



*2023 DIVISION III WOMEN'S*  
**LACROSSE**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2022-23 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2022-23 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women and three for both men and women. Of the men’s championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women’s championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men’s and women’s championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

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

## Section 1.1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes’ optimal experience.

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

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

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

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5, 31.2.1.7, 31.2.1.7.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

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

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

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

### Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

## Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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### MISCONDUCT

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

### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

## Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

### STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

### POSTSEASON

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

### HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

## Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will

receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. However, we understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff onsite.

## Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes 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 to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

## Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

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

## Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

## Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers.

Please reference the NCAA travel policies as they are updated annually [here](#), and the travel policies supersede all other documents.

## Section 10 • Division III

### Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams 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 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

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

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

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

## Section 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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

## Section 10•4 Religious Conflicts

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*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

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

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



# Division III Women's Lacrosse

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# Section 1 • General Administration

## Section 1•1 NCAA Tournament Operations Staff Contact Information

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**REGION II****Erica Adams**

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach  
Bridgewater State University

**REGION VI****Anne Moelk**

Head Women's Lacrosse Coach  
DePauw University

**REGION III****Jeff Siegel**

Associate Athletics Director  
Rochester Institute of Technology

**REGION VII****Michael Schulist**

Director of Athletics  
Carroll University (Wisconsin)

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Meghan Griffin	UMass Dartmouth	Little East
Courtney Shute	Tufts	NESCAC
Adam Todd	SUNY Canton	North Atlantic
<b>REGION II</b>		
Erica Adams	Bridgewater State	MASCAC
Maureen Spellman	Endicott	Commonwealth Coast
Allyson Baribault	MCLA	MASCAC
Megan Leo	New England College	New England Collegiate Conf.
Michelle Smith	Babson	NEWMAC
<b>REGION III</b>		
Jeff Siegel	Rochester Institute of Technology	Liberty League
Jon Accardi	Keuka College	Empire 8
Karrie Moore	Ithaca	Liberty League
Therese Doyle	Kean	NJAC
Kyle Simensky	Merchant Marine	Skyline
Renee Carlineo	Buffalo State	SUNYAC
<b>REGION IV</b>		
Janice Luck	Albright College	Middle Atlantic
Kate Fowler	Washington College	Centennial
Salvatore Capone	Bryn Athyn	Colonial States
Kathleen Finnegan	Drew College	Landmark
Jen Muston	York College	MAC Commonwealth
Katy Higinbothom	King's College	MAC Freedom
Liz Martin	Neumann	Atlantic East
<b>REGION V</b>		
MK Geratowski	Randolph-Macon College	Old Dominion
Lisa Valentine	Christopher Newport	Capital Athletic Conference
Lindsey Lutz	Shenandoah University	Old Dominion
Kristi Crowley	Hendrix College	SAA
Lauren Scott	Meredith College	USA South
<b>REGION VI</b>		
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Brandon Allwood	Hanover College	Heartland Collegiate
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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
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Lauren Uhr	C-M-S	SCIAC
Christina Fried	Aurora	Northern Athletics
Susan Stuart Elliot	Colorado College (SCAC)	Independent

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

<b>Friday, Jan. 13</b>	Institutions must have complete schedule input in the online stats system.
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	National committee orientation call.
<b>Tuesday, March 28</b>	Regional advisory committees orientation call.
<b>Monday, April 3</b>	Proposed budget and facility evaluation materials posted on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>	Regional advisory committees training call.
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	Regional advisory committees mock ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	National committee mock ranking call.
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b>	First regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 19</b>	First national committee ranking call.
<b>Tuesday, April 25</b>	Second regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 26</b>	Second national committee ranking call.
<b>Monday, May 1</b>	Proposed budget and facility evaluation forms due at the national office from institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition.
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b>	Third regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, May 3</b>	Third national committee ranking call.
<b>Thursday, May 4</b>	Teleconference with potential preliminary-round site representatives. Teleconference with potential preliminary-round hosts.
<b>Sat.-Sun., May 6-7</b>	Regional advisory committees selection calls.
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	National committee selection call.
<b>Monday, May 8</b>	46-team field announced, 10:30 a.m. Eastern time.
<b>Tuesday, May 9</b>	Teleconference with first- and second-round participating teams, hosts and NCAA preliminary-round site representatives.
<b>*Saturday, May 13</b>	First-round competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship. (Fourteen on-campus sites.)
<b>*Sunday, May 14</b>	Second-round competition. (Sixteen on-campus sites.)
<b>Monday, May 15</b>	Teleconference with regional participating institutions, hosts and NCAA site representative or committee member.
<b>*Sat.-Sun., May 20-21</b>	Regional competition. (Four on-campus sites.)
<b>Monday, May 22</b>	Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA liaison, committee and championship host.
<b>Sat. &amp; Sun., May 26 &amp; 28</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.*

## CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

**Selections & Announcement** Monday, May 8

**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** Friday and Sunday, May 26 & 28, at Kerr Stadium at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. Hosted by 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.*

## DATE FORMULA

Each year, the championship finals are scheduled for the fourth full weekend in May (semifinals Friday, 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.

## FUTURE DATES

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

### 2024 Dates

**Selections** Sunday, May 5

**First Round** Saturday, May 11, on campus

**Second Round** Sunday, May 12, on campus

**Regionals** Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19 on campus

**Semifinals and Final** Friday and Sunday, May 24 & 26, host Old Dominion Athletic Conference and City of Salem.

### 2025 Dates

**Selections** Sunday, May 4

**First Round** Saturday, May 10, on campus

**Second Round** Sunday, May 11, on campus

**Regionals** Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18 on campus

**Semifinals and Final** Friday and Sunday, May 23 & 25, 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 [2022 and 2023 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules and Interpretations book](#).

## Section 1•6 Rules

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The 2023 championship will be conducted according to the [2022 and 2023 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.](#)

*[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

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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

The championship provides for a 46-team, single-elimination tournament. Fourteen first-round games will be conducted at 14 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.)

### 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 30 student-athletes for competition. For team practices, shoot-arounds, and pregame warmup, there is no limit to the number of student-athletes who can participate within the bench limit.

**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:

<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>	Noon and 3 p.m. Eastern time.
<b>Championship</b>	Noon 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 26. 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>	32 individuals
<b>Official Travel Party</b>	37 individuals
<b>Bench Size</b>	50 individuals

## Additional Information/Requirements on Team Personnel

**Squad Size.** Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 32 players. Each team must designate its 32 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 32 players can be made between games on any weekend.

**Official Travel Party.** There are 37 individuals in each team's official travel party with not more than 32 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 37 individuals. The bench and travel party credentials will be distributed at the coaches meeting.

**Bench Size.** Each institution is allotted 13 bench passes to distribute to team personnel beyond the 37 members of the official travel party. Up to two of the 13 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 49. **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 50 individuals from each institution may be in the bench area during the competition. **The 50 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

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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.

### SCORE REPORTING

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site ([web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login](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).

### REGIONAL RANKINGS

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

- April 19
- April 26
- May 3
- May 8

The committee will rank a maximum of 7 teams in each region (or a minimum of 20% of eligible teams), by applying the championship selection criteria. Based on 2021-22 sponsorship reports, the following number of teams will be ranked in each region:

- Region I - 7
- Region II - 6
- Region III - 7
- Region IV - 7
- Region V - 7
- Region VI - 7
- Region VII - 7

## 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 Monday, May 8. The selection show will be streamed live on [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com) on Monday, May 8. 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 2023 championship:

<b>Bracket</b>	46 teams	Based on 2021-22 eligible institutions
<b>Pool A</b>	32 teams	# Automatic Qualifiers
<b>Pool B</b>	1 team	# Pool B teams/Access ratio
<b>Pool C</b>	13 teams	Field size - Pool A - Pool B

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The 32 conferences that qualify for automatic qualification in 2022-23 are:

Atlantic East Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	North Atlantic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Northwest Conference
Heartland Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Conference	Ohio Athletic Conference
Landmark Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Liberty League	President's Athletic Conference

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Little East Conference	Skyline Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	United East Conference
Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference	USA South Athletic Conference

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

### 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 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 ([web1.ncaa.org/SES/exec/SES/exec/miles](http://web1.ncaa.org/SES/exec/SES/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 37. 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](http://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% 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 600 miles);

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- 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

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Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2023 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](https://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org) or contact the respective championship manager.

The 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](https://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is **Monday, May 1, 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 RefQuest 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 2023 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 2023 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship must submit a key contacts form. The website may be found at [web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login?loginSubmit=LoginWithTabs](http://web1.ncaa.org/champsBidV20/exec/login?loginSubmit=LoginWithTabs). The deadline for submitting the key contacts forms is **Monday, May 1, 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)).

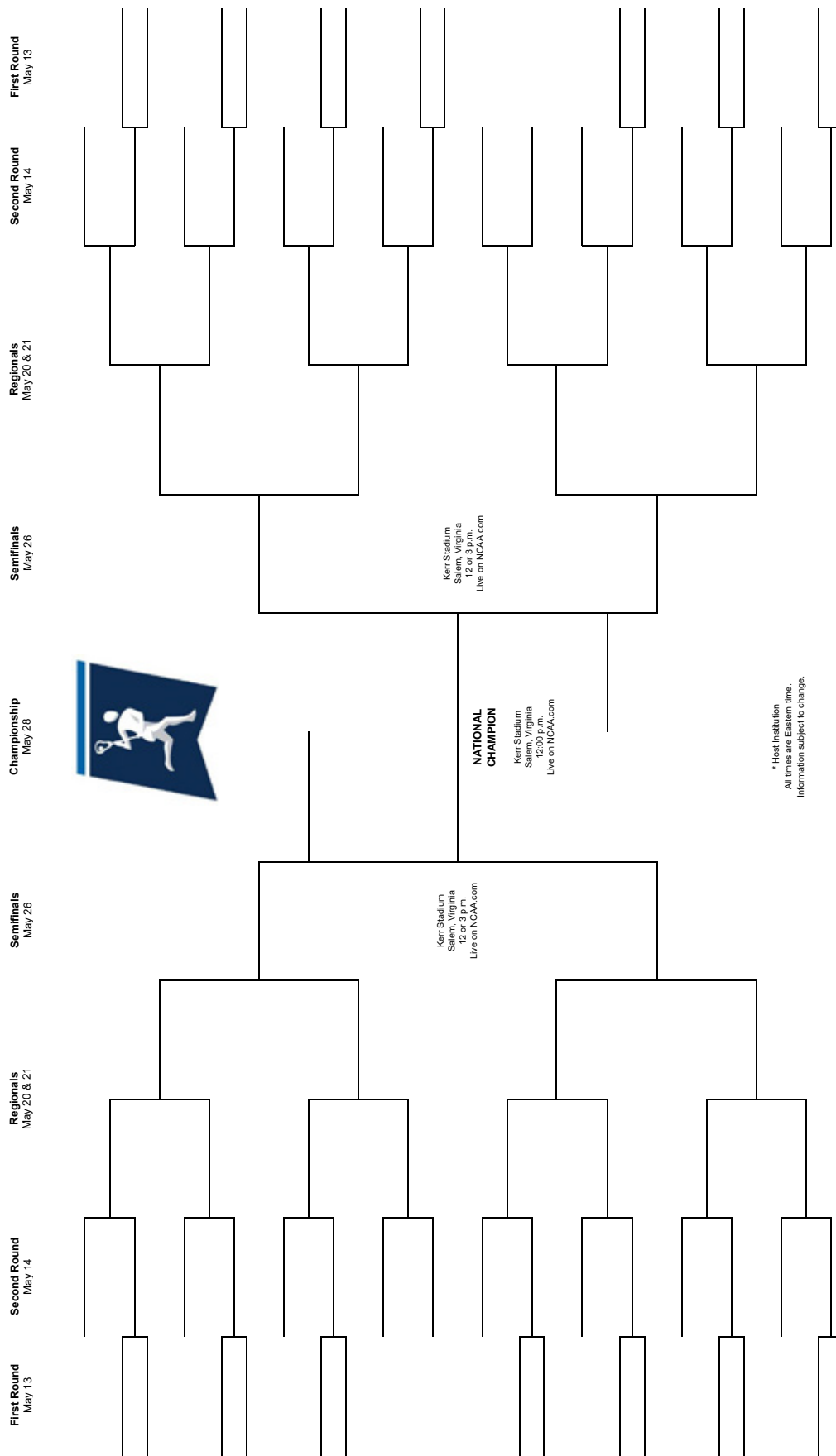
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Appendix A • Bracket

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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### REGION I

#### Great Northeast Athletic Conference (14)

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

Lasell University  
 Norwich University  
 Regis College (Massachusetts)  
 Rivier University  
 Saint Joseph's College (Maine)  
 Simmons University  
 University of Saint Joseph (Connecticut)

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 (7)

Husson University  
 Maine Maritime Academy  
 Northern Vermont University-Lyndon  
 State University of New York at Canton

State University of New York Polytechnic Institute  
 Thomas College  
 University of Maine, Farmington

AQ - Conference Championship

### REGION II

#### 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 University  
 Salem State University  
 Westfield State University  
 Worcester State University

AQ - Conference Championship

**New England Collegiate Conference (2)**

Mitchell College

New England College

Pool B - No AQ

**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

**REGION III**

**Empire 8 (8)**

Alfred University

Hartwick College

Keuka College

Nazareth College

Russell Sage College

St. John Fisher College

Utica College

Medaille University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Liberty League (11)**

Bard College

Clarkson College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Ithaca College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

University of Rochester

Rochester Institute of Technology

Skidmore College

St. Lawrence University

Union College (New York)

Vassar College

AQ - Conference Championship

**New Jersey Athletic Conference (6)**

Kean University

Montclair State University

The College of New Jersey

Ramapo College

Rowan University

Stockton University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Skyline Conference (9)**

Farmingdale State College

Manhattanville College

Mount Saint Mary College (New York)

College of Mount Saint Vincent

Purchase College, State University of New York

St. Joseph's College (Long Island)

State University College at Old Westbury

State University of New York Maritime College

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

AQ - Conference Championship

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

Buffalo State, State University of New York

Plattsburgh State University of New York

State University of New York at Brockport

State University of New York at Cortland

State University of New York at Genesco

State University of New York at New Paltz

State University of New York at Oneonta

State University of New York at Oswego

State University of New York at Potsdam

The State University of New York at Fredonia

AQ - Conference Championship

**REGION IV**

**Atlantic East Conference (7)**

Cabrini University  
Centenary University  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Immaculata University

Marymount University (Virginia)  
Marywood University  
Neumann University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Centennial Conference (10)**

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (6)**

Bryn Athyn College  
Cedar Crest College  
Keystone College

Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Sweet Briar College  
Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Landmark Conference (8)**

Catholic University  
Drew University  
Elizabethtown College  
Goucher College

Juniata College  
Moravian University  
University of Scranton  
Susquehanna University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)**

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Eastern University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University  
Stevenson University  
Widener University  
York College (Pennsylvania)

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

**REGION V**

**Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (4)**

Christopher Newport University  
University of Mary Washington

Salisbury University  
Warren Wilson College (provisional)

Pool B - No AQ

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (11)**

Averett University  
Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
Ferrum College  
Guilford College  
University of Lynchburg  
Randolph College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Athletic Association (7)**

Berry College  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Centre College  
Hendrix College

Olgethorpe University  
Rhodes College  
Sewanee: The University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

**USA South Athletic Conference (10)**

Brevard College  
Greensboro College  
Huntingdon College  
Meredith College  
Methodist University

North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Pfeiffer University  
Piedmont University  
Southern Virginia University  
William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Pool B (3)**

Asbury University (prov. 2024)  
Eastern Mennonite University

University of Hartford (prov. 2025)

**REGION VI**

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

Anderson University (Indiana)  
Earlham College  
Franklin College  
Hanover College

Mount St. Joseph University  
Spalding University  
Transylvania University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Ohio Athletic Conference (8)**

Baldwin Wallace University  
Capital University  
John Carroll University  
Marietta College

University of Mount Union  
Muskingum University  
Ohio Northern University  
Otterbein University

AQ - Conference Championship

**North Coast Athletic Conference (7)**

Denison University  
DePauw University  
Kenyon College  
Oberlin College

Ohio Wesleyan University  
The College of Wooster  
Wittenburg University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (10)**

Allegheny College  
Bethany College (West Virginia)  
Chatham University  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Grove City College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

**United East Conference (6)**

La Roche University  
Lancaster Bible College  
Mount Aloysius College

St. Mary's College of Maryland  
SUNY Morrisville  
Wells College

AQ - Conference Championship

**REGION VII**

**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 College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

**Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference (8)**

Augsburg University  
 Cornell College  
 Hamline University  
 Lake Forest College

Monmouth College (Illinois)  
 University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
 College of Saint Benedict  
 Wartburg College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (7)**

Aurora University  
 Beloit College  
 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 College  
 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 Colleges  
 Occidental College

Pomona-Pitzer Colleges  
 University of Redlands  
 Whittier College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (2)**

Colorado College

Southwestern University (Texas)

Pool B - No AQ

**Pool B (4)**

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

University of Wisconsin - River Falls  
 University of Wisconsin - Stout

## 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	
<b>Totals:</b>			69	54	$69 \div (69 + 54) =$ <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	
<b>Totals:</b>	272	267	$272 \div (272 + 267) =$ <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>