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The NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee is providing this information to outline key items for the upcoming season and championship. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Will Hopkins, NCAA, Associate Director, Championships and Alliances (Phone: 317-917-6779 or Email: [whopkins@ncaa.org](mailto:whopkins@ncaa.org)).

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#### **Men's Lacrosse Institutional Sponsorship.**

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Division I	74	74	76	77	77
Division II	75	77	80	79	80
Division III	247	245	242	239	236

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#### **Annual Meeting.**

The Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee will meet June 15-16, 2026. If you have issues that you would like the committee to discuss, please forward them in writing to Will Hopkins ([whopkins@ncaa.org](mailto:whopkins@ncaa.org)) at the NCAA national office by **June 1, 2026**.

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#### **Rules.**

**NCAA Men's Lacrosse 2025 and 2026 rules and interpretations.** The latest rules and interpretations can be found [here](#).

#### **Championship Information.**

**2026 Championship.** Will be combined and will be held at Scott Stadium, Charlottesville, Virginia May 24, 2026.

#### **Future Championship Sites.**

2026 – Scott Stadium, Charlottesville, VA.  
2027 – Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA.  
2028 – Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, MA.

**Allocation of Berths.** The men's lacrosse championship provides for a 40-team tournament. The 40-team field will consist of two selection pools: AQs and at-large berths. AQ berths will be allocated to automatic qualifying conferences. The criteria for receiving automatic qualification are outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4 of the 2025-26 NCAA Division III Manual. At-large berths will be reserved for all remaining institutions not receiving an AQ.

The following berths have been allocated for the 2026 championship: Automatic Qualifiers – 27; At-Large – 13.

After the determination of the automatic berths, the committee will determine the at-large via the highest 13 remaining teams in the NCAA Power Index on Sunday, May 3 after all games is completed.

#### **Automatic Qualifying Conferences.**

The following 27 conferences will be granted automatic qualification into the 2026 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship:

Atlantic East Conference; Centennial Conference; Coastal Lacrosse Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Conference of New England; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; New England Small

College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; State University of New York Athletic Conference; United East Conference and USA South Athletic Conference.

**Regional Rankings.** For regional rankings, each region will rank 7 teams per region. This is similar for all team sports.

**Pre-Championship Manual.** Don't forget to go online and print the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Pre-Championship Manual, which will be available online by **February 1, 2026**, on [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org).

**Preliminary Round Game Times.** The committee set the following game times for the preliminary rounds:

- First Round – 4 p.m.
- Second Round – 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Third Round – 2 p.m.
- Quarterfinals – 12 and 3 p.m.
- Semifinals – 2 p.m.

Host institutions may not deviate from these times without approval from the committee. The only reasons the committee will grant a different game time would be for commencement or hosting of other NCAA championships.

**Score Reporting.** Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SID's in a memo from the media services staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact David Lentz at ([dlentz@ncaa.org](mailto:dlentz@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6139).

### **Selection Requirements.**

To be considered for selection, 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.

### **In-Region Definitions.**

1. All competition within an institution's defined sport/evaluation region.

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).

**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.

### **Countable Competition – Bylaw 31.3.4.1.1:**

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.

**Primary Criteria.** At-large teams will be selected using the [NCAA Power Index \(NPI\)](#), the system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results

(when applicable). Teams will be selected not later than Sunday, May 3. NPI will determine the at-large teams selected for the championship after the Automatic Qualifiers (AQ) have been designated.

Men's Lacrosse NPI dials are as follows:

- Win%/SOS: 25(Win%)/75 (SOS)
- Home/Away Win/Loss: 1.0/1.0
- QWB: 52
- QWB Multiplier: .500
- Overtime: 100/0
- Minimum wins: 7

### [2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Power Index](#)

### [NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse NPI Webinar](#)

Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a criterion 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.

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### **2026 Championship Dates and Sites.**

#### **Sunday, May 3**

Selections

#### **Wednesday, May 6**

First round – on campus

#### **Saturday, May 9/Sunday, May 10**

Second/Third rounds – on campus

#### **Saturday, May 16/Sunday, May 17**

Quarterfinals/Semifinals – on campus

#### **Sunday, May 24**

DIII Championship – Scott Stadium – Noon

DIII Championship – Scott Stadium – 4 p.m.

# 2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Sponsorship / Regional Alignment

Region I			
Conference of New England		Little East Conference	
1	Curry College	1	Eastern Connecticut State University
2	Endicott College	2	Keene State College
3	Gordon College	3	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
4	University of Hartford	4	University of Massachusetts Boston
5	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)		Plymouth State University
6	University of New England	5	Salem State University
7	Nichols College	6	University of Southern Maine
8	Roger Williams University	7	Vermont State University Castleton
9	Wentworth Institute of Technology	8	Western Connecticut State University
10	Western New England University	9 Teams   AQ	
10 Teams   AQ		New England Small College Athletic Conference	
Great Northeast Athletic Conference		1	Amherst College
1	Albertus Magnus College	2	Bates College
2	Colby-Sawyer College	3	Bowdoin College
3	Dean College	4	Colby College
4	Elms College	5	Connecticut College
5	Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)	6	Hamilton College
6	Lasell University	7	Middlebury College
7	Mitchell College	8	Trinity College (Connecticut)
8	New England College	9	Tufts University
9	Norwich University	10	Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
10	Regis College (Massachusetts)	11	Williams College
11	Rivier University	11 Teams   AQ	
12	University of Saint Joseph (Connecticut)	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	
13	Saint Joseph's College (Maine)	1	Babson College
13 Teams   AQ		2	Clark University (Massachusetts)
		3	Emerson College
		4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
		5	Salve Regina University
		6	Springfield College
		7	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
		8	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)
		8 Teams   AQ	

SUMMARY	
51   TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	51   TOTAL NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS
51   ELIGIBLE POOL A TEAMS	5   AQs
5   CONFERENCES	RANKING 7 TEAMS

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Region II			
Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference		Skyline Conference	
1	Alfred State College	1	Farmingdale State College
2	Hilbert College	2	Manhattanville University
3	La Roche University	3	State University of New York Maritime College
3 Teams   No AQ		4	University of Mount Saint Vincent
Empire 8		5	Mount Saint Mary College (New York)
1	Alfred University	6	Purchase College, State University of New York
2	State University of New York at Brockport	7	St. Joseph's University, New York L.I.
3	Elmira College	8	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
4	State University of New York at Geneseo	8 Teams   AQ	
5	Hartwick College	State University of New York Athletic Conference	
6	Keuka College	1	State University of New York at Canton
7	Nazareth University	2	State University of New York at Cortland
8	State University of New York Polytechnic Institute	3	State University of New York at Morrisville
9	Russell Sage College	4	State University of New York at New Paltz
10	St. John Fisher University	5	State University of New York at Oneonta
11	Utica University	6	State University of New York at Oswego
11 Teams   AQ		7	Plattsburgh State University of New York
Liberty League		8	State University of New York at Potsdam
1	Clarkson University	8 Teams   AQ	
2	Ithaca College	United East Conference	
3	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	Cairn University
4	Rochester Institute of Technology	2	Notre Dame of Maryland University
5	Skidmore College	3	Pennsylvania College of Technology
6	St. Lawrence University	4	University of Pittsburgh, Bradford
7	Union College (New York)	5	St. Mary's College of Maryland
8	Vassar College	5 Teams   AQ - Grace Period Year 1	
8 Teams   AQ			
North Atlantic Conference			
1	Anna Maria College		
2	State University of New York at Cobleskill		
3	State University of New York at Delhi		
4	Husson University		
5	Maine Maritime Academy		
6	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts		
7	Thomas College		
7 Teams   AQ			

SUMMARY	
50   TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	50   TOTAL NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS
47   ELIGIBLE POOL A TEAMS	6   AQs
7   CONFERENCES	RANKING 7 TEAMS

# 2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Sponsorship / Regional Alignment

Region III			
Atlantic East Conference		Landmark Conference	
1	Centenary University (New Jersey)	1	Catholic University
2	Gwynedd Mercy University	2	Drew University
3	Immaculata University	3	Elizabethtown College
4	Marymount University (Virginia)	4	Goucher College
5	Marywood University	5	Juniata College
6	Neumann University	6	Lycoming College
6 Teams   AQ		7	Moravian College
Centennial Conference		8	University of Scranton
1	Dickinson College	9	Susquehanna University
2	Franklin & Marshall College	10	Wilkes University
3	Gettysburg College	10 Teams   AQ	
4	Haverford College	Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	
5	McDaniel College	1	Albright College
6	Muhlenberg College	2	Alvernia University
7	Swarthmore College	3	Eastern University
8	Ursinus College	4	Hood College
9	Washington College (Maryland)	5	Messiah University
9 Teams   AQ		6	Stevenson University
Coastal Lacrosse Conference		7	Widener University
1	Christopher Newport University	8	York College (Pennsylvania)
2	Kean University	8 Teams   AQ	
3	University of Mary Washington	Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	
4	Montclair State University	1	Arcadia University
5	Salisbury University	2	Delaware Valley University
6	Stockton University	3	DeSales University
7	Warren Wilson College	4	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham
7 Teams   AQ		5	King's College (Pennsylvania)
		6	Lebanon Valley College
		7	Misericordia University
		8	Stevens Institute of Technology
		8 Teams   AQ	

SUMMARY			
48   TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS		48   TOTAL NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS	
48   ELIGIBLE POOL A TEAMS		6   AQs	
6   CONFERENCES		RANKING 7 TEAMS	

# 2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Sponsorship / Regional Alignment

Region IV			
Ohio Athletic Conference		Presidents' Athletic Conference	
1	Baldwin Wallace University	1	Allegheny College
2	Capital University	2	Bethany College (West Virginia)
3	Heidelberg University	3	Chatham University
4	Marietta College	4	Franciscan University of Steubenville
5	University of Mount Union	5	Grove City College
6	Muskingum University	6	Hiram College
7	Ohio Northern University	7	Saint Vincent College
8	Otterbein University	8	Thiel College
9	Wilmington College (Ohio)	9	Washington and Jefferson College
9 Teams   AQ		10	Westminster College (Pennsylvania)
Old Dominion Athletic Conference		10 Teams   AQ	
1	Averett University	Southern Athletic Association	
2	Bridgewater College (Virginia)	1	Berry College
3	Guilford College	2	Centre College
4	Hampden-Sydney College	3	Hendrix College
5	University of Lynchburg	4	Oglethorpe University
6	Randolph College	5	Rhodes College
7	Randolph-Macon College	6	University of the South
8	Roanoke College	7	Southwestern University (Texas)
9	Shenandoah University	7 Teams   AQ	
10	Virginia Wesleyan University	USA South Athletic Conference	
11	Washington and Lee University	1	Brevard College
11 Teams   AQ		2	Greensboro College
		3	Huntingdon College
		4	LaGrange College
		5	Methodist University
		6	Pfeiffer University
		7	Piedmont University
		8	Southern Virginia University
		9	William Peace University
		9 Teams   AQ	

SUMMARY			
46   TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS		46   TOTAL NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS	
46   ELIGIBLE POOL A TEAMS		5   AQs	
5   CONFERENCES		RANKING 7 TEAMS	

# 2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Sponsorship / Regional Alignment

Region V			
College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin		North Coast Athletic Conference	
1	Augustana College (Illinois)	1	Denison University
2	Carroll University (Wisconsin)	2	DePauw University
3	Carthage College	3	John Carroll University
4	Elmhurst University	4	Kenyon College
5	Illinois Wesleyan University	5	Oberlin College
6	North Central College	6	Ohio Wesleyan University
6 Teams   AQ		7	Wabash College
Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Conference		8	Wittenberg University
1	Earlham College	9	The College of Wooster
2	Hanover College	9 Teams   AQ	
3	Spalding University	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference	
4	Transylvania University	1	Aurora University
4 Teams   AQ - Grace Period Year 1		2	Beloit College
Independents		3	Benedictine University (Illinois)
1	Centenary College (Louisiana)	4	Concordia University Wisconsin
2	Colorado College	5	Cornell College
2 Teams   No AQ		6	University of Dubuque
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association		7	Edgewood College
1	Adrian College	8	Illinois Institute of Technology
2	Albion College	9	Lake Forest College
3	Alma College	10	Lawrence University
4	Calvin University	11	Marian University (Wisconsin)
5	Hope College	12	Milwaukee School of Engineering
6	Kalamazoo College	12 Teams   AQ	
7	Trine University		
7 Teams   AQ			

SUMMARY			
40   TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS		40   TOTAL NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS	
38   ELIGIBLE POOL A TEAMS		5   AQs	
5   CONFERENCES		RANKING 7 TEAMS	

POOL ALLOCATIONS	
POOL A   27 TEAMS	
AT-LARGE   13 TEAMS	





## NCAA Power Index (NPI) FAQ and Cheat Sheet

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What is the NPI?**

- A: The NPI is a system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant).

The weight of winning percentage versus strength of schedule is often referred to as one of the "dials" that a sport committee can adjust, placing any subjectivity within the criteria themselves. For example, a sport committee could set the dials to 30/70; 25/75, etc. Other "dials" a sport committee can also choose to apply are home and away multiplier, quality win bonus (QWB), and overtime win/loss weights.

**Q: Why update the current championship selection process?**

- A: The Championships Committee has been reviewing the current team at-large selection process to ensure that selection criteria is applied consistently to teams during selections. The change from the current championships selection process to the NPI will take the data analysis from a subjective application, varying by sport committee, to an objective computer data analysis based on the weights established by each sport committee.

**Q: Does this mean our current selection criteria goes away?**

- A: Most of the current selection criteria will no longer be used. The following criteria will no longer be used: head-to-head competition; results versus common Division III opponents; results versus ranked Division III teams; and secondary criteria. However, winning percentage and strength of schedule will continue to be used.

**Q: Will any new selection criteria be adopted?**

- A: The NPI will continue to use winning percentage and strength of schedule along with a home/away multiplier, quality win bonus (QWB) and overtime results (in applicable sports).

The home/away multiplier can be used to increase the weight of away wins and home losses while decreasing the weight of home wins and away losses. The QWB provides a bonus for wins against top-level teams, the degree of which is determined by the sport committee. Overtime win/loss weights may be applicable in some sports to reflect results that are less than full wins/losses. For example, in ice hockey a win that comes in 3-on-3 overtime is treated as two-thirds of a win and one-third of a loss, with the opponent receiving one-third of a win and two-thirds of a loss.

The criteria are explained in the NPI cheat sheet document included at the end of the FAQ.

**Q: What are the benefits of the NPI?**

- A: One benefit of the NPI is that all data will be analyzed, and the criteria will be applied objectively to establish the championships field (the at-large berths remaining after AQs are awarded). Additionally, based on this objective analysis teams will know how they compare against other teams in their region and nationally.

Another benefit of the database is that teams are not penalized for winning a contest that it should win. For example, in the current system if a strong team plays a weaker team its strength-of-schedule will be negatively impacted even though it won the contest – as it should. In the selection criteria database, the team that wins a contest against a lesser opponent will not be statistically impacted by winning a contest it should win. This will greatly benefit stronger teams in weaker conferences.

**Q: Will the formula/weights be consistent across all sports? If not, why would one sport committee weight one criterion differently than another sport committee?**

- A: Each sport will use the same NPI criteria framework (winning percentage, strength of schedule, home-away multiplier, quality win bonus, overtime) but each committee will have the ability to determine the weights/values for each. This allows each sport committee to develop the criteria that is appropriate for its sport. The first dial of winning percentage versus strength of schedule can be set at any two values equaling 100. Home-away multiplier and QWB values may differ from sport to sport if a sport committee elects to use those criteria. Sports with overtime can choose to weight an overtime victory or loss different than a regulation win or loss.

Factors affecting the appropriate values from sport to sport may include the degree of intra-conference vs inter-conference play, the observed home field/court/ice advantage, and playing rules which may dictate overtime play that is conducted in a manner that is different from regulation play.

**Q: What will happen to regional advisory committees?**

- A: Regional Advisory Committees will still be called upon to ensure that results are populating correctly into the database. RACs will also be asked to spend some time during the season being trained as site representatives to serve during the preliminary rounds of the championship.

**Q: Do regional rankings go away?**

- A: Regional rankings will still be published. The top teams from each region will be taken from the database and published by region based on the selection criteria database descending order list. For example, to establish Region I rankings, the Region I teams will be extracted from the list in the order they appear to fill the established number of ranked teams (i.e., maximum of seven per region).

**Q: When in the governance cycle would committees adjust dials/weights?**

A: Sport committees will use their annual meeting to review the championship rankings and selection. Any changes to the weights will be communicated to the membership via the annual meeting report, direct communication to the coaching body and posted on the sport committee's landing page on NCAA.org. Once the weights are established, they cannot be changed for a minimum of two seasons. Dials will not be changed weekly during the season.

**Q: How has this been tested?**

A: Sport committees have reviewed sport specific data for at least three championship seasons (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24). Committees were able to see the selected championship field versus teams that would have been selected based on the NPI and saw only slight variances between the two fields, almost regardless of the dial settings which have not yet been reviewed by sport committees.

**Q: What will the education for committees be on adjusting the dials/weights?**

A: NCAA sport liaisons will incorporate a selection criteria training into the already established committee orientation to onboard each committee member.

**Q: How long is the commitment from NCAA with the new NPI software?**

A: NPI will move forward as the established selection metric for team sports effective September 1, 2024. Any future changes would need to be brought forth from the sport committees through the governance structure.

**Q: What is the process for adopting a new selection metric?**

A: Changes to selection criteria can be accomplished through a legislative vote at convention or through an administrative regulation adopted through the governance structure (e.g., recommendation from the Championships Committee to Management and Presidents Council).

**Q: If/when changes are made how is the membership going to be made aware of the changes?**

A: Changes to the NPI weights/dials will be communicated to the membership through the sport committee's annual meeting report, published on its NCAA.org landing page, and through various membership communications including the Championships Newsletter, the Division III Monthly Update, a direct email communication etc. The established values (e.g., how the dials are set) will also be published in each sport's pre-championship manual annually.

**Q: Will individual-team sports be included in the selection criteria database transition?**

A: Currently, only team sports are being considered for the transition to the selection criteria database. Individual-team sports will continue to be vetted to bring them into the database if it makes sense to do so.

**Q: Will the selection criteria database rankings be publicly available?**

A: Yes, the rankings will be posted to each sports landing page on NCAA.com in the same way they are currently published.

<b>NCAA Power Index (NPI) – Cheat Sheet</b>
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**Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule:**

The two main “dials” are winning percentage and strength of schedule.

25/75 is the default starting value (win percentage / strength of schedule) and sport committees will discuss and set these dials.

- 1) Winning percentage: A team’s number of wins divided by the number of that team’s total contests.
- 2) Strength of Schedule: SOS is simply an average of a team’s opponent’s NPI.

Example: Team A plays contests against teams with NPIs of 52, 58 and 70. SOS is calculated as  $52 + 58 + 70 = 180$ ;  $180 / 3 = 60$ . SOS = 60.

**Quality Win Bonus**: A bonus applied to wins/partial wins (e.g., overtime victory) against “quality” teams.

- 1) Quality Win Bonus – Base Value:
  - a. The sport committee determines the base NPI value at which a QWB is applied.
  - b. The amount of bonus is determined by the difference between opponents NPI value and the QWB base value, multiplied by the QWB multiplier.

Example: Base value is set at 55.00. A bonus will be applied for all wins/partial wins against opponents with an NPI value of 55.00 or higher.

- 2) Quality Win Bonus – Multiplier:
  - Set the multiplier/magnitude of bonus awarded for wins against teams with an NPI above the QWB base. Values can range from 0.00 to 1.00. Default setting is .500.

Example: QWB base is set at 52.00. Multiplier is set at .500.

- $\text{NPI-QWB Base} = X$ ;  $X * .500 = \text{Bonus}$ .
- Win over team with NPI of 56.00.

- $56.00 - 52.00 = 4.00$ ;  $4.00 * .500 = 2.00$  (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)
- Win over team with NPI of 61.00.
- $61.00 - 52.00 = 9.00$ ;  $9.00 * .500 = 4.50$  (4.50 is the Quality Win Bonus)

Example: QWB base is set at 51.00. Multiplier is set at .333.

- Win over team with NPI of 60.00.
- $60.00 - 51.00 = 9.00$ ;  $9.00 * .333 = 3.00$  (3.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)
- Win over team with NPI of 57.00.
- $57.00 - 51.00 = 6.00$ ;  $6.00 * .333 = 2.00$  (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)

### **Home/Away Multiplier:**

- 1) Allows for additional emphasis/weights to be placed on away wins and home losses, with less emphasis on home wins and away losses.
- 2) Different weights can be applied to non-conference, conference, and [conference] post-season contests.
- 3) This is an optional adjustment and can be set a 1.0/1.0 to weigh all wins and losses, at home or away, as equal.

Example: Weights set at 1.2/0.8

- Away wins/home losses weigh as 1.2 wins/losses.
- Home wins/away losses weigh as 0.8 wins/losses.

### **Overtime Win/Loss:**

- 1) Allows for an overtime win/loss to count as less than a full win/loss.
- 2) An example is in ice hockey. Overtime is played 3-on-3 versus 5-on-5 in regulation. Since a win in overtime required extra time and was played differently an OT win can be weighted at .75 win/.25 loss. The losing team would bet .25 wins/.75 losses.
- 3) Regular season and post-season can be weighted differently.
- 4) This is an optional adjustment and can be set at 1.00/0.00 meaning a win is a win, or a loss is a loss regardless of regulation or overtime.

**Minimum Wins:** The committee can elect to require a minimum number of wins to be retained in the NPI adjustment.

To ask additional questions or to provide feedback, please contact Laura Peterson-Mlynski ([lpeterson@ncaa.org](mailto:lpeterson@ncaa.org)) or JP Williams ([jpwilliams@ncaa.org](mailto:jpwilliams@ncaa.org)).



**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 choosen. 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.](#)