



**NCAA POWER INDEX  
DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE**

NPI WEIGHTS					
Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
25/75	1.0/1.0	52	.500	100/0	7

**Rationale.**

- **Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule.**

The committee utilized the past three years of data to understand the right combination of winning percentage and strength of schedule. The committee wanted to ensure that a high winning percentage was balanced with an appropriate strength of schedule. The committee decided on 25/75 after reviewing all of the data.

- **Home/Away – Win/Loss Weights.**

The committee did not put any additional value on a home and/or away win with in the NPI formula. The committee feels a win at home or away should have the same value. The committee did not want to force teams to into feeling the need to add more away contests if there was a bonus for away contests. Keeping scheduling integrity of home and away contests is important for student-athlete experience and budgets.

- **Quality Win Base.**

The committee relied heavily on the past three year's data for this information to ensure the average QWB was appropriate. The committee wanted to ensure the quality win base number was not too low or too high so that it could reward teams appropriately based off an important win. The committee also wanted to ensure the QWB was spread out far enough that a win over an institution around the QWB line had a smaller impact, while beating someone near the top had a much larger impact to reward that win.

- **Quality Win Base Multiplier.**

The committee decided that .500 provided the appropriate range of rewarding a quality win based off the QWB that was chosen. The .500 multiplier gives appropriate reward for a quality win within the context of a team's overall resume. The committee was cognizant of wanting to reward a quality win, but not so much that a single result overwhelms the institution's overall postseason resume.

- **Overtime Weight.**

The committee values an overtime win the same as a win in regulation time and did not place additional weight to the overtime metric.

- **Minimum Wins.**

The committee noted that 7 wins would be the right number of wins to evaluate an institution's season, if needed. The committee is aware that most teams will keep more than 7 wins, but 7 was the best way to balance the philosophy that wins should not hurt your NPI while also understanding a critical mass of games is needed to evaluate team's overall best 7 games for seeding purposes.

**Resources.**

- [NPI Frequently Asked Questions and Reference Guide.](#)

