



NCAA POWER INDEX  
Division II Football

NPI WEIGHTS					
Win%/SOS	Home/Away Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Retained Wins
25/75	1.05/0.95	52.0	0.500	100/0	5.5

Rationale.

- **Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule.** The committee determined that this weighting of win percentage and strength of schedule most effectively reflects an appropriate balance between overall success and the quality of competition faced. In its judgment, this approach appropriately recognizes the importance of winning games while also giving meaningful consideration to a challenging schedule.
- **Home/Away – Win/Loss Weights.** Data from the past five years indicates that winning on the road is more challenging than winning at home. In light of this, the committee agreed that road victories should carry additional weight. This modest adjustment appropriately recognizes the difficulty of securing wins away from home, while avoiding an imbalance for teams whose conference schedules may result in a greater number of home games.
- **Quality Win Base.** The quality win value was established to reflect victories over the top teams in the sport. The committee incorporated this measure to assign greater weight to wins against opponents with a higher NPI, thereby awarding additional value to victories over quality competition.
- **Quality Win Base Multiplier.** The multiplier was set at .500 to encourage teams to schedule the most competitive opponents available. When used in conjunction with the Quality Win Base, it provides meaningful differentiation for teams that earn wins against quality opponents.
- **Overtime Weight.** The committee values an overtime win the same as a win in regulation time and did not place additional weight to the overtime metric.
- **Retained Wins.** The committee established the minimum retained wins at 5.5 which is half the maximum number of regular season games. While all teams are currently exceeding this threshold, setting the benchmark at 5.5 best reflects the philosophy that wins should not negatively impact a team’s NPI, while still ensuring a sufficient sample size for meaningful evaluation. The committee determined that this figure appropriately allows for the exclusion of a limited number of games against teams who rank lower in the NPI.

Resources.

- [NPI Frequently Asked Questions and Reference Guide.](#)