

2024 NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship Preliminary-Round Information and Bid Checklist

Selections

Selections for the 2024 NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship will be announced on Sunday, March 10.

Preliminary-Round Schedule

Regional Semifinal Round: Hosts can select Thursday, March 14 or Friday, March 15.

Regional Final Round: Hosts can select Saturday, March 16 or Sunday, March 17 but must correspond with only having one day off after the first round (i.e. Thursday/Saturday or Friday/Sunday). Hosts must also declare preferred game times for each round.

Bid Checklist

The following materials must be submitted by institutions that wish to be considered as hosts for preliminary-round competition. All materials are due by **5 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, February 28.**

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."

_____ **Proposed Budget(s).** An online proposed budget must be submitted for both hosting situations – hosting just the second round **and** the combined first and second round site. For those institutions, 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.

Please carefully review page 14 of the [NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Pre-Championship Manual](#), prior to submitting a proposed budget, and make note of the following for all preliminary-round games:

- All lodging expenses for officials and site representatives (if needed) must be included in your budget. Officials' fees, per diem and travel expenses do not need to be included, nor do per diem and travel expenses for site representatives. The NCAA will pay those expenses directly.

_____ **Facility Profile.** An online facility profile must be completed and/or maintained as necessary by each institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition.

Information regarding video boards, LED boards 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. In order to host a regional you must be able to accommodate three teams (e.g. locker rooms, ice availability for practice, etc.) to the same level.

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 running a championship at your site.

When starting a bid, you will be prompted to enter new key personnel, or edit or confirm your existing key personnel. In addition, you will be asked to designate individuals who should receive the various host shipments (e.g., sport equipment, merchandise, awards, etc.). Please include the proper mailing address for overnight deliveries. P.O. box addresses will not be accepted.

Personnel who will administer the competition also will be listed and can be edited within the "Profile" section of the Championships Bid and Host portal. When entering individuals in this manner, information must be entered on both the "General" tab and the "Role/Titles by Sport or Facility" tab.

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.

Alcoholic Beverages. Beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, all Division I and National Collegiate championships are eligible to engage in the sale of alcohol, provided certain criteria are met. After starting a bid in the Championships Bid and Profile System, users will be prompted to answer a few questions that will determine their institution's eligibility to sell alcohol at a given venue. If a school is deemed eligible and is interested in selling alcohol, it will be required to complete one of three agreements

that must be signed and uploaded into the bid portal. Please thoroughly review the Championships Alcohol Sales Policy before completing the appropriate agreement.

Lodging. The host institution/agency shall negotiate a courtesy hold for the travel parties of the participating institutions. The selected hotel properties shall be located no more than 30 miles of the competition site, be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate, include the free use of a meeting room for up to 40 people. Preferably, the hotel will be full service, but if not, the host must be able to recommend a catering company that is familiar with working with college teams. The selection of a competition site may be dependent on availability and quality of rooms for participating institutions/student-athletes. A [letter of intent template](#) is provided by the NCAA for the host to use to confirm the hold with the hotel(s).

Webcast. In the event, television does not elect to pick up any regional games, host institutions must agree to webcast both regional contests even the game in which they are not participating.

Dashers. The host institution must agree to have the official dashers from the NCAA on the boards prior to the first date of competition through the completion of the final regional game at that site.

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 the 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, an off-campus venue 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 can be sent to the championships staff at insurance@ncaa.org.

Additional Host Information/Resources

Host Operations Manual. The [NCAA 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 [drug testing 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 host institution/conference is required to confirm that each facility in which an NCAA championship or ancillary event occurs is in compliance with the Act. The host institution/conference is responsible for determining if the competition site will be in compliance as of the dates of the championship. If the host institution/conference becomes aware that a competition site hosting an NCAA championship event will not be in compliance, it shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to discuss the issue.

Statement of Inclusion. As a core value, the NCAA and its championship host institution/conference must be committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion across its functions, staff, partners, stakeholders and communications platforms. Host institution/conference should embrace the NCAA's stated interest of sustaining a welcoming, safe and supportive culture across all dimensions of diversity, including race, age, sex, class, national origin, creed, educational background, religion, gender identity, disability, gender expression, geographical location, income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and work experiences. The host institution/conference plays a central role in fostering, growing and preserving an inclusive culture on-site at NCAA championship events.

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

Reminder for 2024-25 tournament. Starting with the 2025 NCAA tournament it will be mandated that the host be able to accommodate all three teams with locker rooms in the same building as the rink.

Contact Information. If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Mark Bedics at mbedics@ncaa.org or 317-917-6541.