



*2020 DIVISION I*  
**FIELD HOCKEY**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2020-21 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

Sections one through eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

## Section 1.1 Definitions

**Pre-championship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

**Appendixes.** Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

**Championship Manager.** The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

**Games Committee.** The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

**NCAA National Committee.** The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

**Non-predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

**Playing Rules.** The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

**Predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

**Preliminary Rounds.** The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

**Regional Alignment.** The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

**Schedule of Events.** Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

**Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

**Site Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

**Squad Size.** Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

# Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes' optimal experience.

**Executing** championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

**Coordinating** all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

**Integrating** championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

**Enhancing** the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

## Section 3 • Concussion Management

*[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA [Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

## Section 4 • Conduct

### Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

### Section 4•2 Drug Testing

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

### Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.](#)

### Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

## POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

## HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

## Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

## Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes 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 in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](http://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel reservations.

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a

single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

## Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

## Section 9 • Division I

### Section 9•1 Religious Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

# Division I Field Hockey

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# Section 1 • General Administration

## Section 1•1 NCAA Tournament Operations Staff Contact Information

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## Section 1•2 National Committee

Current members of the committee are as follows:

### MID-ATLANTIC REGION

#### Lynn Farquhar

Head Field Hockey Coach  
Saint Joseph's University

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### Caitlyn Prandato

Assistant Athletics Director  
Harvard University

### WEST REGION

#### Britt Broady

Head Coach  
University of California, Davis

### MIDEAST REGION

#### Becca Main

Head Field Hockey Coach  
Quinnipiac University

### SOUTH REGION

#### Steve Kanaby, chair

Associate Commissioner  
Colonial Athletic Association

### WEST REGION

#### Jennie Gilbert

Associate Athletics Director  
Miami University (Ohio)

## Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>MID-ATLANTIC REGION</b>		
Lynn Farquhar, chair	Saint Joseph's	Atlantic 10
Missy Meharg	Maryland	Big Ten
E.A. Jackson	Towson	Colonial
Colleen Fink	Pennsylvania	Ivy League
Joanie Milhous	Villanova	Big East
<b>MIDEAST REGION</b>		
Becca Main, chair	Quinnipiac	Big East
Sydney Van Der Merwe	Sacred Heart	Northeast
Katie DeSandis	Columbia	Ivy League
Caitlin Dallmeyer	Lehigh	Patriot

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>		
<b>Caitlyn Prandato, chair</b>	<b>Harvard</b>	<b>Ivy League</b>
Laura Gebhart	Bryant	Northeast
Kelly Doton	Boston College	Atlantic Coast
Katherine Bergstrom	America East	America East
Sally Starr	Boston University	Patriot
<b>SOUTH REGION</b>		
<b>Steve Kanaby, chair</b>	<b>Colonial</b>	<b>Colonial</b>
Nikki Parsley	Liberty	Big East
Jamie Montgomery	Richmond	Atlantic 10
Pam Bustin	Duke	Atlantic Coast
<b>WEST REGION</b>		
<b>Jennie Gilbert, co-chair</b>	<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>	<b>MAC</b>
<b>Britt Broady, co-chair</b>	UC Davis	America East
Tracy Fuchs	Northwestern	Big Ten
Justine Sowry	Louisville	Atlantic Coast

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Late October</b>	Memo to conferences regarding 2020-21 automatic qualification forms available online.
<b>Monday, Feb. 1, 2021</b>	Deadline for online automatic qualification forms to be submitted for 2020-21 academic year.
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	First release of rating percentage index (RPI).
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>	Second release of RPI.
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b>	Third release of RPI.
<b>Tuesday, March 30</b>	Fourth release of RPI.
<b>Tuesday, April 6</b>	Fifth release of RPI.
<b>Tuesday, April 13</b>	Sixth release of RPI.
<b>Tuesday, April 20</b>	Seventh release of RPI.
<b>Friday, April 23</b>	Deadline for notifying the NCAA championship manager of any student-athlete(s) who may be ineligible or unavailable for championship play.
<b>Saturday, April 24</b>	Selection and notification of teams that will be participating in the championship at 10 p.m. Eastern time.
<b>Monday, May 3</b>	Coaches and administrators of semifinal teams will meet via teleconference at 11 a.m. Eastern time.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

<b>Friday/Sunday, April 30 and May 2</b>	First and second rounds.
<b>Friday/Sunday, May 7 and 9</b>	Semifinals and finals, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, host.

## FUTURE DATES

Year	Opening round	First/second rounds	Semifinals/finals
2021	Wednesday, Nov. 10	Friday/Sunday, Nov. 12 and 14	Friday/Sunday, Nov. 19 and 21, University of Michigan, host.
2022	Wednesday, Nov. 9	Friday/Sunday, Nov. 11 and 13	Friday/Sunday, Nov. 18 and 20, University of Connecticut, host.

## Section 1•5 Equipment

The Kookaburra Standard Dimple (white) field hockey ball is the official ball on “non-filled” watered artificial surfaces for the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship. The orange ball will be used at the discretion of the games committee.

Penn Monto is the official supplier and will provide Kookaburra game balls to each first-/second-round and final site host institution. Those quantities will be communicated after selections.

Each first- and second-round host institution shall provide 100 practice balls.

## Section 1•6 Rules

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

The NCAA Rule Modifications are available on the NCAA website at [ncaa.org/championships/division-i-field-hockey](http://ncaa.org/championships/division-i-field-hockey).

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

The field hockey championship will be conducted according to International Field Hockey rules and the NCAA rules modifications.

## Section 1•7 Uniforms

### LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

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The NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship provides for a 12-team tournament. There will be five regions: Mid-Atlantic, Mideast, Northeast, South and West. A listing of the regions appears in [Appendix B](#).

**Inclement Weather.** If a game is suspended or postponed, it will be the decision of the games committee and the game officials to determine if the game can be continued that day. If conditions dictate that the game cannot be completed, the NCAA site representative and tournament manager shall contact John Bugner (cell: 317-522-7220). Only after contacting Mr. Bugner may a game be suspended until the next day or moved to an alternate site. Teams should be prepared with footwear for any playing surface.

Once all efforts have been exhausted and the game cannot be completed, the field hockey committee shall determine the advancing team as follows: If fewer than 30 minutes have been played, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place, which states that the game must be completed within a reasonable time period, within 24 hours. If more than 30 minutes have been played, the leading team shall advance. If at least 30 minutes have been completed when play is suspended, and the score is tied, the team that advances is determined based on the selection process currently in place.

### START TIMES

Whenever possible, teams should be given 24 hours of recovery time between games. For the first and second rounds, first-round games should begin at noon and 2:30 p.m., and the second-round games should begin at noon and 2:30 p.m. For the semifinals, game times are 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The championship game starts at 1 p.m.

### TRAVEL PARTY

Transportation and per diem expenses will be provided for an official traveling party of a maximum of 28. The squad size is 24 student-athletes in uniform. Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](http://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

## Section 2•2 Results

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### STAT CREW

All host sites should use Stat Crew programs to submit statistics for postseason contests. At the end of each game or day of competition, please submit the XML file as done throughout the regular season.

Please contact Sahar Abdur-Rashid ([srashid@ncaa.org](mailto:srashid@ncaa.org)) with any questions.

### SCORE REPORTING

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site ([web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login](http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login)), and this information is transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines are communicated to sports information directors in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Ms. Abdur-Rashid at [srashid@ncaa.org](mailto:srashid@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6547.

### RPI

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site ([web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login](http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login)), and this information is transferred into the RPI system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines are communicated to sports information directors in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Ms. Abdur-Rashid at [srashid@ncaa.org](mailto:srashid@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6547.

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

The following conferences have been granted automatic qualification privileges for the 2020 championship:

America East Conference	Colonial Athletic Association
Atlantic 10 Conference	The Ivy League*
Atlantic Coast Conference	Mid-American Conference
Big East Conference	Northeast Conference
Big Ten Conference	Patriot League

\*Note: The Ivy League will not participate in the 2020 championship.

### AT-LARGE SELECTION

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must complete a minimum of six contests. The .500 rule (won-lost record of .500 or better) has been suspended for the 2020-21 academic year..

**Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – Countable Competition.** For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of the United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year college and club teams shall be excluded.

The host institution of all sites should conduct two on-site meetings: one with the umpires and one with the coaches and team personnel. There will be an NCAA site representative in attendance. A participant manual shall also be created and provided to the visiting teams.

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](https://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

### SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Division I Field Hockey Committee has received approval from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the field hockey championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Rating Percentage Index (RPI). The RPI includes a team's Division I winning percentage (25%), opponents' average winning percentage (50%) and the opponents' opponents' average winning percentage (25%).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results against common opponents.
- Late-season performance in the last seven games, including conference tournament play (strength and results).
- Significant wins and losses.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the field hockey committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the field hockey committee.

A selection announcement will be broadcast at 10 p.m. Eastern time Saturday, April 24 on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com).

## COUNTABLE GAMES

For selection and/or ranking purposes, the field hockey committee will only consider games that include four periods of 15 minutes each, with ties played off by using the entire championships tiebreaker procedure, including shootouts. Games terminated because of rules modification 6.3 also are countable games (see rules modifications at the following link: [ncaa.org/championships/division-i-field-hockey](http://ncaa.org/championships/division-i-field-hockey)). Games played against mixed teams and club teams will not be counted for rankings and selections. Non-Division I games will not be counted.

## PAIRINGS

For the 2020-21 season only, there will be two predetermined first-/second-round sites with six teams assigned per site. A quarter of the bracket will be seeded. The top four teams will have a first-round bye. The committees will use the geographic considerations to help maintain the balance and integrity of the bracket. The committees will also separate first-round conference opponents when assigning teams to sites.

The other eight teams will be placed in the bracket based on geography and using the minimum number of flights. The committee will use the distance of 400 miles to determine when a flight would be necessary. The NCAA will use [web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles](http://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles) for the official mileage.

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting the predetermined preliminary-round competition of the 2020 championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid."

Please note that all member institutions have regular and easy access to their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org) or contact the respective championship manager.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Wednesday, Feb. 17.

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committee's/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

## FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting championship preliminary-round competition must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information, e.g., facility diagram, pictures, may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in its deliberations of prospective host sites.

### KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org).

### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Each facility profile should include the safety and security plan for that facility. This information can be uploaded and attached to the profile by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org).

### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the “budget” tab not later than 60 days after the event.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact John Bugner at 317-917-6529 or [jbugner@ncaa.org](mailto:jbugner@ncaa.org), or email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org), if you have any questions regarding the bid process.

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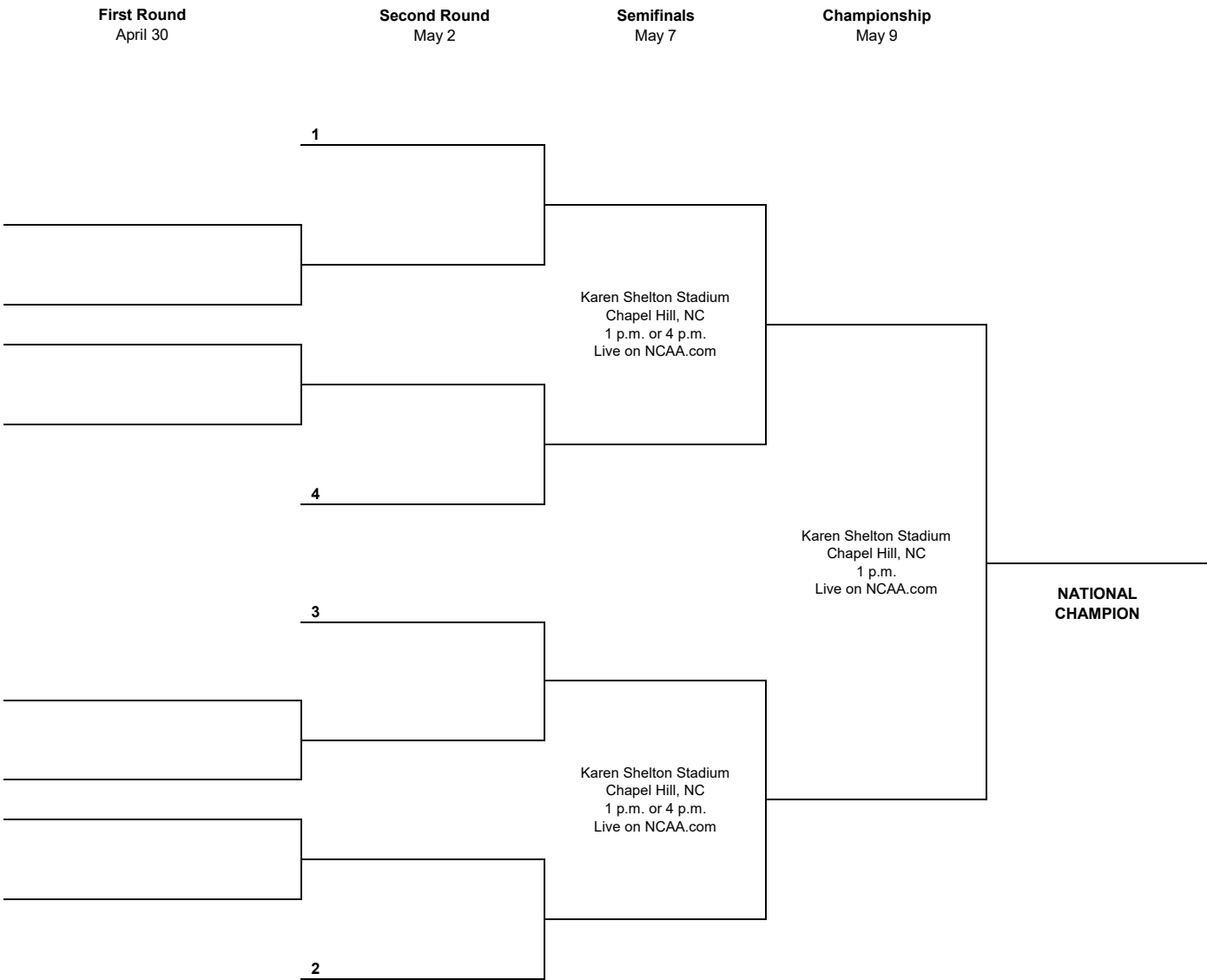
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Appendix A • Bracket



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\* Host Institution for first- and second-round games  
Home team is the seeded team in the seeded game  
# Home team in the non-seeded game

Game times for first-round games:  
Noon for seeded games  
2:30 p.m. for non-seeded games

All times are Eastern time.  
Information subject to change.

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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### MID-ATLANTIC REGION

#### America East Conference (1)

Monmouth University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

#### Atlantic 10 Conference (2)

La Salle University

Saint Joseph's University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

#### Big East Conference (2)

Temple University

Villanova University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

#### Big Ten Conference (2)

University of Maryland, College Park

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick

AQ – Postseason Tournament

#### Colonial Athletic Association (3)

University of Delaware

Drexel University

Towson University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

#### The Ivy League (2)

University of Pennsylvania

Princeton University

AQ – Not Participating

#### Northeast Conference (2)

Rider University

Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Postseason Tournament

#### Patriot League (1)

American University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

## MIDEAST REGION

### Atlantic 10 Conference (1)

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

AQ – Postseason Tournament

### Atlantic Coast Conference (1)

Syracuse University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

### Big East Conference (2)

University of Connecticut

Quinnipiac University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

### Big Ten Conference (1)

Pennsylvania State University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

### Colonial Athletic Association (1)

Hofstra University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

### The Ivy League (3)

Columbia University-Barnard College

Cornell University

Yale University

AQ – Not Participating

### Northeast Conference (4)

Fairfield University

Long Island University

Sacred Heart University

Wagner College

AQ – Postseason Tournament

### Patriot League (4)

Bucknell University

Colgate University

Lafayette College

Lehigh University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**NORTHEAST REGION****America East Conference (5)**

University at Albany  
 University of Maine  
 University of Massachusetts Lowell

University of New Hampshire  
 University of Vermont

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Atlantic 10 Conference (1)**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Atlantic Coast Conference (1)**

Boston College

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Big East Conference (1)**

Providence College

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Colonial Athletic Association (1)**

Northeastern University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**The Ivy League (3)**

Brown University  
 Dartmouth College

Harvard University

AQ – Not Participating

**Northeast Conference (2)**

Bryant University

\*Merrimack College [reclassifying]

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Patriot League (2)**

Boston University

College of the Holy Cross

AQ – Postseason Tournament

*\*Not eligible for NCAA championships*

SOUTH REGION

Atlantic 10 Conference (3)

Davidson College  
University of Richmond

Virginia Commonwealth University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Atlantic Coast Conference (4)

Duke University  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

University of Virginia  
Wake Forest University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Big East Conference (3)

Georgetown University  
Liberty University

Old Dominion University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Colonial Athletic Association (2)

James Madison University

William & Mary

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Mid-American Conference (2)

Appalachian State University

Longwood University

AQ – Regular Season Conference Champion

**WEST REGION****America East Conference (3)**

University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis

Stanford University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Atlantic 10 Conference (1)**

Saint Louis University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Atlantic Coast Conference (1)**

University of Louisville

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Big Ten Conference (6)**

Indiana University, Bloomington  
University of Iowa  
University of Michigan

Michigan State University  
Northwestern University  
The Ohio State University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

**Mid-American Conference (5)**

Ball State University  
Central Michigan University  
Kent State University

Miami University (Ohio)  
Ohio University

AQ – Regular Season Conference Champion

**Independent (1)**

\*Bellarmino University [reclassifying]

*\*Not eligible for NCAA championships*