pages/accounts. These pages/accounts are all acceptable places to promote hosting of an NCAA championship through the use of marketing messages and products supplied from the NCAA (links, web banners, fliers, etc.). The NCAA also promotes the championships (and the host involvement) on the appropriate NCAA social media pages/accounts. If the championship does not have an official NCAA account on a social media site, a host is still not permitted to create a page for it. The NCAA will make efforts to promote this championship on the other established methods, as necessary. Collaboration is encouraged through the use of cross-posting on Facebook or collaborations on Instagram (@ linking within text to drive fans to each other’s pages) and mentions on Twitter (X) and Instagram (@ links to show coordination in posts). In addition to collaboration, idea-sharing is also encouraged and can be coordinated with the NCAA social team through the championship’s contact.

A host should not create a social media account or page (Facebook page, Twitter (X) feed, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok account, etc.) solely devoted to promoting an NCAA championship. These pages become outdated, distract fans from established pages and fracture the NCAA message.

Please send direct questions, ideas, or news to Jeffrey Donely at jdonley@ncaa.org.

Section 20 • Meetings/Schedule of Events

COACHES' MEETING

A mandatory coaches' meeting will be conducted the week prior to the start of championships to review championships procedures and to discuss current fencing issues. The agenda for this meeting can be found in Appendix B.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The schedule of events should be reviewed by the tournament manager for start times, etc. A schedule of events can be found in Appendix A.

Section 21 • Officials

The tournament director will be advised by the NCAA national office of the 24 officials that will be assigned to officiate at the championships. Included in this list will be officials, a head official, assistant head official and replay technician.

CREDENTIALS

Be prepared to distribute credentials to the officials prior to the start of competition. **Credentials should be personalized with names by using an adhesive label.**

FEES AND EXPENSES

The NCAA will pay officials fees, per diem and travel expenses directly. The host will not need to account for these expenses in their budget.

HEAD OFFICIAL DUTIES

A head official will be assigned by the NCAA and will be responsible for the hiring of all officials. The head official is responsible for strip assignments for all officials.

HOSPITALITY

Breakfast, lunch and beverages for the officials should be provided each day of competition. This area should be set up in the officials' hospitality room at the competition venue. The host will be made aware of any dietary needs that may need consideration by the NCAA prior to the championships.

HOTEL

Officials' hotel rooms and tax should be billed to the host institution; the officials are responsible for incidental charges. The host institution will then file these expenses on the financial report form after the competition. **The officials may not be housed in the same hotel as the teams.**

TRANSPORTATION

Officials will be reimbursed according to the actual mode of transportation, not to exceed jet coach fare or 54 cents per mile, but not including terminal or other local transportation (unless approved in advance by the NCAA national office). Officials who receive approval for air travel must make flight arrangements through Short Travel at 866-655-9215.

If possible, the host should provide a hotel shuttle or van for transportation of the officials to and from the hotel to the competition site each day. Additionally, airport transportation is recommended for pick-up and drop-off of officials.

UNIFORM

Officials are required to wear (self-provided) a dark blazer, dark slacks or skirt, and white shirt and tie or white blouse while directing a bout. All officials shall wear the NCAA official's patch that is provided at the site.

Section 22 • Participating Individuals and Teams

PARTICIPANT MANUAL

The tournament manager shall compile a participant manual for visiting institutions. The tournament manager shall notify participating institutions of key, time-sensitive information (e.g., hotel contacts, banquet reservations, directions) immediately after selections.

The NCAA will provide a template for the participation manual.

Contents. This standardized manual should be “personalized” with the information specific to your situation. It is not necessary to repeat the handbook policy statements applicable to each heading; the appropriate handbook sections are referenced for the reader’s convenience, and repeating them would be an unnecessary duplication of effort and could result in inconsistency and errors.

Section 23 • Personnel

The following personnel are integral to the success of the championships. The host tournament manager is responsible for securing all personnel listed below.

Announcer. Secure an announcer with knowledge of the sport of fencing if possible. This individual will be responsible for announcing the participants competing in each round, results, PSAs provided by the NCAA and other announcements throughout the championships.

Ushers. The host shall provide ushers to monitor limited access areas including the competition floor throughout all days of competition. Volunteers may be used for these positions.

Athletic Training Staff. Arrange for an athletic trainer and training facilities (within/or nearby competition site) to be available 90 minutes before the start of competition, and for planned access to a physician and medical facility. Ensure that the trainers are familiar with the requirements of fencing movements.

Concession and Merchandise Areas. Host must secure individuals to be responsible for staffing the concession and merchandise areas.

Custodial Staff. Arrange for maintenance personnel to remove trash, sweep and straighten up the fencing area after each round. Recycle bins should be in each corral.

Electrician. An on-site electrician is highly suggested. Have personnel available to monitor heat, ventilation, lighting and electrical outlets.

Hospitality. The individual(s) shall set up and clean up the hospitality areas.

Sports Information. The host sports information director is responsible for the distribution of media credentials. This individual shall be responsible for soliciting appropriate information from each of the participating institutions if requested. Results should be emailed to ncaa-editorial@warnermedia.com for periodic posting on ncaa.com.

Section 24 • Programs

This championship will feature a digital game program that can be viewed online or downloaded at no charge. This program will be available online generally no later than two days prior to the first day of the event.

All digital programs available can be found at ncaa.com/gameprograms.

CONTENT/EDITORIAL

LEARFIELD Responsibilities

Responsible for all program production, including editorial content, layout and design, advertising, and printing.

Host Responsibilities

Media contact should provide LEARFIELD with text and photos for editorial pages about host institution/venue/city, if requested by LEARFIELD.

Any pages promoting the host institution/venue/city will not be display advertisements; those interested in purchasing advertising space for sponsors, etc., should contact Clerrinda Queen (clerrinda.queen@learfield.com).

PROMOTION

The NCAA will provide a PDF including a QR code that links to the digital program, a URL where the digital program can be accessed and imagery of the NCAA's Corporate Champions and Partners. This PDF, or digital handout, is also shared with participating schools for their promotional use.

If you would like this information ahead of time, please contact your NCAA administrator.

Best Practices

Below are a few best practices for promoting the championship digital program.

- Distribute the digital handout to fans.
- Create signage to direct fans to the digital program by using elements on the digital handout.
- Post the link on athletics and school-affiliated websites.
- Share the link on athletics and school-affiliated social media outlets.
- Share the link with student-athletes, faculty, alumni organizations and local media outlets, and any other group that may have interest.

SUPPLEMENTAL HANDOUTS

At championships sites where a digital program is available, LEARFIELD allows the host institution/venue to distribute supplemental handouts (i.e., updated statistics and notes) provided any such materials:

- Do not include any advertisements, local sponsor logos, etc.
- Include the QR code and URL to the digital program.
- Include the NCAA Corporate Champions and Partners imagery.

Printed supplements may be distributed free or sold, with all proceeds retained by the host. The host should not include expenses for such supplements in the championship budget and/or financial report.

All supplemental content is subject to NCAA and LEARFIELD approval.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your NCAA administrator or Chad Laytham (chad.laytham@learfield.com) at LEARFIELD.

Section 25 • Safety and Security

The NCAA is committed to supporting a safe and secure environment for championship events and is appreciative of the many federal, state and local partners who aid in maintaining a safe events for all athletes, coaches, fans and staff.

The NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop Best Practices for all NCAA championships. The SSAG developed these Best Practices based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own experience and knowledge. All hosts and competition venues are strongly encouraged to refer to the [Best Practices for Venue Safety and Security](#) when developing a safety and security program.

The suggestions outlined in the Best Practices for Venue Safety and Security are based on practices that are employed by competition venues across the nation. The need and ability to implement them at each facility and event will vary. Properly trained and equipped personnel constitute the primary element of implementing a successful safety and security program.

Best Practices for championships competition venue safety are intended for guidance purposes only; they are not a requirement under NCAA or other regulations or legislation. In addition, because of the wide variety of designs and sizes of competition venues; and composition and profile of particular events, not all Best Practices will be reasonable or applicable.

The Best Practices should not be viewed as a complete or primary source of information for developing or implementing the safety program for the competition venue hosting an NCAA championship. Rather, facility managers and local public safety personnel should consider the current national threat level, nature of specific threats and the full range of resources available when responding to changes in the threat condition levels.

Please submit your final safety and security plan with your bid materials. In addition, you will be prompted to provide information for the Critical Incident Response Team form when completing our bid via the NCAA Championships Bid Portal. Please be as specific as possible when providing emergency contacts and numbers.

Unless otherwise expressly authorized by applicable law, no firearms or weapons are permitted on these premises for NCAA championships and events, excluding authorized law enforcement officers. Failure to abide may subject you to ejection as well as other applicable discipline or action. The foregoing shall not limit the applicable equipment used in and for fencing and rifle competitions in accordance with NCAA rules, at the venues for such competitions.

WEATHER

To support and facilitate host institution management of weather and other environmental considerations and requirements, the NCAA has made arrangements to provide a complimentary lightning detection and weather monitoring system to each host institution on a complimentary basis for all rounds of competition for outdoor championships. It is important that the location address provided by the site representative and tournament director in the monitoring system is the actual physical location of where the event is taking place.

It is expected that the host institution will identify one or more tournament staff members who will have designated responsibility for weather monitoring. The site representative, host tournament staff, and any other stakeholders should share relevant email and/or cell phone contact information to enable timely receipt of all weather updates. A severe weather plan should be created and available for reference. The tournament director should also consider contacting a local meteorologist or the nearest National Weather Service office to further facilitate weather and environmental monitoring as part of each event.

If the tournament director and/or site representative determine that weather conditions could alter the approved championship event schedule, they should promptly contact the NCAA championship administrator manager with a summary and details of the anticipated weather/environmental issue and proposed alternative schedule prior to before making or announcing any formal changes.

Section 26 • Ticketing

TICKET POLICIES / OPERATIONS

1. **Ticket Design/Printing.** The NCAA prefers the use of mobile tickets for all championship events. If mobile ticketing is not feasible, the NCAA will manage the design and printing for championship tickets, assigning specific duties to the LOC/host and competition venue as needed. The NCAA will forward artwork of the proposed ticket design to the LOC/host and competition venue for review and input. The NCAA logo shall be the only logo used on the front or back of the tickets unless specifically authorized by the NCAA. The name of the host institution/conference may be printed on the front of the ticket(s) and/or on the cover of the ticket booklet. The NCAA will coordinate the printing of the tickets unless the NCAA directs the LOC/host or competition venue to coordinate the printing. The LOC/host shall incur all expenses associated with ticket printing, unless directed otherwise by the NCAA.
2. **Ticket Pricing.** With input and a recommendation from the LOC/host, the NCAA shall establish all ticket prices, including tickets for suites and standing room only. One hundred percent (100%) of the revenues from ticket sales shall be included in the championships receipts to help offset the NCAA guarantee (if applicable), championship expenses, and further revenue sharing opportunities. Revenue from the sale of championship tickets and championship-related event tickets will be exempt from sales, amusement, entertainment taxes and other surcharge obligations to the extent possible. The NCAA is a 501c(3) tax exempt organization. If a tax exemption is not applicable, then all applicable taxes and rates shall be disclosed (disclose in the sport-specific facility questionnaire) and any increases in the tax rates from the time the bid was submitted shall be absorbed by the bid respondent or rebated back to the NCAA.

Please note any minimum and maximum ticket prices as set forth by the committee or needed to meet financial guarantees.

The NCAA does not allow complimentary tickets to its championships. However, the NCAA will permit the purchase of tickets to use for championship promotional efforts. All ticket promotions must be approved in advance by the NCAA.

3. **Control of Ticket Sales.** The NCAA shall control all ticket sales for the championship, assigning specific duties to the LOC/host and competition venue as needed. The LOC/host and competition venue shall cooperate fully with the NCAA's official ticketing vendors and/or ticketing partners (e.g., primary ticket sales system provider, official ticket and hospitality package provider, official ticket exchange). The NCAA shall not be responsible for securing an exemption to any exclusive contracts the LOC/host, competition venue or surrounding areas/facilities might have, nor will the NCAA be responsible for any buyout or other means necessary to secure such an exemption.

Admittance to the competition venue on game days will be by ticket or NCAA-issued credential only. Every individual, regardless of age, must have a game ticket for admission, unless specified by the NCAA or venue policy. Unless specifically granted an exception, the NCAA requires that the competition venue utilize a ticket scanning system at all general public access points into the competition venue. The host venue system will be used for access control, box office walk-up sales and day of event issue resolution in the box office.

4. **Control of Venue Seating.** The NCAA shall control all seating assignments within the competition venue, including club seating, press boxes, hospitality clubs and restaurants.

The LOC/host or competition venue may not resell allotted championship game tickets at any price, nor may enter into a sponsorship agreement or hospitality/travel package agreement with any ticket broker, tour packager or other secondary ticket marketer to provide championship tickets in return for other considerations unless specifically authorized by the NCAA.

5. **Suites.**
 - a. The competition venue shall stipulate a quantity of private viewing suites available for the sole use of the NCAA or its designees at the time of the bid. All revenue from such suites will belong to the NCAA.
 - b. The NCAA will provide tickets, as necessary to the LOC/host and/or competition venue for those suite holders displaced to fulfill the NCAA suite seat requirements.

- c. Subject to NCAA approval, suites not made available to the NCAA or its designees shall remain under the control of the competition venue, but the face value ticket revenue for such suite seats will belong to the NCAA.
- d. Suite holders will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the suite to which they have purchased tenant rights. The venue's box office staff if assigned by the NCAA, shall solicit and confirm suite purchases by suite holders. At that time, suites not purchased by suite holders will be made available to the NCAA for additional use/sales opportunities in accordance with the agreed upon financial parameters.

6. LOC/Host Ticket Policies.

- a. **Allocation.** For all championships accepting bids, the NCAA may allocate to the LOC/host a number of saleable competition venue seats. These tickets shall be used to accommodate LOC/host guests, including but not limited to local contributors.
- b. **Ticket Allocation Limitation.** No more than 20 tickets shall be made available from the LOC/host or competition venue to any one entity without NCAA approval.
- c. **Assignment Information.** The LOC/host shall provide the NCAA with the names of those individuals assigned to each seat within the LOC/host's ticket allocation.

Subject to NCAA approval, the assignment of general public seats is the competition venue box office's responsibility, unless directed otherwise by the NCAA. The seat locations shall be designated by the NCAA. The competition venue must be in compliance with all applicable city, state or federal laws and regulations including those concerning access and seating for individuals with disabilities and their companions and assist with inquiries from ticket purchasers or holders in need of accessible seating or companion seating. Additionally, the box office shall assist with all lost, stolen or misdirected ticket issues. The competition venue shall be responsible for the labor necessary, as well as costs incurred, to process and distribute lost, stolen or misdirected tickets.

7. Competition Venue Responsibilities.

- a. **Seating Manifest.** The competition venue shall forward the NCAA a complete ticket manifest with a PDF or CAD drawing of the venue's configuration and cooperate fully with any NCAA ticketing partners.
- b. **Broadcast Partner Site Survey.** The NCAA's broadcast partner, in conjunction with the NCAA and the competition venue, may conduct a site survey approximately nine months in advance of the championship to determine the host set location, camera locations and determine the need for "seat kills."
- c. **Final Manifest.** Upon completion of the site survey and determination of "kill" seats, the competition venue shall provide the NCAA with a final seating manifest, reflecting all saleable seats, available suites and available hospitality/party suites.
- d. **General Public Assignments.** Subject to NCAA approval, the assignment of general public seats is the competition venue box office's responsibility, unless directed otherwise by the NCAA. The seat locations shall be designated by the NCAA. The competition venue must comply with all applicable city, state or federal laws and regulations including those concerning access and seating for the disabled and assist with inquiries from ticket holders in need of disabled tickets. Additionally, the box office shall assist with all lost, stolen, or misdirected ticket issues. The competition venue shall be responsible for the labor necessary, as well as costs incurred, to process and distribute lost, stolen, or misdirected tickets.
- e. **Participating Institutions' Tickets.** The competition venue's box office shall send the paper or mobile tickets allocated to the participating institutions by a date designated by the NCAA, unless directed otherwise by the NCAA. An invoice, manifest, seating diagram, instructions and payment deadline information shall be sent with the participating institution's tickets. The competition venue shall be responsible for the labor necessary, as well as costs incurred, to ship paper tickets.
- f. **Sales Reports.** The competition venue's box office shall be responsible for providing the NCAA with timely and accurate sales reports. Reports should be provided on a regular basis, as directed by the NCAA. The competition venue's box office shall cooperate fully with the NCAA's official ticketing vendors and/or ticketing partners in providing the reports.

- g. **Final Ticket Database.** Each host conference, institution and/or venue must provide ticket purchaser information to the NCAA upon request, as well as, at the conclusion of the competition. Collecting purchaser information is essential for marketing efforts and postevent purchaser surveys which allow the NCAA to improve the championships experience. All relevant purchaser information must be submitted in an Excel or CSV file. The information should include, but not be limited to: Last Name, First Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Email, Phone Number and purchase information such as Total Seats Purchased and Total Purchase Price.

2025-26 STANDARD TICKET BACK DISCLAIMER LANGUAGE

The NCAA's standard ticket back language is posted online at ncaa.com/ticket-terms.

The ticket back language should be placed on the back of all ticket stubs, but if it cannot be done (e.g., no new ticket stock is produced), this language must at a minimum be posted at all ticket windows for patrons to see, be included as an insert with the ticket mailing, etc. Patrons must be put on notice regarding the restrictions.

Section 27 • Transportation

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Teams eligible for air travel must arrange make arrangements through Short's Travel. Short's can be reached at 866-655-9215 or by email at ncaalo@shortstravel.com.

Institutions that fly, and are eligible for NCAA paid transportation on-site, will be required to use Short's Travel (STM Driven) to book on-site ground transportation. Short's Travel (STM Driven) can be reached at 844-814-3939 or at ncaachamps@stmDriven.com.

The home side ground transportation will be arranged by the institution in accordance with NCAA safety standards. Institutions that are eligible to drive to the championship will book ground transportation independently in accordance with the NCAA safety standards and seek reimbursement through the NCAA Travel Expense System (TES).

Expense reimbursement for participation in championships will be filed through our online system. The TES can be found at travel.ncaa.org.

All NCAA Championship travel information can be found [here](#).

PARKING

The host institution is responsible for securing complimentary parking at team hotels for team buses and any courtesy vehicles provided, if possible. The competition venue shall provide a designated complimentary parking area for team buses and courtesy cars at the competition venue.

Section 28 • Volunteers

GOAL AND RECRUITMENT

A volunteer program for the championship should be implemented to accomplish the following goals:

- Provide an enthusiastic and warm welcome to participants and guests.
- Answer questions and provide information to visitors.
- Contribute to the general excitement surrounding the championship.
- Assist the LOC with championship operations.

Championship volunteer programs should represent the student-athletes and communities we serve, embrace diversity and be inclusive of individuals from all backgrounds and identities. The NCAA and the LOC shall encourage recruitment and participation of volunteers from a talent pool of individuals that reflect diversity across all aspects, including race, age, sex, class, national origin, creed, educational background, religion, gender identify, disability, gender expression, geographical location, income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and work experiences. The LOC/host institution should keep the NCAA's commitment to diversity top of mind as they assign volunteers to the various roles and responsibilities throughout the championship.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and must sign a volunteer release waiver. Individuals with driving responsibilities MUST be 25 years of age or older.

Student-athletes or prospect-aged individuals MAY NOT be recruited in any way different than general public volunteers. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) cannot make a specific volunteer presentation to student-athletes of the host institution/conference. Student-athletes and prospect-aged individuals may apply to volunteer in the same manner as individuals from the general public. Student-athletes and prospect-aged individuals must be selected by the same criteria as the general public applicants.

The NCAA may request additional volunteers from the LOC as necessary.

WAIVERS

Each volunteer must sign a waiver of liability before the start of the championship (Appendix K). If there is a written agreement governing volunteer service, a release component must be added if one does not already exist. After the championship, all waivers shall be collected and kept on file, in case requested.

APPAREL

The NCAA will coordinate ordering and production of the apparel through the NCAA volunteer apparel program. BDA Sports and Event 1 have been selected as the official NCAA volunteer apparel providers for all 2025-26 championships. The NCAA will offer its Corporate Champions/Partners the opportunity to help offset the cost. The champion/partner would be permitted to place one logo on each apparel item, if a separate apparel item is provided for these volunteers.

The championship logo and the licensee's mark will be embroidered on the apparel. The licensee's logo may appear on the right chest or sleeve. The licensee's logo may be no larger than 2¼ inches square.

The LOC will distribute uniforms during the required volunteer training sessions to ensure each volunteer's commitment. When ordering uniforms, the LOC will ensure that apparel includes women's styles and sizes.

The games management staff, media coordination staff and host media operations staff should be included in overall volunteer numbers and should receive volunteer apparel.

NOTE: Hosts shall work in collaboration with the championship administrator on the selection, ordering and distribution of volunteer apparel.

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Appendix A • Schedule of Events

Schedule of Events
National Collegiate Athletic Association
Men's and Women's Fencing Championships

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

3:30-7 p.m. Participant registration, equipment check, and open practice.

Thursday, March 19, 2026

7 a.m. Armory and training room open. All strips available for warmup.

8:30 a.m. Officials report to strips.

8:45 a.m. National anthem.

9 a.m. Women's Epee - rounds 1-3.

11 a.m. Women's Foil - rounds 1-3.

1:30 p.m. Women's Sabre - rounds 1-3.

Friday, March 20, 2026

7 a.m. Armory and training room open. All strips available for warmup.

8:45 a.m. National anthem.

9 a.m. Women's Epee - rounds 4-5.

Women's Foil - rounds 4-5.

Women's Sabre - rounds 4-5.

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Equipment/Weapons check available for participating male student-athletes.

1:30 p.m. Women's Semifinal and Championship Bouts.

The six semifinal bouts will be fenced on one strip, sequentially in epee, foil and sabre. All final bouts will be fenced after the semifinals, in the same order. An awards ceremony for women's team and individual champions will follow.

Saturday, March 21, 2026

7 a.m. Armory and training room open. All strips available for warmup.

8:45 a.m. National anthem.

9 a.m. Men's Epee - rounds 1-3.

11 a.m. Men's Foil - rounds 1-3.

1:30 p.m. Men's Sabre - rounds 1-3.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

7 a.m. Armory and training room open. All strips available for warmup.

8:45 a.m. National anthem.

9 a.m. Men's Epee - rounds 4-5.

Men's Foil - rounds 4-5.

Men's Sabre - rounds 4-5.

1:30 p.m. Men's Semifinal and Championship Bouts.

The six semifinal bouts will be fenced on one strip, sequentially in epee, foil and sabre. All final bouts will be fenced after the semifinals, in the same order. An awards ceremony for men's team and individual champions will follow.

Appendix B • Agenda

A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships

Administrative Meeting

March 13, 2026

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1. Welcome and introductions.
 - a. NCAA committee.
 - b. Penn State host staff.
2. General championships information.
 - a. Schedule of events.
 - b. Important deadlines (see participant manual).
 - c. Hotel Information.
 - d. ESPN.
 - e. Finals set-up/Awards.
3. Host information.
 - a. Credentials
 - b. Parking.
 - c. Participant entrances.
 - d. Team equipment areas/restrooms.
 - e. Practice strips.
 - f. Hospitality.
 - g. Athletic training.
 - h. Sports information.
 - i. Tickets.
 - j. Concessions.
 - k. Merchandise sales.
4. Officiating.
 - a. Head referee/assistant head referee.
 - b. Rules points of emphasis.
 - c. Equipment and apparel check.
 - d. Bout committee.
5. NCAA championships review.
 - a. Drug testing.
 - b. Misconduct.
6. Future Championships.
 - 2027 - Duke.
 - 2028 - Penn State.
7. Adjournment.

Appendix C • Official Travel Party Information



OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY INFORMATION FORM

The following form will be used by the host and NCAA Fencing Committee as your official roster and travel party. Please list all members of the official travel party, along with those members of our staff that you will be purchasing additional credential(s) for as allowable by the policies outlined in the 2024-25 pre-championships manual.

Please return completed form to: Zach Christopher (zchristopher@ncaa.org) AND Alyssa Felty (amf6962@psu.edu)

INSTITUTION: _____

HEAD COACH: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

ARRIVAL TIME: _____ DEPARTURE TIME: _____

STUDENT-ATHLETES

Student-athletes selected to compete in the championships.

Name	Weapon
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
9 _____	_____
10 _____	_____
11 _____	_____
12 _____	_____

NON-ATHLETE PERSONNEL

Coaches, trainers, armorers, etc.

NOT to exceed the allotment allowed by the ratio below

Name	Position
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____

OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY RATIO

1-3 Student-athletes = 1 Non-athlete

4-6 Student-athletes = 2 Non-athletes

7-9 Student-athletes = 3 Non-athletes

10 or more student-athletes = 5 Non-athletes

[TEAM ADMINISTRATOR CREDENTIAL LINK](#)

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS

An additional credential may be purchased at the cost of \$50.00

Name	Position
1 _____	_____

Appendix D • Team Pronunciation Form



OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY PRONUNCIATION FORM

The following form will be used by the host for championships announcements. Please list all competing student-athletes and credentialed team personnel, along with phonetic spellings.

Please return completed form to:
Patrick Donghia (pad11@psu.edu)

INSTITUTION: _____

	<u>STUDENT-ATHLETES</u>	
	Name	Phonetic Spelling
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
8	_____	_____
9	_____	_____
10	_____	_____
11	_____	_____
12	_____	_____

	<u>Team Personnel</u>	
	Name	Phonetic Spelling
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____

Appendix E • National Anthem Format

NCAA Championships National Anthem Format

“On behalf of the NCAA, welcome to today’s NCAA Men’s and Women’s Fencing Championships. In the spirit of sportsmanship, we ask that all fans act responsibly and courteously to those around you. Abusive language or disorderly conduct is unacceptable and unwelcome at all the NCAA tournaments. Let’s afford the student-athletes and your fellow fans the respect they deserve. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Please stand – to honor America and those who support our freedom at home and abroad, join (NAME OF SINGER OR BAND, if applicable) for our national anthem.”

Appendix F • Awards Ceremony Script

2026 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships

Awards Ceremony Script

At this time, we would like to recognize the top eight women finishers in each weapon at the 2026 National Collegiate Fencing Championships.

First, the top eight finishers in the **Women's Epee**:

In eighth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In seventh place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In sixth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In fifth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In second place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

And your 2026 NCAA champion in the women's Epee, from

_____, _____
Institution Fencer

The top eight finishers in the **WOMEN'S FOIL**:

In eighth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In seventh place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In sixth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In fifth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In second place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

And your 2026 NCAA champion in the women's FOIL, from

_____, _____
Institution Fencer

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FENCING

The top eight finishers in the **WOMEN'S SABRE**:

In eighth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In seventh place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In sixth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In fifth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In second place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

And your 2026 NCAA champion in the women's SABRE, from

_____, _____
Institution Fencer

At this time, we would like to recognize the top eight finishers in each weapon at the 2026 National Collegiate Fencing Championships.

The top eight finishers in the **MEN'S EPEE**:

In eighth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In seventh place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In sixth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In fifth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In second place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

And your 2026 NCAA champion in the men's EPEE, from

_____, _____
Institution Fencer

The top eight finishers in the **MEN'S FOIL**:

In eighth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In seventh place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In sixth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In fifth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In second place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

And your 2026 NCAA champion in the men's FOIL, from

_____, _____
Institution Fencer

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE FENCING

The top eight finishers in the **MEN'S SABRE**:

In eighth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In seventh place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In sixth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In fifth place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In a tie for third place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

In second place, from _____, _____
Institution Fencer

And your 2026 NCAA champion in the men's SABRE, from

_____, _____
Institution Fencer

Congratulations to all participants.

TEAM TROPHY PRESENTATION

Women's

Now, we would like to introduce the top four team finishers at the 2026 National Collegiate Women's Fencing Championships and present them with their trophies.

In fourth place, with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

In third place, with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

In second place, with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

And your 2026 National Collegiate Women's Fencing Champions,

with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

Congratulations to _____ and all the participants at the 2026 NCAA Women's Fencing championship!
(champions)

Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes the 2026 National Collegiate Women's Fencing Championship. On behalf of the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee and [INSERT HOST INSTITUTION NAME], we thank you for your attendance and support of NCAA Championships.

Men's

Now, we would like to introduce the top four team finishers at the 2026 National Collegiate Men's Fencing Championships and present them with their trophies.

In fourth place, with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

In third place, with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

In second place, with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

And your 2026 National Collegiate Men's Fencing Champions,
with ____ points, _____, coached by _____
Institution coach

Congratulations to _____ and all the participants at the 2026 NCAA Men's Fencing championship!
(champions)

Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes the 2026 National Collegiate Men's Fencing Championship. On behalf of the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee and [INSERT HOST INSTITUTION NAME], we thank you for your attendance and support of NCAA Championships.

Appendix G • Crowd Control Statement

(TO BE READ BY PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER PRIOR TO START OF EVENT)

“THE NCAA ENCOURAGES AND PROMOTES GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BY STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND SPECTATORS. WE REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION BY SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPANTS AND OFFICIALS IN A POSITIVE MANNER. PROFANITY, RACIAL OR ETHNIC COMMENTS, OR OTHER INTIMIDATING ACTIONS DIRECTED AT OFFICIALS, STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES OR TEAM REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND ARE GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE SITE OF COMPETITION. ALSO, CONSUMPTION OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS PROHIBITED.”

Appendix H • Local Photographer Limited License

This page is intentionally blank as information was not available at the time of print.

For questions regarding championship local photography limited license, please contact Nate Flannery (nflannery@ncaa.org).

Appendix I • Critical Incident Response



APPENDIX I

CHAMPIONSHIPS CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION
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CHAMPIONSHIP(S): National College Men's and Women's Fencing DIVISION: NC

HOST INSTITUTION/
CONFERENCE: Ohio State University

FACILITY NAME: French Field House

ADDRESS: 460 Woody Hayes Dr.

CITY: Columbus STATE: Ohio ZIP: 43210

CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

Name	Position	Cell	Office
Zach Christopher	NCAA Championship Manager	317-319-8740	317-917-6112
N/A	NCAA Secondary Championship Manager (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
N/A	NCAA Site Representative	N/A	N/A
Tyler Eatman	Tournament Director	973-392-3462	614-247-6671
Jessica Jones	Assistant Tournament Director	770-401-5095	614-292-6352
Leann Parker	NCAA Media Coordinator (if applicable)	614-266-4309	614-688-0294
Leann Parker	Sports Information Director (SID)	614-266-4309	614-688-0294
Erin Ralston	Athletic Trainer	937-776-2462	614-292-2078
Quinn Blosser		614-361-4935	614-292-2078
Dr. Larry Nolan	Tournament Physician	614-293-3600	412-997-7313
Kevin Gilson	Facility Manager	614-374-0872	614-247-8767
Shelaine Larson		614-325-0959	

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Local Police Department	614-292-2121						
Local Fire Department	614-292-2121						
Local EMS	614-292-2121						
State Police	614-292-2121						
State Health Official (also insert name, cell phone number and e-mail address)	<table><tr><td><u>Name</u></td><td><u>Cell</u></td><td><u>E-mail</u></td></tr><tr><td>Robert "Bob" Armstrong</td><td>614-588-2950</td><td>armstrong.349.osu.edu</td></tr></table>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cell</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	Robert "Bob" Armstrong	614-588-2950	armstrong.349.osu.edu
<u>Name</u>	<u>Cell</u>	<u>E-mail</u>					
Robert "Bob" Armstrong	614-588-2950	armstrong.349.osu.edu					
County Health Official (also insert name, cell phone number and e-mail address)	<table><tr><td><u>Name</u></td><td><u>Cell</u></td><td><u>E-mail</u></td></tr><tr><td>Elizabeth Wilson</td><td>614-645-6736</td><td>emwilson@columbus.gov</td></tr></table>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cell</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	Elizabeth Wilson	614-645-6736	emwilson@columbus.gov
<u>Name</u>	<u>Cell</u>	<u>E-mail</u>					
Elizabeth Wilson	614-645-6736	emwilson@columbus.gov					
Poison Control Center	800-222-1222						

LOCAL HOSPITAL

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center	410 W 10 th Ave, Columbus, OH, 43210	614-293-3333

Appendix J • Score and Video Volunteer Instructions



APPENDIX J

National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships Score and Video Volunteer Instructions

1. Report to the tournament administration table one-half hour before each scheduled session.
2. A pencil and clipboard with bout sheets will be provided to the score volunteer prior to proceeding to your assigned fencing strip.
3. Test weights and gauges, warning cards and a penalty chart will be placed at each strip. Upon arriving at your assigned strip, check in with the referee assigned to that strip and assure these items are there.
4. Notify the referee when you require relief from your assigned duties. Never leave the score table or camera during a session without being replaced.
5. Relationships to the referee of your strip- instructions before the start of competition.
 - a. The referee controls the entire action of the bout (i.e., the contest, checking of weapons, machines, checking video replay, etc.).
 - b. Become acquainted with the referee. Ask for special instructions such as how the referee will designate when a touch has been made. Learn the referee's mannerisms as quickly as possible so you can work together as a team.
 - c. Clearly announce names of fencers for each bout and the two "on deck" fencers as well.
 - d. Clearly announce the score after every touch for the fencers and the referee. When announcing the score, the score of the fencer scoring the last touch is announced first.
 - f. Warnings issued by the referee must be noted on the official score sheet.
 - g. The scorekeeper is responsible for observing the scoring apparatus at all times so that he/she will be able to inform the referee which light came on and the timing of such illumination.
6. At the completion of each round as the situation requires, obtain the signatures of the referee and the fencers and sign your name in the appropriate place.
7. At the conclusion of your, be sure to turn in all scores that have been collected to the official scorer located at the bout table.
8. Have fun!

Appendix K • Volunteer Waiver of Liability

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Event: _____ (the “Event”)

Participant’s Name (Please print): _____ (the “Participant”)

Participant’s Age: _____

In consideration for permitting Participant to participate as a volunteer in the Event as directed by the relevant staff, the undersigned, for themselves, and for their respective heirs, personal representatives and assigns, agree as follows:

Assumption of Risk: The undersigned hereby acknowledge and agree that they understand the nature of the Event; that Participant is qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate therein; that there are certain inherent risks and dangers associated with the Event; and that, except as expressly set forth herein, they, knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, Participant’s participation in the Event.

Release and Waiver: The undersigned hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the National Collegiate Athletic Association and its member institutions, _____ or any subdivision thereof, and each of them, their officers and employees, (collectively, the “Releasees”), from and for any liability resulting from any personal injury, accident or illness (including death), and/or property loss, however caused, arising from, or in any way related to, Participant’s participation in the Event, except for those caused by the willful misconduct, gross negligence or intentional torts of the above parties, as applicable.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: The undersigned also hereby agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD the Releasees HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities including, but not limited to, attorney’s fees, arising from, or in any way related to, Participant’s participation in the Event, except for those arising out of the willful misconduct, gross negligence or intentional torts of the above parties, as applicable.

Permission to Use Likeness/Name: The undersigned further agree to allow, without compensation, Participant’s likeness and/or name to appear, and to otherwise be used, in material, regardless of media form, promoting the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and/or its championships, events and activities, including those of its representatives and licensees.

Severability: The undersigned expressly agree that the foregoing assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of _____ and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: The undersigned have read this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the same. The undersigned fully understand this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, that the undersigned are giving up substantial rights in connection therewith, and that its terms are contractual, and not a mere recital. The undersigned acknowledge that they are signing this agreement freely and voluntarily.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor
(if Participant is under the age of 18)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor
(if Participant is under the age of 18)

Date