



2022 DIVISION I WOMEN'S  
**LACROSSE**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2021-22 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2021-22 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 II 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 II 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.

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 event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

## 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 • Conduct

### Section 3.1 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 3.2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation 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 3.3 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 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### 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 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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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 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience

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During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships

can be improved for future NCAA athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. However, we understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

## Section 4 • 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](https://ncaa.org).

## Section 5 • 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](https://ncaa.com/travel) to search and book online hotel reservations.

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sports Science Institute website](https://ncaa.org/sports-science). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

## 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 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

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

## Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers.

Please reference the NCAA travel policies as they are updated annually [here](#), and the travel policies supersede all other documents.

## Section 10 • Division I

### Section 10•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).

# Division I Women'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 as follows:

### MID-ATLANTIC REGION

#### Michael Scerbo, chair

Associate Athletics Director  
Duquesne University

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### Lauren Eads

Senior Associate Commissioner  
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

### CENTRAL/WEST REGION

#### Ryan Cobb

Senior Associate Athletics Director  
University of California, Berkeley

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### Lynne Robinson

Director of Athletics  
Mount St. Mary's University

### SOUTH REGION

#### Samantha Eustace

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach  
Mercer University

### MID-ATLANTIC REGION

#### Bonnie Rosen

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach  
Temple University

## Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>MID-ATLANTIC REGION</b>		
Michael Scerbo, co-chair	Duquesne	Atlantic 10
Bonnie Rosen, co-chair	Temple	American Athletic
Lauren Morton	Boston U.	Patriot
Amanda O'Leary	Florida	American Athletic
Kathleen Woods	Connecticut	Big East
Kim Wayne	Davidson	Atlantic 10
<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>		
Lauren Eads, co-chair	Metro Atlantic	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
<b>SOUTH REGION</b>		
Samantha Eustace, chair	Mercer	Big South
Mindy McCord	Jacksonville	ASUN
Kristen Skiera	Virginia Tech	Atlantic Coast
Dawn Easley	Campbell	Big South
Shannon Smith	Hofstra	Colonial Athletic
<b>CENTRAL/WEST REGION</b>		
Ryan Cobb, chair	California	Pac-12
Lindsey Munday	Southern California	Pac-12
Hannah Nielsen	Michigan	Big Ten
Sarah Tisdale	Central Michigan	MAC

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Friday, April 1</b>	Preliminary-round bid checklist will be posted on <a href="https://www.ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> ; communication will be distributed via NCAAconnect.
<b>Tuesday, April 12</b>	Rating Percentage Index (RPI) posted on NCAA website at <a href="https://www.ncaa.com">NCAA.com</a> .
<b>Tuesday, April 19</b>	RPI posted on NCAA website at <a href="https://www.ncaa.com">NCAA.com</a> .
<b>Friday, April 22</b>	Deadline for institutions to submit bid materials to host first- and second-round and quarterfinal games of the championship.
<b>Tuesday, April 26</b>	RPI posted on NCAA website at <a href="https://www.ncaa.com">NCAA.com</a> .
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	RPI posted on NCAA website at <a href="https://www.ncaa.com">NCAA.com</a> .
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	Selection announcement on <a href="https://www.ncaa.com">NCAA.com</a> (8 p.m. Eastern Time).
<b>Monday, May 9</b>	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 <a href="https://www.ncaa.com">NCAA.com</a> .
<b>Fri., May 13 and Sun., May 15</b>	First- and second-round competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship.
<b>Monday, May 16</b>	Teleconference with quarterfinal-round participants (1 p.m. Eastern time).
<b>Thursday, May 19</b>	Quarterfinal competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship.
<b>Monday, May 23</b>	Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA championship administrator, committee chair and host tournament director (1 p.m. Eastern time).
<b>Friday, May 27</b>	Semifinals at Homewood Field, hosted by Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland.
<b>Sunday, May 29</b>	Championship at Homewood Field, hosted by Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland.

## DATE FORMULA

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

#### Thursday

Noon, 2:30, 5 or 7:30 p.m. (TV and the lacrosse committee will determine time slots for each quarterfinal.)

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

### 2023

**Selections** Sunday, May 7

**First Round** Friday, May 12, on campus

**Second Round** Sunday, May 14, on campus

**Quarterfinals** Thursday, May 18, on campus (subject to change)

**Semifinals and Final** Friday and Sunday, May 26 and 28; Host – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and the Town of Cary, hosts

## 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 [2022 and 2023 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules book](#).

## Section 1•6 Rules

*[Reference: Bylaw 17.32 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, 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 2022 and 2023 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

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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 2022 championship, 15 conference automatic bids will be awarded, and 14 teams will be selected at large. (See [Appendix A](#) for the bracket.)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

#### Thursday, May 26

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 27

TBD	Semifinal #1
After Semifinal #1	Postgame Media Conference
TBD	Semifinal #2
After Semifinal #2	Postgame Media Conference

#### Saturday, May 28

12 - 1:15 p.m.	Practice - Winner Semifinal #1
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Practice - Winner Semifinal #2

#### Sunday, May 29

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 40. Travel policies are located online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](https://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 additional non-athletes, along with one administrator and one doctor, on the sidelines beyond the roster of 32 for a total of 46. 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 (40) 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](http://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 Cassie Langdon at [clangdon@ncaa.org](mailto:clangdon@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6538.

### 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 Cassie Langdon ([clangdon@ncaa.org](mailto:clangdon@ncaa.org)) and [ncaastats@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaastats@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office. These files should be sent immediately after each contest or day of competition.

Please contact Cassie Langdon with any questions.

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences were granted automatic qualification for the 2022 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	

### AT-LARGE SELECTION

Fourteen teams will be selected at large. To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have 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](http://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

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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 10 contests.

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

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Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2022 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](https://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto: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 7) to [ncouch@ncaa.org](mailto:ncouch@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](http://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Friday, April 22.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Noel Couch at 317-917-6658 or [ncouch@ncaa.org](mailto:ncouch@ncaa.org), or email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org), if you have any questions regarding the bid process.

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# Appendix A • Bracket



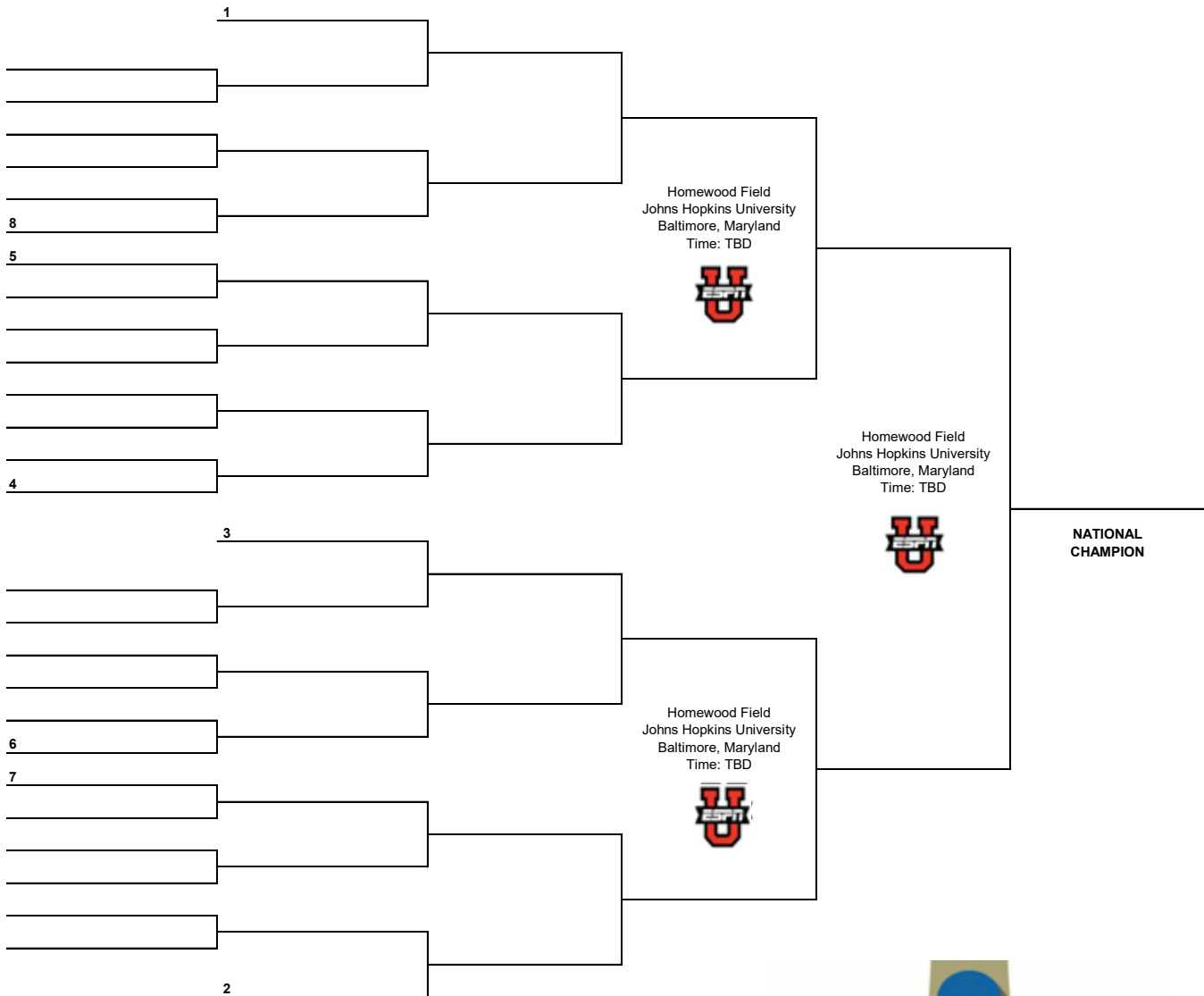
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Second Round  
May 15

Quarterfinals  
May 19

Semifinals  
May 27

Championship  
May 29



\* Host Institution  
# Home team in the non-seeded game  
First- and second-round games held at the same site:  
\*\*Three teams at the host sites of the top-3 seeds  
\*\*Four teams at the host sites of the 4-8 seeds

All times are Eastern  
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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 (9)

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

University of Pittsburgh  
Syracuse University  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

AQ - Postseason Tournament

### ASUN Conference (6)

Coastal Carolina University  
Delaware State 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 (10)

Campbell University  
Furman University  
Gardner-Webb University  
High Point University  
Longwood University

Mercer University  
Presbyterian College  
Radford University  
Winthrop University  
Wofford College

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 (9)**

Bryant University  
 Central Connecticut State University  
 Howard 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.

**Patriot League (10)**

American University	Lafayette College
Boston University	Lehigh University
Bucknell University	Loyola University Maryland
Colgate University	U.S. Military Academy
College of the Holy Cross	U.S. Naval Academy

AQ - Postseason Tournament

**Independents (3)**

California State University, Fresno	San Diego State University
University of California, Davis	

## 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.