

NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER ANNUAL REPORT

January 2024

The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Mark Bedics, NCAA Director of Championships (phone: 317/917-6541; e-mail mbedics@ncaa.org).

1. **2023-24 Committee Members.** Starting August 1, 2024, the composition will include ten members which must include one from the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12 and SEC; three members from the seven highest ranked conferences using the success factor (not including the previously mentioned four) and the final three slots will be from the remaining conferences. A minimum of 50 percent of the committee members must be administrators.

Duane Bailey University of Louisiana at Lafayette Term expires: 8/1/25	South Region
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Maggie Bailey
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Term expires: 8/1/24

James Downer	East Region
Saint Francis University (PA)	
Term expires: 8/1/27	

Nathan Fry	East Region
Harvard University	
Term expires: 8/1/25	

Ryan Higginbotham Texas Christian University Term expires: 8/1/27	South Region
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Keri Mendoza, chair
California Polytechnic State University
Term expires: 8/1/25

Kris Pierce
University of South Florida
Term expires: 8/1/25

Stephanie Ransom
University of Georgia
Term expires: 8/1/27

Tim Santoro	East Region
North Carolina State University	
Term expires: 8/1/26	

Jackie Wallgren University of Akron Term expires: 8/1/26	Midwest Region
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2. **Annual Meeting.** The NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Committee's annual meeting is January 30-31. If you have any agenda items that you would like the committee to

discuss, please forward them to Mark Bedics (mbedics@ncaa.org) or any committee member.

4. **2023 Championship.** The championship provided for a 64-team tournament which was in the second year of a pilot program which allowed the committee to seed the top 32 teams. After seeding the top 32 teams, the committee ensured no teams from the same conference would play each other in the first two rounds. The teams are paired in the first round using geographic proximity of the top 32 teams versus the bottom 32 teams. All preliminary-round competition was held on the campus of one of the participating institutions.

- 5. 2024 Championship.** The NCAA Women's College Cup will be contested on the following dates:

Selections	November 10-11
First Round	November 15, 16 or 17
Second/Third Rounds	November 22 & 24
Quarterfinals	November 29 or 30
Championship	December 6 & 9

6. **2024 Finals Site.** The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the Town of Cary will host the 2024 championship at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina.

7. **Bids for 2025, 2026 and 2027 Finals Site:** The bid portal is open for the finals site for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 finals site. All information regarding the bid process can be located [here](#).

Dates are:
2025 – December 5 and 8
2026 – December 4 and 7
2027 – December 3 and 6

8. **Attendance.** This year set record-breaking attendance for the first round of the championship. Memphis, Gonzaga, Iowa and Harvard all broke stadium records for single game attendance.

- First Round
 - 2021 – 35,104
 - 2022 – 39,035
 - 2023 – 50,706
- Semis
 - 2021 – 7,717
 - 2022 – 10,000
 - 2023 – 10,953
- Finals
 - 2021 – 7,658
 - 2022 – 9,531
 - 2023 – 3,954