



2021 DIVISION I WOMEN'S
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PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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.

Sections one through eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining 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 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 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 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 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 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 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division 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 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), 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, that 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/march-in 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 online.](#)

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; mobile betting; 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 where 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 where 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

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event 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 student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their 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. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations 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 Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel reservations.

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:

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 warmups) 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

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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 • Division I

Section 9•1 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 September 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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Section 1 • General Administration

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Current members of the committee are as follows:

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Associate Athletics Director
Duquesne University

NORTHEAST REGION

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Director of Athletics
Mount St. Mary's University

NORTHEAST REGION

Kathryn Mirance

Associate Athletics Director, Business Affairs/SWA
Manhattan College

SOUTH REGION

Kerstin Kimel

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach
Duke University

CENTRAL/WEST REGION

Ryan Cobb

Senior Associate Athletics Director
University of California, Berkeley

SOUTH REGION

Christy Leach, chair

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach
Stetson University

Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
MID-ATLANTIC REGION		
Michael Scerbo, chair	Duquesne	Atlantic 10
Kristen Waagbo	Army West Point	Patriot
Bonnie Rosen	Temple	American Athletic
Cecil Pilson	Butler	Big East
Kim Wayne	Davidson	Atlantic 10
NORTHEAST REGION		
Kathryn Mirance, co-chair	Manhattan	Metro Atlantic
Lynne Robinson, co-chair	Mount St. Mary's	Northeast
Amy Slade	UMBC	America East
Devon Wills	Harvard	Ivy League
Laura Korutz	Sacred Heart	Northeast
Wendy Stone	Niagara	Metro Atlantic

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
SOUTH REGION		
Christy Leach, co-chair	Stetson	Atlantic Sun
Kerstin Kimel, co-chair	Duke	Atlantic Coast
John Sung	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast
Kim Eldridge	Wofford	Southern
Dawn Easley	Campbell	Big South
Shannon Smith	Hofstra	Colonial Athletic
CENTRAL/WEST REGION		
Ryan Cobb, chair	California	Pac-12
Lindsey Munday	Southern California	Pac-12
Sarah Tisdale	Central Michigan	MAC
Missy Doherty	Penn State	Big Ten
Kylee White	San Diego St.	Independent

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Thursday, April 1	Preliminary-round bid checklist will be posted on ncaa.org ; communication will be distributed via NCAAconnect.
Tuesday, April 13	Rating Percentage Index (RPI) posted on NCAA website at ncaa.com .
Tuesday, April 20	RPI posted on NCAA website at ncaa.com .
Friday, April 23	Deadline for institutions to submit bid materials to host first- and second-round and quarterfinal games of the championship.
Tuesday, April 27	RPI posted on NCAA website at ncaa.com .
Tuesday, May 4	RPI posted on NCAA website at ncaa.com .
Sunday, May 9	Selection announcement on ncaa.com (8 p.m. Eastern Time).
Monday, May 10	Teleconference with first- and second-round participants. (Four calls at 1 p.m. Eastern time and four calls at 2 p.m. Eastern time.) RPI posted on NCAA website at ncaa.com .
Fri., May 14 and Sun., May 16	First- and second-round competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship.
Monday, May 17	Teleconference with quarterfinal-round participants (1 p.m. Eastern time).
Sat., May 22 or Sun., May 23	Quarterfinal competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship.
Monday, May 24	Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA championship administrator, committee chair and host tournament director (1 p.m. Eastern time).
Friday, May 28	Semifinals at Johnny Unitas Stadium, hosted by Towson University, in Towson, Maryland.
Sunday, May 30	Championship at Johnny Unitas Stadium, hosted by Towson University, in Towson, Maryland.

DATE FORMULA

The championship finals are scheduled for Friday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Quarterfinals will be held Saturday or Sunday before the finals. First- and second-round games will be held the Friday and Sunday before the quarterfinals.

PRELIMINARY-ROUND GAME TIMES

First- and Second-Round Games

Friday

Single-game sites Between 2 and 7 p.m.

Doubleheader sites Between noon and 7 p.m., with 45 minutes allotted between games that includes 35 minutes of warm-up for teams in game two

Sunday Between noon and 3 p.m.

Quarterfinals

Saturday Noon, 1, 2 or 3 p.m. (TV and the lacrosse committee will determine time slots for each quarterfinal.)

Sunday Between noon and 3 p.m. (NOTE: Sunday games will only be considered in extenuating circumstances.)

Game time(s) shall be established by the host institution within the time frames stated above. For those first-round games in which the host team is not a participant, consideration shall be given to a game time conducive to the participating teams and its fans. Institutions without lighted facilities are required to schedule the start time to allow a four-hour window for a daylight opportunity to play the game. Requests to deviate from those times listed above must be submitted in writing and approved by the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee by May 1 and/or requested by TV partners.

FUTURE DATES

2022

Selections Sunday, May 8

First Round Friday, May 13, on campus

Second Round Sunday, May 15, on campus

Quarterfinals Saturday, May 21 or Sunday, May 22, on campus

Semifinals and Final Friday and Sunday, May 27 and 29; Host — Johns Hopkins University

Section 1•5 Equipment

The manufacturer will send game balls to the tournament manager at the host institution for each round of competition. Four dozen practice balls will be provided at the site of the semifinals and final.

In accordance with Bylaw 12.5.4, 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.

All equipment must conform to the specifications outlined in the [2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules book](#).

Section 1•6 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 17.30 in the NCAA Manual.]

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 in which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

This championship will be conducted according to the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules.

DURATION OF GAMES

For NCAA tournament play, all games must be played to completion. If a tournament game is suspended and played on another day, it will be played from the point of interruption.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

The designated home team (as determined by the Women's Lacrosse Committee) will wear light-colored uniforms for all rounds of competition.

In competition and during related ceremonies (pregame/warmup, introductions, award ceremonies and postgame interviews), student-athletes in the championship shall wear exclusively their official game uniform or institutional apparel. This applies to warmup uniforms and competitive uniforms.

All visible undergarments worn must be of one solid color and must be white, gray, black or one of that team's uniform colors. All team members who choose to wear visible undergarments must wear the same color. [NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rule 2, Sections 33 and 34].

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship provides for a 29-team, single-elimination tournament. For the 2021 championship, 16 conference automatic bids will be awarded, and 13 teams will be selected at large. (See [Appendix A](#) for the bracket.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

Thursday, May 27

8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Administrative Meeting (may be moved to after the banquet)

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Practice – Team 1

10:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Practice – Team 2

12:20 - 1:35 p.m. Practice – Team 3

1:45 - 3 p.m. Practice – Team 4

6 p.m. Banquet

Friday, May 28

TBD Semifinal #1

After Semifinal #1 Postgame Media Conference

TBD Semifinal #2

After Semifinal #2 Postgame Media Conference

Saturday, May 29

12 - 1:15 p.m. Practice - Winner Semifinal #1

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Practice - Winner Semifinal #2

Sunday, May 30

7 - 7:45 a.m. Practice - Winner Semifinal #1

8 - 8:45 a.m. Practice - Winner Semifinal #2

TBD Championship Game

10 minutes after awards ceremony Postgame Media Conference

TRAVEL PARTY/BENCH LIMIT

[Reference: *Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manual.*]

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. The travel party for Division I Women's Lacrosse is 38. Travel policies are located online at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

During the administrative meeting, each team must designate its 32 players who will be eligible to play. Starting lineups will be recorded in the official scorebook 15 minutes before the game begins. Changes to the lineup cannot be made until the game starts. A roster with names and numbers of all players must be at the scorer's table before the start of the game. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform shall automatically forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

Each team will be permitted 12 individuals on the sidelines beyond the travel party of 38 for a total of 50. The individuals exceeding the travel party shall include non-participating, dressed student-athletes and institutional personnel (coaches, managers, athletic trainers, physicians and administrators). The non-participating, dressed student-athletes are permitted

to participate in pregame warm-up activities at the discretion of the institution. This total must include an administrator from the participating institution. Please note: Anyone above the official travel party number (38) must purchase a ticket to the competition, even if they receive a bench pass.

Section 2•2 Results

RESULTS REPORTING

The results-reporting and statistics-reporting processes are combined for Division I women's lacrosse. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information is transferred into the RPI system for use by the sports committee. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to sports information directors in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Matt Holmes at mholmes@ncaa.org or 317-917-6385.

STAT CREW

All host sites should use Stat Crew programs to submit statistics for postseason contests. At the end of each game or day of competition, a packed file from each preliminary/championship contest must be sent to Matt Holmes (mholmes@ncaa.org) and ncaastats@ncaa.org at the NCAA national office. These files should be sent immediately after each contest or day of competition.

Please contact Matt Holmes with any questions.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences were granted automatic qualification for the 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship:

American Athletic Conference	Colonial Athletic Association
America East Conference	The Ivy League
ASUN Conference	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference	Mid-American Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Northeast Conference
Big East Conference	Pac-12 Conference
Big South Conference	Patriot League
Big Ten Conference	Southern Conference

AT-LARGE SELECTION

Thirteen teams will be selected at large. For the 2021 championship only, to be considered during the at-large selection process, a team does **not** need a Division I overall won-lost record of .500 or better.

SEEDING

The committee will seed and pair teams for the championship according to the geographic travel policy established by the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee. The committee shall seed the top eight teams of the championship field.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located on the NCAA website at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information. Teams and/or individuals should provide themselves sufficient money to meet all expenses throughout the tournament, including those for ground transportation, lodging, meals and other miscellaneous needs.

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

To be considered for selection for the championship, regular-season games that are tied after regulation play must be decided with an overtime period. Teams must play a minimum of five contests (for the 2021 championship only; the minimum will return to 10 contests for the 2022 championship).

The Women's Lacrosse Committee will select at-large teams based on the criteria in Bylaw 31.3.3 (as listed below) in addition to the primary criteria.

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

Primary Criteria (not necessarily in priority order):

- Comprehensive evaluation of the Rating Percentage Index (RPI – 25% won-lost record; 50% opponents' strength of schedule; and 25% opponents' opponents' strength of schedule).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results vs. common opponents.
- Significant wins and losses
- Evaluation of the 10 highest-rated teams on an institution's schedule; defined by two components: strength of schedule and winning percentage.

Secondary Criteria

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Late-season performance (last six games, including conference tournaments — winning percentage and strength of schedule).
- Results against teams already selected (including automatic qualifiers).
- Nonconference RPI.

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

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•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2021 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" section and select "Start Bid."

Please note that all member institutions have regular and easy access to their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championship manager.

VENUE REQUIREMENT

A team must play at least one match during the regular season in the venue it submits as the host facility. If an institution cannot meet this requirement, you may submit a waiver (including clear rationale) to the women's lacrosse committee. The committee will review the waiver and issue a decision. The waiver must be submitted before selection weekend (Saturday, May 8) to mdespain@ncaa.org. The committee will give priority to on-campus venues that can provide student-athletes with a positive experience.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Profile System is located at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Friday, April 23.

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.

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting championship preliminary-round competition 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 Host Profile portal at championships.ncaa.org.

LODGING

Prospective hosts shall secure 25 double/double, non-smoking rooms for each visiting team. Accommodations shall be within 30 miles (30 minutes) of the field. A letter of intent for each proposed hotel holding rooms must be included in the submitted bid materials. Host should try to put teams in separate hotels with equal amenities, when possible. This information can be uploaded and attached to the profile by visiting championships.ncaa.org.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Each facility profile should include the safety and security plan for that facility. This information can be uploaded and attached to the profile by visiting championships.ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Morgan DeSpain at 317-917-6505 or mdespain@ncaa.org, or email championshipbid@ncaa.org, if you have any questions regarding the bid process.

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

American Athletic Conference (6)

University of Cincinnati
East Carolina University
University of Florida

Old Dominion University
Temple University
Vanderbilt University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

America East Conference (8)

University at Albany
Binghamton University
University of Hartford
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

University of Massachusetts Lowell
University of New Hampshire
Stony Brook University
University of Vermont

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Atlantic 10 Conference (10)

Davidson College
Duquesne University
George Mason University
George Washington University
La Salle University

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Richmond
St. Bonaventure University
Saint Joseph's University
Virginia Commonwealth University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Atlantic Coast Conference (8)

Boston College
Duke University
University of Louisville
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame
Syracuse University
University of Virginia
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

ASUN Conference (5)

Howard University
Jacksonville University
Kennesaw State University

Liberty University
Stetson University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Big East Conference (6)

Butler University
University of Connecticut
University of Denver

Georgetown University
Marquette University
Villanova University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Big South Conference (7)

Campbell University
Gardner-Webb University
High Point University
Longwood University

Presbyterian College
Radford University
Winthrop University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Big Ten Conference (7)

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

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

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Colonial Athletic Association (7)

University of Delaware
 Drexel University
 Elon University
 Hofstra University

James Madison University
 Towson University
 College of William & Mary

AQ – Postseason Tournament

The Ivy League (8)

Brown University
 Columbia University-Barnard College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College

Harvard University
 University of Pennsylvania
 Princeton University
 Yale University

AQ – Postseason Tournament

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (9)

Canisius College
 Fairfield University
 Iona College
 Manhattan College
 Marist College

Monmouth University
 Niagara University
 Quinnipiac University
 Siena College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Mid-American Conference (6)

University of Akron
 Central Michigan University
 University of Detroit Mercy

Kent State University
 Robert Morris University
 Youngstown State University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Northeast Conference (8)

Bryant University
 Central Connecticut State University
 Long Island University
 *Merrimack College

Mount St. Mary's University
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)
 Wagner College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Pac-12 Conference (6)

Arizona State University
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Oregon
 University of Southern California
 Stanford University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

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Patriot League (10)

American University
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 - Postseason Tournament

Southern Conference (5)

Coastal Carolina University
Delaware State University
Furman University

Mercer University
Wofford College

AQ - Postseason Tournament

Independents (3)

California State University, Fresno
University of California, Davis

San Diego State University

Appendix C • Officials

POLICIES AND SELECTION OF OFFICIALS

All officials for NCAA Division I postseason games shall be appointed by the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee in conjunction with the NCAA national coordinator for officials. Any committee member whose team is selected to the championship will be recused from the process.

A sports committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Officials shall adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities, drugs and alcohol, and must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

REQUIREMENTS

All officials assigned to an NCAA postseason tournament game:

1. Must register on the Arbiter Central Hub;
2. Must annually attend an NCAA rules interpretation session in person or via webinar;
3. Score 90% or higher on the annual rules test;
4. Evaluations through NCAA national coordinator of officials and assignors; and
5. Referee a minimum of six NCAA contests during the current lacrosse season.

An official will not be assigned to a game if it involves an institution he or she attended, was or is an employee of, or if his or her spouse/partner or relatives have any conflicting affiliations. Other situations that could be perceived as a conflict of interest will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

ASSIGNMENTS

Three field officials and one alternate official will be assigned to all games.