



***PRECHAMPIONSHIPS***  
***2025-26 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four 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, eight 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 92 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

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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. 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 Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete 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.]*

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 • Religious Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I 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 on or before Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)*

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

## Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

Division I developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available [here](#) when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

# National Collegiate Men's and Women's Rifle

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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## Section 1.3 Important Dates

<b>Sept. 19</b>	Roster and season schedule must be submitted to the online NCAA rifle score reporting system.
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Scores from all matches shot the previous week must be entered into the online NCAA rifle score reporting system the Monday after each match.
<b>Jan. 29</b>	Deadline for institutions to submit squadding plan and relay times to the secretary-rules interpreter and NCAA championship manager, 5 p.m. Eastern time.
<b>Feb. 13</b>	Deadline for qualification waiver requests to be accepted, 5 p.m. Eastern time. Last day for regular-season competition to count toward selections.
<b>Feb. 20-22</b>	Qualifying scores shall be obtained in a designated NCAA qualifying match.
<b>Feb. 22</b>	Scores entered online and data files from designated qualifier due, 6 p.m. local time. All paper targets used in the designated qualifying match must be received by the NCAA.
<b>Feb. 23</b>	Teleconference with full committee and announcement of team and individual qualifiers.

<b>Feb. 24</b>	Administrative teleconference for head coaches of all institutions and individuals participating in the NCAA Rifle Championships.
<b>March 1</b>	Institutional representative must submit initial team roster and confirm individual qualifiers to the NCAA, noon Eastern time.
<b>March 11</b>	Arrival of teams, officials and individuals at championships. Championships registration and equipment check. Deadline for institutions to make adjustments to their team roster.
<b>March 12</b>	Practice day – Air Rifle and Smallbore.
<b>March 13</b>	Individual and team competition – Smallbore.
<b>March 14</b>	Individual and team competition – Air Rifle.

## CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

**2026 – March 13-14** Columbus, Ohio; The Ohio State University, host.

## FUTURE DATES

**2027 – March 12-13** Statesboro, Georgia; Georgia Southern University, host.

## Section 1•4 Equipment

All rifles and related equipment must conform to the USA Shooting Rules Book, as specified in the rules book and the 2025-26 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications document.

At all 2026 NCAA qualifier matches, head coaches will be required to perform precompetition equipment checks.

A voluntary equipment inspection shall take place before the start of the 2026 NCAA Rifle Championships. This equipment inspection will be conducted on Wednesday, March 11.

Additionally, random postcompetition equipment inspections shall take place each day of competition at the NCAA Rifle Championships.

## Section 1•5 Rules

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The championships will be conducted according to the USA Shooting Rules (as of Sept. 1, 2023), 2025-26 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications, NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Operations Manual and NCAA Bylaws.

## Section 1•6 Uniforms

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For uniform regulations, please see rule 7.5 in the USA Shooting Rules and the 2025-26 NCAA Rifle Rules Modifications.

### LOGOS

For logo policy information, please refer to the [General Administrative Guidelines of this manual, Section 7](#).

## Section 1•7 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

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*[Reference: Bylaw 20.8.1 in the NCAA Manual.]*

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2.1 Championships Format

The competitive events for the 2026 National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Rifle Championships will be individual smallbore rifle three-position (60 shots) and air rifle (60 shots), with individual finals in each event, team smallbore rifle three-position and team air rifle.

All NCAA member institutions that sponsor the sport of intercollegiate rifle and are otherwise eligible may participate in the championships if selected.

The individual and team events in smallbore will be conducted Friday, March 13. The individual and team competition in air rifle will be conducted Saturday, March 14. An institution must qualify for both events unless an institution sponsors only one discipline. The overall team champion will be determined by combining the smallbore and air rifle team totals into one aggregate score for each institution. It will not be permissible for an institution to change the composition of its team between the two events in the team competition. Each team will consist of five individuals with the top four scores in each discipline counting toward the team score. All competitors who have qualified for the championships are eligible for the individual championships in each discipline. The relay format of the championships will place at least one competitor from each institution as counters on each relay in both smallbore and air rifle.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times are tentative and are subject to change.

#### Wednesday, March 11

2:30 p.m.	Games committee, tournament director, range officers and technical directors meeting
2-5 p.m.	Registration
2-5 p.m.	Equipment checks
6:30 p.m.	NCAA Banquet

#### Thursday, March 12

8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	Practice (smallbore and air rifle)
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#### Friday, March 13

8:45 a.m.	Individual and team competition with finals – smallbore
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#### Saturday, March 14

8:45 a.m.	Individual and team competition with finals – air rifle
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NOTE: Finals are for individuals only (smallbore and air rifle).

### TRAVEL PARTY

[Reference: NCAA Travel Policies]

For teams and individuals selected for the championships, the following travel party information applies:

1-3 Student-Athletes selected:	1 Nonathlete
4-5 Student-Athletes selected:	2 Nonathletes

## Section 2•2 Participation Procedures

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### ADJUSTED PLACE STANDINGS

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.3-(a) in the NCAA Manual.]*

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, the points the student contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly, and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association. The placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

### ALTERNATES

A total of four alternates (two in each discipline) will be selected by the committee. Institutions will be reimbursed for alternates only if the shooters actually compete in the championships.

### MIXED TEAMS

In accordance with NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet policy, an institution may compete with an all-male or all-female team or a mixed team of males and females. If an institution has two or more teams, the members of these teams must be listed on separate squad lists.

Any institution that sponsors rifle may choose to qualify a combined team to compete in the championships. The team must shoot as a combined team in an NCAA qualifying event and must be composed of student-athletes listed on a squad list (either mixed team, men's team or women's team). Only one team from an institution may qualify to compete in the championships. Teams must declare their qualifying squad before the beginning of the competition at the NCAA qualifier match.

### TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL ROSTER CONFIRMATIONS

#### Teams

Teams qualifying to participate in the championships will be announced on Monday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. Eastern time. An institution that has qualified a team in the championships may select as team members for the actual competition any of the student-athletes listed on its squad list. The initial five-person team roster must be submitted by Monday, March 2 at noon Eastern time. Any changes to the initial five-person team roster must be made to the NCAA not later than check-in at team registration on Wednesday, March 11.

Following team registration, the committee may consider a team substitution only in extenuating circumstances.

#### Individuals

Individuals qualifying to participate in the championships will also be announced on Monday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. Eastern time. Individual acceptance must be received by the NCAA not later than Monday, March 2, at noon Eastern time.

Institutions that qualify to participate in the team competition at the championships shall not be eligible to qualify any individual qualifiers for the championships.

## Section 2•3 Qualifying Procedures

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### SCORE REPORTING

For all NCAA regular-season competition and NCAA qualifier matches, each host institution must submit individual and team results for all participants at that match to the NCAA via the online NCAA rifle score reporting system ([ncaarifle.org](http://ncaarifle.org)).

Failure to submit completed results via the online NCAA rifle score reporting system or submitting inaccurate information can result in a financial penalty or removal from championships consideration. Score reporting **MUST** be submitted via the online NCAA rifle score reporting system. No other methods of score reporting will be accepted.

#### Score Verification Process – Electronic Target Data Files/Paper Targets

All institutions must retain their electronic target data files or paper targets for the entire academic year. The NCAA will be conducting random score verification at several points throughout the season.

The NCAA will require host institutions selected for score verification to submit the electronic target data files/paper targets for select matches. Upon notification of score verification, an institution must provide the requested data files/paper targets within five business days.

## QUALIFYING RESTRICTIONS

All regular-season scores must be received by the NCAA not later than the Monday following competition. All NCAA qualifier scores must be submitted by Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. local time.

The committee will consider qualification waiver requests for those institutions that fail to meet minimum qualifying requirements. These waiver requests must be sent to the NCAA by Feb. 14. "Certified competition" is defined as competition conducted under NCAA bylaws. No regular-season scores after Feb. 20 will be accepted.

Institutions may use only certified 60-shot smallbore and/or 60-shot air rifle competition for qualification to the championships. Only competition against NCAA varsity teams of four-year degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition against U.S. four-year institutions may be counted for selection purposes.

## Section 2•4 Selections Information

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A maximum of 48 competitors will be selected to attend the championships.

Within the guidelines of this policy, the top eight or fewer teams in the combined smallbore and air rifle will qualify for the championships.

The committee will notify the teams and individuals that have qualified on Feb. 23. The committee also will select and identify a total of four alternates (two in each discipline).

- **Feb. 23** – Notify teams and individuals.
- **March 2** – Teams submit initial five-person roster and individual qualifiers confirm participation by noon Eastern time.
- **March 2** – Deadline for institutions to make changes to their team roster.

Acceptance of the invitation is a commitment to participate, unless the competitor is medically disqualified. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in penalties being assessed by the NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee.

## METHOD

The methods described below will be used to select teams and individuals.

### Teams

The top eight teams in the aggregate smallbore and air rifle will be determined by using the three highest regular-season aggregate scores (with not more than one match at any given site with a maximum of one home site). A home site is defined as a competition at a (1) permanent home range, (2) university-owned facility or (3) mobile range within 100 miles of campus. The average of the three highest combined scores will then be added to the results of the designated qualifier to determine the teams that advance to the championships. If a total qualifying score of a single-discipline team exceeds the score of one of the top eight teams in that discipline, it will be selected to participate in the championships, but only in that particular discipline. This scenario would reduce the number of individual qualifiers selected to the championships to three.

Teams will be limited to a maximum of five competitors (combined air rifle and smallbore) during the NCAA rifle championships.

Institutions that qualify to participate in the team competition at the championships shall not be eligible to qualify any individual qualifiers for the championships.

### Team Ties

Should two teams' qualifying scores be tied, the following tie-breaker procedures will be followed, in order, until the tie is broken:

1. Team aggregate score from the designated NCAA qualifier match.
2. Total center count of the eight counting team scores from both disciplines (four smallbore and four air rifle) of the NCAA qualifier match.
3. Aggregate score of the fifth-squadded team member(s) from both disciplines at the NCAA qualifier match.
4. Total center count of the fifth-squadded team member(s) from both disciplines at the NCAA qualifier match.
5. Counting back the combined score from the eight counting scores in each 10-shot series, beginning with the last series of air rifle (and then the next-to-last 10-shot series, etc.) of the NCAA qualifier match.
6. Counting back the combined score of the fifth-squadded team member in each 10-shot series, beginning with the last series of air rifle (and then the next-to-last 10-shot series, etc.) of the NCAA qualifier match.
7. In the unlikely event that the procedures above do not break the tie, a coin toss will be conducted by the NCAA rifle committee chair/NCAA staff liaison to break the tie.

### Individuals

In odd years, selections will start in descending order with the air rifle list and alternate with the smallbore list, until a total of 48 competitors and four alternates are identified. In even years, selections will start in descending order with the smallbore list and alternate with the air rifle list, until a total of 48 competitors are identified. In each discipline, the last competitor must be ranked at or above the first uninvited individual.

A student-athlete who has already qualified as an individual in one discipline (e.g., air rifle) shall qualify in the other discipline (e.g., smallbore) if their qualifying score in that discipline (e.g., smallbore) warrants it. In this instance, the student-athlete shall not count as one of the four allowed individual qualifiers in the second discipline (e.g., smallbore). Four individual qualifiers shall be allowed in that discipline (e.g., smallbore), in addition to the student-athlete qualified in both disciplines.

A student-athlete who qualifies for the individual championships, but is unable to participate, will be replaced by a student-athlete from the respective discipline. This replacement will be taken from an alternate list. Replacement for the individual championships will occur only if slots are available within the cap of 48.

### Individual Ties

Should individual qualifying scores be tied, the following tie-breaker procedures will be followed, in order, until the tie is broken:

1. Highest number of center shots from the NCAA qualifier match.
2. Highest score of the last 10-shot series from the NCAA qualifier match, working backward by 10-shot series until the tie is broken.
3. NCAA qualifier match scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using center shots (i.e., a center shot outranks a 10 that is not a center shot) beginning with the last shot, then the next-to-last shot, etc.
4. If electronic targets are used at the NCAA qualifier match, scores will be compared on a shot-by-shot basis using decimal ring scores, beginning with the last shot, then the next-to-last shot, etc.
5. In the unlikely event that the procedures above do not break the tie, a coin toss will be conducted by the NCAA rifle committee chair/NCAA staff liaison to break the tie.

## Section 2•5 Travel Information

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Travel information will be provided to teams and individuals selected. For general policy information, please see the NCAA Travel website at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](https://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

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Jacksonville State University  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
University of Kentucky  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
University of Memphis  
University of Mississippi  
Morehead State University  
Mount Aloysius College  
Murray State University

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
University of North Georgia  
Norwich University  
The Ohio State University  
Schreiner University  
University of Tennessee at Martin  
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University of Texas at El Paso  
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U.S. Naval Academy  
Virginia Military Institute  
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