

DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 2025 NCAA.ORG

The NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year, as well as topics for future consideration. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Ryan Tressel, NCAA director, championships and alliances (Phone: 317-917-6316 or Email: rtressel@ncaa.org).

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Men's Lacrosse Institutional Sponsorship.

	21-22	22-23	23-24	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>
DI	74	74	76	77	77
DII	75	77	80	79	80
DIII	247	245	242	239	236

Annual Meeting.

The Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee annual meeting will be June/July 2026. If you have recommendations that you would like the committee to discuss, please forward them in writing to Ryan Tressel at the NCAA national office by **June 1**.

Regular Season and Conference Schedule.

The men's lacrosse committee strongly recommends that there be no regular season games played on Selection Sunday. The committee also strongly recommends that all conference tournaments be completed by Saturday of selection weekend. In the event a conference tournament game is contested on Sunday; it should not begin after 1 p.m.

Automatic Qualifying Conferences.

There are ten eligible automatic-qualifying conferences for 2025: America East Conference, ASUN Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Coastal Athletic Association, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Northeast Conference and The Patriot League. The two lowest ranked automatic qualifying teams as determined by the committee, regardless of the conference RPI, will compete in two Opening Round games to determine the final AQ spot in the bracket of 16.

Opening Round Game. There will be two opening round games that will be conducted after selections, on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. The competing teams will consist of the lowest ranked automatic qualification teams (regardless of conference RPI) based on committee selection. The NCAA will pay expenses for the opening round game, and all applicable statistics will be included in the NCAA postseason record books. Competing teams will be recognized in the championship programs and receive any applicable participation awards.

<u>Selection Criteria</u>. To be considered during the atlarge 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.

- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championship.
- Wins-losses record.
- Strength of schedule.
- Results of the RPI.
- Record against ranked teams 1-5; 6-10, 11-15; 16-20; 21+.
- average RPI win.
- average RPI loss.
- 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).
- Location of contests.

Additionally, input is provided by a 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 as a selection criterion 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 to create the least number of flights, while also maintaining bracket integrity, and separating conference opponents during first-round competition.

FAQ about RPI. Review information on the lacrosse RPI.

<u>Committee Ranking</u>. The committee is planning to release top 10 rankings again in 2026.

2026 Championship Dates and Sites.

Sunday, May 3

Selections

Wednesday, May 6

Opening-round games – on campuses TBD.

Saturday/Sunday, May 9/10

First-round games— on campuses TBD.

Saturday, May 16

Quarterfinals Hofstra

Sunday, May 17

Quarterfinals Delaware

Friday, May 22

Open Team Practices – Scott Stadium, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Saturday, May 23 (game times subject to change)

DI Men's Semifinal – Noon

DI Men's Semifinal – 2:30 p.m.	
Sunday, May 24 (game times subject to change) Division II Men's Championship – TBD Division III Men's Championship – TBD	
Monday, May 25 (game times subject to change) Division I Men's Championship – 1 p.m.	
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