



2026-27 NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First-, Second- and Quarterfinal-Rounds Preferred Starting Times

If you are selected to host a first-, second- or quarterfinal-round game during the 2026-27 NCAA Division I Football Championship, please indicate your preferred start times and upload this form to the NCAA Championships Bid portal (<https://championships.ncaa.org>) **by the end of the day Thursday, Nov. 5.**

It is preferred that first-, second- and quarterfinal-round games broadcast on ESPN+ start no earlier than 2 p.m. local time. Preferred game times will be taken into strong consideration. However, finalized game times will ultimately be determined by ESPN in consultation with the NCAA. ESPN added set windows and networks, so flexibility may not be as easy as it was in years past. Please note below those locked in windows.

Host Institution: _____

First Round – Saturday, Nov. 28 (all ESPN+, flexibility on game times)

Preferred Start Time: _____
please list local time AND Eastern time

If preferred time is earlier than 2 p.m. local time, please explain why. _____

Please note any known conflicts on campus or at your facility. _____

Second Round – Saturday, Dec. 5 (all ESPN+, flexibility on game times)

Preferred Start Time: _____
please list local time AND Eastern time

If preferred time is earlier than 2 p.m. local time, please explain why. _____

Please note any known conflicts on campus or at your facility. _____

Quarterfinal Round – Friday, Dec. 11 or Saturday, Dec. 12 (Friday window is 9 p.m. ET (ESPN); Saturday windows are Noon ET (ESPN), 8 p.m. ET (ESPN) and one ESPN+; time TBD)

Preferred Start Time: _____
please list local time AND Eastern time

If preferred time is earlier than 2 p.m. local time, please explain why. _____

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Due to available television windows, the matchups for the quarterfinal(s) and both semifinal-round games will be determined by ESPN in consultation with the NCAA.