



**2024 DIVISION III MEN'S  
LACROSSE  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP  
2023-24 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2023-24 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 nine 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.** In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of competition.

**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).

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, 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) 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 Survey

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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 student-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. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also 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 competing at the finals site. 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 to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

## 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 Sport Science Institute website](#). 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. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

## Section 10 • Division III

### Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams within a regular-season philosophy that emphasizes regional competition and minimizes missed class time; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and at-large teams.

### Section 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.4.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

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 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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Division III promotes an 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 10•4 Religious Conflicts

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*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division III 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 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 Sunday if required by the schedule).



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# Section 1 • General Administration

## Section 1.1 NCAA Tournament Operations Staff Contact Information

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## Section 1.2 National Committee

Current members of the committee are:

### REGION I

#### Celine Cunningham

SWA/Deputy Director of Athletics  
Bates College

### REGION II

#### Scott McVean, chair

Senior Associate Director  
Rochester Institute of Technology

### REGION III

#### Dave Carty

Head Men's Lacrosse Coach  
Moravian University

### REGION IV

#### Peter Rosaschi

Assistant Athletic Director/Head Men's Lacrosse Coach  
Franciscan University of Steubenville

### REGION V

#### Jay Mayes

Head Men's Lacrosse Coach  
University of Northwestern-St.Paul

For additional information about the men's lacrosse championship, contact:

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### Scott McVean, chair

Senior Associate Director  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
585-475-7448 / [rsmatl@rit.edu](mailto:rsmatl@rit.edu)

## Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

Name	Institution	Conference
<b>REGION I</b>		
Celine Cunningham	Bates	NESCAC
Eric Hagerty	Endicott	Commonwealth Coast
Neal Anderson	Norwich	Great Northeast
Tyler Low	UMass-Boston	Little East
George McCormack	Williams College	NESCAC
Tyler O'Keefe	MIT	NEWMAC

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Name	Institution	Conference
<b>REGION II</b>		
<i>Scott McVean</i>	RIT	Liberty League
TBD	TBD	Empire 8
Derek Witheford	Union	Liberty League
Brandon Misiaszek	SUNY Polytechnic	North Atlantic
Jason Childs	St. Mary's College (MD)	United East Conference
Tom Emberley	Farmingdale State	Skyline
Peter Owens	Oneonta	SUNYAC
<b>REGION III</b>		
<i>Dave Carty</i>	Moravian	Landmark
Matt Justice	Immaculata	Atlantic East
Drew Delaney	Mary Washington	Coastal Lacrosse
Jake Plunket	Muhlenberg	Centennial
Jake Ayers	Colonial States	Colonial States
Michael Hofmeister	Scranton	Landmark
TBD	TBD	MAC Commonwealth
Matthew Branaccio	DeSales	MAC Freedom
<b>REGION IV</b>		
<i>Pete Rosaschi</i>	Franciscan Steubenville	PAC
Tony Tatro	Baldwin Wallace	OAC
Steve Koudelka	University of Lynchburg	ODAC
Zach Wilfong	Grove City College	PAC
Grant Zimmerman	Centre College	SAA
Tim Dunton	Piedmont	USA South
<b>REGION V</b>		
<i>Jay Mayes</i>	University of Northwestern-St.Paul	Midwest Lacrosse
Jacob Acevedo	Carroll University	CCIW
Kurt Ohlen	Spalding University	Heartland Collegiate
Mike Schanhals	Hope College	Michigan Intercollegiate
TBD	TBD	Midwest Lacrosse
Jay Owen	Wittenberg	North Coast Athletic
Dan Sharbaugh	Illinois Institute of Technology	Northern Athletics

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	First Published Rankings
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	Second Published Rankings
<b>Friday, April 26</b>	Bid Materials Due
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	Third Published Rankings
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	Team Selections
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	First Round
<b>Saturday, May 11/Sunday, May 12</b>	Second/Third Rounds
<b>Saturday, May 18/Sunday, May 19</b>	Quarterfinals/Semifinals

**CHAMPIONSHIP DATE****Sunday, May 26**

Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA

**FUTURE DATES****Sunday, May 25, 2025**

Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, MA

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

TBD

**Sunday, May 30, 2027**

TBD

**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 2023 and 2024 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](mailto: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

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### START TIME

1 p.m. Sunday, May 26 – Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA

### 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/2022-23D3Champs\\_TravelPolicies.pdf](https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/resources/travel/2022-23D3Champs_TravelPolicies.pdf).

Other NCAA travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](https://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

## Section 2•2 Team Transportation Contact Information

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### NCAA TRAVEL GROUP

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- Website: [ncaa.com/travel](https://ncaa.com/travel)

## Section 2•3 Results

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### 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](https://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 Matt Holmes at ([mholmes@ncaa.org](mailto:mholmes@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6385).

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](mailto:ncaastats@ncaa.org) and Matt Holmes at ([mholmes@ncaa.org](mailto:mholmes@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 Matt Holmes.

## REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published regional rankings will be released on [NCAA.com](https://www.ncaa.com) the last three weeks of the regular season on:

- Wednesday, April 17
  - Wednesday April 24
  - Wednesday, May 1
  - Sunday, May 5
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- Region I: Seven teams
  - Region II: Seven teams
  - Region III: Seven teams
  - Region IV: Seven teams
  - Region V: Seven teams

## 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.

<b>Pool A</b>	<b>27 teams</b>	
<b>Pool B</b>	<b>1 teams</b>	<b># Pool B teams/access ratio</b>
<b>Pool C</b>	<b>10 teams</b>	<b>Field size - Pool A - Pool B</b>

## AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manual]

The 27 conferences granted automatic qualification (Pool A) for the 2024 championship are as follows:

Atlantic East Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	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	United East Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	USA South Athletic Conference
Midwest Lacrosse Conference	

## IN-REGION DEFINITIONS

1. All competition within an institution's defined sport/evaluation region. (See [Appendix B on page 21](#)).
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; and
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) 2/3 weight.
  - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) 1/3 weight.

*\*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
<b>Totals:</b>			69	54

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

**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).



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**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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>267</b>

$$272 \div (272 + 267) =$$

**.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
<b>OWP</b>	.561	.667	.374
<b>OOWP</b>	.505	.333	.168
<b>Strength of Schedule</b>			<b>.542</b>

## 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.

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 10 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 600 miles). An exception may be granted when there are not enough teams within the 600-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 2024 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](https://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

Any institution interested in hosting a preliminary-round of the 2024 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 Bid." The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Friday, April 26, 2024.

Member institutions can regularly and easily access 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.

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.

### GAME TIMES

First Round: 4 p.m.

Second Round: Noon and 3 p.m.

Third Round: 3 p.m.

Quarterfinals: Noon and 3 p.m.

Semifinals: 3 p.m.

These game times may not be deviated from unless approved by the Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee. Only reasons the committee may deviate from these established game times is for hosting of another NCAA Championship and/or commencement.

### 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](https://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](https://championships.ncaa.org). P.O. Boxes are not considered an acceptable mailing address. The deadline to submit the key contacts form is Friday, April 26, 2024.

### 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](https://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

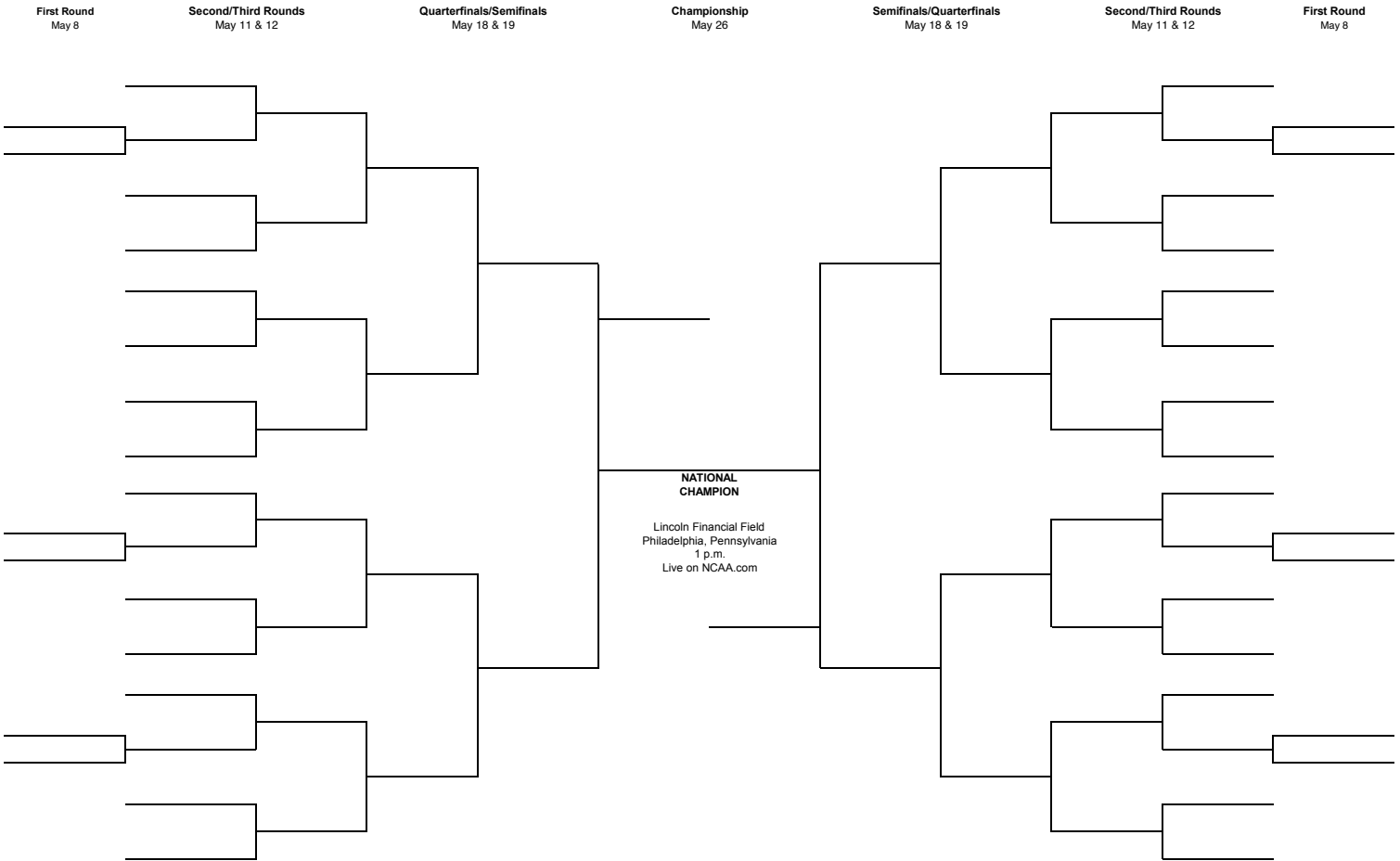
If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the championship manager Will Hopkins at [whopkins@ncaa.org](mailto:whopkins@ncaa.org) or email us at [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

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Appendix A • Bracket



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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### REGION I

#### Commonwealth Coast Conference (9)

Curry College  
Endicott College  
Gordon College  
\*University of Hartford  
University of New England

Nichols College  
Roger Williams University  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Western New England University

AQ

#### Great Northeast Athletic Conference (14)

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

Mitchell College  
New England College  
Norwich University  
Regis College (Massachusetts)  
Rivier University  
Saint Joseph's College (Maine)  
University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)

AQ

#### Little East Conference (9)

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

Salem State University  
University of Southern Maine  
Vermont State University Castleton  
Western Connecticut State University

AQ

#### New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)

Amherst College  
Bates College  
Bowdoin College  
Colby College  
Connecticut College  
Hamilton College

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

AQ

#### New England Women's and Men's Athletic College (8)

Babson College  
Clark University (Massachusetts)  
Emerson College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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

AQ

#### 51 Institutions

#### 50 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship

\*Provisional/Reclassifying Member - Not eligible for NCAA Championship

## REGION II

### Empire 8 (7)

Alfred University  
Hartwick College  
Keuka College  
Nazareth College

Russell Sage College  
St. John Fisher University  
Utica University

AQ

### Liberty League (8)

Clarkson University  
Ithaca College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rochester Institute of Technology

Skidmore College  
St. Lawrence University  
Union College (New York)  
Vassar College

AQ

### North Atlantic Conference (10)

Husson University  
Maine Maritime Academy  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
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 at Morrisville  
State University of New York Polytechnic Institute  
Thomas College  
Vermont State University Lyndon

AQ

### Skyline Conference (8)

Farmingdale State College  
Manhattanville College  
Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
College of Mount St. Vincent

Purchase College, State University of New York  
St. Joseph's University (Long Island)  
State University of New York Maritime College  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

AQ

### State University of New York Athletic Conference (8)

Plattsburgh State University of New York  
State University of New York at Brockport  
State University of New York at Cortland  
State University of New York at Geneseo

State University of New York at New Paltz  
State University of New York at Oneonta  
State University of New York at Oswego  
State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ

### United East Conference (6)

Bryn Athyn College  
Cairn University  
Keystone College

Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Rosemont College  
St. Mary's College of Maryland

AQ

### Independents (3)

Hilbert College  
La Roche University

Wells College

Pool B

### 50 Institutions

#### 50 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship

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

Cabrini University  
 Centenary University (New Jersey)  
 Gwynedd Mercy University  
 Immaculata University

Marymount University (Virginia)  
 Marywood University  
 Neumann University

AQ

**Centennial Conference (9)**

Dickinson College  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Gettysburg College  
 Haverford College  
 McDaniel College

Muhlenberg College  
 Swarthmore College  
 Ursinus College  
 Washington College (Maryland)

AQ

**Coastal Lacrosse Conference (7)**

Christopher Newport University  
 Kean University  
 University of Mary Washington  
 Montclair State University

Salisbury University  
 Stockton University  
 \*Warren Wilson College

Pool B

**Landmark Conference (10)**

Catholic University  
 Drew University  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Goucher College  
 Juniata College

Lycoming College  
 Moravian College  
 University of Scranton  
 Susquehanna University  
 Wilkes University

AQ

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (8)**

Albright College  
 Alvernia University  
 Eastern University  
 Hood College

Messiah University  
 Stevenson University  
 Widener University  
 York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)**

Arcadia University  
 Delaware Valley University  
 DeSales University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

King's College (Pennsylvania)  
 Lebanon Valley College  
 Misericordia University  
 Stevens Institute of Technology

AQ

**49 Institutions****48 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship**

\*Provisional/Reclassifying Member - Not eligible for NCAA Championship



**REGION IV**

**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

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)**

Averett University  
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

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (9)**

Allegheny College  
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

**Southern Athletic Association (7)**

Berry College  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Centre College  
Hendrix College

Oglethorpe University  
Rhodes College  
University of the South

AQ

**USA South Athletic Conference (9)**

Brevard College  
Greensboro College  
Huntingdon College  
LaGrange College  
Methodist University

Pfeiffer University  
Piedmont College  
Southern Virginia University  
William Peace University

AQ

**47 Institutions**

**47 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship**

\*Provisional/Reclassifying Member - Not eligible for NCAA Championship

**REGION V****College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (6)**

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

Elmhurst University  
 Illinois Wesleyan University  
 North Central College

AQ

**Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Conference (6)**

Anderson University (Indiana)  
 Earlham College  
 Hanover College

Mount St. Joseph University  
 Spalding University  
 Transylvania University

AQ

**Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (7)**

Adrian College  
 Albion College  
 Alma College  
 Calvin University

Hope College  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Trine University

AQ

**Midwest Lacrosse Conference (5)**

Cornell College  
 University of Dubuque  
 Lake Forest College

Northland College  
 University of Northwestern-St. Paul

AQ

**North Coast Athletic Conference (9)**

Denison University  
 DePauw University  
 Hiram College  
 Kenyon College  
 Oberlin College

Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Wabash College  
 Wittenberg University  
 The College of Wooster

AQ

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (9)**

Aurora University  
 Beloit College  
 Benedictine University (Illinois)  
 Concordia University Chicago  
 Concordia University Wisconsin

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

AQ

**Independent (3)**

Centenary College (Louisiana)  
 Colorado College

Southwestern University (Texas)

Pool B

**45 Institutions****45 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship****242 Institutions****240 Institutions eligible for NCAA Championship**

\*Provisional/Reclassifying Member – Not eligible for NCAA championship