

# NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S LACROSSE BULLETIN

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The NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee is providing this information to outline key information. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or the championship manager, Caleb Kolby, assistant director, championships and alliances (317-917-6180, [ckolby@ncaa.org](mailto:ckolby@ncaa.org)).

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### 2024-25 Regional Advisory Committees

#### Mid-Atlantic

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### Championship Selection Criteria

**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 institution. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

#### Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition (Bylaw 31.3.3; criteria for selection of participants):

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

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the women's lacrosse committee has received approval from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the women's lacrosse championship (not necessarily in priority order):

#### Primary Criteria

- Rating Percentage Index (RPI).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Evaluation of the 10 highest-rated teams on an institution's schedule (defined by two components: strength of schedule and winning percentage.)
- Significant wins and losses.

**Secondary Criterion**

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criterion will be reviewed:

- Late-season performance (strength of schedule and winning percentage in last six games).
- Results against teams already selected
- 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 as a criterion by the women’s lacrosse committee for selection purposes.

**Championship Dates and Sites**

**2025 Championship Dates**

Selections: Sunday, May 4  
First/Second Rounds: Friday, May 9 and Sunday, May 11  
Quarterfinals: Thursday, May 15  
Semifinals/Final: Friday and Sunday, May 23 and 25  
Host: Gillette Stadium, Harvard University; Boston, Massachusetts

**2026 Championship Dates**

Selections: Sunday, May 3  
First/Second Rounds: Friday, May 8 and Sunday, May 10  
Quarterfinals: Thursday, May 14  
Semifinals/Final: Friday and Sunday, May 22 and 24  
Host: TBD

**2025 Automatic Qualifiers**

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

**2025 Bracket Format**

**May 9 & 11**

- Combined first- and second-round sites.
- Three teams at the host sites of the top three seeds and four teams at the host sites of seeds four through eight; games played Friday and Sunday.
- Sites of top three seeds, winner advances to play host team; sites of seeds four through eight, winners advance to play one another.

**May 15**

- Quarterfinals.
- Remaining top 4 highest seeded teams host.

**May 23 & 25**

- Semifinals and Final at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts

**Annual Meeting**

The national committee will meet the week of June 9, 2025. If you have topics that you would like the committee to discuss, please forward them in writing to Caleb Kolby ([ckolby@ncaa.org](mailto:ckolby@ncaa.org)) at the NCAA national office by June 1, 2025.