



2021 DIVISION III MEN'S
LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIP

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.

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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 III

Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams possible while minimizing missed class time; to emphasize regional competition in regular-season scheduling; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and a limited number of at-large teams, realizing that this may be done at the expense of leaving out some championship-caliber teams.

Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sport committee to consider an accommodation and a change to the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sport committee, in consultation with participating institutions, may reschedule the game on the nearest possible date.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.
- The governing sport committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

Section 9•3 Gameday the DIII Way

Division III promotes and atmosphere that is a respectful and engaging educational environment through athletics, for everyone through Gameday the DIII Way. Gameday the DIII Way establishes an expectation for championship hosts, coaches, student-athletes and spectators to focus on the common standards of safety, responsiveness, dignity and experience while participating or attending a championship event. We ask that each participant and attendee be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Gameday the DIII Way.

Section 9•4 Religious Conflicts

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 before May 1 of the preceding academic year to be excused from competing on that day. The notification shall be valid for a period of two years. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution, and such adjustment shall not require its team or an individual competitor to compete before the time originally scheduled.

Individual Championships. In individual championships, a student-athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., 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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Rochester Institute of Technology

REGION III

Gene Peluso, chair

Head Men's Lacrosse Coach
Stevens Institute of Technology

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Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

Name	Institution	Conference
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<i>Brendan McWilliams</i>	Emmanuel	Great Northeast
Sean Quirk	Endicott	Commonwealth Coast
Nate Mayo	Anna Maria	Great Northeast

Name	Institution	Conference
Bo McDougall	Castleton	Little East
Jason Archbell	Bowdoin	NESCAC
Matthew Colombini	Emerson	NEWMAC
Marsh Gray	Thomas	North Atlantic
REGION II		
<i>Scott McVean</i>	RIT	Liberty
Dave Dobbins	St. John Fisher	Empire 8
Mike Mahoney	St. Lawrence	Liberty
Daniel Patrone	Medaille	NEAC
Francesca Levine	Purchase	Skyline
Nick Fiorentino	SUNY Geneseo	SUNYAC
REGION III		
<i>Gene Peluso</i>	Stevens	MAC Freedom
Kyle Gardner	Neumann	Atlantic East
Mikey Thompson	Christopher Newport	CAC
Jeff Shirk	Washington College (MD)	Centennial
Joe Lodato	Centenary	Colonial States
Dave Carty	Moravian	Landmark
Brandon Childs	York College (PA)	MAC Commonwealth
Jim Ricardo	Misericordia	MAC Freedom
REGION IV		
<i>Terry Justice</i>	Transylvania	Heartland Collegiate
Jeff Roberts	Hanover	Heartland Collegiate
Jay Owen	Wittenberg	North Coast
Colin Hartnett	Otterbein	OAC
Gene McCabe	Washington & Lee	ODAC
Alec Jernstedt	Grove City	PAC
Tim Sceggel	Covenant	USA South
REGION V		
<i>Dave Zazzaro</i>	Rhodes	SAA
Dan Torie	Augustana	CCIW
Dave Hoger	Calvin	Michigan Intercollegiate
Lane Zierten	Cornell	Midwest Lacrosse
Curtis Gilbert	Berry	SAA
Reid Mayberry	Aurora	Northern Athletics
Bill Bowman	Southwestern	SCAC

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Sunday, May 9	Team Selections
Saturday, May 15	First Round
Sunday, May 16	Second Round
Saturday, May 22	Quarterfinals
Sunday, May 23	Semifinals

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Sunday, May 30

Rentschler Field, East Hartford, CT

FUTURE DATES

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Rentschler Field, East Hartford, CT

Section 1•5 Equipment

In accordance with Bylaw 12.5.3, 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 ([NCAA Men's Lacrosse 2021 and 2022 rules and interpretations](#)).

Section 1•6 Rules

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 for which the NCAA develops playing rules, including men's lacrosse. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes from games not played in accordance with the NCAA rules book.

The NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules will be followed in all tournament games. Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be addressed to Willie Scroggs, Secretary-Rules Editor, Men's Lacrosse, P.O. Box 2126, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515; email: williescroggs@unc.edu.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

The Men's Lacrosse Committee shall determine the home team. The home team shall wear its white or light-colored jerseys. However, this rule may be waived if both coaches agree to do so before the game. When jersey colors are not sufficiently contrasting, the home team shall change its jerseys.

Student-athletes competing in each championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institutions in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warmup uniforms as well as uniforms for competition.

LOGOS

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

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

START TIME

4 p.m. Sunday, May 30 – Rentschler Field, East Hartford, CT

TRAVEL PARTY

Division III teams located within 500 miles of their competition site are required to use ground transportation. Teams located outside 500 miles may use air transportation. All air transportation must be arranged through Short's Travel Management.

The official traveling party for the Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship is 37. Please refer to the NCAA Travel and Per Diem Policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. This information can be found online at ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/resources/travel/2020-21D3Champs_TravelPolicies.pdf

Other NCAA travel policies can be found online at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

Section 2•2 Team Transportation Contact Information

SHORT'S TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

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NCAA TRAVEL GROUP

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- Website: ncaa.com/travel

Section 2•3 Results

SCORE-REPORTING SYSTEM

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are combined for Division III men's lacrosse. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login), and this information will then be imported into the score-reporting system for use by the sports committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Sean Straziscar at (sstraziscar@ncaa.org or 317-917-6122).

Copies of results will be obtained off the NCAA website, as posted by the host institution's sports information director. These results must be posted on the day of the event and shall include at a minimum: (1) score by periods; (2) first and last name for all goals scored for each team, along with their total goals for the game; (3) total shots for each team; (4) first and last name of all goalies who play; (5) total saves for each goalie for each team and (6) announced attendance. A computer-generated box score will suffice as long as it includes all information listed. If the form does not, such information shall be added manually to the sports information director's web report.

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 ncaastats@ncaa.org and Sean Straziscar at (sstraziscar@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office. These files should be sent immediately following each contest or day of competition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Straziscar.

REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published regional rankings will be released on ncaa.com the last three weeks of the regular season on:

- Wednesday, April 21, 2021.
- Wednesday April 28, 2021.
- Wednesday, May 5, 2021.
- Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Section 2•4 Selections Information

ALLOCATION OF POOLS A, B AND C

The Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee will select teams to the championship based on the following selection principals:

1. Pool A will be composed of the conference champions from each conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification (NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3). Conferences that meet automatic-qualification requirements are guaranteed only one Pool A berth. After the determination of the automatic (Pool A) berths, the committee will determine the Pool B selections followed by the Pool C selections.
2. Pool B will be composed of independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification.
3. Pool C will be reserved for institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion and the remaining teams in Pool B.
4. Berths from Pools B and C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations from Pools B and C.
5. There will be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region.
6. No conference will receive more than one automatic berth.

Bylaw 31.02.4 – Nullification. Nullification is a penalty imposed on an institution by the Championships Committee for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate competition.

Pool A	28 teams	
Pool B	1 teams	# Pool B teams/access ratio
Pool C	2 teams	Field size - Pool A - Pool B

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manual]

The 28 conferences granted automatic qualification (Pool A) for the 2021 championship are as follows:

Atlantic East Conference	Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom
Centennial Conference	Midwest Lacrosse Conference
Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
College of Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	North Atlantic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Ohio Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Landmark Conference	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Liberty League	Skyline Conference
Little East Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	USA South Athletic Conference

IN-REGION DEFINITIONS

1. All competition within an institution's defined sport/evaluation region. (See [Appendix B on page 20](#)).
2. All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another. The [NCAA Travel Expense System \(TES\)](#) will be utilized to confirm distance from campus to campus.
3. All competition against conference opponents.
4. All competition within an institution's defined geographic membership region (Constitution 4.13.1.1). The country is divided into four membership regions as listed below.
 - **Region 1.** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont.
 - **Region 2.** New York, Pennsylvania.
 - **Region 3.** Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.
 - **Region 4.** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

To be considered during the selection process for either an automatic berth (Pool A) or an at-large berth (Pool B and Pool C), an institution must play at least 70% of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

Bylaw 31.3.2.3 – Exception. For sports with a spring NCAA championship, an institution may exempt out-of-region contests conducted during one institutional period (e.g., spring break) (Adopted: 4/15/14 effective 8/1/14).

Bylaw 31.3.4 – Selection of Balance of Championship Field (Pools B and C). Once the official representative(s) of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall complete the championship field in accordance with the minimum requirements and selection criteria approved for the particular championship as approved by the Championships Committee. There shall be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region (*Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, for the championship selection during the 1999-00 academic year and there after, 4/13/10*).

Bylaw 31.3.4.1.1 – 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 3.2.4.4) 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA PRIMARY CRITERIA

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.2.1 in the NCAA Manual.]

The primary criteria for ranking and selection (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents;
- Division III head-to-head competition;
- Results versus common Division III opponents;
- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the final rankings and the rankings preceding the final rankings. Conference postseason contests are included;
- Division III strength of schedule; and
 - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) 2/3 weight.
 - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) 1/3 weight.
- Results versus teams above .750.

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**NOTE: Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the new primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for ranking and selections.*

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE CALCULATION

The strength of schedule is made up of two factors: the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and the opponents' opponents' winning percentage (OOWP).

Opponents' Winning Percentage. Take each opponent's won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents' winning percentage.

To Calculate. Team A's schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Record	vs. Team A	Wins	Losses
Team B	21-7	1-0	20	7
Team C	14-11	0-1	14	10
Team D	9-14	0-1	9	13
Team E	8-17	0-1	8	16
Team F	19-8	1-0	18	8
Totals:			69	54

$69 \div (69 + 54) =$
.561 (OWP)

Opponents' Opponents' Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents' won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents' opponents' won-lost record. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

To Calculate. Using the total opponents' won-lost record for Teams B, C, D, E and F (Team A's opponents), perform the same calculation as the OWP.

	Opponents' Wins	Opponents' Losses
Team B	35	75
Team C	63	40
Team D	55	55
Team E	75	37
Team F	44	60
Totals:	272	267

$272 \div (272 + 267) =$
.505 (OOWP)

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of .561; Team A has an OOWP of .505 and Team C has an OOWP of .456; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

Home/Away Multiplier. A multiplier of 1.25 shall be added to the OWP and OOWP for those games played away from home. A multiplier of 1.0 (no positive or negative effect) will be included in the OWP and OOWP for all neutral games. A multiplier of 0.75 shall be included in the OWP and OOWP for all home games.

Strength of Schedule Calculation. To calculate the strength of schedule, add two-thirds of the OWP to one-third of the OOWP. Team A's strength of schedule calculation is as follows:

	Value	Weight	SOS Value
OWP	.561	.667	.374
OOWP	.505	.333	.168
Strength of Schedule			.542

SECONDARY CRITERIA

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.2.2 in the NCAA Manual.]

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the new secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results versus opponents from other classifications. (i.e., provisionals, NAIA, NCAA Division I and II)

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage;
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents;
- Division III non-conference strength of schedule; and
- Results versus teams above .500.

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

An institution must play a minimum of 5 games during the traditional season against Division III opponents to be considered for selection.

PAIRINGS AND SITE SELECTION

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the Pool B and C teams are selected, the following criteria will be used for pairing and site selection:

- Once selected, teams shall be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams shall then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams shall be paired and eligible according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles). An exception may be granted when there are not enough teams within the 500-mile radius to fill the region;
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional-selection criteria. However, geographic proximity shall take precedent over seeding;
- Teams from the same conference shall not play one another in the first round as long as geographic proximity is maintained; and
- The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria shall be selected as the host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained.

It is the intent of the committee to create competitive brackets with a maximum of eight teams competing in each bracket. Flights will be kept to a minimum. The host institution will play the second game when applicable.

The higher-ranked team will be listed at the top of the competition bracket. The top team on the bracket is the designated home team and will wear the light-colored uniform in contrast with the visiting team's dark uniform.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting a preliminary round of competition of the 2021 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile Portal. 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."

All member institutions can regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

Any institution interested in hosting a preliminary-round of the 2021 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, 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

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Bid.” The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Monday, April 5, 2021.

Member institutions can regularly and easily access 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.

The Championship Committee has prioritized the following site-selection criteria for all championships:

1. Complete bid;
2. Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
3. Geographical location (which may include such factors as rotation of sites, weather, accessibility, and transportation costs);
4. Seeding, and
5. Attendance history, hosting history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.

In addition to projected ticket sales (if applicable) 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.

Committee/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 Arbiter Pay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship 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.

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. P.O. Boxes are not considered an acceptable mailing address. The deadline to submit the key contacts form is Monday, April 5, 2021.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at: ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

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

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the championship manager Will Hopkins at whopkins@ncaa.org or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

Appendixes

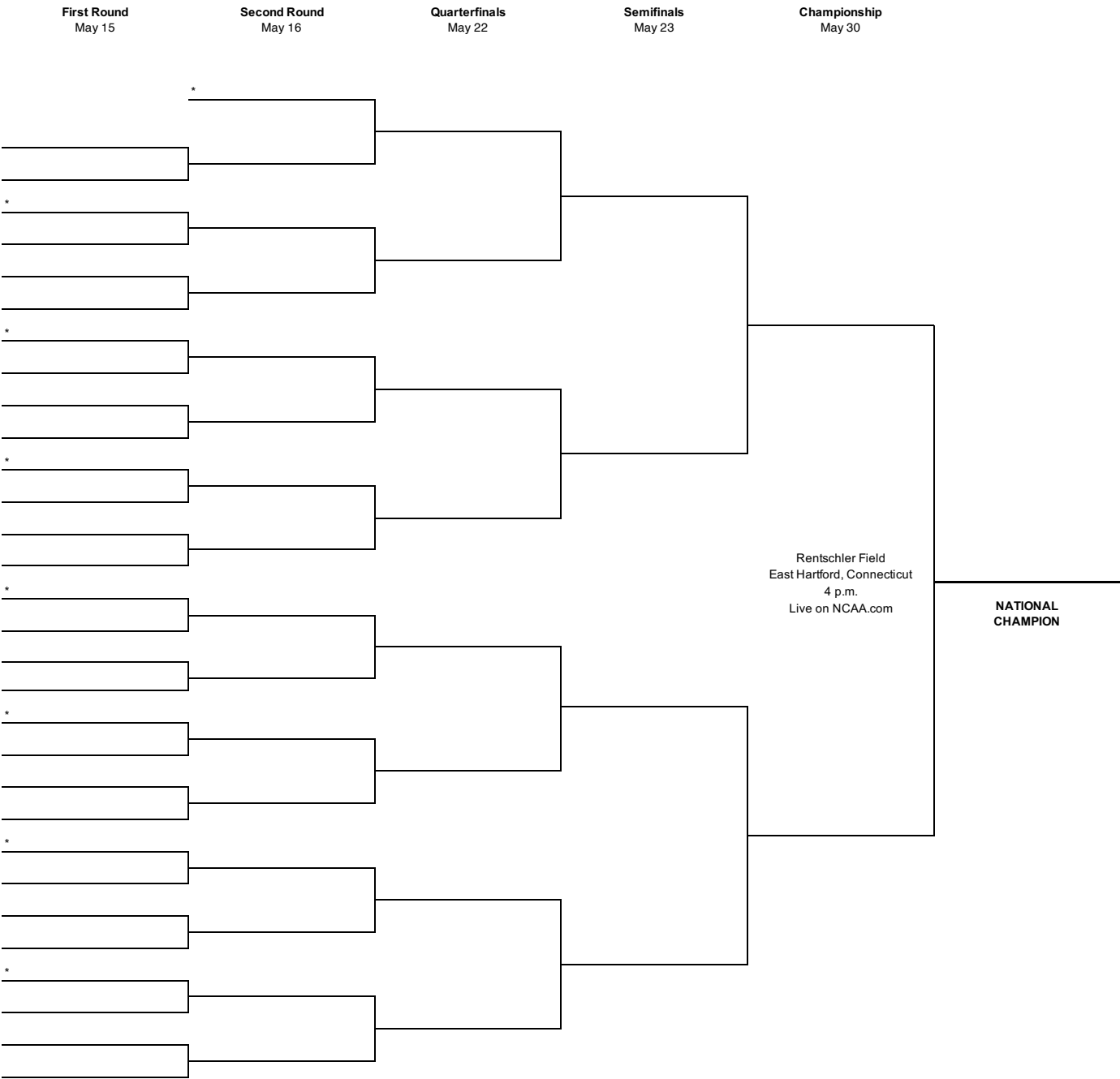
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Appendix A • Bracket



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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

REGION I

Commonwealth Coast Conference (8)

Curry College
Endicott College
University of New England
Nichols College

Roger Williams University
Salve Regina University
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western New England University

AQ

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (10)

Albertus Magnus College
Anna Maria College
Dean College
Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lasell University
Norwich University
Rivier University
Saint Joseph's College (Maine)
University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)

AQ

Little East Conference (9)

Castleton University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Keene State College
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
University of Massachusetts Boston

Plymouth State University
Salem State University
University of Southern Maine
Western Connecticut State University

AQ

New England Collegiate Conference (2)

Mitchell College

New England College

Pool B

New England Small College Athletic Conference (8)

Bates College
Colby College
Connecticut College
Hamilton College

Trinity College (Connecticut)
Tufts University
Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
Williams College

AQ

New England Women's and Men's Athletic College (6)

Babson College
Clark University (Massachusetts)
Emerson College

Springfield College
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Wheaton College (Massachusetts)

AQ

North Atlantic Conference (7)

Husson University
Northern Vermont University-Lyndon
State University of New York at Canton
State University of New York at Cobleskill

State University of New York at Delhi*
State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
Thomas College

AQ

50 Institutions

49 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship

*Provisional/Reclassifying Member - Not eligible for NCAA Championship

REGION II

Empire 8 (7)

Alfred University	Russell Sage College
Elmira College	St. John Fisher College
Keuka College	Utica College
Nazareth College	

AQ

Liberty League (8)

Clarkson University	Skidmore College
Ithaca College	St. Lawrence University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Union College (New York)
Rochester Institute of Technology	Vassar College

AQ

North Eastern Athletic Conference (6)

Hilbert College	Morrisville State College
La Roche University	Pennsylvania College of Technology
Medaille College	Wells College

Pool B

Skyline Conference (8)

Farmingdale State College	Mount Saint Mary College (New York)
Manhattanville College	Purchase College, State University of New York
State University of New York Maritime College	St. Joseph's College (Long Island)
College of Mount St. Vincent	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

AQ

State University of New York Athletic Conference (8)

State University of New York at Brockport	State University of New York at Oneonta
State University of New York at Cortland	State University of New York at Oswego
State University of New York at Geneseo	Plattsburgh State University of New York
State University of New York at New Paltz	State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ

37 Institutions

37 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship

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REGION III**Atlantic East Conference (7)**

Cabrini College
 Gwynedd Mercy College
 Immaculata College
 Marymount University (Virginia)

Marywood University
 Neumann University
 Wesley College

AQ

Coast to Coast Athletic Conference (5)

Christopher Newport University
 University of Mary Washington
 Salisbury University

Southern Virginia University
 St. Mary's College of Maryland

AQ

Centennial Conference (7)

Dickinson College
 Franklin & Marshall College
 Gettysburg College
 McDaniel College

Muhlenberg College
 Ursinus College
 Washington College (Maryland)

AQ

Colonial States Athletic Conference (7)

Bryn Athyn College
 Centenary University (New Jersey)
 Kean University
 Keystone College

Montclair State University
 Rosemont College
 Stockton University

AQ

Landmark Conference (6)

Catholic University
 Drew University
 Elizabethtown College

Moravian College
 University of Scranton
 Susquehanna University

AQ

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)

Albright College
 Alvernia University
 Eastern University
 Hood College
 Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University
 Stevenson University
 Widener University
 York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (9)

Arcadia University
 Delaware Valley College
 DeSales University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham
 King's College (Pennsylvania)

Lycoming College
 Misericordia University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Wilkes University

AQ

50 Institutions**50 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship**

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REGION IV

Heartland Conference (5)

Anderson University (Indiana)
Earlham College
Hanover College

Mount St. Joseph University
Transylvania University

AQ

North Coast Athletic Conference (10)

Allegheny College
Denison University
DePauw University
Hiram College
Kenyon College

Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Wabash College
Wittenberg University
The College of Wooster

AQ

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (11)

Bridgewater College (Virginia)
Ferrum College
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
University of Lynchburg
Randolph College

Randolph-Macon College
Roanoke College
Shenandoah University
Virginia Wesleyan College
Washington and Lee University

AQ

Ohio Athletic Conference (10)

Baldwin Wallace University
Capital University
Heidelberg University
John Carroll University
Marietta College

University of Mount Union
Muskingum University
Ohio Northern University
Otterbein University
Wilmington College (Ohio)

AQ

Presidents' Athletic Conference (8)

Bethany College (West Virginia)
Chatham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Grove City College

Saint Vincent College
Thiel College
Washington and Jefferson College
Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

AQ

USA South Athletic Conference (9)

Averett University
Brevard College
Greensboro College
Huntingdon College
LaGrange College

Methodist University
Pfeiffer University
Piedmont College
William Peace University

AQ

53 Institutions

53 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship

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REGION V**College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (7)**

Augustana College (Illinois)
 Carroll University (Wisconsin)
 Carthage College
 University of Dubuque

Elmhurst University
 Illinois Wesleyan University
 North Central College

AQ

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (7)

Adrian College
 Albion College
 Alma College
 Calvin University

Hope College
 Kalamazoo College
 Trine University

AQ

Midwest Lacrosse Conference (4)

Cornell College
 Monmouth College (Illinois)

Northland College
 University of Northwestern-St. Paul

AQ

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (8)

Aurora University
 Benedictine University
 Concordia University Chicago
 Concordia University Wisconsin

Edgewood College
 Illinois Institute of Technology
 Marian University (Wisconsin)
 Milwaukee School of Engineering

AQ

Southern Athletic Association (7)

Berry College
 Birmingham-Southern College
 Centre College
 Hendrix College

Oglethorpe University
 Rhodes College
 University of the South

AQ

Pool B Teams (4)

Centenary College (Louisiana)
 Colorado College

University of Dallas
 Southwestern University (Texas)

Pool B

37 Institutions**37 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship****227 Institutions****226 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship**

*Provisional/Reclassifying Member – Not eligible for NCAA championship