



2021 DIVISION III WOMEN'S
LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendices.

Sections one through eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendices. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Non-predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: *Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.*]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: *Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.*]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. Click here to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to ncaa.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a

single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division III

Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

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

Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

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

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

Section 9•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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

Section 9•4 Religious Conflicts

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before May 1 of the preceding academic year to be excused from competing on that day. The notification shall be valid for a period of two years. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution, and such adjustment shall not require its team or an individual competitor to compete before the time originally scheduled.

Individual Championships. In individual championships, a student-athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

Division III Women's Lacrosse

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| Ashley Hughes | Allegheny | North Coast Athletic |
| Cheri Horst | Lancaster Bible | North Eastern Athletic Conf. |
| Malory Brunett | Marietta College | Ohio Athletic Conference |
| Maura Carapellotti | Franciscan University | Presidents' Athletic Conf. |
| NORTH REGION | | |
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| Maureen Spellman | Endicott | Commonwealth Coast |
| Erica Adams | Bridgewater State | MASCAC |
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| Sandy Bridgeman | Plymouth St. | Little East |
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Section 1•4 Important Dates

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

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| Friday, Jan. 8 | Institutions must have complete schedule input in the online stats system. |
| Tuesday, March 2 | National committee orientation call. |
| Tuesday, March 23 | Regional advisory committees orientation call. |
| Monday, March 29 | Proposed budget and facility evaluation materials posted on ncaa.org . |
| Tuesday, March 30 | Regional advisory committees training call. |
| Tuesday, April 6 | Regional advisory committees mock ranking call. |
| Wednesday, April 7 | National committee mock ranking call. |
| Tuesday, April 13 | First regional advisory committees ranking call. |
| Wednesday, April 14 | First national committee ranking call. |
| Tuesday, April 20 | Second regional advisory committees ranking call. |
| Wednesday, April 21 | Second national committee ranking call. |
| Tuesday, April 27 | Third regional advisory committees ranking call. |
| Wednesday, April 28 | Third national committee ranking call. |
| Sat.-Sun., May 1-2 | Regional advisory committees selection calls. |
| Sunday, May 2 | National committee selection call. |
| Monday, May 3 | Tournament field announced, 10:30 a.m. Eastern time. Teleconference with first- and second-round participating teams, hosts and NCAA preliminary-round site representatives. |
| Tuesday, May 4 | First and second-round competition. |
| *Saturday, May 8 | Second-round competition. |
| Monday, May 10 | Teleconference with regional site representatives, committee and liaison. Teleconference with regional participating institutions, hosts and NCAA site representative. |
| *Sat.-Sun., May 15-16 | Regional competition. |
| Monday, May 17 | Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA liaison, committee and championship host. |
| Sat.-Sun., May 22-23 | 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

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| Selections | Sunday, May 2 |
| First Round | *Saturday, May 8, at predetermined sites |
| Second Round | *Saturday and Sunday, May 8-9, at predetermined sites |
| Regionals | *Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, at predetermined sites |
| Semifinals and Final | Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Virginia. Hosted by the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the 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.*

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.

2022 Dates

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

2023 Dates

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| Selections | Sunday, May 7 |
| First Round | Saturday, May 13, on campus |
| Second Round | Sunday, May 14, on campus |
| Regionals | Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, on campus |
| Semifinals and Final | Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28, 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 2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules and Interpretations book.

Section 1•6 Rules

The 2021 championship will be conducted according to the [2020 and 2021 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.

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

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.

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Divisions I and II Manuals, and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4 (Divisions I and II) and Bylaw 12.5.3 (Division III) indicate that an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restrictions.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution. Only one post-constructive impermeable institutional logo or marking that does not exceed 9 square inches may be applied to the uniform. Additional or alternate logos are not permitted.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes and any and all credentialed personnel in the bench area during the conduct of competition, which includes any practices and pregame or postgame activities.

Section 1•8 Video Exchange Policy

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

The championship provides for a 37-team, single-elimination tournament. Five first-round games will be conducted at two predetermined sites. Sixteen second-round games will be conducted at five predetermined sites. Regional games will be conducted at two regional sites to determine the four teams that will advance to the semifinals. (Refer to [Appendix A](#) on page 21 for the bracket and [Appendix B](#) on page 22 for a listing of the regions.)

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.

PRELIMINARY ROUND 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:

First and Second Rounds All games will be played at 1 p.m. (local time).

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|-----------------|--|
| Regional | 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 and 4 p.m.; Final at 2:30 p.m. (local time) |

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Semifinals | 2 and 5 p.m. Eastern time. |
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| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Championship | 5 p.m. Eastern time. |
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[Note: Participants in the second game are guaranteed 45 minutes of warm-up time on the game field.]

TRAVEL PARTY

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Squad Size | 28 individuals |
| Official Travel Party | 33 individuals |
| Bench Size | 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 nine bench passes to distribute to team personnel beyond the 33 members of the official travel party. Up to two of the nine 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.**

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).

Section 2•2 Results

The host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official championship results to the Association's website, 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, 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 Michelle Watsky (mwatsky@ncaa.org) and 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. Watsky.

SCORE REPORTING

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (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 Michelle Watsky (mwatsky@ncaa.org).

REGIONAL RANKINGS

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

- April 14
- April 21
- April 28
- May 2

The committee will rank the top 17.5% of eligible teams in each region (or a minimum of four teams, whichever is greater) by applying the championship selection criteria. Based on 2020-21 sponsorship reports, the following number of teams will be ranked in each region:

Northeast Region - 6

North Region - 6

East Region - 8

Mid-Atlantic Region - 8

South Region - 6

Great Lakes - 7

West - 8

Section 2•3 Selections Information

[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 2. The selection show will be streamed live on ncaa.com on Monday, May 3. The bracket and press release will be available following the selection show on 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 2021 championship:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Bracket | 37 teams | Field size |
| Pool A | 33 teams | # Automatic Qualifiers |
| Pool B | 1 team | # Pool B teams/Access ratio |
| Pool C | 3 teams | Field size – Pool A – Pool B |

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The 33 conferences that qualify for automatic qualification in 2020-21 are:

| | |
|--|---|
| Atlantic East | New England Collegiate Conference |
| Centennial Conference | New England Small College Athletic Conference |
| Coast-To-Coast Athletic 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 | Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference |
| Heartland Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Conference | Northwest Conference |
| Landmark Conference | Ohio Athletic Conference |
| Liberty League | Old Dominion Athletic Conference |
| Little East Conference | Presidents' Athletic Conference |
| Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference | Skyline Conference |
| Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association | Southern Athletic Association |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth | State University of New York Athletic Conference |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom | USA South Athletic Conference |
| Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference | |

A listing of all evaluation regions (listed by conference and Pool B teams) is listed in [Appendix B on page 22](#).

AT-LARGE SELECTION

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

IN-REGION COMPETITION

Regional Alignments

Each Division III women's lacrosse team is assigned to one of seven 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 22](#))
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>).

COUNTABLE COMPETITION

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.1 in the NCAA Manual.]

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 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 28](#).**

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% 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% 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; 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.

Flights will be kept to a minimum.

Section 2•6 Site Selection

For the 2020-21 championship, all preliminary-round sites will be predetermined in order to comply with health, safety and testing requirements.

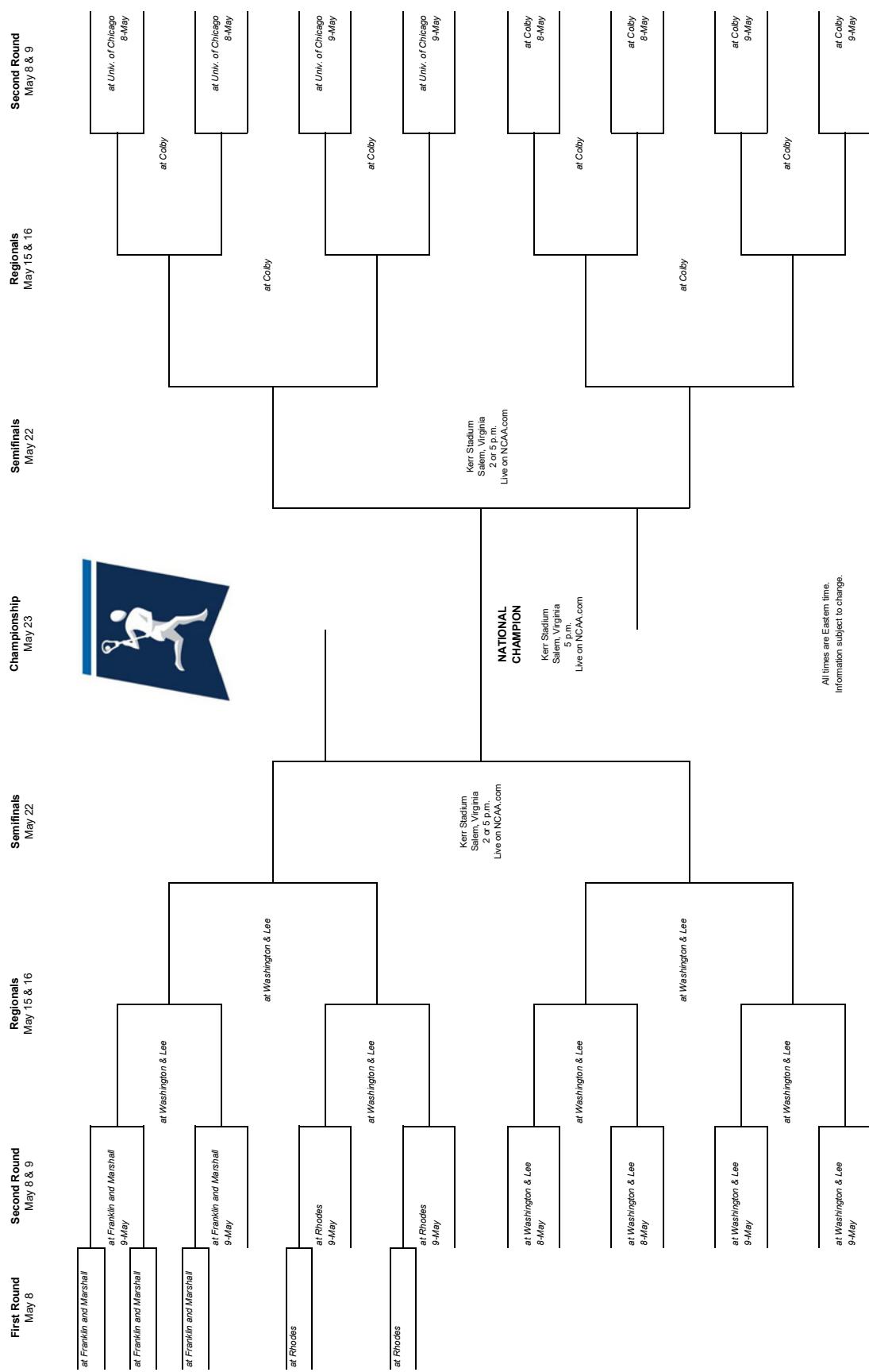
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Appendix A • Bracket



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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

EAST REGION

Empire 8 (9)

Alfred University
Elmira College
Hartwick College
Houghton College
Keuka College

Nazareth College
Russell Sage College
St. John Fisher College
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

Skyline Conference (9)

Farmingdale State College
Manhattanville 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)

State University of New York at Brockport
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

GREAT LAKES REGION

Heartland Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Conference (6)

Anderson University (Indiana)
Earlham College
Franklin College

Hanover College
Mount St. Joseph University
Transylvania University

AQ – Conference Championship

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

North Eastern Athletic Conference (9)

D'Youville College
 Hilbert College
 Lancaster Bible College
 La Roche University
 Medaille College

Morrisville State College
 Mount Aloysius
 Penn State University, Abington
 Wells College

AQ – Conference Championship

Ohio Athletic Conference (9)

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

University of Mount Union
 Muskingum University
 Ohio Northern University
 Otterbein 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

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION**Atlantic East (7)**

Cabrini University
 Gwynedd Mercy University
 Immaculata University
 Marymount University

Marywood University
 Neumann University
 Wesley College

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 (7)

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

Notre Dame of Maryland University
 Rosemont College
 Wilson 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

DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)

Albright College
Alvernia University
Eastern University
Hood College
Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University
Stevenson University
Widener University
York College (PA)

AQ – Conference Championship

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (9)

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

Lycoming College
Misericordia University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Wilkes University

AQ – Conference Championship

NORTH 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

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 (5)

Bay Path University
Becker College
Elms College

Mitchell College
New England College

AQ – Conference Championship

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (10)

Babson College
Clark University (Massachusetts)
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

NORTHEAST REGION**Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)**

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

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

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

North Atlantic Conference (8)

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

Maine Maritime Academy
 Northern Vermont University-Lyndon
 State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
 Thomas College

AQ – Conference Championship

SOUTH REGION**Capital Athletic Conference (5)**

Christopher Newport University
 University of Mary Washington
 Salisbury University

Southern Virginia University
 St. Mary's College of Maryland

AQ – Conference Championship

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)

Bridgewater College (Virginia)
 Eastern Mennonite University
 Ferrum College
 Guilford College
 Hollins University
 University of Lynchburg

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

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

DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE

USA South Athletic Conference (11)

Averett University
Brevard College
Greensboro College
Huntingdon College
LaGrange College
Meredith College

Methodist University
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Pfeiffer University
Piedmont College
William Peace University

AQ – Conference Championship

Pool B Institutions (1)

Sweet Briar College

WEST REGION

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (7)

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

Elmhurst University
Illinois Wesleyan University
North Central College

AQ – Conference Championship

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (8)

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Calvin University

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

AQ – Conference Championship

Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference (9)

Augsburg University
Beloit College
Cornell College
Hamline University
Loras College

Monmouth College (Illinois)
North Central University
University of Northwestern - St. Paul
Wartburg College

AQ – Conference Championship

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (7)

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

Edgewood College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Marian University (Wisconsin)

AQ – Conference Championship

Northwest Conference (7)

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

Whitman College
Whitworth University
Willamette University

AQ – Conference Championship

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7)

California Lutheran University
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps College
Occidental College

Pomona-Pitzer
University of Redlands
Whittier College

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (3 + 1 prov.)

Colorado College
University of Dallas

Southwestern University (Texas)
*Johnson & Wales University (Denver)

Pool B Institutions (3)

University of Wisconsin - River Falls
University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

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% 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 |
| Totals: | | | 69 | 54 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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