

# NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE BULLETIN

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The NCAA Division II 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 Ryan Rea, Coordinator of championships and alliances (phone: 317-440-6532; [rrea@ncaa.org](mailto:rrea@ncaa.org)).

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### 2023-24 NCAA Committee Members

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East Region

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Midwest Region

Jennifer Rushton  
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South Region

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### 2023-24 Regional Advisory Committees

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### Championship Updates

- The Championships Committee completed its review of requests for the 2024-27 budget cycle and submitted its final recommendations. All championships are recommended to receive an increase in officiating fees, preliminary round signage, and allocated funds for banquets or travel party member gifts. For Division II Women's Lacrosse, the following was recommended: increase bracket size to 24 teams. The Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council will receive the recommendations as information at their fall meetings before the Division II Planning and Finance Committee considers them in December. If approved by the Planning and Finance Committee, the recommendations will be submitted to the Division II Management and Presidents Councils for a final vote at their January meetings during the NCAA Convention.
- Bench size will continue to be up to the institutions' discretion.
- Bids for the final site for 2027 are now open.

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### Championship Selection Criteria

**Bylaw 18.4.3 – Criteria for Selection of Participants.** To be considered for championship selection, a team must satisfy all scheduling requirements as outlined by championships policy in that sport (e.g., minimum number of Division II or in-region contests). The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;
- Nullification;

### Selection Criteria

Following confirmation of the availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships and the application of any

nullification, the following required selection criteria shall be applied in no particular order:

- Overall Division II in-region winning percentage;
- Overall Division II winning percentage;
- Overall Division II strength of schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage);
- Division II head-to-head competition; and
- Results versus Division II common opponents.

In addition to Bylaw 18.4.3, the Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee has received approval from the Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship through 2027 (not necessarily in priority order):

- Division II results versus teams with .500 record or better;
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- Rating Percentage Index. (RPI).

Teams must play a minimum of 10 games in-region and have a .500 record.

An institution desiring to participate in the championship must complete all games before the final scheduled selection call of the Women's Lacrosse Committee.

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.

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### **Future Dates and Sites**

#### **2025 Championship Dates**

Selections: Sunday, May 11  
First/Second Rounds: Friday and Sunday, May 16 and 18  
Semifinals/Final: Friday and Sunday, May 23 and 25  
Host: TBD

#### **2026 Championship Dates**

Selections: Sunday, May 10  
First/Second Rounds: Friday and Sunday, May 15 and 17  
Semifinals/Final: Friday and Sunday, May 22 and 24  
Host: TBD.

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### **2023 Bracket Format**

#### **May 16 & 18**

- Combined first- and second-round sites.
- Four teams at the host sites of the top seeds; games played Friday and Sunday.
- Winners of first round play Sunday.

#### **May 23 & 25**

- Semifinals and Final at Showalter Stadium, in Winter Park, Florida.
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### **Four Region Model**

The region breakdown is as follows:

#### **Atlantic Region**

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference  
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

#### **East Region**

East Coast Conference  
Northeast-10 Conference

#### **Midwest Region**

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
Great Lakes Valley Conference  
Great Midwest Athletic Conference  
Mountain East Conference  
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

#### **South Region**

Conference Carolinas  
Gulf South Conference  
South Atlantic Conference  
Sunshine State Conference

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### **Annual Meeting**

The national committee will meet in conjunction with the championship. If you have topics that you would like the committee to discuss, please forward them in writing to Ryan Rea at the NCAA by May 13, 2024.