



*2019 DIVISION III WOMEN'S*  
**LACROSSE**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2018-19 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 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.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two 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 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 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 Sports 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 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 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

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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

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I and 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 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division III) and 31.2.3, 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

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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

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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, which 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 outline.

### Section 4•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; 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 when 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 when 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

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

## 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 the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her 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. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way 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 NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](http://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

## 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.]*

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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 warm-ups) 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

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 collect 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 Religious Conflicts

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**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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Lindsay Delany	Rowan	NJAC
Cheri Horst	Lancaster Bible	NEAC
Erin Calkins	Farmingdale State	Skyline
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Caitlin Moore	Mary Washington	CAC
Katie Hagan	Ursinus	Centennial
Julie Moir	Centenary (New Jersey)	Colonial States
Jane Karger	Drew	Landmark
Jackie Dando	Lebanon Valley	MAC Commonwealth
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## Section 1•4 Important Dates

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

<b>Friday, Jan. 11</b>	Institutions must have complete schedule input in the online stats system.
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 16</b>	National committee orientation call.
<b>Friday, Feb. 1</b>	2020 AQ application forms due from conferences.
<b>Monday, April 1</b>	Proposed budget and facility evaluation materials posted on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	Regional advisory committees orientation call.
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	Regional advisory committees mock ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	National committee mock ranking call.
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	First regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	First national committee ranking call.
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b>	Second regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>	Second national committee ranking call.
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	Proposed budget and facility evaluation forms due at the national office from institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition.
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	Third regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	Third national committee ranking call.
<b>Sat.-Sun., May 4-5</b>	Regional advisory committees selection calls.
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	National committee selection call.
<b>Monday, May 6</b>	Teleconference with preliminary-round site representatives, committee and liaison. Teleconference with preliminary-round hosts, committee and liaison.
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	Teleconference with first- and second-round participating teams, hosts and NCAA preliminary-round site representatives.
<b>*Saturday, May 11</b>	First-round competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship. (Ten on-campus sites.)
<b>*Sunday, May 12</b>	Second-round competition. (Sixteen on-campus sites.)
<b>Monday, May 13</b>	Teleconference with regional site representatives, committee and liaison.
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	Teleconference with regional participating institutions, hosts and NCAA site representative.
<b>*Sat.-Sun., May 18-19</b>	Regional competition. (Four on-campus sites.)
<b>Monday, May 20</b>	Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA liaison, committee and championship host.
<b>Sat.-Sun., May 25-26</b>	Semifinals and Final.

*\*Institutions with a Sunday No-Play policy will compete on Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Monday instead of Saturday and Sunday.*

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<b>Selections</b>	Sunday, May 5
<b>First Round</b>	*Saturday, May 11, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	*Sunday, May 12, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	*Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26, at Day Field in Ashland, Virginia. Hosted by Randolph-Macon College and Richmond Region Tourism.

*\*Institutions with a Sunday No-Play policy will compete on Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Monday instead of Saturday and Sunday.*

**DATE FORMULA**

Each year, the championship finals are scheduled for the fourth full weekend in May (semifinals Saturday, with final Sunday). Regional competition is held the Saturday through Sunday before the final. Second-round games are held the Sunday before regionals and first-round games are held the Saturday before the second round. As per Bylaw 31.1.4, a religious or graduation exemption may alter game schedules to include Friday or Monday.

**FUTURE DATES**

*Note: All future dates are tentative and are subject to change.*

**2020 Dates**

<b>Selections</b>	Sunday, May 3
<b>First Round</b>	*Saturday, May 9, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	*Sunday, May 10, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	*Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24, host Johns Hopkins University and Maryland Sports.

**2021 Dates**

<b>Selections</b>	Sunday, May 2
<b>First Round</b>	Saturday, May 8, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	Sunday, May 9, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, host Old Dominion Athletic Conference and City of Salem.

**2022 Dates**

<b>Selections</b>	Sunday, May 8
<b>First Round</b>	Saturday, May 14, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	Sunday, May 15, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22 on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29, host Old Dominion Athletic Conference and City of Salem.

*\*Institutions with a Sunday No-Play policy will compete on Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Monday instead of Saturday and Sunday.*

**Section 1•5 Equipment**

The STX yellow lacrosse ball is the official ball of the NCAA women's lacrosse championship and will be used in all tournament games. Game balls will be sent by the manufacturer to the tournament manager at the host institution for each round of competition. Four dozen practice balls will be provided at the site of the semifinals and final.

In accordance with Bylaw 12.5.4, 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.

All equipment must conform to the specifications outlined in the [2018 and 2019 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules and Interpretations book](#).

## Section 1•6 Rules

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The 2019 championship will be conducted according to the [2018 and 2019 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules and Interpretations book](#). Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be addressed to Stefanie Sparks Smith at 603-494-1865 or [ssmithsre@gmail.com](mailto:ssmithsre@gmail.com).

### DURATION OF GAMES

For NCAA tournament play, all games must be played to completion. If a tournament game is suspended and played on another day, it will be played from the point of interruption.

## Section 1•7 Uniforms

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Competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored uniforms available. The home team (top team on bracket) must wear a uniform white in color and in clear contrast with the visiting team. The coaches/schools shall agree upon contrasting colors before the day of the game. If both teams have uniform shirts of the same or similar color, the home team shall be obligated to change or wear numbered pinnies or vests of a contrasting color.

Student-athletes competing in the championship shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to both warm-ups and competitive uniforms.

### LOGOS

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

## Section 1•8 Video Exchange Policy

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For all rounds of the championship, there will be a direct video exchange with opponents. All games completed prior to selection must be uploaded to the open exchange by noon Eastern time Monday after selection.

During all rounds of the championship, the host will provide each advancing team a flash drive/memory stick following the first round, regional semifinal and national semifinal. Following the second round, regional final and national championship, the game film must be uploaded by noon Eastern time Monday after competition.

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

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The championship provides for a 42-team, single-elimination tournament. Ten first-round games will be conducted at 10 campus sites. Sixteen second-round games will be conducted at 16 campus sites. Regional games will be conducted at four regional sites to determine the teams that will advance to the semifinals. (Refer to [Appendix A on page 23](#) the bracket and [Appendix B on page 24](#) for a listing of the regions.)

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem will be played once per session (one session is equal to all games played on the same day at the same site).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A complete championship schedule of events will be available in the championship participant manual.

### PRACTICE

Practice access to all designated host-site fields is limited to the day before and the day of competition, weather permitting. If this is not possible, a practice field will be available to all teams the day before the game. All practices held the day before games will be closed with the exception of credentialed media and credentialed participants. The host institution is required to provide one set of goal cages for each team on the practice field and at the alternate indoor facility.

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 28 student-athletes for competition and game warmup. For team practices and shoot-arounds only, there is no limit to the number of student-athletes who can participate.

**Teams participating in first-round contests are entitled to one practice opportunity on Friday for 90 minutes. These teams will have priority in scheduling practice times over the team that does not compete in the first round.**

For second-round contests, the team that is not competing in the first-round contest will have the option of practicing on the game field three and a half hours before or an hour after the first-round contest on Saturday for 90 minutes.

For practice and warmups, the game clock will start at the designated time from the schedule regardless if the participating team is on the field.

On game days, each team is guaranteed 45 minutes on the game field for its pregame warmup before the introduction of the players.

For all rounds, except the championships, practice times will be assigned during each respective round conference call based upon travel distance for each team to the site. No team will be permitted to practice on the game field at any time other than its officially assigned time. Teams are permitted 90 minutes of practice on the game field (weather permitting). Indoor facilities should be utilized only in the occurrence of inclement weather and not in addition to the assigned 90 minutes of practice time, including warmup.

### REGIONAL COMPETITION

Teams will select available practice slots based on distance traveled (i.e., the team traveling the farthest has the first choice).

- **Friday.** 1 1/2-hour time slots (local host time).
- **Saturday.** There are no practice times at regionals on Saturday.
- **Sunday.** Shoot-arounds are limited to 30 minutes. Shoot-around times: 9 to 9:30 a.m. and 9:35 to 10:05 a.m. (for 1 p.m. game time) OR 10:30 to 11 a.m. and 11:05 to 11:35 a.m. (for 2:30 p.m. game time).

## START TIMES

Starting times for the games shall be as follows:

<b>First and Second Rounds</b>	All games will be played at 1 p.m. (local time).
<b>Regional</b>	Option 1: Semifinals at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Final at 1 p.m. (local time) Option 2: Semifinals at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Final at 2:30 p.m. (local time)
<b>Semifinals</b>	11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Eastern time.
<b>Championship</b>	2 p.m. Eastern time.

*[Note: Participants in the second game are guaranteed 45 minutes of warm-up time on the game field.]*

## Deviation From Game Times

If you cannot host the games at the specified times, please submit the reasons to deviate in the facility evaluation form and your preferred game times. There must be a minimum of 22 hours between starting times for games scheduled on Saturday and Sunday.

*Note: This information MUST be submitted with the facility evaluation form not later than April 28. If your institution fails to submit this information within the time frame, the Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee WILL NOT deviate from the original dates and times. Submitting this information does not guarantee that the Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee will provide your institution with accommodations.*

## TRAVEL PARTY

<b>Squad Size</b>	28 individuals
<b>Official Travel Party</b>	33 individuals
<b>Bench Size</b>	38 individuals

## Additional Information/Requirements on Team Personnel

**Squad Size.** Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 28 players. Each team must designate its 28 players to be used in that round during the pregame meeting. After the game starts, no replacements will be permitted for any reason. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule. No changes to the 28 players can be made between games on any weekend.

**Official Travel Party.** There are 33 individuals in each team's official travel party with not more than 28 participants in uniform. The members of the official travel party will receive a credential, and transportation and per diem will be provided to cover the 33 individuals. The bench and travel party credentials will be distributed at the coaches meeting.

**Bench Size.** Each institution is allotted five bench passes to distribute to team personnel beyond the 33 members of the official travel party. Up to two of the five bench passes should go to medical personnel from the participating institution. If only one medical personnel is present, then the bench personnel number will be 37. **No photography is allowed in the bench area.**

**Bench Area.** For all NCAA championship games, the home bench is located to the right as one faces the scorer's table from the field.

A total of 38 individuals from each institution may be in the bench area during the competition. **The 38 individuals in the bench area must be institutional personnel or team members; no other individuals (i.e., family members or children) are allowed in the immediate bench area.**

## Section 2•2 Results

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The host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official championship results to the Association's website, [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com):

For preliminary competition, please specify the division, sport, region, date of competition, round, attendance and official result(s) (including any overtimes, etc.). For championship finals competition sites, please specify division, sport, round, date, official results, photos and provide a brief game summary.

Host institutions and sponsoring agencies should use the following method to report:

- Email the information to: [ncaa-content@turner.com](mailto:ncaa-content@turner.com), immediately following competition.
- Specify the division, sport and region in the SUBJECT area.
- Paste the text (official results, including date of competition, round, attendance, etc.) directly into an email; or
- Send email as an attachment in a MS Word document or Windows Notepad text document.
- Please convert photos to JPEG format and attach to an email.

### 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 Cassie Langdon ([clangdon@ncaa.org](mailto:clangdon@ncaa.org)) and [ncaastats@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaastats@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 Ms. Langdon.

## REGIONAL RANKINGS

The Division III women's lacrosse committee will release regional rankings on the following dates:

- April 17
- April 24
- May 1
- May 5

The committee will rank the top 15 percent of eligible teams in each region (or a minimum of four teams, whichever is greater) by applying the championship selection criteria. Based on 2018-19 sponsorship reports, the following number of teams will be ranked in each region:

- East Region – 8
- Mid-Atlantic Region – 10
- Mid-South Region – 7
- New England Region – 11
- West Region – 6

## SCORE REPORTING

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (<http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login>), and this information is transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sport committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines are communicated to SIDs in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Cassie Langdon at ([clangdon@ncaa.org](mailto:clangdon@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6538).

## Section 2•3 Selections Information

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*[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Teams shall be selected for the women's lacrosse championship by the five-member NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee. Each member of the national committee serves as the chair of the advisory committee in his/her respective region. Regional advisory committees (RACs) assist the national committee by evaluating teams, sites and officials within their regions through a series of conference calls.

The committee will select teams for the championship on Sunday, May 5. The selection show will be streamed live on [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com) on Sunday, May 5. The bracket and press release will be available following the selection show on [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com).

**ALLOCATION OF BERTHS**

- Pool A will be composed of the conference champions from each conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification (NCAA Bylaw 31.3.2). 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.
- Pool B will be composed of independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification.
- Pool C will be reserved for institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion and the remaining teams in Pool B. There shall be a minimum of two berths in Pool C.
- Berths from Pools B and C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pools B and C.
- There will be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region.
- No conference will receive more than one automatic berth.

The Championships Committee has clarified Bylaw 31.3.2 to reflect that institutions participating in conferences that meet the automatic-qualification requirements and are eligible to be selected to a championship via Pool A and/or Pool C may not elect instead to be selected via Pool B as an independent institution.

Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2019 championship:

<b>Bracket</b>	42 teams	Based on 2017-18 eligible institutions
<b>Pool A</b>	31 teams	# Automatic Qualifiers
<b>Pool B</b>	1 team	# Pool B teams/Access ratio
<b>Pool C</b>	10 teams	Field size – Pool A – Pool B

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

The 31 conferences that qualify for automatic qualification in 2018-19 are:

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

A listing of all evaluation regions (listed by conference and Pool B teams) is listed in [Appendix B on page 24](#).

### IN-REGION COMPETITION

#### Regional Alignments

Each Division III women's lacrosse team is assigned to one of five geographic "evaluation" regions. For women's lacrosse, all conference members are placed in the same region for evaluation purposes, unless the Championships Committee has granted an exception.

Recommendations that significantly affect championships formats or the membership in general must be approved at least one year before implementation, unless there is sufficient reason (e.g., overwhelming and documented support from the membership for such a recommendation) to establish an earlier effective date.

#### In-Region Definitions

1. All competition within an institution's defined sport/evaluation region. (See [Appendix B on page 24](#))
2. All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another. (Bylaw 31.3.2.3)
3. All conference competition.
4. All competition within an institution's defined geographic membership region. (Bylaw 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

The NCAA Travel Expense System mileage calculator will be used to confirm distance from campus to campus (<https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles>).

### SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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

#### 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 four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Transportation and per diem expenses will be provided for an official traveling party of a maximum of 33. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

The sports committee will select teams in Pools B and C based on the criteria below. The criteria of two or more teams will be compared to determine the higher-ranked team.

### PRIMARY CRITERIA

The primary criteria emphasize regional competition (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 ranking. Conference postseason contests are included;
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).
  - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).
- Nullification (Bylaw 31.02.4).

Note:

- Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.

**\*\* Please note. To calculate Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) and Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP), please see the examples and explanation in [Appendix C on page 30](#).**

### SECONDARY CRITERIA

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against out-of-region Division III and all other opponents including those contests versus opponents from other classifications (i.e., provisionals, NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season;
- Non-Division III won-lost percentage;
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents; and
- Division III non-conference strength of schedule.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee. In order to be considered for selection for Pools B or C, an institution must play at least 70 percent of its competition against in-region opponents. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee for selection purposes.

## Section 2•5 Determination of Teams

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the Pools B and C teams are selected, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Once selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams will then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles);
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional-selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence 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 will be selected as the host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained.

The top team on the bracket is the designated home team and will wear the light (white) colored jersey.

## Section 2•6 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2019 championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions and 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." **A separate proposed budget must be submitted for each round that an institution or conference is interested in hosting.**

Please note that all member institutions have regular and easy access to their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](http://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 following criteria are used in the evaluation of sites for all competition in NCAA championships:

- Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
- Geographic location (including such factors as rotation of sites, weather, accessibility and transportation costs);
- Seeding; and
- Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is **Sunday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

In addition to projected ticket sales 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.

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be paid by the NCAA via ArbiterPay for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

For both the game officials and committee/site representatives, hosts will pay for their lodging expenses and be reimbursed by the NCAA. However, if the NCAA manages the hotel block for the game officials, the officials' lodging expenses shall be directly billed to the NCAA. The NCAA typically manages the officials' hotel block at the final site for the championship.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Kevin Alcox at 317-917-6085 or [kalcox@ncaa.org](mailto:kalcox@ncaa.org), or email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org), if you have any questions regarding the bid process.

### FACILITY EVALUATION FORM

Institutions wishing to submit a bid to host a preliminary round of the 2019 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship must fill out the facility evaluation form tab of the Championships Forms system.

#### Facility Diagram

In addition, prospective hosts must upload a field diagram to the host reporting system bid document upload tab.

### FINANCIAL REPORT FORM

The host for each championship round must complete a financial report form, which is incorporated as part of the proposed budget form and located on the NCAA website. A separate financial report form must be submitted for each round of competition. Each form must be submitted to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the report within 60 days will result in financial penalties.

## KEY CONTACTS FORM

Institutions interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2019 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship must submit a key contacts form. The website may be found at <https://web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login?loginSubmit=LoginWithTabs>. The deadline for submitting the key contacts forms is **Sunday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based upon a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its 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, which can be found in the "Championship Resources" section of [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org). 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. This information should be uploaded to the "Bid Document Upload" tab of the Championships Forms system as part of your bid to be considered for championship site selection. If an institution wishes to submit this information via email, please send it to Kevin Alcox at the NCAA ([kalcox@ncaa.org](mailto:kalcox@ncaa.org)).

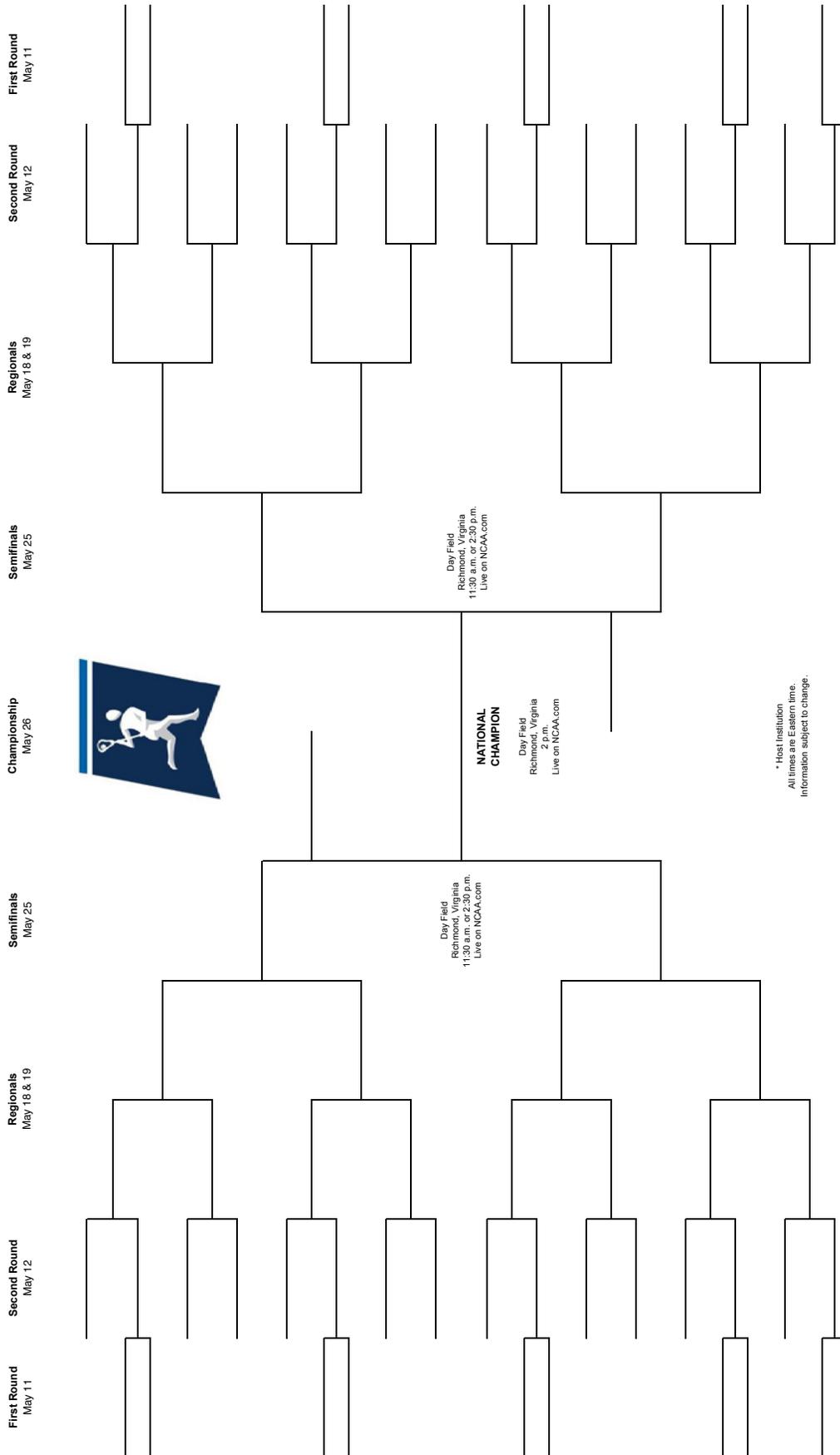
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# Appendix A • Bracket

## 2019 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship



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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### EAST REGION

#### Empire 8 (9)

Alfred University  
 Elmira College  
 Hartwick College  
 Houghton College  
 Nazareth College

The Sage Colleges  
 St. John Fisher College  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Utica College

AQ – Conference Championship

#### Liberty League (11)

Bard College  
 Clarkson University  
 Ithaca College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 University of Rochester  
 Rochester Institute of Technology

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

AQ – Conference Championship

#### New Jersey Athletic Conference (7)

Kean University  
 Montclair State University  
 The College of New Jersey  
 Ramapo College

Rowan University  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden  
 Stockton University

AQ – Conference Championship

#### North Eastern Athletic Conference (10)

Cazenovia College  
 D'Youville College  
 Hilbert College  
 Keuka College  
 Lancaster Bible College

Medaille College  
 Morrisville State College  
 Penn State University, Abington  
 State University of New York Polytechnic Institute  
 Wells College

AQ – Conference Championship

#### Skyline Conference (8)

Farmingdale State College  
 State University of New York Maritime College  
 Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
 College of Mount Saint Vincent

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

AQ – Conference Championship

#### State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)

College at Brockport, State University of New York  
 Buffalo State, State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Cortland  
 The State University of New York at Fredonia  
 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  
 Plattsburgh State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ – Conference Championship

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION**

**Capital Athletic Conference (7)**

Christopher Newport University  
 Frostburg State University  
 University of Mary Washington  
 St. Mary's College of Maryland

Salisbury University  
 Southern Virginia University  
 York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Conference Championship

**Centennial Conference (10)**

Bryn Mawr College  
 Dickinson College  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Gettysburg College  
 Haverford College

McDaniel College  
 Muhlenberg College  
 Swarthmore College  
 Ursinus College  
 Washington College (Maryland)

AQ – Conference Championship

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (6)**

Bryn Athyn College  
 Cedar Crest College  
 Centenary University (New Jersey)

Keystone College  
 Notre Dame of Maryland University  
 Rosemont College

AQ – Conference Championship

**Landmark Conference (8)**

Catholic University  
 Drew University  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Goucher College

Juniata College  
 Moravian College  
 University of Scranton  
 Susquehanna University

AQ – Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)**

Albright College  
 Alvernia University  
 Arcadia University  
 Hood College  
 Lebanon Valley College

Lycoming College  
 Messiah College  
 Stevenson University  
 Widener University

AQ – Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)**

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

King's College (Pennsylvania)  
 Manhattanville College  
 Misericordia University  
 Wilkes University

AQ – Conference Championship

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)**

Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
 Ferrum College  
 Guilford College  
 Hollins University  
 Lynchburg College  
 Randolph College

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

AQ – Conference Championship

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE

### Pool B Institutions (7)

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

#Marywood University  
#Neumann University  
#Wesley College

#Atlantic East Conference - No AQ

## MID-SOUTH REGION

### North Coast Athletic Conference (9)

Allegheny College  
Denison University  
DePauw University  
Hiram College  
Kenyon College

Oberlin College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Wittenberg University  
The College of Wooster

AQ – Conference Championship

### 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 – Conference Championship

### Heartland Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Conference (7)

Anderson University (Indiana)  
Earlham College  
Franklin College  
Hanover College

Mount St. Joseph University  
Thomas More College  
Transylvania University

AQ – Conference Championship

### Presidents' Athletic Conference (8)

Bethany College (West Virginia)  
Chatham University  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Saint Vincent College

Thiel College  
Washington and Jefferson College  
Waynesburg University  
Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Conference Championship

### Southern Athletic Association (7)

Berry College  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Centre College  
Hendrix College

Oglethorpe University  
Rhodes College  
University of the South

AQ – Conference Championship

### USA South Athletic Conference (10+2 reclassification)

Averett University  
\*Brevard College [reclass. 2021-22]  
Greensboro College  
Huntingdon College  
LaGrange College  
Meredith College

Methodist University  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
\*Pfeiffer University [reclass. 2021-22]  
Piedmont College  
Salem College (North Carolina)  
William Peace University

AQ – Conference Championship

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**NEW ENGLAND REGION**

**Commonwealth Coast Conference (9)**

Curry College  
 Endicott College  
 Gordon College  
 University of New England  
 Nichols College

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

AQ – Conference Championship

**Great Northeast Athletic Conference (12)**

Albertus Magnus College  
 Anna Maria College  
 Colby-Sawyer College  
 Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)  
 Johnson & Wales University (Providence)  
 Lasell College

Norwich University  
 Regis College (Massachusetts)  
 Rivier University  
 University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)  
 St. Joseph's College (Maine)  
 Simmons College

AQ – Conference Championship

**Little East Conference (8)**

Castleton University  
 Eastern Connecticut State University  
 Keene State College  
 University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Plymouth State University  
 Rhode Island College  
 University of Southern Maine  
 Western Connecticut State University

AQ – Conference Championship

**Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

Bridgewater State University  
 Fitchburg State University  
 Framingham State University  
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
 Salem State University  
 Westfield State University  
 Worcester State University

AQ – Conference Championship

**New England Collegiate Conference (7+1 provisional)**

Bay Path University  
 Becker College  
 \*Dean College [active 2021-22]  
 Elms College

Mitchell College  
 New England College  
 Newbury College  
 Southern Vermont College

AQ – Conference Championship

**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 – Conference Championship

**New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (9)**

Babson College  
 Emerson College  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Smith College

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

AQ – Conference Championship

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE

### North Atlantic Conference (6)

State University of New York at Canton  
Husson University  
University of Maine, Farmington

Maine Maritime Academy  
Northern Vermont University-Lyndon  
Thomas College

AQ – Conference Championship

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

## WEST REGION

### College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (8)

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

University of Dubuque  
Elmhurst College  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
North Central College

AQ – Conference Championship

### Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)

Adrian College  
Albion College  
Alma College  
Calvin College  
Hope College

Kalamazoo College  
Olivet College  
Saint Mary's College (Indiana)  
Trine University

AQ – Conference Championship

### Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference (14)

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

Hamline University  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Loras College  
Marian University (Wisconsin)  
Monmouth College (Illinois)  
University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
Wartburg College

AQ – Conference Championship

### Northwest Conference (7)

George Fox University  
Linfield College  
Pacific University (Oregon)  
University of Puget Sound

Whitman College  
Whitworth University  
Willamette University

AQ – Conference Championship

### Pool B Institutions (10+1)

^Chapman University  
^Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
#Colorado College  
#University of Dallas  
#\*Johnson & Wales University (Denver)  
^Occidental College

^Pomona-Pitzer Colleges  
^University of Redlands  
#Southwestern University (Texas)  
^Whittier College  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

^Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – No AQ

#Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference - No AQ

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

## Appendix C • Officials

### POLICIES AND SELECTION OF OFFICIALS

All officials for NCAA Division III postseason games shall be appointed by the Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee in conjunction with the NCAA national coordinator for officials. Any committee member whose team is selected to the championship will be recused from the process.

A sports committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Officials shall adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities, drugs and alcohol, and must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

### REQUIREMENTS

All officials assigned to an NCAA postseason tournament game:

1. Must annually attend an NCAA rules interpretation session;
2. Must hold a nationally recognized rating;
3. Must complete the online NCAA registration for officials (Arbiter Central Hub);
4. Will not be assigned to a game if it involves an institution he or she attended, was or is an employee of, or if his or her spouse/partner or relatives have any of these affiliations;
5. Score 90 percent or higher on the annual rules test;
6. Evaluations through NCAA national coordinator of officials and assignors; and,
7. Referee a minimum of six NCAA contests during the current lacrosse season.

### ASSIGNMENTS

Three field officials and one alternate official will be assigned to all games.

## Appendix D • OWP and OOWP Calculation

### Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) and Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) Calculation Explanation

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	$69 \div (69 + 54) =$
<b>Totals:</b>			69	54	<b>.561 (OWP)</b>

**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	$272 \div (272 + 267) =$
<b>Totals:</b>	272	267	<b>.505 (OOWP)</b>

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).

**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>