



2020 DIVISION I MEN'S
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CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Concussion Management

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

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

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

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

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

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

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

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

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

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

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

Section 6 • Fan Travel

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

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

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

Section 8 • Research

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

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

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

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

Section 9 • Division I

Section 9•1 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 September 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).

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Section 1 • General Administration

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****Due to the pandemic, information in this manual is subject to change at any time. Please contact the Championship Manager with any questions and/or to inquire about any updates.****

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
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George Kiefer	NC State	ACC
Dermot McGrane	Canisius	MAAC
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Chris Rich	UNC Greensboro	SoCon
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WEST REGION		
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Peter Fewing	Seattle University	WAC
Ryan Jorden	UCLA	Pac-12
Kimya Massey	Oregon State	Pac-12
Valerie Richardson	CSUN	Big West
Steve Sampson	Cal Poly	Big West

Section 1•3 Important Dates

Thursday, July 30	Deadline for submission of team schedules to NCAA statistics group.
Monday, Sept. 28	Rating Percentage Index (RPI) posted on the NCAA website (ncaa.org). Subsequent postings weekly through selections.
Monday, March 15	Preliminary-round bid checklist will be posted on ncaa.org ; communication will be distributed via monthly online Championships Newsletter.
Monday, March 29	Deadline for submitting preliminary-round bid materials.
Sunday, April 18	Selection and notification of teams participating in the championship.
Tuesday, April 20	Teleconference with first- and second-round participants, site representatives, tournament directors, Men's Soccer Committee and NCAA championship administrator (11 a.m. Eastern time).
TBD	First-round games.
TBD	Second-round games.
TBD	Third-round games.
TBD	Quarterfinal games must be completed not later than Dec. 6.
TBD	Teleconference with four teams advancing to the 2020 NCAA Men's College Cup, tournament director, Men's Soccer Committee and NCAA championship administrator (1:30 p.m. Eastern time).
TBD	Men's College Cup, WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina; Town of Cary, host.

DATE FORMULA

First Round (16)	Three weeks before finals (Thursday)
Second Round (16)	Sunday before Thanksgiving
Third Round (8)	Two weeks before finals (Saturday or Sunday)
Quarterfinals (4)	One week before finals (Friday or Saturday)
College Cup	Second weekend in December; if December 1 is a Saturday, it will count as the first weekend (Thursday and Saturday or Friday and Sunday)

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Selections	April 18, 2021
First Round (16)	TBD
Second Round (16)	TBD
Third Round (8)	TBD
Quarterfinals (4)	TBD
College Cup	TBD

FUTURE DATES

	First Round Thursday	Second Round Sunday	Third Round Saturday or Sunday	Quarterfinal Round Friday or Saturday	Semifinals and Final Friday and Sunday
2021	Nov. 18	Nov. 21	Nov. 27 or 28	Dec. 3 or 4	Dec. 10 and 12
2022	Nov. 17	Nov. 20	Nov. 26 or 27	Dec. 2 or 3	Dec. 9 and 11
2023	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 25 or 26	Dec. 1 or 2	Dec. 8 and 10
2024	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 30 or Dec. 1	Dec. 6 or 7	Dec. 13 and 15

Section 1•4 Equipment

The Wilson Forte Fybrid II, Official NCAA Championship Match Ball, will be used in all NCAA tournament games. These balls will be sent by the manufacturer to the tournament manager at the host institution for each round of competition. The host institution is responsible for “breaking in” the game balls before each tournament game. In the event of inclement weather (e.g., snow), please notify Ryan Tressel at the NCAA national office regarding shipment of optic orange Wilson soccer match balls as backup. The game balls may be distributed after the games by giving them to the participating schools, using them as promotional giveaways or by donating them to a local youth group. One ball shall be provided to the center referee.

Section 1•5 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division I 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 the men’s soccer championship, the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules shall be followed to the letter.

BALL ROTATION

Not fewer than five balls shall be available for use in a game, and the balls shall be identical in size, make, grade and color. **PENALTY — The game shall not begin and the referee shall file a report with the governing sports authority.** (Playing Rule 3.2.2)

RED CARDS

For NCAA Division I men’s soccer tournament games, a coach, player or other bench personnel who must sit out the next tournament game due to a red card or serving a game suspension cannot be on the team bench or the field at any time; however, he or she may join the team in the locker room postgame. Further, a coach, player or other bench personnel removed from a game shall be removed and escorted from the playing field to a predetermined location away from the spectator area and field of play that is not in view of the game (i.e., locker room or team bus). In both instances, the coach, player or other bench personnel is prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches and/or bench personnel from the start of the pregame warm-up to the game’s completion, including all overtime periods and penalty kicks.

SUSPENDED GAMES

In the case of inclement weather or other factors leading the referee to suspend a game, the officials, games committee and coaches shall refer to the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules. *For NCAA championship competition, a game must be played for the full 90 minutes (as opposed to 70 minutes for the regular season) to be considered a complete game.*

If a game is suspended or postponed, it will be the decision of the games committee and the referee to determine if the game can be continued that day. If conditions dictate that the game cannot be completed, the NCAA site representative and tournament manager shall contact Ryan Tressel (office: 317-917-6316). Only after contacting Tressel may a game be suspended until the next day or moved to an alternate site. Teams should be prepared with footwear for any playing surface.

Section 1•6 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored jerseys and light- and dark-colored stockings available. The home team shall have its choice of uniform color (either light or dark) and the visiting team shall wear a uniform in contrast with that of the home team. In the event of a conflict, the home team must change uniform colors (Playing Rule 4.2.1). For the semifinals and final, the games committee will determine the home teams.

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Student-athletes competing in the championship shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to warm-ups, press conferences, awards ceremonies, practices and postgame celebrations.

It is required that any visible garment worn under the jersey or shorts be a solid color. The same color must be worn by all team members wearing undergarments. It is recommended the undergarment match the dominant color of the respective garment.

LOGOS

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

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

The men's soccer championship provides for a 48-team, single-elimination tournament. Twenty-four conferences will receive automatic qualification. The remaining 24 teams will be selected on an at-large basis. The committee will identify the top 16 teams and seed them in the bracket. The remaining 32 teams will be paired according to geographical proximity with each other. Additionally, when pairing teams, the committee shall avoid conference matchups in an institution's first game in the tournament.

A championship bracket is located in [Appendix A](#).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (*TENTATIVE*)

TBD

TBD Team Practices

TBD

TBD Administrative Meeting

TBD Team Practices, Media Interviews, Facility Walk-throughs

TBD Championship Team Tribute (Banquet)

Thursday, May 13

TBD Gates Open

TBD Semifinal Game No. 1
(45 minutes allocated between matches)

Postgame Press Conferences

TBD Semifinal Game No. 2

Postgame Press Conferences

TBD

TBD Administrative Meeting (semifinalists)

TBD Team Practices, Press Conferences

Monday, May 17

TBD Gates Open

TBD Championship Game

Postgame Awards Ceremony
Press Conferences

START TIMES (*PRELIMINARY ROUNDS*)

The NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee shall approve the dates and game times of all preliminary-round games according to the chart below (the committee must approve any deviation from these times in advance):

Midweek (1st Round) TBD Between noon and 7:30 p.m.

1st Weekend (2nd Round) TBD Between noon and 7:30 p.m.

2nd Weekend (3rd Round) TBD Between noon and 7:30 p.m.

TBD Between noon and 7:30 p.m.

3rd Weekend (Quarterfinals) TBD Between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

TBD Between noon and 7:30 p.m.

Requests for changes to the starting time or competition date (quarterfinal only) that an institution submitted with its bid must be submitted for approval to Ryan Tressel at the NCAA national office Monday before each round of the championship. The NCAA may adjust any match time due to television.

TRAVEL PARTY/BENCH LIMIT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Each team is limited to a maximum of 33 persons on its bench. Of the 33 (travel party remains at 27), 21 student-athletes are to be designated eligible for play, and the official game roster is to be submitted and exchanged 15 minutes before game time.

Other players within the travel-party limit of 27 may sit in the team bench area in uniform but not participate. Thirty-three credentials will be issued to the travel party for each team. Extra players not in uniform should not be permitted on the bench unless they are counted in the travel party limit.

A maximum of 15 additional credentials may be issued (not good for admittance) to administrative staff, additional student-athletes, etc. As part of these 15 credentials, non-student-athletes will be issued a VIP credential (access to locker room, hospitality, press conferences and field – postgame only). Student-athletes will be issued temporary field credentials (access to locker room and field – postgame only). Schools are required to complete the form in the participant manual that lists the individuals who are to receive credentials.

Section 2•2 Results

SCORE REPORTING/RPI

For the 2020-21 academic year, the NCAA statistics group is collecting schedules for Division I men's soccer. All sports information directors are asked to submit their schedules on web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login by Aug. 1. Subsequently, weekly game results will be updated automatically via an XML transfer from reports provided to the NCAA statistics group.

All games played on an institution's schedule shall be considered for selection purposes. Scrimmages and/or exhibition games will not count in an institution's won-lost-tied record, nor will they be considered for selection purposes. Rescheduled games (including those with a different opponent) shall be considered for selection purposes, unless the game is being counted as a scrimmage or exhibition. New games may not be added to the schedule after the start of the season. The NCAA national office (attention: Ryan Tressel) and the respective regional advisory committee chair should be informed via email of any changes to an institution's schedule after the start of the season.

RPI information will be released by 3 p.m. Eastern time on the NCAA website at ncaa.com on the following dates: Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, and 16. In addition, the RPI will be released after the conclusion of the championship.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Teams for the men's soccer championship shall be selected by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee. The committee has nine members. Seven of the nine committee members serve as non-voting chairs of the advisory committees. The other two members serve on an at-large basis.

The committee will conduct an in-person selection meeting. Insofar as possible, all selections will be made by Nov. 16 and will be distributed to institutions.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2020 championship are:

See next page.

America East Conference	The Ivy League
American Athletic Conference	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Mid-American Conference
ASUN Conference	Missouri Valley Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference	Northeast Conference
Big East Conference	Pac-12 Conference
Big South Conference	Patriot League
Big Ten Conference	Southern Conference
Big West Conference	Sun Belt Conference
Colonial Athletic Association	The Summit League
Conference USA	West Coast Conference
Horizon League	Western Athletic Conference

AT-LARGE SELECTION

Twenty-four teams will be selected at-large. To be considered for the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall DI won-lost-tied record of .500 or better.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

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?division=d1.

Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Men's Soccer Committee shall consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's soccer championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Adjusted Rating Percentage Index (RPI), which includes:
 - Won-lost-tied record (25%).
 - Opponents' strength of schedule (50%).
 - Opponents' opponents' strength of schedule (25%).
 - Bonus/penalty system (see below).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Strength and results against nonconference opponents.
- Results against teams already selected (including automatic qualifiers with an RPI of 1-75).
- Late-season performance in last eight games (strength and results).
- Strength and results against conference opponents.

Recommendations provided by regional advisory committees also shall be considered by the Men's Soccer Committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a criterion by the Men's Soccer Committee for selection purposes.

COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Additionally, the scheduling of additional matches not listed on the institution's published schedule as an aid for selection shall not be considered. If an institution encounters extenuating circumstances (e.g., natural disaster), the committee will consider a written waiver request. This request should be sent to Ryan Tressel (rtressel@ncaa.org) prior to selections. It should be noted that a team will not be penalized for the first non-Division I game on a team's schedule, but any subsequent non-Division I games will receive the maximum penalty points. All games, however, are reported in an institution's won-lost-tied record.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid and Profile System (championships.ncaa.org/admin/main). A separate proposed budget must be submitted for each round that an institution is interested in hosting. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "Championships Available for Bidding" and select "Start Bid."

This process allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please contact Ryan Tressel (317-917-6316 or rtressel@ncaa.org).

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

A competing institution that cannot charge admission at its home facility, cannot establish a barrier to separate the spectators from the field of play or that does not have a field that meets minimum size requirements (70 yards x 110 yards) may not serve as host. Preference will be given to grass fields 70 yards x 115 yards and larger. Institutions serving as hosts for preliminary-round games or the semifinals and final must charge admission.

All rounds of the championship, except the Men's College Cup, will be conducted on the campus of one of the participating institutions.

Please refer to [Appendix C](#) for a facility and field checklist for preliminary-round sites.

Note: For preliminary-round sites, a team in the top 16 will automatically be selected as a site, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host. If a game involves two seeded teams, the higher seed will host, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host.

If the field is unplayable, the host will have the opportunity to find a suitable alternate site. An alternate site must have a field that meets the minimum dimensions of 70 yards x 110 yards, and must be deemed playable by the games committee and approved by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Oct. 26.

As a reminder, prospective hosts' budgets should include committee/site representative's lodging expense, game officials' lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system 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 its championships.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2020 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at championships.ncaa.org. Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at championships.ncaa.org.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

The NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop Best Practices for all NCAA championships. The SSAG developed these Best Practices based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own experience and knowledge. All hosts and competition venues are strongly encouraged to refer to the Best Practices located at ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf?division=d1 when developing a safety and security program.

The suggestions outlined in Best Practices for Venue Safety and Security are based on practices that are employed by competition venues across the nation. The need and ability to implement them at each facility and event will vary. Properly trained and equipped personnel constitute the primary element of implementing a successful safety and security program.

Best Practices for championships competition venue safety are intended for guidance purposes only; they are not a requirement under NCAA or other regulations or legislation. In addition, because of the wide variety of designs and sizes of competition venues, and composition and profile of particular events, not all Best Practices will be reasonable or applicable.

The Best Practices should not be viewed as a complete or primary source of information for developing or implementing the safety program for the competition venue hosting an NCAA championship. Rather, facility managers and local public safety personnel should consider the current national threat level, nature of specific threats and the full range of resources available when responding to changes in the threat condition levels.

Each facility profile should include the safety and security plan for that facility, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team Contact Information form. This information can be uploaded and attached to the profile by visiting championships.ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Ryan Tressel at 317-917-6316 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

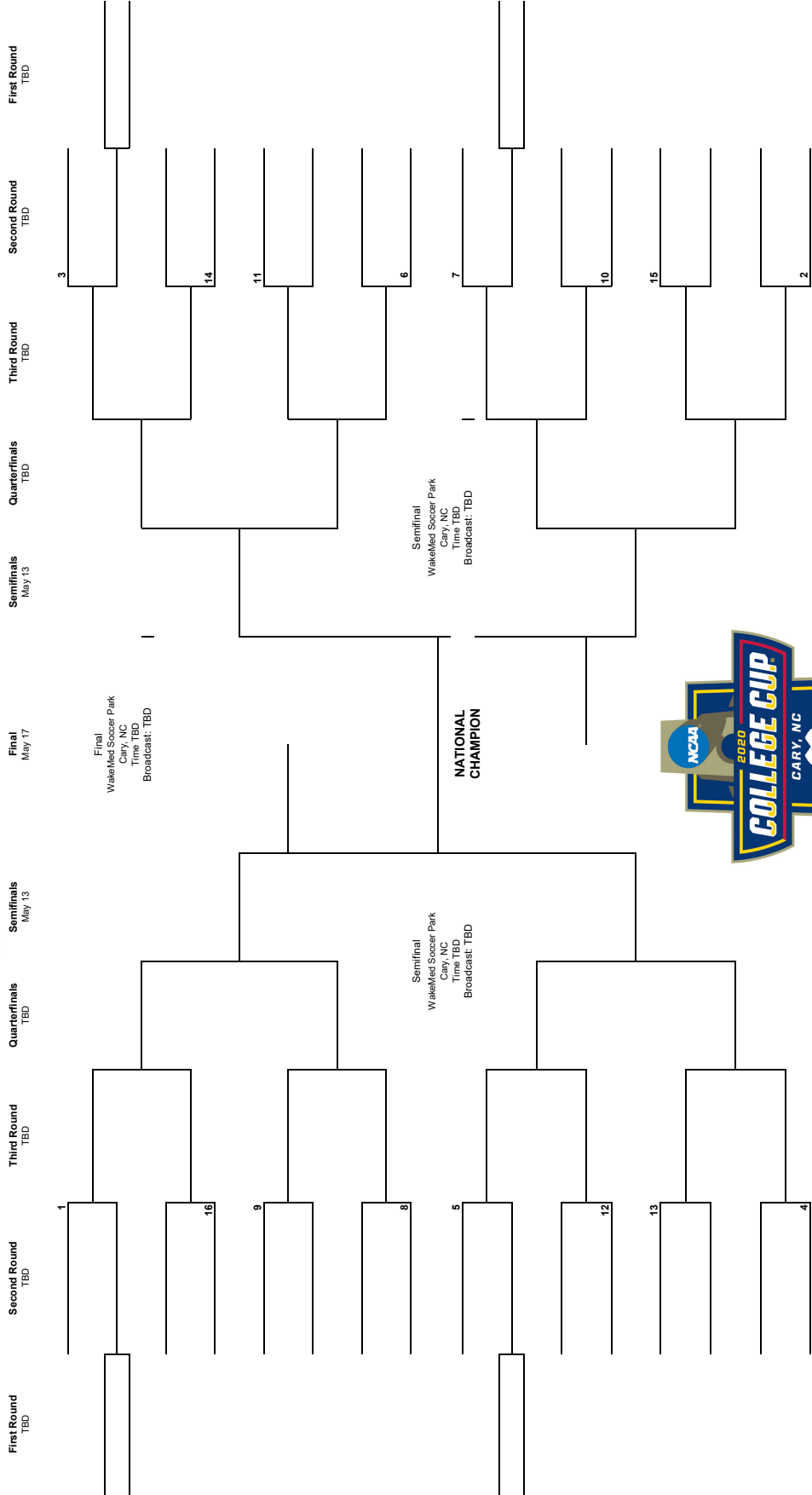
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Appendix A • Bracket

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*Host institution. All games times are Eastern standard time. Order of semifinal games will be determined after quarterfinal round games are completed.

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

EAST REGION

America East Conference (9)

University at Albany
 Binghamton University
 University of Hartford
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County
 University of Massachusetts Lowell

University of New Hampshire
 New Jersey Institute of Technology
 Stony Brook University
 University of Vermont

AQ – Conference Tournament

Atlantic 10 Conference (13)

Davidson College
 University of Dayton
 Duquesne University
 Fordham University
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 La Salle University

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
 University of Rhode Island
 St. Bonaventure University
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Louis University
 Virginia Commonwealth University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Ivy League (8)

Brown University
 Columbia University-Barnard College
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College

Harvard University
 University of Pennsylvania
 Princeton University
 Yale University

AQ – Regular-Season Competition

Patriot League (10)

American University
 Boston University
 Bucknell University
 Colgate University
 College of the Holy Cross

Lafayette College
 Lehigh University
 Loyola University Maryland
 U.S. Military Academy
 U.S. Naval Academy

AQ – Conference Tournament

Atlantic Coast Conference (12)

Boston College
 Clemson University
 Duke University
 University of Louisville
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 North Carolina State University

University of Notre Dame
 University of Pittsburgh
 Syracuse University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 University of Virginia
 Wake Forest University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Colonial Athletic Association (9)

College of Charleston (South Carolina)
 University of Delaware
 Drexel University
 Elon University
 Hofstra University

James Madison University
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 Northeastern University
 College of William & Mary

AQ – Conference Tournament

EAST REGION CONTINUED

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (11)

Canisius College
 Fairfield College
 Iona College
 Manhattan College
 Marist College
 Monmouth University

Niagara University
 Quinnipiac University
 Rider University
 Saint Peter's University
 Siena College

AQ – Conference Tournament

Northeast Conference (8)

Bryant University
 Central Connecticut State University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus
 Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus

Mount St. Mary's University
 Sacred Heart University
 St. Francis College Brooklyn
 Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Conference Tournament

WEST REGION

Big West Conference (9)

California Polytechnic State University
 California State University, Bakersfield
 California State University, Fullerton
 California State University, Northridge
 California State University, Sacramento

University of California, Davis
 University of California, Irvine
 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, Santa Barbara

AQ – Conference Tournament

Pac-12 Conference (6)

University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Los Angeles
 Oregon State University

San Diego State University
 Stanford University
 University of Washington

AQ – Regular-Season Competition

West Coast Conference (8)

Gonzaga University
 Loyola Marymount University
 University of the Pacific
 University of Portland

University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 Santa Clara University
 Saint Mary's College of California

AQ – Regular-Season Competition

Western Athletic Conference (10)

Chicago State University
 Grand Canyon University
 Houston Baptist University
 University of the Incarnate Word
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas

San Jose State University
 Seattle University
 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 U.S. Air Force Academy
 Utah Valley University

AQ – Conference Tournament

MIDWEST REGION

Big East Conference (11)

Butler University
Creighton University
DePaul University
Georgetown University
Marquette University
Providence College

Seton Hall University
St. John's University (New York)
University of Connecticut
Villanova University
Xavier University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Mid-American Conference (6)

University of Akron
Bowling Green State University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Northern Illinois University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University

AQ – Conference Tournament

The Summit League (6)

University of Denver
Eastern Illinois University
University of Missouri-Kansas City

University of Nebraska Omaha
Oral Roberts University
Western Illinois University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Big Ten Conference (9)

Indiana University, Bloomington
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Northwestern University

The Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
University of Wisconsin-Madison

AQ – Conference Tournament

Horizon League (11)

Cleveland State University
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Illinois at Chicago
Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
Oakland University
Northern Kentucky University

Purdue University Fort Wayne
Robert Morris University
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Wright State University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Missouri Valley Conference (5)

Bradley University
Drake University
University of Evansville

Loyola University Chicago
Missouri State University

AQ – Conference Tournament

SOUTH/SOUTHEAST REGION

American Athletic Conference (6)

University of Central Florida
 University of Memphis
 University of South Florida

Southern Methodist University
 Temple University
 The University of Tulsa

AQ - Conference Tournament

Atlantic Sun Conference (6)

Florida Gulf Coast University
 Jacksonville University
 Liberty University

Lipscomb University
 University of North Florida
 Stetson University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Big South Conference (9)

Campbell University
 Gardner-Webb University
 High Point University
 Longwood University
 University of North Carolina Asheville

Presbyterian College
 Radford University
 University of South Carolina Upstate
 Winthrop University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Conference USA (8)

University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida International University
 University of Kentucky

Marshall University
 The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 Old Dominion University
 University of South Carolina, Columbia

AQ – Conference Tournament

Southern Conference (7)

Belmont University
 East Tennessee State University
 Furman University
 Mercer University

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 Virginia Military Institute
 Wofford College

AQ – Conference Tournament

Sun Belt Conference (5)

University of Central Arkansas
 Coastal Carolina University
 Georgia Southern University

Georgia State University
 Howard University

AQ – Conference Tournament

Appendix C • Facility and Field Checklist

NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship

Facility and Field Checklist for Preliminary- Round Hosts

FACILITY

1. Permanent Seating		_____
a. minimum of 2,000 seats.	Recommended	
b. fewer than 500 seats.	Acceptable	
2. Restrooms		_____
a. restrooms at facility <u>OR</u>	Recommended	
b. portable units at facility.		
c. restrooms at adjacent building (within 200 yards)*	Minimum Requirement	
3. Locker Room/Meeting Room		_____
a. facilities available at field <u>OR</u>	Recommended	
b. facilities in adjacent building (within 200 yards)*		
c. tent available at field (w/ heat if inclement weather)	Minimum Requirement	
4. Security Barriers		_____
a. permanent barriers surrounding facility and field	Recommended	
b. temporary barrier surrounding field only	Minimum Requirement	
- temporary barrier must be something more than a rope		
5. Press Box		_____
a. permanent structure, enclosed with phone lines, broadcast radio capability, PA system <u>OR</u>	Recommended	
b. permanent structure enclosed with PA system.		
c. platform with tent cover	Minimum Requirement	
6. Scoreboard		_____
a. permanent with clock <u>OR</u>	Recommended	
b. permanent scoreboard		
c. portable scoreboard	Minimum Requirement	

*If restrooms and/or locker rooms are located outside the competition facility, the games committee and center referee should discuss holding clock between halves/overtime periods.

QUALITY OF FIELD SURFACE

- | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Field Surface | | _____ |
| a. excellent natural grass surface <u>OR</u> | Recommended | |
| b. good natural grass surface <u>OR</u> | | |
| c. excellent artificial surface that is
natural grass-like in quality. | | |
| d. adequate natural grass surface or artificial surface. | Minimum Requirement | |
| 2. <u>ONLY</u> SOCCER LINES ON FIELD | Recommended | _____ |
| 3. Drainage | | _____ |
| a. excellent drainage <u>OR</u> | Recommended | |
| b. good drainage. | | |
| c. fair drainage | Minimum Requirement | |
| 4. Field Size | | _____ |
| a. 75 x 120 or larger <u>OR</u> | Recommended | |
| b. 70 x 120 or larger <u>OR</u>
75 x 115 or larger. | | |
| c. 70 x 115 or larger | Minimum Requirement | |
| 5. Field Crown | | _____ |
| a. no crown | Recommended | |
| b. moderate crown | Minimum Requirement | |

GAME MANAGEMENT

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|--|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Concessions at Facility | Recommended | _____ |
| 2. Field Security and Ushers | | _____ |
| a. professional staffing only (campus security & local police) <u>OR</u> | | |
| b. professional staff assisted by student workers. | Recommended | |
| c. athletic department staffing with students | Minimum Requirement | |

Appendix D • Rating Percentage Index

The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) shall be used as a selection tool. When breaking down the RPI, the committee may consider comparing data of individual teams, including, but not limited to, overall record, Division I record, overall RPI rank, nonconference record and RPI rank, conference regular-season record and conference tournament results. Below is the Bonus/Penalty structure for the RPI.

Result	Location	Opponents' RPI Rank	Bonus/Penalty	Value Scale
Win	Away	1-15	Bonus	(Highest point value awarded)
Win	Neutral	1-15	Bonus	
Win	Away	16-30	Bonus	
Win	Neutral	16-30	Bonus	
Tie	Away	1-15	Bonus	
Tie	Neutral	1-15	Bonus	
Win	Away	31-45	Bonus	
Win	Neutral	31-45	Bonus	
Tie	Away	16-30	Bonus	
Tie	Neutral	16-30	Bonus	
Win	Away	46-60	Bonus	
Win	Neutral	46-60	Bonus	
Tie	Away	31-45	Bonus	
Win	Away	61-75	Bonus	
Tie	Neutral	31-45	Bonus	
Tie	Away	46-60	Bonus	(Lowest point value awarded)

No bonus for home results.

No bonus for neutral tie 46 or below.

No bonus for away tie 61 or below.

No bonus for neutral win below 61.

No bonus for away win below 76.

Result	Location	Opponents' RPI Rank	Bonus/Penalty	Value Scale
Tie	Home	132-146	Penalty	(Lowest penalty imposed)
Loss	Neutral	132-146	Penalty	
Tie	Neutral	147-176	Penalty	
Tie	Home	147-176	Penalty	
Loss	Away	147-176	Penalty	
Loss	Home	132-146	Penalty	
Loss	Neutral	147-176	Penalty	
Tie	Away	177-205	Penalty	
Loss	Home	147-176	Penalty	
Tie	Neutral	177-205	Penalty	
Loss	Away	177-205	Penalty	
Tie	Home	177-205	Penalty	
Loss	Neutral	177-205	Penalty	
Loss	Home	177-205	Penalty	(Greatest penalty imposed)

Penalty for home loss or tie below 132.

Penalty for neutral loss below 132.

Penalty for neutral tie below 147.

Penalty for away loss below 147.

Penalty for away tie below 177.

It should be noted that a team will not be penalized for the first non-Division I game on a team's schedule, but any subsequent non-Division I games will receive the maximum penalty points. All games, however, are reported in an institution's won-lost-tied record.

Appendix E • Officials

A. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR OFFICIALS

An NCAA sports committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA tournament. For all NCAA postseason soccer matches, officials (referee, assistant, alternate) shall be selected and assigned by the NCAA national coordinator of officials with assistance from the regional advisors on approval of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee. Any committee member whose team is selected to the championship will be recused from the process.

In addition, officials shall adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities and drug and alcohol use. Appointments to work as an official for any of the NCAA soccer championships are conditioned on the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee, in its sole discretion, remaining of the opinion that your character, fitness, rules knowledge and regular and postseason officiating performance are all of the highest order. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

- Officials shall be qualified, competent and appropriately credentialed. In selecting officials, experience and ability as a referee and as an assistant referee shall be considered.
- Officials MUST take and pass an online NCAA Soccer Rules Test. Officials will have two attempts to pass the exam with a 90% or better score. The test requirement must be fulfilled not later than TBD.
- Officials MUST be registered with ncaasoccer.arbitersports.com in order to be considered and potentially receive an NCAA postseason assignment.
- Officials will not be assigned to a match 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. In addition, officials will not be assigned to a game if there is an affiliation with a member of the coaching staff (i.e., former team member).
- To be selected as a Center Referee for an NCAA Division I men's soccer postseason match, an official must have officiated (as a Center Referee) a minimum of six NCAA Division I men's soccer matches in the current season or have officiated a minimum of 10 NCAA Division I men's soccer matches over the past two years, with a minimum of three in the current season.
- To be selected as an Assistant Referee for an NCAA Division I men's soccer postseason match, an official must have officiated (as a Center Referee and/or an Assistant Referee) a minimum of six NCAA Division I men's soccer matches in the current season or have officiated a minimum of 10 NCAA Division I men's soccer matches over the past two years, with a minimum of three in the current season. A combination of Division I men's soccer assignments as a referee and assistant referee may be used to meet the requirement.
- In order for an official to be considered for selection, such official must be recommended by at least one NCAA Division I conference.
- Officials shall be within driving distance for preliminary rounds (must be within 400 miles one way for Division I) or approved for a flight.

B. TIMELINE

TBD	Officials must register at ncaasoccer.arbitersports.com .
TBD	Officials must complete online test with 90% or better, two attempts – Oct. 29 deadline.
TBD	Request recommendations from conferences, regional advisors – Oct. 19 deadline.
TBD	NCAA regional advisors to solicit initial feedback from conference assignors.
TBD	Request recommendations from head coaches; ongoing follow-up with conferences, regional advisors, national coordinator and Men's Soccer Committee.
TBD	NCAA men's soccer subcommittee call with national coordinator.
TBD	NCAA regional advisors to solicit updated feedback from conference assignors.
TBD	National coordinator submits recommended pool of officials to Men's Soccer Committee for review and approval.
TBD	Teams selected for championship; national coordinator submits recommendations to Men's Soccer Committee (minus coaches on the committee whose teams are involved in the championship), which will ratify the officials assigned to each round. Recommendations from the National Coordinator to be reviewed by Men's Soccer Committee representatives before each round.
TBD	Officials notified of assigned first-round matches.
TBD	Officials notified of assigned second-round matches.
TBD	First-round matches.
TBD	Second-round matches.
TBD	Officials notified of assigned third-round matches.
TBD	Third-round matches.

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TBD	Officials notified of assigned quarterfinal matches.
TBD	Quarterfinal matches.
TBD	Men's College Cup officials arrive.

May 13-17 Men's College Cup; WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina.

C. CHAMPIONSHIP/TRAVEL POLICIES AND PROTOCOL

1. **NCAA Rules.** 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 the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship, the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules shall be followed to the letter.
2. **Alternate Official.** For preliminary-round matches, an alternate official from the local area shall be assigned to assist at the scorer's table, facilitate player substitution and, at the discretion of the referee (in accordance with NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules), replace a field official in the event of injury.
3. **System.** The diagonal system of control (three officials) will be used to officiate all tournament matches. Officials are to dress alike and should wear shirts whose color is in contrast to the colors worn by the competing teams. OSI is the recommended jersey.
4. **Uniform Patch.** NCAA patches will be sent to the host institution by the NCAA national office for officials to affix to their uniforms. They shall be worn on the upper left front of the shirt and beneath the American flag (if needed). No other patches or emblems are permitted on the officials' uniforms. This policy includes the alternate officials' hand-held flags.
5. **Locker Room.** Only the match officials assigned to a tournament contest, designated representatives of the soccer committee (or site representative) and the tournament director will be permitted in the officials' dressing room before, during or after a match, as needed.
6. **Meetings.** The officiating crew shall meet with the site representative 90 minutes prior to the start of the match.
7. **Fees.** Fees shall be as follows per match: referee—\$331; assistant referees—\$242; and alternate officials—\$132. The flat fee for officials assigned to the Men's College Cup is \$1,050. Seven officials will be selected and assigned to the Men's College Cup matches to ensure the best qualified officials based on position (referee and assistant referee) are assigned.
8. **Expense Reimbursement.** Officials, including the alternate official, assigned to first-, second-, third- and quarterfinal-round matches shall receive ground transportation expenses based on 53 cents per mile. Officials for preliminary rounds must be within driving distance of the host site (400 miles one way). (Note: The Men's Soccer Committee does have an exception for the referee only for quarterfinal matches, if warranted.) Officials for the Men's College Cup matches only may be reimbursed for air travel, not to exceed jet coach air fare. If an official must fly, travel arrangements must be made through the NCAA travel service at Short's Travel Management, 866-655-9215.
Hotel expenses (excluding incidentals) for officials required to stay overnight at the championship site (including preliminary rounds) shall be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA. The host institution will make the hotel reservation. Officials, including the alternate official, will receive \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of the championship, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. Officials not required to remain overnight at the site also shall receive \$45 per diem. Alternate officials receive a \$132 match fee unless that official substitutes for one of the match officials. Then, the alternate receives the fee of the replaced official.
9. **ArbiterPay.** Officials for all rounds of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship will receive payment via ArbiterPay. If you have not set up your RefPay account yet, please do so immediately to ensure timely payment. Instructions were provided when you signed up for your Arbiter account. If you need assistance with setting up your account, please call the RefPay customer support line at 801-576-1251.

CI. AS AN OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO AN NCAA POSTSEASON CONTEST, I PLEDGE TO:

- Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with student-athletes, coaches, school administrators, colleagues and the public.
- Hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating, which include integrity, impartiality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.

- Recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a school or team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
- Place the safety and welfare of competitors above all else, and strive to provide an environment of RESPECT.
- Display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
- Be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
- Master both rules of the match and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

E. OTHER POLICIES

During Your Stay in Town

While staying in the local area of the match, be aware of your surroundings and your conversation in public. Please do not discuss the match before or after in public where others can hear. Keep officiating talk in private, in the locker room and on the field. Officials' assignments are confidential and should not be made public until the day you walk on the field.

Professionalism/Dress Code

The NCAA Men's Soccer Committee has instituted a dress code for officials who are assigned to work postseason matches. All officials who are part of the assigned crew at each site shall be dressed appropriately and professionally – business casual is acceptable. Shirts may have a small logo (NCAA, American flag, manufacturer's symbol) but otherwise should be plain. No tank tops or jeans. Plain outerwear is acceptable in inclement weather.

The officiating crew shall be dressed alike for the match, OSI is the recommended jersey. Alternate officials should be in full uniform during their assigned match and ready to take the field if needed. Alternate officials may wear warm-up apparel as needed on the sideline.

Reporting of Issues

Officials encountering issues, ejected personnel/student-athletes, red cards or questions during any round of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship shall contact Ryan Cigich, the NCAA National Coordinator for soccer, or Ryan Tressel, director of championships and alliances, at the end of the match. Contact information for the appropriate individuals is outlined below:

Ryan Cigich: ryancigich@yahoo.com; cell: 918-231-8750

Ryan Tressel: rtressel@ncaa.org; cell: 317-966-6443