



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Sports Information Contacts of Qualified Institutions for the 2022 NCAA Division II Football Championship.

FROM: Amy Skiles
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SUBJECT: 2022 NCAA Division II Football Championship Television Broadcast, Internet Video Streaming and Radio / Internet Audio Rights.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS MEMORANDUM TO NCAA CONFERENCE/INSTITUTION TELEVISION NETWORKS / REGIONAL SPORTS NETWORKS / LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS, INTERNET VIDEO ENTITIES AND RADIO CONTACTS

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2022 NCAA Division II Football Championship. This memorandum is to inform you of the guidelines and procedures for obtaining broadcast rights (i.e., television broadcast, Internet video streaming, radio / Internet audio) for various preliminary rounds of the Division II Football Championship that do **NOT** have predetermined national television (i.e., Turner, CBS, ESPN, Golf Channel) and/or Turner Sports / NCAA.com digital Internet video streaming coverage. **All information included in this memorandum can be obtained by reviewing the content found on [NCAA.com/media](https://www.ncaa.com/media).**

[Please Note: The contacts, guidelines and procedures differ for obtaining available broadcast rights (i.e., television broadcast, Internet video streaming, radio / Internet audio). [Television broadcast rights \(see Page Nos. 1-5\)](#) will be awarded by the NCAA; [Internet video streaming rights \(see Page No. 5\)](#) will be awarded by Turner Sports; and [radio / Internet audio rights \(see Page No. 5\)](#) will be awarded by Learfield. Please see the respective sections for additional information related to obtaining these respective broadcast rights.]

TELEVISION BROADCAST RIGHTS

After selections, ESPN will have the first opportunity to activate their broadcast rights for selected preliminary-round (i.e., first round, second round, quarterfinal) games. For “unselected” games, these broadcast television rights revert to the NCAA to grant/sell them to any network (e.g., NCAA conference/institution television networks; RSNs; local television stations), if it so chooses.

Qualified NCAA conference/institution television networks, Regional Sports Networks (RSNs) and local television stations may submit their completed Television Broadcast Rights Request Form to Amy Skiles (askiles@ncaa.org) of the NCAA by the competitive bidding deadline. **[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Television Broadcast Rights Request Form (i.e., Google Forms)!**

The competitive bidding deadlines are as follows:

<u>ROUND</u>	<u>COMPETITION DAY(S)</u>	<u>COMPETITIVE BIDDING DEADLINE</u>
First Round	Saturday, November 19	Tuesday, November 15 NOON Eastern time
Second Round	Saturday, November 26	Monday, November 21 5:00 PM Eastern time
Quarterfinals	Saturday, December 3	Monday, November 28 5:00 PM Eastern time

**Competitive bidding deadlines are put in place so NCAA conference/institution television networks / RSNs and local television stations that are serious about producing NCAA championship game(s) get adequate notice to plan production details and promotion of telecasts.*

National Semifinals / Championship. ESPN, Inc. owns the live domestic television broadcast rights and Internet video streaming rights to the Division II Football Championship national semifinals and the national championship games.

Both national semifinal games will take place Saturday, December 10, and will air live on ESPN+. [Start times will be announced approximately six days prior to semifinal games.]

The national championship game will take place at 1 p.m. Eastern time Saturday, December 17, and will air live on ESPNU.

[All broadcast air times and networks are subject to change. For the most up-to-date broadcast information, please visit the [NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BROADCAST SCHEDULE.](#)]

No other broadcast network or Internet entity, other than ESPN, may air the Division II Football Championship national semifinals and/or the national championship games, nor show highlights of these games, until the ESPN broadcasts are off the air.

Broadcast networks / NCAA conference/institution television networks / RSNs and local television stations may use up to **three minutes (per newscast)** of video footage for up to **72 hours following the game/broadcast.** No media entity (commercial or noncommercial) is allowed to display any game video on its website, social media platforms or other digital outlets.

If a broadcast entity wishes to license video footage beyond the previously described time period (72 hours), all requests to obtain clips or copies of NCAA championships / events (e.g., game/match / program records, melt / highlight tapes) need to go through [Veritone](#) (866-815-6599; sports@veritone.com). The NCAA may use, repurpose, license, or sell any portion of an NCAA championship at any time without the consent of the broadcasting station.

The NCAA and its primary media partners own all television broadcast and digital / Internet video

streaming rights to all 90 NCAA championships. The NCAA will award qualified NCAA conference/institution television networks / RSNs and local television stations television broadcast rights based on the following criteria:

1. The commercial television broadcast rights fee is a **MINIMUM of \$1,500 per game / per broadcast entity (i.e., per network / station)**. However, a noncommercial television broadcast entity (e.g., nonprofit, state/local government, colleges and universities) may have the rights fee waived. *[Please Note: NCAA conference/institution television networks / RSNs and local television stations selling commercials; selling or airing billboards; sponsorships; in-game graphic sponsors; underwriters; or phone pledges must pay the NCAA a commercial television broadcast rights fee.]*
2. All game times will be determined by the NCAA in conjunction with the host institution. Game times may be adjusted, at the NCAA's sole discretion, to accommodate broadcast windows for the entity that wishes to acquire these rights to increase the national, regional, or local exposure of the Division II Football Championship.
3. Television entities awarded television broadcast rights must provide the NCAA with satellite coordinates for each game [or broadcast window(s)]. Please email the coordinates and satellite details to Amy Skiles (askiles@ncaa.org) **NOT later than 4 p.m. Eastern time, the Wednesday prior to the game.**
4. Television entities awarded television broadcast rights must strictly adhere to the NCAA's **24-Hour Silent Blackout Policy**. The only relief that will be granted with this policy is if the host institution has sold out its competition venue.

NCAA SILENT BLACKOUT POLICY. The NCAA does **NOT** implement local blackouts for NCAA championships; however, a "silent" blackout may be implemented until 24 hours prior to the start of the televised championship event for regions within a 50-mile radius of the event. A "silent" blackout restricts the television station from announcing that it has obtained the rights to or promoting the broadcast on any medium (e.g., newspapers, television, radio, Internet). If the "silent" blackout is broken, the NCAA maintains the right to cancel the broadcast. The blackout policy does **NOT** apply to Turner, CBS, ESPN, or Golf Channel telecasts.

5. NCAA COVID Policies and Guidelines. As the NCAA continues to monitor COVID-19, the NCAA's top priority remains the safety of individuals competing and in attendance at NCAA championships. Given the dynamics of COVID-19 spread, population immunity and community level surveillance, protocols for NCAA championships have shifted to standard precautions for purposes of infectious disease management. All are encouraged to use a common sense approach to managing potential COVID issues, and to follow guidance provided by the CDC at [Guidance for COVID-19 | CDC](#).

*Please Note: If a television or broadcast entity (i.e., NCAA conference/institution television networks, RSNs, local television stations) is NOT willing to meet the aforementioned criteria, NCAA television broadcast rights will **NOT** be granted.*

Additional Television Broadcast Rights Criteria That Will Be Considered Are As Follows:

1. Financial package.
2. Coverage area (how many households delivered).
3. Relationship with the institution (e.g., produced five regular-season Division II football games and 10-Division II football coaches' shows during the regular season).
4. Production quality (e.g., number of manned cameras, number of videotape replay machines, layout of television production truck, number of announcers, type of graphics looks).
5. Prior bidding in current championship.
6. Live broadcast or tape-delay broadcast.

The NCAA will **NOT** produce any Division II Football Championship games for television broadcast syndication. NCAA conference/institution television networks / RSNs and local television stations awarded television broadcast rights to the game(s) must produce the game(s) at their own expense. *[In situations where multiple television entities are interested in obtaining television broadcast rights to the same game, the NCAA will approve additional television broadcast rights request(s) if the championship's event host is able to accommodate the additional request(s) (e.g., production trucks, facilities). The NCAA will encourage all television entities involved to work together (e.g., sharing crew/announcers). In this scenario, all television entities involved must complete and submit a [Television Broadcast Rights Request Form](#) (via google forms).]*

NCAA conference/institution television networks / RSNs and local television stations awarded television broadcast syndication rights will be given all local commercial time to sell in accordance with NCAA advertising guidelines. *[However, if awarded noncommercial rights, your broadcast entity may **NOT** sell commercials; sell or air billboards; sponsorships; in-game graphic sponsorships; underwriters; or phone pledges.]*

[[CLICK HERE](#) to review the current NCAA Advertising and Promotional Guidelines.]

NCAA Public Service Announcement (PSAs). The NCAA reserves the right to keep four 30-second spots for NCAA PSAs per game.

[Please contact [Amy Skiles](#) to identify NCAA PSAs available during the NCAA championships season. NCAA PSAs will be accessible via Power by Box.]

Game Records. The NCAA requires a game-record copy and ISO MELT / clean highlights of each game/match for the NCAA Video Library delivered **within four business days** after the telecast(s).

The NCAA will accept masters in any of the following digital formats: .mov (quick time); .mxf; or .mp4 (1080, 720p).

[[CLICK HERE](#) for uploading instructions. Please contact Veritone's support team (support@veritone.com) if your master(s) is on another format; if you have issues with uploading; or if you have any questions.]

INTERNET VIDEO STREAMING RIGHTS

In accordance with the NCAA's digital rights agreement with Turner, Turner owns the exclusive rights to stream all NCAA championships live via the Internet, mobile applications, and related devices, except for those championships, which fall under a prior national television and/or digital rights agreement (i.e., CBS, ESPN, Golf Channel).

If Turner elects to exercise its right to distribute an NCAA championship event via live Internet video streaming (*or in the event an NCAA broadcast partner receives exclusive syndication rights or if a network purchases exclusive rights for this event*), NO SECONDARY STREAMING RIGHTS WILL BE GRANTED to university athletics departments, university television networks, student-operated television networks, RSNs / local television networks or other media outlets (collectively, "Third-Parties").

If Turner elects **NOT** to exercise its Internet video streaming rights, certain Third Parties MAY REQUEST PERMISSION TO VIDEO STREAM selected NCAA championship events (the "Event Coverage") from Turner. All requests must be submitted to Turner online at www.ncaa.com/rights-request.

[[CLICK HERE](#) to review the Live Video Streaming Rights Policy and the Digital Highlights Usage Policies.]

RADIO / INTERNET AUDIO STREAMING RIGHTS

The NCAA championship radio and/or internet audio streaming rights must be obtained from Learfield. All stations broadcasting any round of an NCAA championship shall be required to fill out the "NCAA Championship Radio / Internet streaming Online Form." [Please Note: the online radio agreement must be entirely completed and submitted online in advance of the round/game to be broadcast.] If the online form is **NOT** completely filled out, radio / internet audio streaming rights will **NOT** be granted. Questions may be directed to Learfield's Mike Dodson (mike.dodson@learfield.com; 859-226-4390) or Cindy Johnson (cindy.johnson@learfield.com; 859-226-4225).

[[CLICK HERE](#) to review the NCAA Audio Policy and to access the request form.]

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The NCAA reserves all rights and final decisions regarding NCAA championships, broadcast rights or related television, Internet video or audio streaming, radio, and satellite radio matters.

Thank you for your interest in the 2022 NCAA Division II Football Championship.

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cc: Selected NCAA Staff Members