



***PARTICIPANT
2025-26 MANUAL
Regionals***



March 22, 2026

Congratulations and *welcome* to the 2026 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. We look forward to hosting you in **Sioux Falls, SD** and we will do our best to assure your stay with us is a pleasant one.

The NCAA has provided championship information on its website, www.ncaa.org, and in this manual. Please note this manual, which will be updated with practice and game schedules throughout your tournament stay, will always be accessible via <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-i-mens-ice-hockey>.

This manual is designed to act as a supplement to the website and other information, but we are also here to assist. Please contact our tournament director, **Mike Kemp (402-681-9800, mkemp@omavs.com)**, **Jay Jay Rackley**, Coordinator of Championships and Alliances, Operations (317-363-5937; jrackley@ncaa.org) or **Chad Tolliver**, Director of Championships and Alliances, Operations, at the NCAA (317-917-6710; ctolliver@ncaa.org) should you have any questions related to the championship.

Please refer to the checklist on Pages No. 6 of this manual, which offers a quick glance of items we are asking you to prepare in advance of your participation in the championship.

Congratulations on a successful regular season and best of luck on your Road to the Frozen Four.

Sincerely,

Tim Troville
Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, chair

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Section 1 - Introduction/Welcome

On behalf of the Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Committee, congratulations on your selection to the 2026 NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Championship.

Administration of the NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Championship is under the direction of the Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Committee and the host institution.

The purpose of this manual is to outline the responsibilities of the tournament director and other host institution personnel for the NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Championship. It is designed for the teams to use in conjunction with, not in place of, the NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Pre-Championship Manual, which provides more general policies for the administration of the championship.

Championship Website

For more information about the Division I men’s ice hockey championship please visit the following link: <http://www.ncaa.com/sports/icehockey-men/d1>.

Section 2 - NCAA Mission Statement

The core purpose of the NCAA is to govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner, and to integrate intercollegiate athletics into higher education so that the educational experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

Section 3 - NCAA Staff/Committee

<p><u>NCAA Staff Member</u> Jay Jay Rackley Coordinator, Championships and Alliances Phone: 317-363-5937 Email: jrackley@ncaa.org</p>	<p><u>NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Committee Member</u> TBD</p>
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Section 4 - Definition of Staff Roles

Tournament Manager. The function of the tournament manager is to ensure that the policies of the committee are applied. Specific responsibilities may include direction and supervision of facility arrangements, ticket sales, and development of participant information, security, lodging, transportation, promotions, financial administration, and adherence to the policies outlined in the NCAA operations manual for hosts.

Participating teams should direct site-specific questions to their tournament manager. Contact information is in Section 5.

Media Coordinator. The host media coordinator works with the NCAA media coordinator or championships manager to ensure that the committee's policies regarding media are applied. Responsibilities may include planning and supervision of media work areas, coordination of all news conferences, statistical services and communications.

Section 5 - Host Personnel

Tournament Director
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Media Coordinator
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Assistant Commissioner
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Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
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Drug Testing Coordinator
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Head Athletic Trainer
University of Nebraska Omaha
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Email:
jenglebretson@omavs.com

COMMUNICATION FROM THE NCAA

Selection Show. The NCAA selection show is scheduled to air on Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. Eastern time on ESPN. Following selections, the championship bracket will be available on the NCAA website at www.NCAA.com.

Conference Call. A conference call will be conducted on **Monday, March 23, at 1 p.m. Eastern time**, with the four participating teams as well as representatives from the NCAA and host institution/facility. Participating teams **must** be represented by their athletics director (or designee), head coach, sports information director and ticket manager. A Microsoft Teams meeting link will be sent via email to participating teams prior to the meeting.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION CHECKLIST

This checklist is arranged in chronological order to be of assistance to those individuals who have specific institutional responsibilities for regional competition.

- _____ Determine ticket/pass list allocations (e.g., team official travel party).

- _____ Determine institutional policy regarding travel expenses for various groups (e.g., official travel party, student-athletes, etc.)

- _____ Make official travel party arrangements through the NCAA Travel Service:
Short's Travel: 866-655-9215

- _____ Make ground transportation arrangements for team. Travel policies are available [here](#).

- _____ Distribute copies of team manual to all staff members who may be assigned specific tournament responsibilities (e.g., coaches, athletic trainers, manager, designated administrator, sports information contact and ticket manager).

- _____ By **5 p.m. ET, Monday, March 23**: Contact your assigned hotel property and provide your rooming list for the team block of 41 rooms, as well as, any catering requests or team function requirements.

- _____ By **5 p.m. ET, Tuesday, March 24**: Deadline for members of the media to request credentials online at www.ncaa.com/media. Please contact Ryan Powell (605-275-3065, powell@thesummitleague.org) with questions.

- _____ Prepare an itinerary and review schedule of events, including news conferences, practice schedule, meetings, etc.

- _____ Review will-call and player guest admissions and other ticket procedures.

- _____ By **Noon ET, Wednesday, March 25**: Confirm with host ticket manager the number of tickets your institution will be purchasing. Please contact Tara Knobloch (605-444-6994, tara.knobloch@premier-center.com).

Section 7 - Schedule of Events

GAME 1 – TBD (home team) vs. TBD (visiting team)

GAME 2 – TBD (home team) vs. TBD (visiting team)

Date	Time (local)	Event	Location
WEDNESDAY MARCH 25	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Team TBD – ESPN Interviews	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Team TBD – Practice	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Team TBD - ESPN Interviews	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	12:45 – 1:15 p.m.	Team TBD – Press Conference	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	Team TBD – Practice	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	12:45 – 1:45 p.m.	Team TBD – ESPN Interviews	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	2 – 2:30 p.m.	Team TBD – Press Conference	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	2 – 3 p.m.	Team TBD -- Practice	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	2 – 3 p.m.	Team TBD – ESPN Interview	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	Team TBD – Press Conference	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Team TBD – Practice	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	4:30 – 5 p.m.	Team TBD – Press Conference	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
THURSDAY, MARCH 26	8:30 - 9 am	Team TBD – Pregame Skate	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	9:15 - 9:45 am	Team TBD – Pregame Skate	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	10 – 10:30 am	Team TBD – Pregame Skate	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	10:45- 11:15 am	Team TBD – Pregame Skate	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	3:24 p.m.	Game #1 Warmup	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	4:02 p.m.	Face-off Game #1	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	7:32 p.m.	Face-off Game #2	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
FRIDAY, MARCH 27	1 – 2 p.m.	Winner game 1 - Practice	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Winner game 2 - Practice	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
SATURDAY, MARCH 28	9:30 – 10 a.m.	A – Home Team selects Pregame Skate A or B	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	B – Home Team selects Pregame Skate A or B	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	2:54 p.m. or 6:54 p.m.	Game #3 Warmup	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	3:32 p.m. or 7:32 p.m.	Regional Finals	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center
	Postgame	Press Conference (Winning Team First)	Denny Sanford PREMIER Center

Administrative Meeting

[Reference: Misconduct in this manual and Bylaws 31.02.3 and 31.1.10 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

It is mandatory that each institution be represented by an Administrator, Head Coach, Sports Information contact and Ticket Office contact. The administrative meeting will be in person.

The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee representative(s) will conduct an administrative meeting to review rules and other tournament procedures. Each institution must submit its Disqualification/Game Misconduct Disclosure Form via email to Jay Jay Rackley (jrackley@ncaa.org) and Committee Member Name (rgotkin@mercyhurst.edu) at the meeting.

News Conferences

Postgame Interviews. All press conferences in 2026 will be done in person. All coaches and student-athletes must be made available for post-competition interviews after the "cooling-off" period. This not only applies to formal press conferences, but also to any interview requests made to coaches and/or student-athletes not involved in the press conference. Failure to do so may result in possible misconduct, as determined by the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

Throughout the championship, press conferences are scheduled for the convenience of the press representatives, the coaches and the student-athletes representing the participating institutions. They are designed to provide the media with tournament information required for thorough coverage, and to limit the time demands placed upon the coaches and student-athletes.

Coaches' Obligation. Regardless of any regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach is obligated to the entire covering media during the championship and must report to the interview room immediately after the cooling-off period. The coach cannot delay a post-competition interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter, unless requested to remain for a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by the television entity that has been granted television rights by the NCAA. They may, however, make their team available to all media representatives staffing the championship and/or report to the interview area before the cooling-off period ends. Should a coach permit one media agency to conduct an interview before the cooling-off period has ended, the entirety of the team is immediately available to all other media representatives desiring interviews.

Cooling-Off Period. A cooling-off period has been set aside for a coach to be with the student-athletes in the locker room after the game. The period begins when the coach enters the dressing room immediately after the game or interview with ESPN or NCAA Productions. The period will be ten minutes for the winning team and twenty minutes for the losing team. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period but may not extend it.

Order of Appearance. The winning coach and players shall be scheduled in the interview room before the losing coach and players.

Practices

Teams shall be allowed to practice in the facility on the day or evening before the opening of the tournament, on the off-day between and potentially on game days. The ice hockey committee is authorized to schedule or reassign practice times. **These practices are closed to any other team personnel at the regional or the general public.**

Media will be permitted at practices on the day before the beginning of competition.

Pregame

Pregame timing sheets will be sent to participating teams post selections.

Section 8 - Championship Format

Bracket Format

The four regional winners advance to the Men's Frozen Four in Las Vegas, Nevada, which will be conducted April 9 (semifinals) and April 11 (final). The entire championship will use a single-elimination format.

Determination of Home/Away Teams

The highest-seeded team will be the home team in each contest.

Section 9 - Championship Operations

Emergency/Evacuation Plan

The tournament manager and NCAA site representative should review with the local law enforcement agencies procedures for other circumstances requiring emergency evacuation of the competition venue or interruption of the game.

Competition venue management is responsible for providing sufficient security and/or law enforcement personnel to ensure that access to the playing surface and surrounding areas is restricted to players and credentialed individuals only.

Lost and Found

All lost and found items are turned into arena security. Items will be available for pick-up at the box office, please call 605-444-6994.

National Anthem

The highest seeded team's band, if available, will be asked to play the national anthem prior to the game in which its team is competing. Regional hosts have the opportunity to select a live anthem performer for Regional Finals. If no live performer is selected, the highest seeded team's band will play the national anthem at Regional Finals. The anthem shall be played before every game.

Officiating

Officials are selected by the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee. Assignments will be provided to the coaches approximately 90 minutes prior to game time. Any requests to meet with the NCAA committee and officiating representative will not occur until 10 a.m. the day after the game.

Video Replay. Please refer to video replay information in the Appendixes.

Player Introductions

During introductions, players shall continue the practice they have done throughout the 2025-26 season.

The introduction procedure shall be as follows: (1) upon returning to the ice, both teams shall circle their respective ends of the ice twice and assemble at their respective goal lines; (2) the “visiting team” starters will be introduced first, then the “home team” starters; (3) after being introduced, each starter shall skate to the blue line; (4) after the introduction of each respective team’s starting lineup, the remaining players shall skate to the blue line; (5) the U.S. national anthem shall be played; and (6) after the national anthem, the teams may have a short huddle at their respective benches or goals before the face-off.

Post-Championship and Competition Site Evaluations

All evaluations will be sent from the NCAA at the conclusion of play.

Team Video

Each institution will be permitted to record all games in the tournament.

Teams participating in regional competition are required to exchange video of their most recent

Team Video Exchange

game to their opponent prior to noon Eastern time, Monday, March 23.

Teams participating in the semifinals of the Men’s Frozen Four must exchange video of their regional final game to their semifinal opponent prior to noon Eastern time, Tuesday, April 1. In all cases, the video should be of high quality and contain the complete game.

Competition Site Maps

Locker Rooms

All locker rooms will be assigned by seed order.

Team Locker Room 1	Seed #1	Team: TBD
Team Locker Room 2	Seed #2	Team: TBD
Team Locker Room 3	Seed #3	Team: TBD
Team Locker Room 4	Seed #4	Team: TBD

Parking

Please see the below map for bus parking. All teams can be dropped off at the loading dock. If teams have additional questions about bus parking or have additional vehicles needing parking, please contact Blake Gothier (605-367-7288 x 6158 / blake.gothier@premier-center.com).

Participant Entrance

All teams will enter via the loading dock located on the north side of the facility. Teams will enter through the door to the right of the garage doors.

Section 11 - Directions

To Denny Sanford PREMIER Center From I – 29

Take Exit 81 and head east on Russell St for approximately 1 mile. Take a right onto Western Ave. and in .035 of a mile, the building will be on the left.

Section 12 - Drug Testing

The NCAA is dedicated to fair and equitable competition throughout each round of NCAA championships and strongly supports the drug-testing program established by its membership, to safeguard the health and safety of the participating student-athletes.

Notification

Championship management staff is not permitted to make any announcement in advance or otherwise as to whether or not drug testing will be conducted at its championship site. All coaches and student-athletes should presume that post-event NCAA drug testing will occur at the championship event.

The DCO or designee will notify the participating team's representative no earlier than two hours before the start of competition that drug testing will be conducted at the site.

Media Obligations

Each team is provided a postgame cooling-off period. At the conclusion of the cooling-off period, a member of the drug-testing crew will notify the student-athletes who have been selected for testing. Notification may take place in the locker room (if applicable) or on the field of play. Any student-athlete selected to participate in any postgame news conference is required to attend the news

conference prior to checking in at the drug-testing venue. The student-athlete will be escorted to the drug-testing area after all media obligations have been fulfilled.

Next Day Testing

If competition begins at 10 p.m. or later (local time), both teams will be given the option to defer testing until the next morning. If a team decides to test the next morning, that determination must be confirmed by the institution no later than immediately following the contest and all student-athletes selected for testing from that team must defer until the next morning. Once testing has begun, testing must be completed and cannot be deferred until the next morning. If deferred until the following day, the testing must begin no later than noon (local time) at the original test site. The host must arrange necessary transportation for teams that elect to test the next morning, or for individuals being tested who need to remain at the facility after other team members have departed.

Participant Notification

Championship management staff is not permitted to make any announcement in advance or otherwise as to whether drug testing will be conducted at its championship site. All coaches and student-athletes should presume that post-event NCAA drug testing will occur at the championship event.

The DCO or designee will notify the participating team's representative no earlier than two hours before the start of competition that drug testing will be conducted at the site.

Prolonged Test

If the student-athlete's team must depart the championship prior to a student-athlete completing drug testing, an institutional representative must remain with the student-athlete. If the student-athlete and/or institution incur additional expenses because of the delay (e.g., hotel, transportation back to campus, etc.), the institution may request reimbursement from the NCAA.

Testing Process

Student-athletes are drug tested through urinalysis and must provide a specimen in view of a drug-testing collector of the same gender. The length of the collection process depends on the student-athlete's ability to provide an adequate specimen. If a student-athlete provides an adequate specimen immediately upon arriving in the drug-testing area, the entire process can be completed within 20 minutes. If the student-athlete is unable to provide an adequate specimen, he/she must remain in the drug-testing area until one is provided. There is no maximum allotted time for a student-athlete to provide an adequate specimen.

Section 13 – Equipment

Pucks.

The NCAA will send each host site 150 practice pucks and 300 game.

Per Diem

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for an official travel party of 37.

TES System

Expense reimbursement for participation in championships must be filed through the Travel Expense System (TES), which can be found online at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information?division=d1>.

All competing institutions must request reimbursement through the system in order to receive the appropriate reimbursement.

If you need assistance or experience any technical difficulties, please contact the travel department at 317-917-6757 or by email at travel@ncaa.org.

Teams and/or individuals should provide themselves sufficient money to meet all expenses throughout the tournament, including ground transportation, lodging and meal expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Section 15 - Lodging

Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn &
Suites Sioux Falls
2040 W. Russell
St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Phone: 605-331-2040
Contact: Isis Miller
Email: dos.sfairport@skylinedma.com

Team Hotels

For regional competition, hotel reservation holds for the official travel parties of the competing teams, game officials and Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee representatives shall be made by the NCAA. The Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee will assign teams to the respective hotel properties and they are listed below. Once teams have been determined and assigned to a hotel, the reservations should be reconfirmed in the names of the institution; and, therefore, the institutions shall then be responsible for the reservations. Each participating institution is responsible for making its own arrangements for meeting rooms, meals and other functions at the team hotel.

For the regional tournament, 41 rooms have been reserved for each participating institution. Twenty-five rooms are guaranteed for the official travel party of each team. Additionally, 16 rooms are reserved and controlled by each participating institution to use for additional members of the travel party of 41.

The 16 additional rooms may be released without penalty by the institution by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 23.

Finally, one suite will be provided on a complimentary basis to each participating institution, if available (in addition to the 40 rooms). If a suite is not available, one additional team room will be added. Teams interested in late checkout should inquire with respective hotel about this option.

All teams will have rooms guaranteed for the day before and day of competition with the possibility of remaining until the day after the regional final.

Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the NCAA. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of rooms at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms.

Hotel assignments:

TEAM: NAME Sheraton Sioux Falls 1211 N W Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Contact: Kelli Whiteing Phone: 605-367-9670 Email: kelli.whiteing@atriumhospitality.com	TEAM: NAME Holiday Inn Sioux Falls City Centre 100 W. 8 th St. Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Contact: Jessica Rozell Phone: 605-330.0004 Email: j.rozell@sfcchotel.com
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Section 16 - Media Services

Credentials – Photo, TV, Participant

Members of the media wishing to request credentials should do so online at <http://www.ncaa.com/media-credentials> by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, March 24.

Please contact Ryan Powell at powell@thesummitleague.org, 605-275-3065 with questions.

The NCAA will print and distribute to host institutions/sponsoring agencies all credentials for both rounds of the men’s tournament championship. The following will be admitted free of charge: 25 band members (which includes director), 12 cheerleaders, one mascot and 37 members of each institution’s official travel party plus eight additional credentialed team personnel. The band members, cheerleaders, and mascots will be admitted via a gate list and will be escorted to the appropriate areas. The members of the official travel party will be provided a credential for entry into the building as well as access inside the building. Seating will be provided for members of the official traveling parties when their institutions are not playing. Individuals not included in the credentialed list of 45 must purchase a ticket.

Up to three VIP credentials may be requested. However, those persons must have a ticket for admittance to the facility. The credential will allow them access to the locker room and interview area.

Interview Policies

Please refer to interview policies in Section 7 – News Conferences.

Media Materials Requested

Regional Teams to provide game notes, post-season guide, and stat sheets to Ryan Powel at powell@thesummitleague.org, 605-275-3065.

Media Services

Entrance/Check-in for all media is located at the main entrance of the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center.

Dining service will take place on the press/event level of the arena. Meal times, which are subject to change depending on game times, are as follows:

Thursday, 3/26

Lunch: 1 pm

Dinner: Between 1st & 2nd game

Saturday, 3/28

Dinner: 2 hours before game

Television /Webcasts

For broadcast information, please visit <http://www.ncaa.com/media>.

Section 17 - Medical

Ambulance

An ambulance will be on site for all tournament games. All ambulances will be provided by PatientCare EMS of Sioux Falls, 605-275-2770 / www.patientcareems.com.

Athletic Training

Certified athletic trainer(s) shall be available in the athletic training facility and assist the participating institutions' sports medicine staff. Certified athletic trainer(s) shall be on site for each scheduled practice or contest. Physician(s) shall be on-call or on site for all practice and game days, depending on the sport. When applicable, the host institutions shall provide specialty physicians (e.g., dermatologists, orthopedic, ophthalmologist), dentist, x-ray technicians, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) or licensed massage therapists.

Championship Medical Contacts

Medical Director
Dr. Kristofer Kimber
Cell: 605-261-4925
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Tournament Orthopedist
Dr. Kristofer Kimber
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Email: kristofer.kimber@sanfordhealth.org

Host Athletic Trainer Josh
Englebretson
Cell: 815-751-3400
Email: jenglebretson@omavs.com

Tournament Dentist
Sensational SMiles
Dr. Adam Swingdorf
Cell: 605-215-3033
Email: adam@sensationalsmiles4u.com

Concussion Management

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires each active member institution to have a concussion management plan for its student-athletes. Participating 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 designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance.

Medical Examinations

As the event sponsor, the NCAA seeks to ensure that all student-athletes are physically fit to participate in its championships and have valid medical clearance to participate in the competition. The NCAA tournament physician, as designated by the host school, has the unchallengeable authority to determine whether a student-athlete with an injury, illness or other medical condition (e.g., skin infection) may expose others to a significantly enhanced risk of harm and, if so, to disqualify the student-athlete from continued participation. For all other instances, the student-athlete's on-site team physician can determine whether a student-athlete with an injury or illness should continue to participate or is disqualified. In the absence of a team physician, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and has valid medical authority to disqualify him or her if the student-athlete's injury, illness or medical condition poses a potentially life-threatening risk to himself or herself. The chair of the governing sports committee (or a designated representative) shall be responsible for administrative enforcement of the medical judgment, if it involves disqualification.

Physicians & X Rays

Physicians & X Rays will be provided by Sanford Health. Contact Dr. Kristofer Kimber (605-261-4925, Kristofer.kimber@sanfordhealth.org) with questions.

Section 18 - Participant Expectations & Guidelines

Ethical Behavior by Coaches

Members of the coaching profession have certain inherent obligations and responsibilities to the profession, to the student-athletes and to all those with whom they come into contact in the venue.

Coaches are expected to be role models who conduct themselves with integrity and high ethical standards at all times.

The words and actions of a coach carry tremendous influence, particularly on the young people under his or her direction. It is, thus, imperative that he or she demonstrate and demand high principles of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

Therefore, coaches must:

1. Always place the safety and welfare of student-athletes above the value of a win and above any personal prestige or glory.
2. Ensure that the coaching staff and all others associated with the program treat the student-athletes under their control with fairness and respect.
3. Remember that they are on public display and that their conduct reflects upon the image of their respective institutions.
4. Teach their student-athletes strict adherence to the rules and regulations of the sport, the institution and other governing bodies to which they are responsible.
5. Firmly establish with their student-athletes the standards of acceptable conduct.
6. Treat opponents and assigned officials with respect and demand that student-athletes do the same, instilling in their student-athletes the importance of respect and sportsmanship over winning.

7. Ensure that student-athletes understand that taunting, intimidating and baiting opponents is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated.
8. Monitor their coaching staff and student-athletes to ensure that they do not use profane and vulgar language while representing the institution.
9. Ensure, along with institutional administration, that fans are reminded of the expectations of sportsmanship and respect for officials and opponents and their supporters.

Misconduct and 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 coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

Failure to Adhere to Policies

A governing sports 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/ march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition.

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.

Sports Wagering

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; 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.

Sports wagering includes placing, The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association 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) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

Student-Athletes

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through Internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

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.

The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers and game officials) in all sports during practice and competition. Uniform penalties (as determined by the applicable rules-making committees and sports committees with rules-making responsibilities) shall be established for such use.

Tobacco Ban

The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition.

PLEASE NOTE: Postgame cigars are **NOT** permitted for **any reason** and shall be subject to fine and/or misconduct.

Section 19 - Security

Media / Interview Area

Media press conference and work area will be located in the media room on the event level. Please follow signage or ask any event staff member.

Team Locker Room

Each team will be provided their own locker room area located on the event level. A team liaison will be provided for each team to assure access to each team's respective rooms.

Section 20 - Team Travel/Transportation

Airports

Sioux Falls Regional Airport

Approximately 4 miles, < 10 minutes from airport to playing venue

Bus Companies

Institutions will have the ability to work directly with bus companies and/or use their regular season

providers. This team will secure ground transportation to and from the site of competition if they are a drive and if they are a fly any other transportation needs to and from the airport and while competing at NCAA championships. Institutions eligible for ground travel, per the NCAA Travel Policies, will receive reimbursement directly from the NCAA Travel Expense System. Institutions must use bus companies that meet NCAA safety standards. These safety standards can be found [here](#).

Police Escorts

Police escorts will not be provided unless requested or circumstances warrant. All police escorts will be carried about by the Sioux Falls Police Department.

Rental Cars

[Budget Rental Cars](#)
www.budget.com

[Enterprise](#)
www.enterprise.com

[Avis Car Rental](#)
www.avis.com

Short's Travel Management

The participating institution shall be completely responsible for making its own travel reservations in accordance with the following:

The NCAA's official travel agency for the tournament is Short's Travel Management, which can be reached at 866-655-9215. Institutions can also enter travel manifest and other travel party information through the travel portal at www.shortstravel.com/ncaachamps.

The NCAA has adopted transportation and per diem policies with respect to the travel and expenses incurred by the competing institution. The most up-to-date Division I guide can be found at: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information?division=d1>.

Section 21 - Tickets

Team Ticket Allocations

Each team will be allocated a maximum of 400 tickets for the regional semifinal games. Teams must, at a minimum, purchase 250 tickets. If any team does not purchase its full allotment of tickets, the remaining will be offered equally to the other teams that may desire additional tickets.

Each team must notify the host ticket manager of the number of desired tickets by noon Eastern time, Wednesday, March 25. Team will be obligated to purchase any tickets not returned prior to the deadline.

The two advancing teams will be allocated the same number of tickets for the regional championship game as they purchased for the regional semifinal games and will be charged the all-session ticket price. The two non-advancing teams will not be allocated any tickets for the regional championship game and will only be charged for single-session tickets.

Requests for additional tickets for either day of competition will be handled based on availability.

Note: Teams may not provide tickets to a partner solely for the purpose of reselling them on ticket marketplaces, regardless of whether the resale price is above or below face value.

Location

The No. 1 and No. 2 seeds should be assigned to the two corners behind their team bench. The No. 3 and No. 4 seeds should be assigned to the two corners opposite their team bench. Bench assignments will be based on locker room locations and those locations will be assigned once the participating teams have been determined.

Mobile Tickets

All tickets for the regionals will be mobile, including those for player-guest purposes. All allocated tickets will be forwarded to the designated ticket manager, and he/she will be responsible for transferring the tickets to the end user. To transfer tickets, each guest's first and last name, and email address will be needed.

Designated Seating Areas

Bands

For admittance, band members, not to exceed 25 in number, who are in uniform and performing at the championship, will be admitted via a pass list and not charged admission.

Non-Participant Seating

Seating in these areas shall be restricted to the individuals on each team who have been issued bench credentials.

Scouting Seats

Scouting seats shall be reserved only for the official members of the coaching staff of the teams participating in the tournament. These seats shall be located at either end of the press box. The following seats shall be reserved:

Semifinal Game 1: Two seats for each of the four teams; eight seats total.

Semifinal Game 2: Two seats for each of the three remaining teams; six seats total.

Team Ticket Prices

All-Session: \$80/ticket

Single-Session: \$40/ticket

Complimentary Ticket Policy

Participating institutions are not entitled to complimentary tickets. The participating institutions must first purchase tickets, which are then treated as complimentary (player-guest) tickets for the student-athletes.

Player-Guest Ticket Distribution

Institutions are not required to obtain in-person signatures from those individuals using player-guest tickets; therefore, the NCAA will not provide space at the arena for institutions to manage these tickets. If an institution wishes to obtain a signature for the use of player-guest tickets, it must do so through other means managed by the institution. It is the responsibility of the institution to ensure that all student-athletes and player-guests are aware that all tickets are mobile, and the usage of those tickets can be tracked for compliance purposes.

Payment

Full payment for all tickets must be forwarded to the host ticket manager within 60 days of the last date of competition. A \$500 fine shall be assessed for each day an institution fails to pay for its tickets after the 60-day deadline. The NCAA may waive this provision based on extenuating circumstances.

Section 22 - Travel Party

Band/Spirit Squad/Mascots

A maximum of 25 band members, including the director, 12 uniformed cheerleaders and/or pep squad members, and one costumed mascot will be admitted free of charge via a pass list. The band/cheerleader/mascot entrance is located at the Side Suite entrance.

Each band will be provided 50 seats for its use.

Cheerleaders. All cheerleaders must conform to the guidelines set by the American Association of Cheerleader Coaches and Advisors (AACCA). Neither the NCAA nor the host institution shall be responsible for supervising or monitoring routines performed by cheerleaders at championship events. Except as noted in this section, supervision of cheerleading squads, their activities, yells and stunts are solely the participating institutions' responsibility. The participating institution shall ensure that the squad has sufficient training, supervision and equipment for any and all routines its squad may choose to perform. Tournament managers must inform participating institutions if the host facility has more stringent requirements. If so, the director of athletics at each institution must apprise his or her

cheerleading squad of such requirements and ensure compliance.

Cheerleaders and mascots will be permitted only on their team's side of center ice during pregame team introductions. Additionally, mascots are not permitted on the ice if the mascot must exit the ice through the opposing team's exit.

Electronic Amplification. Bands may use electronic amplification equipment with the specific approval of the NCAA representative.

Banners and Artificial Noisemakers

No banners may be posted at the tournament other than the NCAA and approved media banners. Artificial noise makers, air horns, and electronic amplifiers are not permitted and shall be removed upon discovery.

Bench Passes/Assignments

Team benches will be determined based on locker room assignments. When possible, a team shall be placed directly in front of or across from its ticketed allotment. If each team competing in a game has its ticket allotment at the same end of the ice, the team that has tickets assigned directly behind the bench shall be assigned to it.

Bench Size

Participating teams are limited to 19 skaters plus not more than three nor less than two goalies on the bench for competition. Per NCAA rule 90.5: "Not more than 20 players and three goalkeepers may participate in the pregame warm-up." Only players in uniform and eight additional team personnel are permitted on the bench. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not conform promptly to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

Squad Size

Participating teams are limited to a squad size of 27 eligible student-athletes. Replacements are permitted up to the starting time of the game; but after the game begins, no replacements shall be permitted for any reason.

Travel Party Size

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for an official travel party of 37; however, a total of 42 team credentials will be allocated per institution.

Section 23 - Trophies and Awards

All-Tournament Team

A six-person all-tournament team, including the most outstanding player, will be selected by the media immediately following the final game at each regional. Members of the team will be selected by position – one goalkeeper, two defenders and three forwards. The most outstanding player MUST be a member of the six-person all-tournament team.

Participation Award

[Reference: Awards in this manual and Bylaw 31.1.12 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

The NCAA will provide Participant medallions to those teams that do not advance out of the regional. 27 participant awards will be provided per team for the 27 student-athletes that are part of the official squad size for the regional. Participant medallions will be sent to the designated Athletic Administrator on campus following the completion of the championship.

(See Additional Award Ordering Section for details on purchasing additional medallions.)

Regional Champion Awards

Additional Award Ordering

A regional championship trophy and individual awards will be provided to the winner of the Regional. To purchase additional awards, including participant medallions, please use the following link:
<https://services.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa/>

Section 24 - Uniforms/Helmets

Each participating institution should be prepared to bring both home and away uniforms to the site of the competition. The home team shall wear light or white jerseys subject to the approval of the committee.

Player Numbers on Helmets

Each institution must have player numbers on the front and back of each helmet.

Laundry

Laundry service is available upon request for teams after each ice session. This does not include the regional championship game. Please contact Jason Smits, (402) 689-7381 or jsmits@omavs.com to schedule laundry service.

Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I 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:

1. 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 warm-ups) 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.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes, and any and all credentialed personnel in the bench area during the conduct of competition, which includes any practices and pregame or postgame activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and

institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff. Non-compliance with this legislation could result in loss of eligibility, forfeiture of points earned by those ineligible student-athletes and adjustment of team standings.

Division I Additional Requirements

The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply during the NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before August 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events.



A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association
2026 Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Championship
Regional Participant Videoconference

1. Introductions. (Tim Troville, NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Committee, chair)
 - a. Congratulate participating institutions.
 - b. Thank host institution/local organizing committee, have tournament director make introductions.
 - c. [Pre-championship/participant manuals](#).
 - d. Have each institution introduce the following:

Team #1: _____
 Head Coach: _____
 Administrator: _____ Cell: _____
 Sports Information: _____

Team #2: _____
 Head Coach: _____
 Administrator: _____ Cell: _____
 Sports Information: _____

Team #3: _____
 Head Coach: _____
 Administrator: _____ Cell: _____
 Sports Information: _____

Team #4: _____
 Head Coach: _____
 Administrator: _____ Cell: _____
 Sports Information: _____

e. Games committee:

NCAA SITE REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: _____

Team #1 _____
 (Institution) (Representative)

Team #2 _____
 (Institution) (Representative)

Team #3 _____
 (Institution) (Representative)

Team #4 _____
 (Institution) (Representative)

2. Date and time of games/uniforms colors. (Troville)

Semifinal #1: _____ (_____) vs. _____ (_____)
 (Home) (Color) (Away) (Color)

Semifinal #2: _____ (_____) vs. _____ (_____)
 (Home) (Color) (Away) (Color)

3. Transportation arrangements and estimated time of arrival at the site. (Troville)

Team #1 _____
 (Institution) (Day) (Time)

Team #2 _____
 (Institution) (Day) (Time)

Team #3 _____
 (Institution) (Day) (Time)

Team #4 _____
 (Institution) (Day) (Time)

4. Bands (25 including director)/cheerleaders (12 including coach)/mascot (1). (Troville)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Cheerleaders</u>	<u>Mascot</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. National Anthem. (Chad Tolliver)

Game 1: _____
 Game 2: _____

6. Schedule for teams on the day before the start of competition and day of competition. (Tolliver)

TEAM	ESPN INTERVIEWS	THURS PRACTICE	PRESS CONFERENCE	FRI SKATE
Game 1 Home Team picks	10:15 – 11:15 am	11:30 am–12:30 pm	12:45–1:15 pm	8:30–9 am; or 9:15–9:45 am
_____	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	12:45 – 1:45 pm	2 – 2:30 pm	8:30–9 am; or 9:15–9:45 am
Game 2 Home Team picks	12:45 – 1:45 pm	2 – 3 pm	3:15 – 3:45 pm	10–10:30am; or 10:45–11:15pm
_____	2 – 3 pm	3:15 – 4:15 pm	4:30 – 5 pm	10–10:30am; or 10:45–11:15pm

7. Reminder – practices are now open. (Tolliver)

8. Travel party size 37, per diem \$215 and transportation. (Tolliver)

9. Participant awards for squad size (27). Will be shipped to campus of non-advancing teams following the completion at the end of the championship. (Tolliver)

10. There will no longer be an on-site mandatory administrative meeting. (Tolliver)

11. Tickets/Credentials. (Lori Wolf; Phil Pierce; Host Tournament Director)

a. Team ticket allotment and policies.

Team #1	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(No. of Tickets)
Team #2	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(No. of Tickets)
Team #3	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(No. of Tickets)
Team #4	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(No. of Tickets)

- b. Team travel list.
 - Team credentials (45)
 - 3 VIP - not good for admittance
 - 3 Postgame Access - not good for admittance
- c. Seating for non-competing teams.
- d. Under 2 policy.
- e. Re-entry policy. (No re-entry)
- f. Doors open.

12. Television. (Tommy Barrett/ESPN)

- a. Intermission.
- b. TV timeouts.
- c. ESPN access to participating teams.

13. Centralized replay review. (Tolliver)

14. Team coaches video arrangements. (Tolliver)

15. Host and Local Information.

- a. Local transportation arrangements.
- b. Lodging arrangements.
- c. Locker room assignments.

Team #1	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(Locker Room)
Team #2	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(Locker Room)
Team #3	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(Locker Room)
Team #4	_____	_____
	(Institution)	(Locker Room)

- d. Medical and emergency procedures.

- e. Security arrangements.
- f. Requested items from institutions.
- g. Media information.

16. NCAA Playing Rules/Officiating/Video Replay (Ty Halpin)

17. Misconduct/supplemental discipline. (Troville)

- Disqualification/game misconduct disclosure form (please email to Chad Tolliver ctolliver@ncaa.org). (Troville)

18. Official roster form submission. (Troville)

19. Questions.

20. Adjournment.

NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Disqualification/Game Misconduct Disclosure

Institution: _____

Note: When a student-athlete accumulates three (3) game misconducts in the same season, that student-athlete is suspended for the next contest (Rule 22.2). Full procedures for disqualifications are located in Rule 23.

			Disqualification (DQ)		Game Misconduct (GM)	
Name of Student-Athlete	Date	Opponent	No. of DQs	Type of Penalty	No. of GMs	Type of Penalty

Authorized Signatures: _____

Head Coach

_____ Date

Director of Athletics or Designee

_____ Date



NCAA Tournament Supplemental Discipline

NCAA Ice Hockey Rules and championship policies allow for the use of supplemental discipline during championship competition. This document details the procedures the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee will follow when the use of supplemental discipline is needed.

1. NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee Review.

The Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, at its discretion, may investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any tournament game and may assess additional suspensions for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a player, goalkeeper, Trainer, Equipment Manager, Coach or non-playing personnel whether or not such offense has been penalized by the on-ice officials.

2. Incident Involving a Non-Advancing Team.

If the committee, NCAA liaison or officiating liaison determines further review is needed and the team is not advancing, all pertinent details should be collected on site (e.g., referee statements, committee/liaison reports, etc.) and discussed on-site. A preliminary recommendation should be reached, if possible, to discuss with the full committee at the next opportunity (e.g., Frozen Four).

3. Incident Involving an Advancing Team.

If the committee, NCAA liaison or officiating liaison determines further review of an incident involving an advancing team is needed, it should be conducted as soon as possible. A decision on the availability of any student-athletes and/or coaches involved should take place before that team's next practice opportunity.

4. Team Request for Review.

If an investigation is requested by a team the following procedure must be followed:

- a) Team representative must contact the applicable on-site NCAA staff representative to notify him/her that a request for review will be submitted.
- b) Complete and submit the Supplementary Discipline Form **within 2 hours** of the end of the game in question, signed by the Athletic Director (or administrator on-site) of the requesting team.
- c) Submit completed form and game video queued to the incident(s) noting period and time to the applicable NCAA staff representative. The form may be e-mailed.
- d) The Committee will notify the teams involved that a request for review has been submitted.
- e) The NCAA committee member, staff representative and officiating liaison will investigate, review and document findings with the Committee and issue results.
- f) Every effort will be made to make a decision on the availability of any student-athletes and/or coaches involved before that team's next practice opportunity.

- g) The decision of the Committee will be final. Appeals, protests are not recognized or permitted.
- h) By NCAA playing rule, the Committee may not decrease any penalties assessed before, during or after the game by the on-ice officials.



NCAA ICE HOCKEY VIDEO REVIEW/CHALLENGE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

OFFICIALS' REVIEW --OR-- COACH'S CHALLENGE

1. Scoring of a goal – puck:

- Crossing goal line.
- Entering net before it is dislodged.
- Entering net before time expires or referee's whistle.
- Deflected in off an official.
- Enters the net before a penalty infraction.

2. Establish correct time on the clock.

3. Determine correct faceoff location.

4. Review of infraction that may result in student-athlete ejection.

5. Identify those involved in a fight.

6. Penalty shot goals.

COACH'S CHALLENGE ONLY

1. Scoring of a goal:

- Offsides.
- Distinct kicking motion or directed in goal with hand.
- Goalkeeper interference.
- As the direct result of a too many players on the ice infraction.
- As the direct result of a hand pass.
- As the direct result of a high stick into the net.
- As the direct result of a high stick to a teammate or self.
- As the direct result of a deflection off the protective netting or curved glass.

2. Defending player covering the puck in the goal crease.

Note: Coaches and officials should thoroughly review the rules governing the use of video replay (Rule 93); this is intended to be a quick reference to assist.



NCAA Ice Hockey Media/Television (TV) Timeout Policy

1. There will be three (3) Media/Television (TV) Timeouts per period.
2. TV Timeouts will be taken at the first whistle (stoppage in play) after the following times on the game clock:

TV Timeout #1 – UNDER 15:00 (14:59 – 10:00) for a total of 90 seconds (1:30).

TV Timeout #2 – UNDER 10:00 (9:59 – 5:00) for a total of 90 seconds (1:30).

TV Timeout #3 – UNDER 5:00 (4:59 – 0:00) for a total of 90 seconds (1:30).

3. TV Timeouts are **NOT** permitted during the following situations:
 - When the game clock stops exactly at 15:00, 10:00 or 5:00.
 - During a power play.
 - After a goal.
 - When a rule requires one team to keep the same players on the ice.

Examples: A) Icing, B) defensive team causes net to be knocked out of position, C) defensive team shoots puck directly out of play from the defensive zone, or D) a hand pass by the defensive team in the defensive zone.

- In overtime.
 - When a penalty shot is called. In this scenario, if the team elects to take the penalty shot, this process will proceed immediately; if the team elects to take a minor penalty, the TV timeout will be taken before the power play starts. Once the team elects to take the minor penalty, that decision is final and may not be switched.
4. TV Timeouts **ARE** permitted during the following situations:
 - Before a power play begins.
 - During even strength situations (e.g. 4x4 or 3x3).
 - Late in any of the first three periods (**e.g. game clock is UNDER 1:00 in each period**).
 5. The only exception when a TV Timeout **WILL BE** permitted prior to UNDER 15:00, 10:00 and 5:00 on the game clock is if an extensive stoppage in play occurs (e.g. section of glass breaks or other prolonged delay). In these situations, the originally scheduled TV Timeout will be replaced. This protocol exists to keep the timing sequences of the game in tact while preventing the TV entity from having to double-up on TV Timeouts at the end of the period.

6. If there is not a stoppage in play during one of the 5-minute “TV Timeout Break Zones” (e.g. game clock between 14:59-10:00), which causes the TV Timeouts to double-up, then the TV entity will take its two allotted TV Timeouts during the next two stoppages of play regardless of how much or little time has transpired between TV Timeouts (e.g. two TV Timeouts would occur between 9:59 and 5:00).

7. The horn will sound with 20 seconds remaining in the TV Timeout (1:40), signaling both teams to return to the ice. Officials will use the normal faceoff procedure and at 2:00, the officials are free to drop the puck to begin play. This timing is controlled by the NCAA Video Replay Communicator and not by the TV entity. The TV entity will hire a Timeout Coordinator and will notify the officials and the TV Truck when 30 seconds, 15 seconds and 10 seconds remain in the TV Timeout. The TV entity must be ready to play when the officials drop the puck. There are no exceptions to this rule.

8. The NCAA Video Replay Communicator will cue the stoppage of play via the light at the Penalty/Scorer’s Box.

9. The student-athletes will go to their benches during TV Timeouts.

10. Officials will place the puck at face-off location. Both linesmen will be positioned between the benches.

11. Referee will go through normal line change procedure and begin play (e.g. drop the puck).

12. Each team is allowed a 1:00 Team Timeout during the game. If a team uses its Team Timeout, the TV entity may go to a commercial break at its own discretion. The Team Timeout does NOT replace any of the TV Timeouts and the resumption of play will not be held up for the TV entity.

13. Overtime. Overtime – Ties will be broken by 20-minute period sudden-death overtime periods. The ice will be resurfaced upon completion of regulation play. Teams will change ends at the end of each overtime period.

- In each overtime period, at the first stoppage of play under the 10-minute mark, and ice maintenance timeout of one-minute in duration will be administered. Teams may return to their benches at this time. **This will only occur when a change of players is allowed by rule.**

- Timeout During Overtime – Each team is awarded one team timeout if the game is tied after 60 minutes of play. This is not an additional timeout in cases where a team has not utilized its timeout during regulation play. **Both teams receive a timeout in each overtime, should the game continue past the one overtime period, but the timeouts do not accumulate.**



ESPN MULT-BOX & PRESS BRIDGE SPECS

Input

1x 3G/HD/HS-SDI/SDI (*Audio Embedded)

Outputs

12x 3G/HD/HD-SDI/SDI re-clocked video
output copies of input signal

12x HDMI 2.0 EDID video outputs copies of
input signal

Local Monitor

7" color video and audio monitoring built in
unit. Control local volume via screen buttons. (*Does not alter input/output levels)

Supported Resolutions

SD 720x408i / 720x576i

HD 1280x720 50p/60p

1920x1080 50i/60p

1920x1080 24p/25p/30p

SDI Formats

SD-SDI (SMPTE 259M)

HD-SDI (SMPTE 292m)

3G-SDI (SMPTE 424M/SMPTE 425M)

Audio

16 channels embedded audio on

BNC outputs

2 channels of stereo @ 20 bit, 192khz audio

HDMI outputs

APPENDIX G

