

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP 2018-19 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division III championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division III championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two 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 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 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 Sports 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 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 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 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I and 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 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division III) and 31.2.3, 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, which 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 outline.

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; 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 when 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 when 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

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

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 the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her 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. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way 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 NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

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 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.

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 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

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 on or before 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. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

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

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Division I Men's Lacrosse

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Section 1.2 National Committee

Current members of the committee are:

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Head Men's Lacrosse Coach Marquette University

NORTHEAST REGION

Jack Haves

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SOUTHEAST REGION

Tim Leonard

Director of Athletics Towson University

SOUTHEAST REGION

Richie Mead

Head Men's Lacrosse Coach Furman University

NORTHEAST REGION

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Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
SOUTHEAST REGION		
Joe Breschi	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference
John Tillman	Maryland	Big Ten Conference
Dan Chemotti	Richmond	Southern Conference
NORTHEAST REGION		
Keegan Wilkinson	Marist	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Ed Stephenson	UMass Lowell	America East Conference
Taylor Wray	Saint Joseph's	Northeast Conference
Rick Sowell	Navy	Patriot League
Andy Copelan	Fairfield	Colonial Athletic Association
Andy Shay	Yale	Ivy League
Mike Corrado	Villanova	Big East Conference

Section 1.4 Important Dates

Sunday, May 5	Selections
Wednesday, May 8	Opening Round Games
Saturday-Sunday, May 11 or 12	First Rounds
Saturday, May 18	Quarterfinals — James M. Shuart Stadium, Hempstead, New York
Sunday, May 19	Quarterfinals — Rentschler Field, East Hartford, Connecticut

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Saturday and Monday, Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania May 25 and 27, 2019

DATE FORMULA

Opening Round Games (1)	Wednesday following selections
First Rounds (8)	Saturday and Sunday before quarterfinals
Quarterfinals (2)	Saturday and Sunday before semifinals
Semifinals and Final	Saturday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend

FUTURE DATES

Finals	May 23 and 25, 2020 — Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Finals	May 29 and 31, 2021 — Rentschler Field, East Hartford, Connecticut
Finals	May 28 and 30, 2022 — Rentschler Field, East Hartford, Connecticut

Section 1.5 Equipment

In accordance with Bylaw 12.5.4 (Division I), athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, gloves, helmets, sticks) may bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public. Failure to comply with this regulation may jeopardize a student-athlete's eligibility.

Section 1.6 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, including men's lacrosse. The governing sports committee will not consider for selection purposes any games not played in accordance with the NCAA rules book.

The NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules will be followed in all tournament games. See the appendix for the diagram of the official field of play. The Men's Lacrosse Rules book can be found at NCAA.org under publications.

Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be addressed to Willie Scroggs, Secretary-Rules Editor, Men's Lacrosse, University of North Carolina, P.O. Box 2126, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515; phone: 919-962-3340, email: williescroggs@unc.edu.

Section 1.7 Uniforms

The higher-seeded team shall be designated the home team and shall wear white or light-colored jerseys; however, this rule may be waived if both coaches agree to do so before the game. When jersey colors are not sufficiently contrasting, the home team shall change its jerseys.

Student-athletes competing in each championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institutions in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warmup uniforms as well as uniforms for competition.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

Section 2 • Determination of **Championship Participation**

Section 2.1 Championship Format

TRAVEL PARTY

The official travel party is 40 persons.

Division I teams located within 400 miles of their competition site are required to use ground transportation. Teams located outside 400 miles may use air transportation. All air transportation must be arranged through Short's Travel Management (866-655-9215).

All ground transportation payable by the NCAA must be arranged through GO Ground Options (866-386-4951). The costs will be paid to the operator directly, eliminating the need for you to claim reimbursement.

Local transportation is not reimbursable by the NCAA. Participating institutions are responsible for arranging their own local transportation and may do so using the NCAA provider, GO Ground Options, or a provider of their choice.

Section 2.2 Results

RPI

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are combined for Division I men's lacrosse. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will then be transferred into the RPI system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Mark Bedics at mbedics@ncaa.org or 317-917-6541.

Copies of results will be obtained off the NCAA website, as posted by the host institution's sports information director. These results must be posted on the day of the event and shall include at a minimum: (1) score by periods; (2) first and last name for all goal scorers for each team, along with their total goals for the game; (3) total shots for each team; (4) first and last name of all goalies who play; (5) total saves for each goalie for each team; and (6) announced attendance. A computergenerated box score will suffice as long as it includes all information listed. If the form does not, such information shall be added manually to the sports information director's web report.

Section 2.3 Selection Information

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

The Men's Lacrosse Committee will select and seed the top eight teams for the championship, assisted by the regional advisory committee.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION ELIGIBLE CONFERENCES

The Division I Competition Oversight Committee determined that the following 9 conferences shall be eligible for automatic qualification consideration this season, based on the Men's Lacrosse Committee's recommendation: America East Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Northeast Conference, Patriot League and Southern Conference.

The two lowest-ranked, automatic qualifying teams as determined by the committee, regardless of conference RPI, will compete in one preliminary game to determine the final AQ spot in the championship bracket.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or better against Division I opponents. Division I teams must play at least 10 games against Division I opponents. (Bylaw 31.3.3.1 —

Countable Competition.) For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

Primary Criteria:

- Strength-of-schedule index.
- Results of the RPI:
 - Record against ranked teams 1-5; 6-10; 11-15; 16-20; 21+
 - Average RPI win (average RPI of all wins)
 - Average RPI loss (average RPI of all losses)
- Head-to-head competition:
 - Results versus common opponents
 - Significant wins and losses (wins against teams ranked higher in the RPI and losses against teams ranked lower in the RPI)
 - Locations of contests

Additionally, input is provided by the regional advisory committee for consideration by the Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the committee for selection purposes.

The top eight teams will be seeded and separated in the bracket, the remaining eight teams will be placed geographically. In making bracket assignments, the closest geographical consideration will be used as well as the ability to separate conference opponents during the first round of competition.

Section 2.5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting any preliminary-round competition of the 20198 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" and select "Start Bid."

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for preliminary rounds is April 26.

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting any preliminary-round competition of the 2019 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at championships.ncaa.org. Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Profile System at championships.ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Profile System under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any guestions regarding the bid process, please contact Ryan Tressel at 317-917-6316 or championshipbid@ncaa.org.

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. 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, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document. The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at:

http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best Practices for Venue Safety and Security.pdf

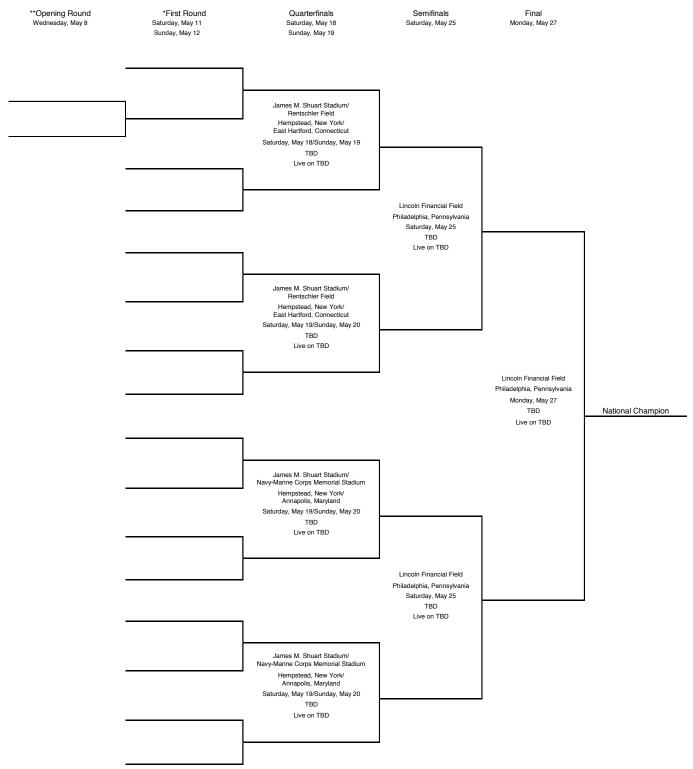
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Appendix A • Bracket





^{**}One opening round game will be played Wednesday, May 8.
*Eight first-round games played on campuses of participating institutions. All times are Eastern and are subject to change due to television scheduling.

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

Independent (4)

Cleveland State University Hampton University

New Jersey Institute of Technology University of Utah

America East Conference (7)

University at Albany Binghamton University University of Hartford University of Massachusetts Lowell University of Maryland, Baltimore County Stony Brook University University of Vermont

AQ

Atlantic Coast Conference (5)

Duke University University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill University of Notre Dame

Syracuse University University of Virginia

Big East Conference (6)

University of Denver Georgetown University Marquette University

Providence College St. John's University (New York) Villanova University

AQ

Big Ten Conference (6)

Johns Hopkins University University of Maryland, College Park University of Michigan

The Ohio State University Pennsylvania State University Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick

AQ

Colonial Athletic Association (6)

University of Delaware **Drexel University** Fairfield University

Hofstra University University of Massachusetts, Amherst **Towson University**

AQ

The Ivy League (7)

Brown University Cornell University Dartmouth College Harvard University

University of Pennsylvania Princeton University Yale University

AQ

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (8)

Canisius College University of Detroit Mercy Manhattan College Marist College

Monmouth University Quinnipiac University St. Bonaventure University Siena College

AQ

Northeast Conference (7)

Bryant University Hobart College Mount St. Mary's University Robert Morris University

Sacred Heart University Saint Joseph's University Wagner College

AQ

Patriot League (9)

Boston University Bucknell University Colgate University College of the Holy Cross Lafayette College

Lehigh University Loyola University Maryland U.S. Military Academy U.S. Naval Academy

AQ

Southern Conference (8)

Bellarmine University Furman University High Point University Jacksonville University

Mercer University U.S. Air Force Academy University of Richmond Virginia Military Institute

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