

**2021 NCAA Division III Women's
Ice Hockey Championship
Preliminary and Final Round Information and Bid Checklist**

Introduction

Given current health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, **all Winter 2021 preliminary-round competition will be conducted at predetermined sites**, rather than at traditional non-predetermined sites.

The information below outlines details related to the conduct of the championship. Please pay particular attention to the Return to Championship Guidelines document found in the Bid Checklist section below. This document highlights all additional measures that must be taken to ensure a healthy and safe environment for championship competition and information contained in this addendum will take precedence over that found in the Host Operations Manual, should differences exist. In order to be considered for hosting opportunities, it is required that a site be able to meet these obligations.

Bids for all predetermined rounds will be accepted beginning on January 11, 2021 through January 25, 2021. Predetermined host sites will be announced in early February.

Should national health and safety conditions necessitate changes to this plan, the NCAA reserves the right to adjust accordingly. Hosting guidelines and timelines will be updated and communicated as quickly as possible, should adjustments be necessary.

Selections

Teams selected for the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be announced at 9 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, March 14 on NCAA.com.

It is not a requirement that sites be selected to compete in the championship in order to host.

Championship Dates

Quarterfinals:	Friday, March 19
Semifinals:	Saturday, March 20
Finals:	Monday, March 22

Bid Checklist

The following materials must be submitted by institutions that wish to be considered as hosts for preliminary-round competition or the finals site. All materials are due by **5 p.m. Eastern time, January 25, 2021**.

Aside from the submission of your institution's certificate of insurance, each of the online forms listed below may be accessed and submitted through the championships host portal, at <https://championships.ncaa.org>.

To begin the process of submitting a bid, you will need to locate the specific divisional sport and round in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and click on "Start Bid."

Return to Championships COVID-19 Hosting Guidelines. A Return to Championships document featuring all health and safety measures related to hosting in the currently COVID-19 environment, can be found [HERE](#). This document must be reviewed in full and hosts must be able to follow all designated protocols bid in order to be considered for a hosting opportunity. Please pay particular attention to Section E, which outlines the sport-specific requirements for hosting.

Proposed Budget(s). An online proposed budget must be completed for **each** round of competition you wish to host. For those institutions submitting bids for multiple rounds, a "copy" function is available via the Budget System tab and will allow you to copy the budget for another round. The appropriate round and date of competition must be indicated on each budget. Please be sure to include projected ticket sales in the Receipts section.

Any necessary COVID-19-related expenses should be included in the proposed budget. These expenses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and **must** receive approval from NCAA staff in order to be included in the final host budget.

Please note that all COVID-19 testing expenses, including staffing, will be covered directly by the NCAA and should not be included in the host budget. Adequate testing space will need to be made available in order to serve as a host. Please be prepared to give details on available testing space(s) when completing the facility questionnaire in the bid portal.

Please carefully review pages 15-16 of the [2021 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Pre-Championship Manual](#), before submitting a proposed budget and make note of the following:

- **Hosts of non-predetermined preliminary-round competition will not receive an honorarium for hosting or per diem. NCAA staff will override the honorarium listed on the financial report when the host submits it. The host of the finals site will receive both an honorarium and per diem. Consult the 2020-21 [travel policies](#) for additional information.**
- Lodging expenses (if needed) for on-ice officials (referees and linesmen) and the site representative must be included in your proposed budget. Do not include officials' fees, per diem and travel expenses. These expenses will be paid by the NCAA through ArbiterPay. The NCAA will pay per diem and travel expenses for

site representatives directly.

- The NCAA will provide logo pucks for all practice and competition sessions at all sites.
 - a. The NCAA will ship 100 practice pucks and 50 game pucks to each preliminary-round site.
 - b. The NCAA will ship 200 practice pucks and 250 game pucks to the final site.

Facility Profile. An online facility profile must be completed by each institution interested in hosting preliminary or final round competition. Information regarding video board, LED board and/or ribbon boards should be entered via the “Boards/Control Room” tab of the applicable venue profile.

A facility profile can be maintained and updated on a regular basis. If a facility can host multiple sports, check the appropriate box(es) under the Sports tab of the facility profile to provide the information for that facility. Refer to pages 15-16 of the pre-championship manual for facility requirements and site selection procedures.

Key Contacts. The key contacts for your institution should be entered and/or maintained as necessary within your profile. Please enter the information for the key personnel associated with conducting a championship at your site.

If you previously submitted key contacts for this championship, a key contact form will automatically be created by the system. Please review the information by clicking on the PDF icon next to the "Contacts" link to ensure accuracy. This step is imperative to prevent incorrect or duplicate information. If edits need to be made, please click on the "Contacts" link and make the necessary updates.

Personnel who will administer the competition should be listed within the key contacts section of the Championships Bid and Host portal. Information must be entered on both the "General" tab and the "Role/Titles by Sport or Facility" tab. Please include the proper mailing address for overnight deliveries. P.O. box addresses are not acceptable.

Lodging. The host institution/agency shall recommend hotel properties for the participating institutions/student-athlete(s) and NCAA partner Anthony Travel will contract these properties on behalf of the NCAA and host institutions.

Recommended hotel properties shall be within 30 miles of the competition site and be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate. The selection of a competition site may be dependent on availability and quality of rooms for participating institutions/student-athletes.

Safety and Security Plan. Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of *Best Practices* for NCAA Championships,

which can be found [here](#). We urge each competition venue to take these *Best Practices* into account when developing its safety and security program.

As part of your bid, **please submit a safety and security plan** for your venue. You must **also submit the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form**, located in Appendix A of the *Best Practices* document. These documents should be uploaded in the document section of the facility profile. Both documents can be uploaded under the "Safety and Security" tab.

Liability Insurance. Host institutions must maintain and provide proof of at least \$1 million of general liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. The certificate must be submitted to NCAA prior to competition. State institutions subject to state governing tort laws are permitted to provide proof of limited liability under state laws instead of general liability coverage. (This is the minimum requirement per NCAA bylaws).

If applicable, off-campus venues must also maintain and provide a minimum of \$1 million in general liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. The NCAA must be named as an additional insured.

All insurance must be provided by an insurance company with an A.M. Best Rating of A-, VII or higher.

Host institutions must provide the national office with the appropriate certificates of insurance or documentation of self-insurance. This information must be provided via the Certificate of Insurance link in the bid portal. As this is a new feature in the portal, all prospective hosts must upload their documentation once. Depending on the coverage, users must subsequently verify their documentation is still valid, or upload a new certificate once the previous version has expired.

Facility Diagram/Photos. Potential hosts must submit a facility diagram or photos of the competition facility as part of the bid materials. These documents can be uploaded by using the "Bid Document Upload" tab in the Championships Bid and Host portal.

Additional Host Information/Resources

Host Operations Manual. The [2021 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship Host Operations Manual](#) will assist your institution in all stages of the bidding and hosting process.

Drug Testing. Drug testing may occur at any round of the championship and the assistance of the host institution will be a vital part of the testing. You will be notified in advance if the round you are hosting has been selected for drug testing. Please review the [site coordinator manual](#) and note that The National Center for Drug-Free Sport will provide materials to assist in the program.

Americans with Disabilities Act. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally challenged. The NCAA will rely on the host institution/conference to confirm compliance with the Act by the various facilities hosting NCAA championship events. The host institution/conference is responsible for determining if the facility will be in compliance as of the dates of the championship. If the host institution/conference becomes aware that a facility hosting an NCAA championship event will not be in compliance, the host institution/conference shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to discuss the issue.

NCAA Bylaw 31. Please review Bylaw 31 of the NCAA Division III Manual as it contains policies regarding the administration of an NCAA event.

Contact Information. If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact championship manager, Aaron King at 317-917-6771 or aking@ncaa.org.