



# **PRECHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25 MANUAL**

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2024-25 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 Prechampionship 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

**Prechampionship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Prechampionship 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).

**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 eligible to participate 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, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy 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

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. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also 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 on-site.

## 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 competing at the finals site. 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](https://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 [Health, Safety & Performance 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 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. 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 within a regular-season philosophy that emphasizes regional competition and minimizes missed class time; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences and at-large 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

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## Section 1•3 Important Dates

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

<b>Friday, Jan. 10</b>	Institutions must have complete schedule input in the online stats system.
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	National committee orientation call.
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>	Regional advisory committees orientation call.
<b>Monday, March 31</b>	Bid Portal open.
<b>Wednesday, April 2</b>	Regional advisory committees training call.
<b>Tuesday, April 8</b>	Regional advisory committees mock ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 9</b>	National committee mock ranking call.
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	First regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 16</b>	First national committee ranking call.
<b>Tuesday, April 22</b>	Second regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 23</b>	Second national committee ranking call.
<b>Monday, April 28</b>	Proposed budget and facility evaluation forms due at the national office from institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition.
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b>	Third regional advisory committees ranking call.
<b>Wednesday, April 30</b>	Third national committee ranking call.
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	Teleconference with potential preliminary-round site representatives. Teleconference with potential preliminary-round hosts.
<b>Sat.-Sun., May 3-4</b>	Regional advisory committees selection calls.
<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	National committee selection call.
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	46-team field announced.
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	Teleconference with first- and second-round participating teams, hosts and NCAA preliminary-round site representatives.
<b>*Saturday, May 10</b>	First-round competition on campuses of teams participating in the championship. (Fourteen on-campus sites.)
<b>*Sunday, May 11</b>	Second-round competition. (Sixteen on-campus sites.)
<b>Monday, May 12</b>	Teleconference with regional participating institutions, hosts and NCAA site representative or committee member.
<b>*Sat.-Sun., May 17-18</b>	Regional competition. (Four on-campus sites.)
<b>Monday, May 19</b>	Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA liaison, committee and championship host.
<b>Fri. &amp; Sun., May 23 &amp; 25</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 6

<b>First Round</b>	*Saturday, May 10, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	*Sunday, May 11, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	*Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Friday and Sunday, May 23 and 24, 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.*

### 2026 Dates

<b>Selections</b>	Sunday, May 3
<b>First Round</b>	Saturday, May 9, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	Sunday, May 10, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Friday and Sunday, May 22 and 24

### 2027 Dates

<b>Selections</b>	Sunday, May 2
<b>First Round</b>	Saturday, May 8, on campus
<b>Second Round</b>	Sunday, May 9, on campus
<b>Regionals</b>	Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, on campus
<b>Semifinals and Final</b>	Friday and Sunday, May 21 and 23

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

## Section 1•4 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. 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 [2024 and 2025 NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules and Interpretations book](#).

## Section 1•5 Rules

The 2025 championship will be conducted according to the [2024 and 2025 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•6 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 warmups 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 2¼ 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 2¼ 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 postconstructive 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•7 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 47-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.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

### 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.*

**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.

### 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 32 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.

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.** 1½ 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).

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

Squad Size	32 individuals
Official Travel Party	37 individuals
Bench Size	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

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 9
- April 16
- April 23
- April 30

## Section 2•3 Selections Information

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

At-large teams will be selected using the NCAA Power Index (NPI), the system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when applicable). Teams will be selected not later than Monday, Nov. 11. NPI will determine the at-large teams selected to the championship after the Automatic Qualifiers (AQ) have been designated. The committee will announce the bracket for the championship on Nov. 11. The selection show will be streamed live on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com). The bracket and press release will be available following the selection show on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com).



ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

The 46-team field will consist of two selection pools: AQs and at-large berths. AQ berths will be allocated to automatic qualifying conferences. The criteria for receiving automatic qualification are outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4 of the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual. At-large berths will be reserved for all remaining institutions not receiving an AQ. Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2025 championship:

Bracket	47 teams	Based on 2022-23 eligible institutions
AQs	30 teams	# Automatic Qualifiers
At-Large	17 teams	Field size

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The 30 conferences that qualify for automatic qualification in 2024-25 are:

- Atlantic East Conference  
Centennial Conference  
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin  
Conference of New England  
Empire 8  
Great Northeast Athletic Conference  
Heartland Collegiate Women’s Lacrosse Conference  
Landmark Conference  
Liberty League  
Little East Conference  
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference  
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association  
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth  
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom  
New England Small College Athletic Conference
- New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference  
New Jersey Athletic Conference  
North Atlantic Conference  
North Coast Athletic Conference  
Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference  
Northwest Conference  
Ohio Athletic Conference  
Old Dominion Athletic Conference  
President’s Athletic Conference  
Skyline Conference  
Southern Athletic Association  
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
State University of New York Athletic Conference  
United East Conference  
USA South Athletic Conference

IN-REGION COMPETITION

In-Region Definitions

1. All competition within an institution’s defined sport/evaluation region.
2. All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another (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/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles](http://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 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](https://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

Division III team sports have adopted the use of the NCAA Power Index (NPI). NPI is a system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant).

The NPI weights for women's lacrosse is the following:

Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
25/75	1.0/1.0	57.00	0.500	100/0	8.0

## Section 2•5 Bracketing Principles (Pairings)

The following bracketing principles will be in effect for the next two years (2024-25 and 2025-26) to assess its financial impact and success in protecting top-seeded teams.

1. Protection of top-eight seeded teams in the bracket.

In brackets greater than 32 teams, teams will be protected based on the seed lines of No. 1s and No. 2s (based on NPI ranking at the time of selection).

- a. NPI rank 1-4 will be No. 1s. NPI rank 5-8 will be No. 2s.
- b. No. 1s and No. 2s will be bracketed based on quarterfinal matchups providing a possibility that the top eight (8) teams could each advance to the round of eight.
- c. No. 1s and No. 2s will be paired in the quarterfinals based on current bracketing principles (i.e., geographic proximity is maintained).

Brackets will be built outward based on protecting the quarterfinal matchups that will protect No. 1s and No. 2s while maintaining geographic proximity.

2. Remaining teams will continue to be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams shall then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams shall be paired and eligible according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles). An exception may be granted when there are not enough teams within the 500-mile radius to fill the region. Geographic proximity shall take precedence over seeding for teams below the top-eight seeds.
3. Teams from the same conference shall not play one another in the first round.
4. The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria shall be selected as the host institutions, provided that geographic proximity is maintained and they meet all site selection criteria. The top team on the bracket is the designated home team and will wear the light (white) colored jersey.

## Section 2•6 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2025 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, April 28, at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be paid by the NCAA via 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 [kalcov@ncaa.org](mailto:kalcov@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 2025 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 2025 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, April 28, at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based upon a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships, which can be found in the "Championship Resources" section of [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org). We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program.

As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document. This information should be uploaded to the "Bid Document Upload" tab of the Championships Forms system as part of your bid to be considered for championship site selection. If an institution wishes to submit this information via email, please send it to Kevin Alcox at the NCAA ([kalcov@ncaa.org](mailto:kalcov@ncaa.org)).

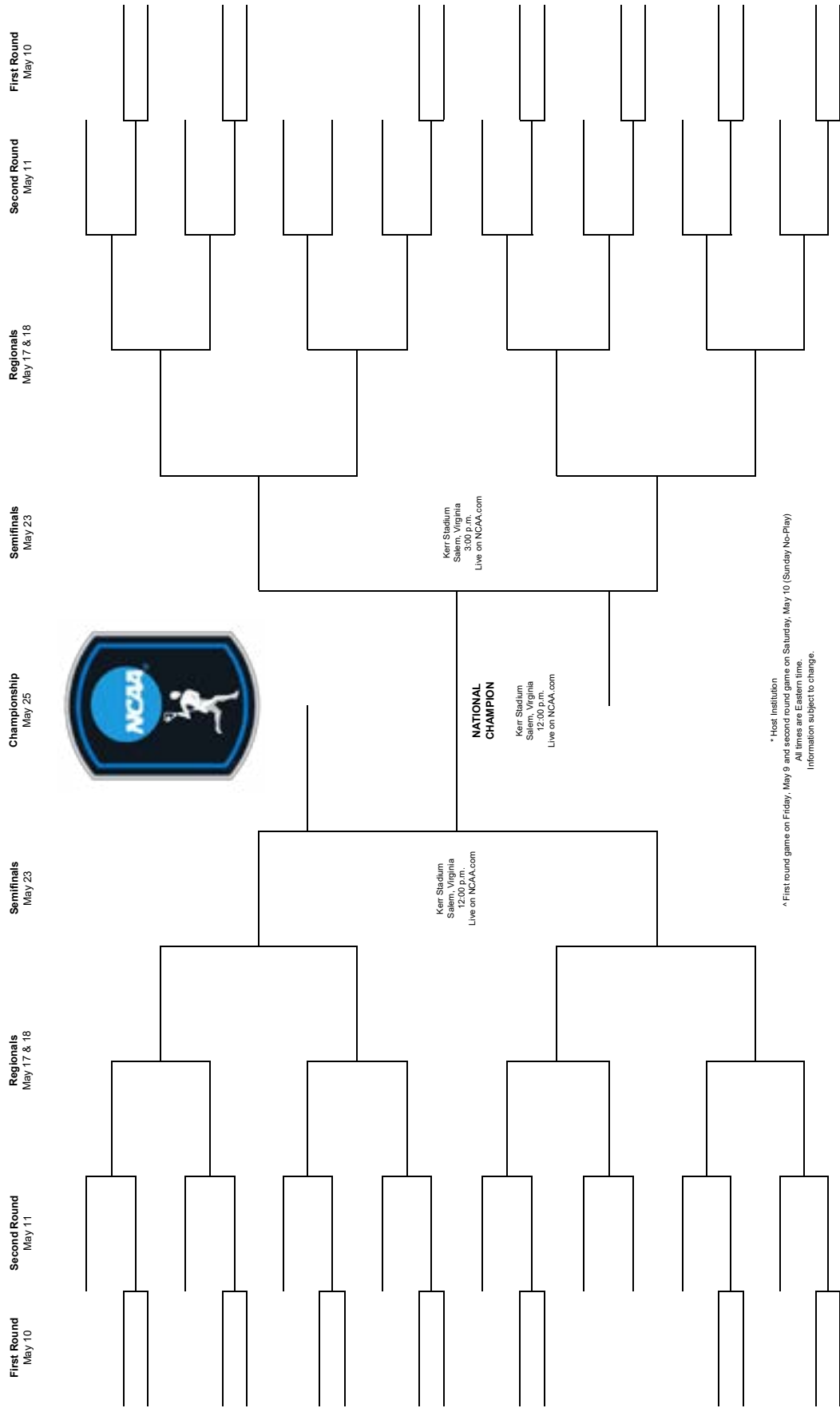
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Appendix A • Bracket

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\* Host Institution  
^ First round game on Friday, May 9 and second round game on Saturday, May 10 (Sunday No-Play)  
All times are Eastern time.  
Information subject to change.

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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

REGION I	
Total Number of Schools in Region I – 41	
Total Eligible Schools in Region I – 41	
Eligible Pool A Teams – 41	
Great Northeast Athletic Conference (16)	Little East Conference (9)
AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ	AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ
Albertus Magnus College Anna Maria College Colby-Sawyer College Dean College Elms College Emmanuel College (Massachusetts) Johnson & Wales University (Providence) Lasell College Mitchell College New England College Norwich University Regis College (Massachusetts) Rivier University Saint Joseph's College (Maine) Simmons College University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)	Eastern Connecticut State University Keene State College Plymouth State University Rhode Island College University of Massachusetts, Boston University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth University of Southern Maine Vermont State University Castleton Western Connecticut State University
New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)	North Atlantic Conference (5)
AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ	AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ
Amherst College Bates College Bowdoin College Colby College Connecticut College Hamilton College Middlebury College Trinity College (Connecticut) Tufts University Wesleyan University (Connecticut) Williams College	Husson University Maine Maritime Academy Vermont State University Lyndon University of Maine, Farmington Thomas College

REGION II	
Total Number of Schools in Region II – 27	
Total Eligible Schools in Region II – 26	
Eligible Pool A Teams – 26	
Conference of New England (8)	Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)
AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ	AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ
Curry College Endicott College Gordon College University of New England Nichols College Roger Williams University	Bridgewater State University Fitchburg State University Framingham State University Massachusetts Maritime Academy Salem State University Westfield State University

Wentworth Institute of Technology Western New England University	Worcester State University
<b>New England Women's &amp; Men's Athletic Conference (11)</b>	
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	
Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mount Holyoke College Salve Regina University Smith College Springfield College U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wellesley College Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	

<b>REGION III</b>	
<b>Total Number of Schools in Region III – 47</b>	
<b>Total Eligible Schools in Region III – 47</b>	
<b>Eligible Pool A Teams – 47</b>	
<b>Empire 8 (11)</b>	<b>Liberty League (11)</b>
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Alfred University Elmira College Hartwick College Keuka College Nazareth College The Sage Colleges St. John Fisher University Utica University State University of New York Polytechnic Institute State University of New York at Brockport State University of New York at Geneseo	Bard College Clarkson University (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
<b>New Jersey Athletic Conference (6)</b>	<b>Skyline Conference (9)</b>
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Kean University Montclair State University The College of New Jersey Ramapo College Rowan University Stockton University	Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College State University of New York Maritime College Mount Saint Mary College (New York) University of Mount St. Vincent State University College at Old Westbury Purchase College, State University of New York St. Joseph's University (Long Island) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
<b>State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)</b>	
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	



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Buffalo State, State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Canton  
 State University of New York at Cortland  
 The State University of New York at Fredonia  
 State University of New York at Morrisville

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

### REGION IV

**Total Number of Schools in Region IV – 42**

**Total Eligible Schools in Region IV – 42**

**Eligible Pool A Teams – 42**

#### Atlantic East (6)

##### AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ

Centenary University (NJ)  
 Gwynedd Mercy University  
 Immaculata University  
 Marymount University  
 Marywood University  
 Neumann University

#### Centennial Conference (10)

##### AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ

Bryn Mawr College  
 Dickinson College  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Gettysburg College  
 Haverford College  
 McDaniel College  
 Muhlenberg College  
 Swarthmore College  
 Ursinus College  
 Washington College (Maryland)

#### Landmark Conference (10)

##### AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Catholic University  
 Drew University  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Goucher College  
 Juniata College  
 Moravian College  
 University of Scranton  
 Susquehanna University  
 Lycoming College  
 Wilkes University

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (8)

##### AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Albright College  
 Alvernia University  
 Eastern University  
 Hood College  
 Messiah College  
 Stevenson University  
 Widener University  
 York College (PA)

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)

##### AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ

Arcadia University  
 Delaware Valley University  
 DeSales University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham  
 King's College (Pennsylvania)  
 Lebanon Valley University  
 Misericordia University  
 Stevens Institute of Technology

### REGION V

<b>Total Number of Schools in Region V – 33</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region V – 33</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams – 28</b>	
<b>Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)</b>	<b>USA South Athletic Conference (10)</b>
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Averett University Bridgewater College (Virginia) Guilford College University of Lynchburg Randolph College Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University Virginia Wesleyan College Washington and Lee University Eastern Mennonite University Sweet Briar College	Brevard College Greensboro College Huntingdon College Meredith College Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan College Pfeiffer University Piedmont College (CCS) Southern Virginia University William Peace University
<b>Coast-to-Coast Conference (4)</b>	<b>Southern Athletic Association (6)</b>
<b>Pool B</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Christopher Newport University University of Mary Washington Salisbury University Warren Wilson College	Berry College Centre College Hendrix College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College University of the South
<b>Pool B (1)</b>	
Trinity Washington University	

<b>REGION VI</b>	
<b>Total Number of Schools in Region VI – 39</b> <b>Total Eligible Schools in Region VI – 39</b> <b>Eligible Pool A Teams – 36</b>	
<b>Heartland Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Conference (6)</b>	<b>North Coast Athletic Conference (7)</b>
<b>AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Anderson University (Indiana) Franklin College Hanover College Mount St. Joseph University Transylvania University Spalding University	Denison University DePauw University Kenyon College Oberlin College Ohio Wesleyan University Wittenberg University The College of Wooster
<b>United East Conference (5)</b>	<b>Ohio Athletic Conference (8)</b>
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Bryn Athyn College Cedar Crest College Notre Dame of Maryland University	Baldwin Wallace University Capital University John Carroll University

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St. Mary's College of Maryland Wilson College	Marietta College University of Mount Union Muskingum University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University
<b>Presidents' Athletic Conference (10)</b>	<b>AMCC (3)</b>
<b>AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>No AQ - Pool B</b>
Allegheny College Bethany College (West Virginia) Chatham University Franciscan University of Steubenville Geneva College Grove City College Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Westminster College (Pennsylvania)	La Roche University Hilbert College Mount Aloysius College

REGION VII	
Total Number of Schools in Region VII – 49	
Total Eligible Schools in Region VII – 49	
Eligible Pool A Teams – 38	
<b>College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (6)</b>	<b>Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (8)</b>
<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ – Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Augustana College (Illinois) Carroll University (Wisconsin) Carthage College Elmhurst College Illinois Wesleyan University North Central College	Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin College Hope College Kalamazoo College Saint Mary's College (Indiana) Trine University
<b>Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (8)</b>	<b>Northwest Conference (9)</b>
<b>AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ</b>
Aurora University Beloit College Concordia University Wisconsin Cornell College Edgewood College Illinois Institute of Technology Lake Forest College Lawrence University Marian University (Wisconsin) Milwaukee School of Engineering	George Fox University Linfield College Lewis & Clark University Pacific University (Oregon) Pacific Lutheran University University of Puget Sound Whitman College Whitworth University Willamette University
<b>Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7)</b>	<b>Wisconsin Intecollegiate Athletic Conference (10)</b>
<b>AQ - Postseason Tournament Champ</b>	<b>Pool B - No AQ (year two)</b>

<p>California Lutheran University</p> <p>Chapman University</p> <p>Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges</p> <p>Occidental College</p> <p>Pomona-Pitzer Colleges</p> <p>University of Redlands</p> <p>Whittier College</p>	<p>Augsburg University</p> <p>Colorado College</p> <p>Hamlin University</p> <p>College of Saint Benedict</p> <p>Southwestern University (Texas)</p> <p>University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire</p> <p>University of Wisconsin - Stout</p> <p>University of Wisconsin - River Falls</p> <p>University of Wisconsin - La Crosse</p> <p>University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point</p>
<b>Pool B (1)</b>	
University of Chicago	
<b>BREAK DOWN OF NUMBERS</b>	
47-team bracket	
30 AQ bids - 17 At-large bids	

## **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

$69 \div (69 + 54) = .561$  (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
<b>Totals:</b>	272	267

$272 \div (272 + 267) = .505$  (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
<b>OWP</b>	.561	.667	.374
<b>OOWP</b>	.505	.333	.168
<b>Strength of Schedule</b>			<b>.542</b>