



PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS 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

[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 II), 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

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

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/marchin 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

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 postevent 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.

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 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:

- 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 II

Section 9-1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. (Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning, Service, Passion, Sportsmanship, Resourcefulness and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

a. Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

- b. Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- c. That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- d. Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy; (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- e. That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; (*Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)
- f. Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- g. Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; (*Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- h. That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large; (Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)
- i. Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; (*Revised: 1/14/97*)
- j. Recognizing the need to "Balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04*)
- k. Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; (*Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02*)
- I. That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget, and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and (Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- m. That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

Section 9•2 Division II Code Of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit a complete and accurate Division II Code of Conduct form before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 defines misconduct as: "... 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."

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Submit an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct Form before the start of the first competition of the championship.
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship events.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- · Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
- g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
- h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the president/chancellor of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

Section 9.3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences, pre-championship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president/chancellor, university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

Section 9•4 Religious Conflicts

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 prior to Sept. 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. (*Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01*)

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

Division II Women's Golf

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Melanie Robotham, Lone Star Conference

Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

Sports committees shall appoint an advisory committee in each of their respective districts or regions to assist in the evaluation of teams throughout the season.

| CENTRAL | |
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| Brad Fleetwood, chair | Southwestern Oklahoma State University |
| Brett Esley | Missouri Western State University |
| Daniel Gallegos | Arkansas Tech University |
| Whitney Hocutt | Rogers State University |
| Taylor Ramirez | Concordia University, St. Paul |
| Micha Thompson | University of Sioux Falls |
| EAST | |
| Brent Nicoson, chair | University of Indianapolis |
| Tyler Bishop | Franklin Pierce University |
| Jason Clark | Wayne State University (Michigan) |
| Peter Coughlin | California University of Pennsylvania |
| Chris Deibel | Ohio Dominican University |
| Brittany Fennell | Maryville University of Saint Louis |
| J.D. Lamm | Davis & Elkins College |
| Craig Lane | Le Moyne College |
| Chris Parker | Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference |
| Logan Smith | Lake Erie College |
| Kyle Wittenbach | Ferris State University |
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| SOUTH | |
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| Randy Loggins, chair | Converse College |
| Sierra Campbell | North Georgia |
| Tara Davenport | Barry University |
| Robbie Davis | Florida Southern College |
| John Jordan | Flagler College |
| Nick Moeller | Gulf South Conference |
| Danny Neal | Anderson University (South Carolina) |
| Justin Pratt | University of Montevallo |
| Phylicia Short | Queens University of Charlotte |
| Chip Spiron | University of Mount Olive |
| WEST | |
| Melanie Robotham, chair | Lone Star Conference |
| Stefanie Ferguson | Metropolitan State University of Denver |
| Chris Green | Chadron State College |
| Bob Grisham | Saint Martin's University |
| Amy Henkelman | Dominican University of California |
| Mitch Lowe | Academy of Art |
| Todd Snedden | California State University, San Marcos |
| Matthew Steinbach | Simon Fraser University |
| Alan Sue | California State University, East Bay |

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MISCONDUCT

The pre-championship manual and NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 define misconduct as: "...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."

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting before the start of the championship with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet, and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament), or when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship ceremonies.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one, or a combination of, the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the championship event. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved and/or banishment of the individual from participating in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individuals involved;
- Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution;
- Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more subsequent championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships; and/or
- Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such. Again, congratulations to you and your team. We hope this year's championship experience is one that you will cherish for years to come.

Section 1.5 Important Dates

| Oct. 1 | Deadline for team rosters and tournaments to be registered with Golfstat. |
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| Feb. 5 | Deadline to finalize schedules with Golfstat. |
| March 11 | Regional Ranking No. 1. |
| March 25 | Regional Ranking No. 2. |
| April 8 | Regional Ranking No. 3. |
| April 25 | Results due to Golfstat. |
| April 26 | Selections for regional competition. |
| May 3-5 | Regional competition (Noblesville, Indiana; Cleveland, Tennessee; St. Joseph, Missouri; and Denton, Texas). |
| May 11-15 | NCAA Division II National Championships – TPC Michigan, Dearborn, Michigan; Wayne State University and Detroit Sports Commission, hosts. |

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

| 2021 Regionals — May 3-5 | | |
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| Central Regional | St. Joseph Country Club; Missouri Western State University, host | |
| East Regional | Prairie View Golf Club; University of Indianapolis, host | |
| South Regional | Cleveland Country Club; Lee University, host | |
| West Regional | Wildhorse Golf Club at Robson Ranch; Dallas Baptist University, host | |

2021 Finals — May 11-15

TPC Michigan, Dearborn, Michigan; Wayne State University and Detroit Sports Commission, hosts

DATE FORMULA

| Regionals | One week before finals (Monday-Wednesday). |
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| Finals | Second full week in May (Tuesday-Saturday). |

FUTURE DATES

| Central Regional | Hot Springs Country Club; Henderson State University, host |
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| East Regional | Shoal Creek Golf Club; William Jewell College, host |
| South Regional | Grande Oaks Golf Club; Nova Southeastern University, host |
| West Regional | Brookside Golf and Country Club; California Collegiate Athletic Association and Visit Stockton, hosts |

2022 Finals — May 10-14

The Members Club at Woodcreek, Elgin, South Carolina; Newberry College, host

Section 1.6 Equipment

The type of equipment (i.e., balls, clubs) to be used shall be determined by the individual team and must be acceptable under the Rules of Golf. The one-ball rule (brand) will not be in effect. Golf bags must have the name or logo of the school on them.

Players and coaches will be required to use spikeless shoes during regional and championships competition. This includes all practice rounds. Penalty for breach of this condition is two strokes per hole with a maximum of four strokes. As soon as a breach has been discovered, the player must immediately make the appropriate changes to conform to the policy. Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not wear shoes with:

- Traditional spikes that is, spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground regardless of whether made of metal, ceramic, plastic or other materials); or
- Spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, if such metal may come in contact with the course Penalty for Breach of Local Rule see Rule 4.3.

Electronic communication (e.g., telephones, two-way radios, etc.) may be used by coaches in a private manner that does not disrupt play or practice. Violations will be considered misconduct. Exception: Electronic devices may be used by the coaching staff to monitor live scoring of that event only. Earphones are not permitted to be used when monitoring live scoring. Rule 4.3a (1) allows the player to get information on distance (such as from a distance-measuring device or compass) but does not allow measuring elevation changes, or interpreting distance or directional information (such as using a device to get a recommended line of play or club selection based on the location of the player's ball).

Section 1.7 Rules

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 where 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 the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships shall be conducted according to the Rules of Golf with the conditions listed below. Decisions regarding the Rules of Golf shall be final and cannot be appealed.

The following rules apply to championships competition.

- 1. **Advice.** In accordance with Rule 24.4 (except that a team member playing in the competition or current student-athlete may not be an Advice Giver), and in modification to Model Local Rule H-2, each team may appoint up to two persons who may give advice to member of that team provided that:
 - a. Such persons are designated by the institution's athletics department to perform coaching duties and who serve in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis; and
 - b. They must not be a current student-athlete; and
 - c. They must be identified to the committee before giving advice; and
 - d. They must wear the identification band, when provided. In addition, if a competitor asks or allows the Advice Giver to violate a Rule on her behalf, of if she does not take steps to stop such an action by the Advice Giver, the player will be subject to penalty for the violation in question.

Note: Such persons are considered outside influences and not part of their player's side. They should give advice in a private manner that does not unduly delay play. They should give advice to, and receive advice from, only competing members of their team or their other designated coach and not from any other representative of their team, any other team's players or coaches or any other outside influences. If, during a round, such persons do not act in accordance with the Note to this Condition, their appointment is subject to revocation and they would be required to leave the course for the remainder of the round.

2. Misconduct. In addition to the following policies, coaches, administrators and student-athletes should understand the misconduct policies described in Section 1.4 and NCAA Bylaws 31.02.3, 31.1.8 and 31.1.9. Unsportsmanlike conduct – a player (or coach, if coach violation) will be notified immediately on the golf course and provided a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct (e.g., willful acts of defacing the golf course; misuse of electronic devices, including MP3 players and cellphones, etc.; club throwing or breaking; abusive language; or violation of the tobacco policy).

The NCAA Division II Women's Golf Committee is responsible for assessing all penalties.

- Second occurrence in the same day the player (or coach, if coach violation) will be disqualified for that round.
- Third occurrence during the championships will result in disqualification from the championships.
- 3. Pace of Play. Rule 5.6 states, in part: A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes and thereafter recommends a Committee Pace of Play Policy including application of penalties. In order to prevent any such penalties, it is suggested that the following Committee Pace of Play Policy be carefully reviewed:
 - **Allotted Time** When play is in groups of two or three, groups will be required to play at the pace of play established by the committee.
 - **Out of Position** When a group is out of position at any check-point, the players in the group are liable to penalty under these guidelines. Players in a group that has missed one or more check-points will be liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties, pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred:

Check-points will be on completion (last player to hole out) of the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes.

- First missed check-point* warning
- Second missed check-point liable to a one-stroke penalty

- Third missed check-point liable to a two-stroke penalty
- Fourth missed check-point liable to disqualification
- * If a group clears the third check-point and has not missed any other check-points but is out of position at the fourth check-point, each player in the group is liable for a one-stroke penalty if, in the committee's view, a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the allotted time for the final check-point.
 - First Group (off the 1st and 10th holes): The first group is out of position if they take more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole.
 - Following Groups: A following group is out of position if it:
 - takes more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole; and
 - completes play of a check-point hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

When a group is out of position at a check-point, it will be notified by a Check-Point Official. When a group has been notified of a missed check-point, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next check-point. If that group reaches the next check-point out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines.

Any group that is out of position may be monitored by a Rules Rover.

A player concerned about a non-responsive (slow) fellow competitor in the group, who is delaying play, should request a Rules Rover to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

Before returning her scorecard, a player who is liable for penalty during her round may consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine if she has incurred a penalty under these guidelines.

The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- the player was delayed by the committee; or
- the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group; or
- the player was delayed by another player in the group.

A player who was out of position during her round and who elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether she was in breach of these guidelines is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs a penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties. If a player or group incurs a penalty, penalties are to be applied to the check-point hole where the breach occurred.

- **Timing** – When a group is being monitored and timed, each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when she has had a reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair her ball mark and other ball marks on her line of putt and remove loose impediments from her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE 1: The committee reserves the right, at any time, to monitor or time a group/match when the committee deems it necessary.

NOTE 2: Players should also be aware that the committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a group that is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her group get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots.

NOTE 3: If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous breach of these guidelines will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that the group requires additional monitoring.

The Rules of Golf shall be followed along with any local rules the games committee deems necessary. Members of the respective golf committees and the golf rules officials will be available for interpretations of the rules and other decisions governing the competition. Penalties based on the Rules of Golf are not subject to appeal.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

Contestants must wear uniforms of the same color during competition. Walking or Bermuda shorts are permitted, provided they are team shorts and are of similar color. The inseam of the shorts must be at least four inches. Players may wear slacks or shorts at the individual's discretion, provided they are of similar color and are considered the team uniform. It is recommended that each institution attempt to wear a uniform that reflects its school colors during the televised rounds of the championships.

In the best interest of intercollegiate golf and the championships, participants must wear appropriate golf attire at the tournament site. Please refer to the participant manual for the definition of appropriate attire at each specific golf course.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7. Logo guidelines apply to both the regular season and championships competition.

Section 2-1 Championships Format

The format for the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championships is determined by the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Committee subject to the approval of the Association's Division II Championships Committee.

At the finals, all 12 teams and 12 individuals will complete 54 holes of stroke play. Following 54 holes of stroke play, an individual champion will be declared along with finishers 2-10 based on cumulative total score and any applicable tiebreakers. The top eight teams after 54 holes of play will be placed into a bracket and seeded based on 54-hole scores. The pairings for the quarterfinals will be Seed No. 1 versus Seed No. 8, Seed No. 2 versus Seed No. 7, Seed No. 3 versus Seed No. 6 and Seed No. 4 versus Seed No. 5, competing in head-to-head medal play (stroke play over 18 holes and low score wins).

Each team match will consist of five points, with one point being awarded for each individual match, or, in the case of a tied match, two half-points. Winning teams will advance to the semifinals and subsequently, the finals. Each individual match will be played to its completion and the first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match be declared the national champion. In the event that a team match is tied after all five individual matches, the total strokes of the five players from each team will be calculated with the winning team having the fewest strokes. If still tied, a sudden-death playoff will occur with all five scores counting from each team to determine the advancing team. Should a team compete with fewer than five participants, the tiebreaker will be awarded to the team posting the highest number of official scores.

Lineups will be determined using the same method employed at the Presidents Cup matches. The higher-seeded team (as determined through the 54-hole stroke-play portion) will be designated "Team 1" and will have the first choice of putting a player on the board for Match No. 1. The opposing team, "Team 2," will then name its player for Match No. 1. Team 2 will then name its player for Match No. 2, and Team 1 will name its player for Match No. 2. The process will continue in an "S" curve until the players for all five matches are named. However, Team 1 may defer in the selection process and permit Team 2 to begin the overall selection process.

Ties for eighth place will be broken by a sudden-death playoff. Ties within the top eight will be broken using the non suddendeath tiebreaking procedures. Pairings for both the stroke play and medal/match play portion of the finals can be found at ncaa.org on the Division II Women's Golf page.

The Women's Golf Committee has the ability to institute an administrative cut after 36 holes of play to the top 15 teams and top six individuals not on those teams. The administrative cut will only occur after all other options to complete 54 holes of play by all 72 participants have been exhausted.

Regionals. Regional advisory committees will recommend regional selections to the Division II Women's Golf Committee. Four, 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted to determine the participants in the championships finals. Nine (9) teams and four (4) individuals, not on those teams, will compete at each regional. The maximum number of participants is 264. The low three (3) teams and the low three (3) individuals, not on those teams, will advance to the finals. Tiebreakers and playoffs will be used to determine team and individual champions and advancement to the finals. Regional tournaments are considered preliminary rounds of NCAA championships competition and all national championships policies will apply.

Finals. The championships will consist of team and individual competition conducted concurrently. The maximum number of participants allowed at the finals is 72 (12 teams and 12 individuals). All participants will compete throughout the entire 54 holes of stroke play, an individual champion will be declared along with finishers 2-10 based on cumulative total score and any applicable tiebreakers. In the team competition, the top 8 teams after 54 holes of play will be placed into a bracket and seeded based on 54-hole scores. The pairings for the quarterfinals will be Seed #1 versus Seed #8; Seed #2 versus Seed #7; Seed #3 versus Seed #6 and Seed #4 versus Seed #5, competing in head-to-head medal play (stroke play over 18 holes and low score wins). Each team match will consist of five points, with one point being awarded for each individual match, or in the case of a tied matched, two half-points. Winning teams will advance to semifinals and subsequently, the finals. Each individual match will be played to its completion and the first team to win three points within the team match will advance, or in the case of the final match, be declared the national champion. In the event that a team match is tied after all five individual matches, the total strokes of the five players from each team will be calculated with the winning team having the fewest strokes. If still tied, a sudden-death playoff will occur with all five scores counting from each team to determine the advancing team. Should a team compete with fewer than five participants, the tie breaker will be awarded to the team posting the highest number of official scores.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| April 26 | Selections for regional competition. |
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| May 3-5 | Regional competition. |
| May 11-15 | NCAA Division II National Championships – TPC Michigan; Wayne State University and Detroit Sports Commission, hosts. |

PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES

Pairings and tee times for practice and competition will be determined following selections for each of the four regional sites, and after completion of regional competition for the finals site. Tee times will not be altered to accommodate travel schedules. Tee times for individuals from the same team will be adjusted so that they are not competing with their teammates.

TRAVEL PARTY

An institution may not compete with more than five contestants. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding travel party size, transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at ncaa.org.

Section 2.2 Results

GOLFSTAT

The committee will use Golfstat to assist with a computerized score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to submit a team roster to Golfstat and register regular-season tournaments according to the following procedure:

- 1. Instructions and forms have been sent to all institutions from the NCAA national office. All tournaments must be registered with Golfstat not later than Oct. 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and/or do not report tournament results correctly, and wish to have the tournament registered, may be assessed a \$200 fine.
- 2. For any tournament results to be considered for selection purposes, the tournament host must properly submit results from its tournament into Golfstat not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, two days following the conclusion of the event. For example, if a tournament ends on Tuesday, the host institution will be required to submit its results into Golfstat not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday. Host institutions that fail to submit tournament results within the established timeframe will be assessed a financial penalty of \$200 per occurrence, up to a maximum penalty of \$600.
- 3. Last day for results to be considered for selection purposes will be April 26.
- 4. If a regular-season tournament is to be played according to a format different from the standard four out of five, four out of six or five out of six scoring, the tournament director must submit the format to the committee not later than Oct. 1.
- 5. Institutions that fail to fully register with Golfstat may be assessed a monetary fine.
- 6. For any regular-season competition to be considered for selection purposes, the competition must be conducted on a golf course that meets a minimum of 5,800 yards.
- 7. Head-to-head medal play is an approved format for regular-season events and those results will be used for selections. However, head-to-head medal play should follow the following procedures.

5-Player format

- One point for each individual match (tiebreak not mandatory on individual matches)
- Two-, four-, eight- or 16-Team event
- Team tiebreak should be determined as indicated below

Tiebreak for Head-to-Head Medal Play

- 1. Total score of all five players.
- 2. Winner of match No. 1 players (followed by match No. 2 through match No. 5).
- 3. Hole-by-hole score starting with hole 18 on match No. 1 players and proceeding backward by hole (17-1). Then match No. 2 players and so on.
- 4. Coin flip.

For information about reporting results and tournament registration for the women's golf championships, contact:

Golfstat P.O. Box 129 Noblesville, Indiana 46061-0129 Office Phone: 309-828-6430 Fax: 309-829-4792

REGISTERED TOURNAMENT STANDARDS

All tournaments and competition must meet specified minimum standards and be registered with the computer center. The host coach is responsible for ensuring these standards are upheld. These standards include:

- 1. A golf course used for a tournament must have a minimum length of 5,800 yards to be considered for selection purposes. New for the 2019-20 season, the Division II Women's Golf Committee approved that the minimum yardage be set relative to par.
 - Par 70 5,600
 - Par 71 5,700
 - Par 72 5,800
 - Par 73 5,900
- 2. The USGA's Rules of Golf will be followed.
- 3. The low four scores per round from the designated five-player teams shall be used in Division II tournaments. If a sixplayer team format is used, the coach must designate his or her top five players. If this is not done, the first five players on the lineup sheet will be considered for scoring purposes. Players may participate as individuals.
- 4. Disqualification for breach of the rules of golf applies only to that round.
- 5. If, due to injury or illness, a player is unable to start or finish a round, that player is eligible to play in subsequent rounds with the approval of the rules committee.
- 6. Players must carry their own bags or use nonmotorized pull carts. Players may ride in golf carts for shuttle purposes only. The only exception to this is if a player is permanently disabled.

Section 2.3 Selection Information

AT-LARGE SELECTION

The Division II philosophy assures there is representation from each region (Reference: Regionalization statements in the Division II General Section). The best teams and individuals will be selected at-large from those regions.

IN-REGION COMPETITION

Fifty percent of the competition must be against Division II competition, of which 40 opponents must be Division II in-region opponents; or a minimum of 60 Division II opponents, of which 40 opponents must be Division II in-region opponents.

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Teams and individuals must play a minimum of fifteen 18-hole rounds, including a minimum of six rounds in the championship segment, in order to be considered for selection to the national championships. Twelve of the 15 required rounds of competition must be in tournaments involving a minimum of five teams. Of the six required rounds in the championship segment, five must be a minimum of five-team tournament fields.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Nineteen conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2021 regionals:

| California Collegiate Athletic Association | Mountain East Conference |
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| Conference Carolinas | Northeast-10 Conference |
| Great American Conference | Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference |
| Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference | Pacific West Conference |
| Great Lakes Valley Conference | Peach Belt Conference |
| Great Midwest Athletic Conference | Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference |
| Great Northwest Athletic Conference | Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference |
| Gulf South Conference | South Atlantic Conference |
| Lone Star Conference | Sunshine State Conference |
| Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association | |

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Women's Golf Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the women's golf championships.

- 1. Head-to-Head competition;
- 2. Results vs. common opponents;
- 3. Results vs. in-region opponents;
- 4. Stroke differential;
- 5. Spring results compared to fall results;
- 6. Scoring average (adjusted scoring average and head-to-head-to-head grid vs. par);
- 7. Strength of schedule (number of teams in tournaments, rounds of competition and overall strength-of-tournament fields);
- 8. Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

Note: The criteria will be prioritized in the above order if a decision cannot be reached.

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Note: Sport sponsorship may be impacted by schools or conferences canceling their seasons due to COVID-19.

CENTRAL REGION

Arkansas Tech University University of Arkansas, Monticello Augustana University (South Dakota) Bemidji State University University of Central Missouri University of Central Oklahoma Concordia University, St. Paul Fort Hays State University Harding University Henderson State University Lincoln University (Missouri) University of Mary Minnesota State University, Mankato Minnesota State University Moorhead University of Minnesota, Crookston Minot State University Missouri Southern State University

EAST REGION

Adelphi University American International College Ashland University Assumption University California University of Pennsylvania University of Charleston (West Virginia) Clarion University of Pennsylvania Concord University **Davenport University** Davis & Elkins College Dominican College (New York) Drury University East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania Fairmont State University Ferris State University University of Findlay Franklin Pierce University Gannon University Glenville State College Grand Valley State University University of Illinois at Springfield University of Indianapolis Kentucky Wesleyan College Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Lake Erie College Lake Superior State University Le Moyne College Lewis University Lindenwood University Malone University Maryville University of Saint Louis McKendree University Mercyhurst University

Missouri Western State University University of Nebraska at Kearney Newman University Northeastern State University Northwest Missouri State University Northwestern Oklahoma State University Oklahoma Baptist University Rogers State University University of Sioux Falls Southern Arkansas University Southern Nazarene Universitv Southwest Minnesota State University Southwestern Oklahoma State University Upper Iowa University Wavne State College (Nebraska) Winona State University

Millersville University of Pennsylvania Missouri University of Science and Technology University of Missouri-St. Louis Northern Michigan University Northwood University (Michigan) Notre Dame College (Ohio) Ohio Dominican University Ohio Valley University Post University Purdue University Northwest Quincy University Rockhurst University Saginaw Valley State University The College of Saint Rose Seton Hill University Shepherd University University of Southern Indiana Southern New Hampshire University Southwest Baptist University Stonehill College Thomas Jefferson University Tiffin University Trevecca Nazarene University Truman State University Ursuline College Walsh University Wavne State University (Michigan) West Chester University of Pennsylvania West Liberty University West Virginia Wesleyan College Wheeling University William Jewell College

SOUTH REGION

Anderson University (South Carolina) **Barry University** Barton College Belmont Abbey College Carson-Newman University Catawba College Chowan University Christian Brothers University Coker University Columbus State University Converse College Eckerd College Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida) Emmanuel College (Georgia) Erskine College Flagler College Florida Southern College King University Lander University Lee University Lenoir-Rhyne University Limestone University Lincoln Memorial University Lynn University

WEST REGION

Academy of Art University Adams State University Angelo State University University of Arkansas, Fort Smith **Biola University** Black Hills State University California State University. Chico California State University, East Bay California State University, Los Angeles California State University. Monterev Bay California State University, San Marcos Cameron University Chadron State College Colorado Christian University University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Colorado Mesa University Colorado State University Pueblo **Dallas Baptist University** Dominican University of California Fort Lewis College University of Hawaii at Hilo Hawaii Pacific University

Mars Hill University Mississippi College University of Montevallo University of Mount Olive Newberry College University of North Carolina at Pembroke University of North Georgia North Greenville University Nova Southeastern University Palm Beach Atlantic University Queens University of Charlotte Rollins College Saint Leo University Shorter University Southern Wesleyan University Spring Hill College University of Tampa Tusculum College Union University The University of Virginia College at Wise University of West Florida University of West Georgia Wingate University Young Harris College

Holy Names University Lubbock Christian University Metropolitan State University of Denver Midwestern State University Montana State University Billings Northwest Nazarene University Oklahoma Christian University Point Loma Nazarene University Regis University (Colorado) Saint Martin's University St. Mary's University (Texas) Simon Fraser University Sonoma State University South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Texas A&M International University Texas A&M University-Commerce Texas A&M University-Kingsville University of Texas of the Permian Basin West Texas A&M University Western New Mexico University Western Washington University Westminster College (Utah)*