PRELIMINARY ROUND INFORMATION AND BID CHECKLIST

NCAA Broadcast Rights / Production Requirements (First, Second and Quarterfinal Rounds). The NCAA maintains exclusive rights to broadcast all rounds of NCAA championship competition. ESPN is the rights holder for all rounds of the DII football championship. All host institutions for first, second and quarterfinal rounds of this championship event are required to produce a live video stream for exclusive distribution on ESPN+. Personnel costs can be included in the host budget, in accordance with the Division II Preliminary Round Streaming Policy.

Technical Requirements. The technical requirements for the live stream are noted on the **sport landing page,** as well as in the **Host Operations Manual, which can be found HERE**. Host institutions must meet those requirements to host preliminary round competition. (It is highly encouraged that the event manager discuss these requirements with its video production team/technical department to make sure the expectations can be met.) The NCAA will host a call specific to broadcast production requirements to ensure all hosts have an opportunity to ask questions and understand the process.

Survey. Please complete the live video stream technical requirements survey, which can be accessed and submitted through the championships host portal at https://championships.ncaa.org.

The NCAA, in partnership with ESPN, will coordinate with the host institution on the specifications for the video feed inclusive of equipment, staffing, graphics, music, transmission, etc. All questions related to video streaming should be directed to Jarom McLiver, NCAA Championships and Alliances – Broadcast (jmcliver@ncaa.org).

- **Professional Lighting Survey of Playing Field (Semifinals Only)**. For television purposes the NCAA recommends that all potential sites that submit a bid to host the semifinal round have field lighting that measures an evenly distributed 100 horizontal foot-candles at midfield and 60 horizontal foot-candles in the end zones. In order for the NCAA and ESPN to be able to plan for the ordering of additional lighting where needed, each institution submitting a semifinal-round bid is required to provide a professional lighting survey, **completed in the last two years**. For more information on NCAA lighting standards, please review the NCAA best lighting practices document. The professional lighting survey should be uploaded onto the Championship Bid and Host Portal.

NCAA BROADCAST RIGHTS / MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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ESPN will not be on-site producing the event. Host institutions must meet those requirements to host first-, second- and quarterfinal-round competition. (It is highly encouraged that the event manager discuss these requirements with its video production team/technical department to make sure the expectations can be met.) The NCAA will host a call specific to broadcast production requirements to ensure all hosts have an opportunity to ask questions and understand the process.

The NCAA will collaborate with your host institution production lead, in partnership with ESPN, on ensuring necessary equipment and staffing is understood.

The following are the minimum technical specs required, which also can be found on the **sport landing page** HERE).