



**2019 DIVISION III
SOCCER
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GREENSBORO, NC

*The University of North Carolina at Greensboro,
Greensboro Sports Foundation, Hosts*

HOST OPERATIONS 2019-20 MANUAL

No.	SECTION	PAGE
	Introduction	1
	NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Committee Directories	3
	NCAA Staff Directory	5
1	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products	5
2	Americans with Disabilities Act	5
3	Awards and Mementos	5
4	Bands, Spirit Squads and Mascots	10
5	Banquets	11
6	Broadcasting/Internet	13
7	Commercialism/Contributors	15
8	Drug Testing	16
9	Facility, Equipment & Space Requirements	18
10	Financial Administration	23
11	Game Management	24
12	Insurance	27
13	Lodging	28
14	Meeting/Schedule of Events	29
15	Media/ Credentials	30
16	Medical Procedures	36
17	Merchandise	39
18	Officials	40
19	Participating Teams	41
20	Practices	50
21	Promotions, Marketing and Fan Engagement	42
22	Programs	48
23	Safety and Security Plan	49
24	Tickets/Seating	51
25	Transportation	52
26	Volunteers	53

APPENDIXES

No.	SECTION
A	Checklist for NCAA Division III Soccer Hosts
B	Game Day Schedule
C	Micro-site Guidelines
D	Public Address Announcer Responsibilities
E	Marketing Plan
F	Ticket Disclaimer
G	Volunteer Waiver
H	Enhancement Templates
I	Guide to Live Streaming
J	Guide to Live Stats

Introduction

Information in this document applies to both preliminary rounds and final site competition unless otherwise specified.

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Committees, thank you for being an important part of the 2019 Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. This manual outlines the responsibilities of an institution/conference hosting this round of an NCAA championship. It is essential that each host institution/conference staff become familiar with the information and policies included in this manual.

The NCAA considers this hosting opportunity a partnership between the host institution/conference, competition site, committee and the NCAA. The primary objective of each individual involved in the administration of the championship shall be to provide a memorable championship experience for each participating student-athlete, coach, institutional staff member and tournament attendee.

DEFINITIONS

Championship: Postseason competition conducted by the NCAA in a particular sport, in which eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions compete to determine the division champion (or National Collegiate champion in sports that do not have a separate division championship) in that sport.

Governing Sports Committee: The NCAA membership committee responsible for developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the championship under its jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the applicable division's governance structure and the requirements, standards and conditions prescribed by NCAA Bylaw 31.

Host Institution/Conference: An active NCAA member institution and/or conference selected to serve as host for a championship. The host shall administer the finances of an NCAA championship in accordance with the institutional/conference championship budget, as submitted during the selection process and approved by the governing sports committee.

Local Organizing Committee: A local organization formed in the city where a member institution/conference proposes to host an NCAA championship, to provide to the NCAA services and assistance in connection with the various activities related to the championship. The host institution/conference must be a part of the leadership of the LOC.

NCAA Championships Manager The staff member(s) representing the NCAA championships and alliances staff assigned to serve as administrator(s) for a championship.

Role of Governing Sport Committee

The NCAA's core purpose, values and envisioned future provide the framework for all actions in the committee's administration of the championship and its stewardship of the game. Within the framework and spirit of its charge, the governing sport committee will balance the principle of student-athlete well-being with its efforts to maximize exposure for intercollegiate athletics and revenues from the championship through policies and activities that are subject to the final authority of the NCAA Division III Championships Committee.

ROLE OF HOST INSTITUTION/CONFERENCE

The support, commitment and involvement of the host institution/conference, its key staff members and local media are essential elements in hosting a successful NCAA championship.

The host institution/conference is the local entity responsible for making arrangements for the competition. By submitting a bid, each host institution/conference has agreed to provide services and assistance in connection with the various activities related to the championship.

The responsibilities of the host institution/conference are defined herein. The games management, media and marketing activities associated with the competition are to be administered and approved by the NCAA staff on behalf of the governing sport committee.

The host institution/conference will work in collaboration with the NCAA staff to ensure that the mission of the championship is preserved. The NCAA believes that the most successful host institutions/conferences are those that emphasize service, communication, promotion and marketing of the event, and fiscal responsibility.

ROLE OF NCAA

The NCAA championships and alliances staff, working in conjunction with the NCAA sport committees and other NCAA groups, will lead the planning efforts, management and execution of all NCAA championships and events. The NCAA will oversee all aspects of the championship and its related activities, including facility operations and space allocations, hotel accommodations, media and team operations, hospitality functions and social events, on- and off-field entertainment, fan and sponsor events, television programming, youth events, as well as many other aspects.

The NCAA will work closely with the host institution/conference, competition venue and local organizing committee to ensure that the championship provides a positive and rewarding experience for student-athletes and fans.

2019 NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE ROSTER

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Central Region</u></p> <p>Marc Colwell Head Men's Soccer Coach/Asst. Athletic Director Illinois Institute of Technology 3040 Wabash Street Chicago, Illinois 60616 Phone • 312-567-3298 Email • mcowell@iit.edu Term expires: September 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>East Region</u></p> <p>Kevin Brenner Head Men's Soccer Coach Elmira College One Park Place Elmira, New York 14901 Phone • 716-713-7951 Email • kbrenner@elmira.edu Term expires: September 2022</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Great Lakes Region</u></p> <p>Justin Newell Assistant Athletic Director Kenyon College 221 Duff Street Gambier, Ohio 43022 Phone • 740-427-5460 Email • newellj@kenyon.edu Term expires: September 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mid-Atlantic Region</u></p> <p>Kenneth Andrews Commissioner Middle Atlantic Conferences Lebanon Valley College 101 North College Avenue Annville, Pennsylvania 17003 Phone • 717-867-1503 Email • andrews@gomacsports.com Term expires: September 2020</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New England Region</u></p> <p>Justin Serpone, chair Head Men's Soccer Coach Amherst College 266 South Pleasant Street Amherst, Massachusetts 01022 Phone • 413-542-2956 Email • jserpone@amherst.edu Term expires: September 2020</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>North Region</u></p> <p>Joe Mooney Head Men's Soccer Coach University of Wisconsin-Superior P.O. Box 2000, Superior, Wisconsin 54880 Phone • 715-395-4615 Email • jmooney@uwsuper.edu Term expires: September 2020</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>South Atlantic Region</u></p> <p>Jon Waters Director of Athletics University of Lynchburg 1501 Lakeside Drive Lynchburg, Virginia 24501 Phone: • 434-544-8498 Email: • water.j@lynchburg.edu Term expires: September 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>West Region</u></p> <p>Matt Edwards Head Men's Soccer Coach Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 500 East Ninth Street Claremont, California 91711 Phone • 909-607-7471 Email • matt.edwards@cms.claremont.edu Term expires: September 2023</p>

2019 NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE ROSTER

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Central Region</u></p> <p>Wendy McManus Director of Athletics Elmhurst College 190 Prospect Elmhurst, Illinois 60126-3296 Phone • 630-617-3140 Email • 575-318-3701 Term expires: September 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>East Region</u></p> <p>Michael Mooney Director of Athletics SUNY Geneseo 1 College Circle Geneseo, New York 14454 Phone • 585-245-5343 Email • monney@geneseo.edu Term expires: September 2021</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Great Lakes Region</u></p> <p>Girish Thakar Head Men's and Women's Soccer Coach Westminster College (Pennsylvania) Memorial Field House New Wilmington, Pennsylvania 16172 Phone • 724-948-7316 Email • thakargs@westminster.edu Term expires: September 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mid-Atlantic Region</u></p> <p>Sean Sullivan, chair Director of Athletics Catholic University 620 Michigan Avenue Washington, DC 20064 Phone • 202-319-6047 Email • sullivanism@cua.edu Term expires: September 2022</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New England Region</u></p> <p>Nicolle Wood Head Women's Soccer Coach/ Associate Director of Athletics Salem State University 352 Lafayette Street Salem, Massachusetts 01970 Phone • 978-542-6991 Email • nwood@salemstate.edu Term expires: September 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>North Region</u></p> <p>Jason Murphy Head Women's Soccer Coach Director of Athletic Facilities University of Wisconsin-La Crosse 1725 State Street La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601 Phone • 608-785-5175 Email • jmurphy@uwlax.edu Term expires: September 2022</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>South Atlantic Region</u></p> <p>TBD Phone • Email • Term expires: September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>West Region</u></p> <p>Frank Marino Head Women's Soccer Coach California Lutheran University 60 West Olsen Road Thousand Oaks, California 91360 Phone • 805-493-3973 Email • fmario@callutheran.edu Term expires: September 2023</p>

NCAA STAFF

Men's Soccer

Kevin Alcox
Assistant Director, Championships & Alliances
Phone • 317-917-6085
Email • kalcox@ncaa.org

Aaron King
Coordinator, Championships & Alliances
Phone • 317-917-6771
Email • aking@ncaa.org

Women's Soccer

Morgan DeSpain
Assistant Director, Championships & Alliances
Phone • 317-917-6505
Email • mdespain@ncaa.org

Donisha Carter
Coordinator, Championships & Alliances
Phone • 317-917-6652
Email • dcarter@ncaa.org

SECTION 1 – Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products

Alcoholic beverages shall not be advertised, sold or otherwise made available for public consumption at any Division III championship event sponsored by or administered by the NCAA, unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, nor shall any such beverages be brought to the site during the championship (from the time access to the competition site or area is available to spectators, until all patrons have left).

Tobacco products shall not be advertised, sold or dispensed at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the NCAA. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue.

SECTION 2 – Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally challenged. The host institution/conference is required to confirm that each facility in which an NCAA championship or ancillary event occurs is in compliance with the Act by the various facilities hosting NCAA championship events. The host institution/conference is responsible for determining if the competition site will be in compliance as of the dates of the championship. If the host institution/conference becomes aware that a competition site hosting an NCAA championship event will not be in compliance, it shall immediately notify the NCAA national office staff member with responsibility for the event in order to discuss the issue.

SECTION 3 – Awards and Mementos

All-Tournament Team.

An All-Tournament Team will be selected by the men's or women's soccer committee at the championship finals site only. Eleven men and eleven women will be selected based on performance during the semifinal and/or championship games. There are no position limitations on the all-tournament team. Of the 11 athletes on the all-tournament team, one will be named the outstanding offensive player and another will be named the outstanding defensive player of the championships.

Awards.

Preliminary Rounds

MTM will send official NCAA participant medallions to the tournament director prior to competition. When the awards arrive, the tournament director should inventory all awards to be sure they are

undamaged, are correctly inscribed and are in the appropriate quantities. The awards boxes should then be re-taped, closed and secured in a limited-access area. Each non-advancing team will be provided with twenty-four (24) medallions at the competition site. Additional awards can be purchased at the following website: <http://mtmrecognition.com/ncaa/>.

Finals

MTM will send official NCAA awards to the tournament manager approximately two weeks prior to the championship. When the awards arrive, the tournament manager should inventory all awards to be sure they are undamaged, are correctly inscribed and are in the appropriate quantities. The awards boxes should then be re-taped, closed and secured in a limited-access area. The following awards will be sent to the tournament director:

Men's Awards	Women's Awards
29 Championship Watches	24 Championships Watches (5 watches will be sent to the team post-championship)
1 National Champion Team Trophy	1 National Champion Team Trophy
1 Second Place Team Trophy	1 Second Place Team Trophy
2 Semifinalist Team Trophies	2 Semifinalist Team Trophies
29 National Champion Team Mini-Trophies	29 National Champion Team Mini-Trophies
29 2 nd Place (Silver) Team Mini-Trophies	29 2 nd Place (Silver) Team Mini-Trophies
58 Semifinalist (Bronze) Team Mini-Trophies	58 Semifinalist (Bronze) Team Mini-Trophies
1 Elite 90 Award	1 Elite 90 Award

Awards Ceremony.

Preliminary Rounds

The awards ceremony will be conducted at center field immediately after the conclusion of each preliminary-round game. Personnel must be in place and alert to setting up the table for the ceremony without undue delay. A six-foot table should be used to hold the awards and should be appropriately draped and NCAA decals affixed (if possible).

Participation awards will be presented to a maximum of 24 individuals for each team competing or in uniform. The participant awards will be presented to the teams at the competition site following their elimination from the championship. Advancing teams will not receive the participation awards.

It is the desire of the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Committees and NCAA staff for non-advancing student-athletes to be recognized on-field following each game. At minimum, a non-advancing team should be represented by one (1) coach and one (1) student-athlete during the postgame recognition ceremony. In addition, both teams should remain on the field for the presentation, regardless of how many coaches and student-athletes are actually taking part in the ceremony.

No additional awards, unless otherwise approved by the championships manager, should be presented to the student-athletes and coaches of the participating teams.

Finals

The awards ceremony will be conducted at center field immediately after the conclusion of the championship game and each national semifinal game. Personnel must be in place and alert to setting up the table for the ceremony without undue delay. A six-foot table should be used to hold the awards and should be appropriately draped and NCAA decals affixed (if possible). Following each semifinal game, the non-advancing team will receive a semifinalist team trophy and mini-trophies, and following the championship games, both teams will receive their respective awards.

No additional awards, unless otherwise approved by the championships manager, should be presented to the student-athletes and coaches of the participating teams.

Elite 90 Award.

The NCAA Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. Award winners must meet certain criteria including being a sophomore or above, participating in their sport for at least two years at their school, being an active and traveling member of their team, and being a designated member of the squad size at their championship. The member institution is responsible for submitting their student-athlete that has the highest GPA and meets all of the other requirements. Mark Bedics and the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff will determine the winner of this award for each championship and provide the name of the recipient to the NCAA championships administrator as well as the local host shortly before the championship begins. The winner's name should not be released to the public until after they are publicly recognized. If appropriate, the operations point person can share the information with the coach of the winning student-athlete to make sure of that person's attendance. However, they should not inform the student-athlete. Bedics or another member of the NCAA media coordination staff will typically send a template of a release and the logo to the sports information director of the winner's institution on the morning of the announcement to allow them time to prepare. In addition, the information will be given to the NCAA social media staff in order for them to prepare a graphic which will post shortly after the announcement.

Each championship should provide an appropriate forum to adequately recognize and celebrate this award winner amongst their peers and fans of the championship. In addition, information about this award winner may be included in local press releases about the championship and in public address and/or video board announcements during the championship.

Award presentation

When determining the most appropriate time to present the Elite 90 award, the NCAA and host staff should evaluate the time and venue which will create the greatest impact and amount of exposure for the award winner while also appropriately honoring and celebrating their accomplishments. The presentation should be semi-formal in nature and not be rushed or overshadowed by other presentations or events surrounding it. The award winner should be visible, the announcement clearly audible and the award presentation should receive the full attention and respect of all of those in attendance. The standard award script is listed below:

At this time, we would like to present the Elite 90 Award. This award was instituted to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the-pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships.

The recipient of the Elite 90 Award for Division X (sport) with a GPA of X.XXX in (major, is student-athlete and institution).

Presentation at the student-athlete banquet

This award has traditionally been presented at the student-athlete banquet for most NCAA championships. In many cases the student-athlete banquet provides the best forum for the award

presentation and greatest exposure for the winner as it is the one time when all championship participants and administrators are gathered together in one place with a controlled, semi-formal environment complete with a sound system and set program. Presenting at the student-athlete banquet also alleviates any potential conflicts with the winning student-athlete's participation in or preparation for an NCAA championship event. Guidelines for presentation of this award at the student-athlete banquet are:

- The award should be presented by either the banquet emcee, the NCAA committee chair or the NCAA championships administrator.
- The award should be presented near the end of the program and be clearly recognizable as the premier award being given (see Student-Athlete Banquet page for sample run of show).
- The award should be presented after attendees have had a chance to finish their meal.
- If video screens are available, the video slide or footage of the winning student-athlete provided by Van Wagner Sports & Entertainment (VWSE) may be run as the individual is introduced.
- The coach of the winning student-athlete should be informed to help assure the winner's attendance.
- If a photographer is at the student-athlete banquet or championship, a photo should be taken of the recipient receiving the award. This may be used in-venue during competition days to showcase the academic achievement of the student-athlete or provided to the student-athlete as a memento.
- If the award winner is recognized primarily at the student-athlete banquet, public address and video board announcements should be made whenever possible and applicable at the actual championship for additional exposure to fans who do not have access to the banquet.

In-venue presentation

The NCAA and host staffs are encouraged to look for opportunities for the Elite 90 award winner to be presented their award in the championship venue during a time when the majority of participants and fans are in attendance. While this may not be appropriate for championships that are spread out over multiple venues, large areas, or have multiple games in one day that disperses the crowd chronologically – it should be explored for championships in which the majority of fans are gathered during a predetermined time frame and can provide their undivided attention to the award presentation. The presentation must also not conflict in any way with the student-athlete's participation or preparation for the championship. Examples could be:

- In a championship with two semifinals played on one day, the award winner could be recognized during the semifinal which they are not participating in
- If the award winner is not participating or completes competition in the championship rounds of a sport but is still in attendance, they may be recognized during breaks between events, weight classes, heats or during a scheduled break in the game
- The award winner could be recognized during a scheduled opening or closing ceremony in which all participating student-athletes are in attendance and fans are encouraged to attend

Other in-venue recognition

If the Elite 90 award winner is not introduced live inside of the competition venue, public address and/or video board announcements recognizing the winner should be played during the championship to recognize this individual. VWSE will provide the following standard PA announcement sometimes accompanied by a video board slide. The championships administrator (or Branding and Fan Experience representative at Equity and Growth championships) will need to provide VWSE the name of the winning individual and a headshot photo if a video board is used for the championship.

The Elite 90, an award founded by the NCAA, recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the-pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

The recipient of the Elite 90 Award-for the (2018 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship), with a cumulative grade-point average of (list GPA) in (list Major of Study), is (list winner and school: *Jane Doe of State University*).

Press release

On the day the winner of the Elite 90 award will be publicly recognized, the NCAA media coordination staff will send out a template of a standard press release to the sports information director of the winner's institution and to the NCAA championships administrator. For selected championships, a press release will be written by a member of the Communications or Media Coordination staff and be provided to national media by the NCAA public relations. If appropriate, this press release may also be provided to the host for distribution to local media.

Social Media

The NCAA twitter account will promote the 90 winners after the on-site announcement has been made. Mark Bedics will work with the social media staff to make sure they have the appropriate information, including photo to make the graphic and the timing of when to post.

For more information on the Elite 90 award winners, log on to <https://www.ncaa.com/elite-90>.

Locker Room Program.

The NCAA has partnered with select NCAA licensees to celebrate the national champions of each of the 90 NCAA championships. Each team champion shall receive a national champions T-shirt and hat to commemorate the experience of winning a national title. A detailed explanation of the logistics of the locker room program will be provided in championship specific section of the manual. However, listed below is a summary of steps that should be followed when implementing the locker room program at all final championship sites.

- The product is for team champions only. Individual championships are not a part of the locker room distribution.
- Please remove all hangtags (if needed) on the merchandise prior to being distributed.
- The merchandise should be distributed to the winning team only immediately following the handshake as soon as the game has officially concluded. Extra product (if any) should be given to the team's equipment manager.
- All winning team inquiries about obtaining additional locker room product should be directed to Event 1 for T-shirts (jared.hunt@hanes.com) or Top of the World for hats (npokorny@towlicensed.com). Please contact David Clendenin, associate director of licensing, at the NCAA national office should you have any questions, 317-917-6496.

Ordering Additional Awards.

To order additional awards please go to <http://www.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa/>.

Participant Awards.

Preliminary Rounds

Due to the financial burden on a host institution, to be consistent with NCAA policy, and to provide

each student-athlete participating in NCAA regional competition the same experience, **banquets and mementos will NOT be permitted at first- and second-rounds or at sectional competition.**

Finals

Participation awards are permissible (one per participant) as long as they meet the conditions outlined in Bylaws 16.1.4.2 and 16.1.4.3 and **are provided by the NCAA selected student-athlete participation awards licensee.** The NCAA championships and alliances group will be responsible for selecting the participation awards that will be provided. The NCAA championship administrator will work with the participating institutions regarding delivery of mementos after championship competition. Participant awards will not be distributed at the site of the championship(s).

SECTION 4 – Bands, Spirit Squads and Mascots

Admission.

A maximum of 25 band members will be allowed to attend free via a gate list. If a band exceeds 25 individuals, those in excess of 25 may not be seated with the band (even without their instruments). Uniformed cheerleaders and/or dance team members and a costumed mascot (total not to exceed 12 plus one mascot) also shall be admitted via a gate list. This list must be provided to the NCAA representative at the participants' meeting.

Artificial Noisemakers.

Selected artificial noisemakers are allowed during play (cowbells, drums, thundersticks, etc.). Whistles, air horns and electric amplification are still prohibited. Bands may not play when the game is in progress. During NCAA post-season play, the permitted noisemakers will be allowed unless the venue has prohibited these items. Additionally, any artificial noisemakers that event management staff deems as interfering with spectators ability to enjoy or watch the game will be removed.

Designated Areas.

A maximum of 12 cheerleaders and/or spirit squad members and mascot are allowed on the field at any one time when the game is not in progress. Mascots must stay out of spectator seating areas. Spirit squad and mascots must stay on their team's half of the field. They shall otherwise remain in an area designated by the tournament manager with the approval of the committee. Use tape to designate the boundaries for spirit squad. They are not permitted to roam the stands, even if that is their normal practice during home games. Band members are not permitted to leave their seating area and may only play during half time or warm-up periods and not when the game is in progress. Flags carried by institutions' representatives are permitted on the field during game stoppages, but must not be used to taunt competitors or block spectators' views.

Electronic Amplification.

Full bands are not permitted to use electronic amplification. Small (10 members or fewer) bands are permitted to use reasonable electronic amplification. The host institution should be prepared to assist with accommodations.

Fight Songs/Music.

If a team does not have a band present, it may provide a tape of the institution's fight song. Alternate band and electronic music (**if only one band and no team music, electronic music**). Only one band can play at a time.

Maximum Number.

A maximum of 25 band members plus the director, 12 uniformed spirit squad members plus the sponsor, and one costumed mascot will be admitted free of charge. Live animal mascots are not permitted. The institution may purchase additional tickets for band members; however, no more than 25 will be permitted to play during any session. The host institution should play electronic music from the time the doors open until the bands begin warming up. The host institution may be asked to provide a band in the event none of the participating teams bring a band.

National Anthem.

The host institution is responsible for arranging the playing of the national anthem and shall be sung or played prior to the first game of each session.

Finals: The national anthem shall be played before the first women's semifinal game, the first men's semifinal game and before both championship games. The national anthem will be played after player introductions.

Seating.

Bands should be seated in the area usually reserved for the bands. Place bands so as not to interfere with spectators, photographers or teams, subject to the approval of the committee liaisons.

SECTION 5 – Banquets

The NCAA does not allow or provide for banquets at any of the preliminary rounds of the championship. To celebrate and welcome all participating student-athletes and championship personnel, the championship host may provide a banquet (or other student-athlete recognition event) on the evening prior to the championship. The host institution is allotted dollars for entertainment in its budget to accommodate approximately 300 people. The championships banquet will be held on the Thursday night before the championships. The cost per person is not to exceed \$35. Participating institutions will be allowed complimentary access to the banquet for members of their official NCAA Championship travel party. The host shall make accommodations for participating institutions to purchase additional tickets onsite on a space available basis. Host institutions are encouraged to seek sponsorship of any entertainment not allowed for in the budget from local chambers of commerce, merchants or other outside sources, but the NCAA national office must be notified of any sponsorship prior to the host institution making a commitment.

The NCAA may provide a video featuring the teams and student-athletes advancing to the final site depending on the amount of footage available and cost of obtaining. If practical, the NCAA staff will request video from the NCAA Broadcasting group or VWSE and inform the host.

The host will be responsible for coordinating all other details and logistics of the banquet including location, emcee, speakers, transportation, catering, A/V equipment, a printed program, etc. in consultation with the NCAA staff. The exact run of show and presentations included can be altered slightly to accommodate the number of student-athletes, teams and guests present as well as unique venue, sport or local elements. Please note that a 60-minute event is ideal and the event should not last longer than 90 minutes.

Run of show

- Greet teams and student-athletes, direct to tables or attractions (emcee or NCAA chair)
- Welcome/comments from city/host institution
- Dinner buffet lines open or plated dinner served

- Soft A/V presentation (e.g. music, slideshow of participating teams and student- athletes, NCAA anthem video, DII or DIII branding video – optional)
- Guest Speaker (optional)
- NCAA Championship video
- NCAA Committee introductions (committee chairs)
- Student-Athlete speeches (one student-athlete from each team)
- Presentation of Elite 90 Award
- Coaches association All-American awards
- Closing Comments (emcee with talking points from NCAA or NCAA chair)

Best Practices

While the guidelines above provide a standard framework for the student-athlete banquet, the event should be tailored to suit the needs, size and unique aspects of the championship. The purpose of the event is primarily to congratulate, celebrate and welcome all of the participating student-athletes to the NCAA championship and the host community.

The most successful NCAA student-athlete banquets have often been enhanced by unique venues, décor, interactive features, program enhancements or keepsake items that showcase the uniqueness of the host city or region and their excitement to host the NCAA championship. The NCAA will rely on the creativity of the host for development of these items. The formality of the event, attendee attire, appropriate number and type of speakers, level of interaction between student-athletes, etc. varies from sport to sport. The NCAA point person can help advise the host on sport-specific nuances.

The host will assume the lead production role for the student-athlete banquet, but should seek the advice and approval of the NCAA point person on such items as location, budget, timing, final run of show, speaker, menu, giveaway items (some may be provided free of charge by NCAA official equipment suppliers) and additional enhancements. Some past student-athlete banquet enhancements that have been well received are listed below. Please note, however, that the potential impact of all possible banquet enhancements on student-athletes should be weighed against appropriateness, available budget and other needs of the overall championship.

Sample Enhancements

- Unique venue – a skybox club overlooking the host university’s football stadium; a historical or cultural center; an aquarium or museum where brief tours can be incorporated into the programming; an iconic restaurant, theater or arena in the area; a beach party setting; etc.
- Slideshow – before and/or after the formal presentation, a slideshow of participating team or student-athlete images is shown on video boards or mixed with NCAA branding messages (host would be responsible for collecting images from schools or preliminary round hosts).
- Speakers – relevance to the participating student-athletes is the most important factor. Former NCAA champions or graduating student-athletes who went on to professional or Olympic fame in the given sport are ideal, however other options available at no or little expense to the host should be explored as some speakers transcend their sport or profession. Examples of previous speakers include: Todd Martin – Tennis, Dot Richardson – Softball, President of the USGA – Golf, Bill Belichick – Lacrosse (Boston), ESPN personalities, comedians, motivational speakers, well-known football or basketball coaches at the host institution, etc.
- Photo opportunities – opportunities for teams or individuals to pose for a photo in front of a championship backdrop (possibly with the championship trophy) or in conjunction with unique or iconic elements of the area (e.g., with giant hanging shark in Florida, with longhorn steer in Texas, in winners circle at Churchill Downs, overlooking city skyline, football stadium, etc.).

- Favors unique to the sport or area – examples include: mini soccer balls, mini lacrosse sticks, baseball shaped cheese – Wisconsin, make-your-own beach flip flops – Florida; please check with your championship administrator regarding budget, appropriateness and possibility of items provided by official equipment suppliers before pursuing.
- Special entrances for student-athletes – red carpet into venue, spotlights, limos, local youth teams wearing team colors or with pom poms/signs to greet the student-athletes.
- Band/DJ/Interactive Games – are generally only appropriate in more informal settings with numerous teams of both genders, relaxed time constraints, fun atmosphere, etc.
- Event 1/Championship merchandise – sales booth or display area with order forms on-site.
- Special Olympics component – speaker, athletes, etc. (recommended for all DIII championships).

Coaches' association award guidelines

The primary purpose of NCAA student-athlete banquets is to honor, celebrate and welcome participating student-athletes in a concise and entertaining manner. Coaches' association awards and other presentations not directly related to the championship itself may be considered for inclusion if they are in the best interest of the attending student-athletes:

- The presentation should be relevant and provide a significant enhancement to the banquet programming for the student-athletes (awards or speakers which have limited relation to the championship or significance to the student-athletes will detract from their enjoyment and the attention they pay to other programming).
- The presentation should be brief (in most cases it should be limited to 5-10 minutes, but should never exceed 30 minutes).
- Awards presented should be limited to those presented to participating student-athletes and coaches or those which have some special significance to the student-athletes in attendance.
- The presentation should be secondary in significance and placement in the programming to any official NCAA championship presentations.
- If these conditions are not met, other championship related platforms should be explored by the NCAA to assist the coaches' association.
- All final decisions on inclusion of coaches' association awards, other presentations, scripts and presenters should be made by the NCAA staff with the best interest and overall experience of the student-athlete in mind.
- NCAA staff may call on leadership team members to assist in delivering and explaining the specific decisions to the coaches' association as needed.

Officials shall NOT to be included in any social event involving the participating coaches or players.

SECTION 6 – Broadcasting/Internet

Please log on to <http://www.ncaa.com/media> for information regarding broadcast/Internet rights.

Internet Policy.

The NCAA website, NCAA.com, serves as the official online resource for NCAA championships.

The NCAA and its partners own the Internet rights to all of its 90 championship events. Rights include live statistics, video and audio streaming, electronic commerce, and post-event footage use. The NCAA and its partners own all game action, practice footage, press conferences, one-on-one interviews or any other content on the NCAA website.

Internet Live Statistics

The NCAA reserves the right to deny permission to produce live statistics for NCAA championship play. In the event the NCAA takes on the responsibility of producing a live statistical representation from an NCAA championship event, no other entity will be permitted to do so. Live statistics are considered a protected right as part of a bundled rights agreement, referenced above. For clarification purposes, a live statistical representation includes play-by-play, score updates, shot charts, updated box scores, photos with captions, etc.

In the event the NCAA does not produce live statistics for a specific championship, the host institution is given priority to produce exclusive live statistics. The host institution will be given the same exclusivities the NCAA would reserve for its rights holder in such an instance.

Once it is determined that neither the NCAA or the host institution plan to exercise their exclusive rights, the ability to produce live statistics will be granted – on a non-exclusive basis – to each participating school. A “participating school” is defined as a school playing in the same event at a specific site.

In each case, no commercial advertising is permitted within the live statistics window, unless permission is specifically granted by the NCAA. Any questions pertaining to live statistics should be sent to Nate Flannery, NCAA director of digital and social media (nflannery@ncaa.org).

Television/Radio/Internet Audio Coverage.

Radio broadcast rights and made-for Internet audio at any NCAA championship may take place only through advance written request and permission of the NCAA media services group. (Refer to <http://www.ncaa.com/media>.)

All stations broadcasting any round of an NCAA championship shall be required to fill out the NCAA Championship Radio/Internet Streaming form online. To access the form, log onto NCAA.com/media then click “2019-20 Audio Policy.”

Any secondary use of any picture, audio description, film/tape or drawing of the competition taken or made by the accredited organization or individual to whom this credential has been issued (including but not limited to use in delayed editorial or non-editorial, advertising, sales promotion or merchandising) is prohibited without prior specific written approval of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Television stations, networks or cable systems taping NCAA championship competition recognize that any tapes may be used only in connection with a regularly scheduled television newscast within a seven-day period following the competition and the film clip or taped portion of each such showing will not exceed two (2) minutes in length. Videotape game coverage may only be presented on a sports news broadcast after the game being documented has been completed.

Television stations, networks or cable systems are prohibited from making available game film or tape to any other organization, even though the planned use may be editorial in nature, without advance written permission from the NCAA. Such film or tape may be aired only by the specific station or entity to who this credential is issued. These rights may not be assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed to any person, firm or corporation. Any agency wishing to use NCAA film or tape in any other manner must obtain written permission for such use from the NCAA.

Radio stations that have not purchased rights may report on events of the championship for broadcast within a newscast and are not precluded from reporting or updating the score of a game while it is in progress, but they may not provide live play-by-play.

Television/radio stations, networks or cable systems agree to indemnify and save harmless the NCAA, its officers, agents and employees, and each of its member institutions, their officers, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demand and causes of action arising out of anything done or purported to have been done by the television/radio stations, networks or cable systems, its agents or assigns.

Website Guidelines.

NCAA championships hosts/LOC's have the opportunity to build their own championship micro-site to house information about local events, restaurants, volunteer info, etc. The URL for this site should not be promoted and will be linked directly through NCAA.com. For complete guidelines, please see Appendix C.

SECTION 7 – Commercialism/Contributors

Commercial Identification, Signage and Official Marks.

The facility agrees that no advertisements denoting, publicizing or promoting the sale of alcoholic or nonalcoholic beverages, cigarettes and tobacco products, professional sports organizations, or organizations or individuals promoting gambling shall be hung, installed or displayed anywhere within the facility during the term of the rental period. Any such advertisements existing at the time an agreement is reached between the NCAA and the facility, institution or sponsoring agency shall be covered by the facility at its expense, as designated by the NCAA. The NCAA requests that all other permanently affixed advertising, banners, signs or displays in the stadium proper shall be covered by the facility at its expense, as designated by the NCAA.

No temporary banners, signs, displays or advertising shall be posted, hung or displayed in the facility during any session of the championship without the prior approval of the NCAA.

No announcements except those approved in advance by the NCAA or for public emergencies shall be allowed over the public-address system.

Local Contributors.

Currently, local corporate entities are not permitted to utilize the NCAA's registered marks, logos, tickets, name or references to the championship in a promotional/commercial manner. If a host institution/conference has an interest in using value-in-kind contributors, the contributor plan must be approved in advance by the NCAA Corporate Relationships staff. The LOC is permitted to involve a local contributor in the championship only as a sponsor of LOC activities or as a ticket package purchaser (pending NCAA approval of said local entities and approval of the arrangement).

Local contributors may only be referred to as "local contributors of the LOC". Local contributors may not use the word "official", "official sponsor of", or "corporate champion/partner" in any manner. Local contributors will not receive any in-venue or on-site recognition/branding/exposure, with the exception of small signage in private hospitality locations; in the souvenir (print or digital) game program, and/or additional digital advertisement space. In being recognized, these local contributors must be referenced as supporters of the local organizing committee, and not of the NCAA. Any recognition, branding and/or exposure creative must be submitted to the NCAA Corporate Relationships staff for review and approval.

Local contributors may be provided an opportunity to purchase an advertisement in the souvenir game program, provided the corporation is not a competitor of any NCAA Corporate Champion. All advertisements must be submitted to the NCAA Corporate Relationships staff for advance approval. As noted above, local contributors who purchase an NCAA-approved ticket package may not receive recognition of any kind without the advanced approval of the NCAA staff.

NCAA Corporate Partners.

The NCAA administers a national corporate partner program, under the direction of the NCAA Championships and Alliances group, and has established guidelines pertaining to corporate involvement by these partners and local commercial entities. These guidelines are located on the NCAA website at the following link:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/marketing/ncaa-corporate-relationships?division=d1>.

SECTION 8 – Drug Testing

The NCAA is dedicated to fair and equitable competition throughout each round of NCAA championships and strongly supports the drug-testing program established by its membership, to safeguard the health and safety of the participating student-athletes.

Drug-Testing Expenses.

The NCAA Championship Drug Testing Proposed Budget should be completed and submitted to Drug Free Sport, International (Drug Free Sport), before the start of competition, if drug testing will occur at the site. The host institution shall submit the NCAA Drug-Testing Invoice upon completion of the championship for expenses related to drug testing. Receipts must accompany the invoice to receive reimbursement. The proposed budget and invoice are located in the championship site coordinator manual.

Any collection, administrative and laboratory fees for drug tests (as requested by institutions or championship officials) that are not included in the approved championships drug testing plan will be invoiced to the institution.

Facility Specifications.

Hosts must identify two separate rooms (one for each team) where drug testing will be conducted. Separate restroom facilities are required if the championship includes both genders. The area must have controlled access. Only those authorized by the drug-testing crew chief will be allowed in the area. Each room must accommodate the drug-testing crew, selected student-athletes and their institutional representative. Each testing room must have fully equipped restrooms adjacent to or in close proximity to the testing room. These restrooms must be secure and closed to the public.

Host Notification.

Drug-testing information must be kept confidential and provided only on a “need-to-know” basis. If testing is to be conducted at the site, the tournament manager and site coordinator will be contacted by Drug Free Sport.

The tournament manager and site coordinator will be notified no earlier than seven days before the start of the competition as to whether testing will be conducted.

Media Obligations.

Each team is provided a postgame cooling-off period. At the conclusion of the cooling-off period, a member of the drug-testing crew will notify the student-athletes who have been selected for testing. Notification may take place in the locker room (if applicable) or on the field of play. Any student-athlete selected to participate in any postgame news conference is required to attend the news conference prior to checking in at the drug-testing venue. The student-athlete will be escorted to the drug-testing area after all media obligations have been fulfilled.

Next-Day Testing.

If competition begins at 10 p.m. or later (local time), both teams will be given the option to defer testing until the next morning. If a team decides to test the next morning, that determination must be confirmed by the institution no later than immediately following the contest. Once testing has begun, testing must be completed and cannot be deferred until the next morning. If deferred until the following day, the testing must begin no later than Noon (local time) at the original test site. The host must arrange necessary transportation for teams that elect to test the next morning, or for individuals being tested who need to remain at the facility after other team members have departed.

Participant Notification.

Championship management staff is not permitted to make any announcement in advance or otherwise as to whether or not drug testing will be conducted at its championship site. All coaches and student-athletes should presume that post-event NCAA drug testing will occur at the championship event.

The drug-testing crew chief or designee will notify the participating team's representative no earlier than two hours before the start of competition that drug testing will be conducted at the site.

Seating.

At team championships, escorts and the drug-testing crew may sit in the non-playing participant or overflow media seating areas on the days when testing occurs.

Site Coordinator's Responsibilities (Host).

The tournament manager is responsible for designating an individual, who has no other responsibilities in conjunction with the championship, to serve as the site coordinator for drug testing. This individual will work closely with Drug Free Sport and the drug-testing crew chief. The site coordinator's responsibilities are outlined completely in the site coordinator's manual.

- **Confidentiality.** Keep testing information confidential at all times.
- **Contact Information (team championships).** The site coordinator will provide official travel party and the team drug-testing representative's contact information to the drug-testing crew chief.
- **Championships Drug-Testing Site Coordinator Manual.** The championships drug-testing site coordinator's manual, provided by Drug Free Sport, is available on the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org/drugtesting.
- **Escorts (team championships).** Two individuals (one per team) shall be assigned to serve as escorts for each game in which drug testing will occur. These individuals shall escort selected student-athletes and an institutional representative from the locker room to the drug-testing area.
- **Fluids.** A sufficient supply of individual cans or bottles of non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated fluids (e.g., bottled water, fluid replacement drinks) shall be available for distribution in the drug-testing area to student-athletes, as designated in the site coordinator's manual. These supplies should be obtained from the supply of beverages provided by the NCAA.

- **Meeting with Tournament Manager.** The site coordinator will meet with the tournament manager to discuss duties and budget development.
- **Second Meeting.** A second meeting shall be scheduled with the tournament manager after the host receives confirmation that testing will take place at a site. If testing will be conducted at the site, the coordinator shall:
 - **Assistance.** Assist the drug-testing crew chief during testing as directed.
 - **Confirmation.** Review the site coordinator’s copy of the NCAA drug-testing confirmation memorandum.
 - **Credentials.** Ensure that the host issues All Access credentials and parking passes for the drug-testing crew and other necessary drug-testing personnel. Credentials should not reference drug-testing, doping control, etc. If an affiliation must be listed on the credential, “Game Management” is preferred.
 - **Crew Chief.** Contact the drug-testing crew chief assigned to the site to discuss logistics.
 - **Meet with Crew Chief.** Meet with the drug-testing crew chief the day prior to the scheduled testing date.
 - **Plans.** Meet with the tournament manager to finalize plans.
 - **Invoice.** Submit drug-testing invoice (with receipts) to Drug Free Sport after the championship.
 - **Transportation.** Pre-arrange for transportation for student-athletes to and from the competition venue to the drug-testing area and back to the sports venue or team hotel, should transportation become necessary.
- **Transportation/Lodging (drug-testing crew).** The drug-testing crew chief will make arrangements for the crew’s transportation and lodging, but may request the assistance of the site coordinator.

SECTION 9 – Facility, Equipment & Space Requirements

Neutrality.

Host institutions should keep in mind that **an NCAA event is not a home event**. Neutrality is important; therefore, hosts should not create a “home atmosphere” through the use of players on programs, displaying host institutional signage or similar measures.

Concessions.

Food and beverage prices shall be no higher than similar events or primary tenants in the facility.

Vending. No food, beverage or merchandise, of any nature, may be vended or dispensed in the seating areas, except before games begin. During competition, selling is restricted to the facility concourse and established selling locations.

Decorating and Advertising.

Banners at facility. The following banners are permissible inside the facility:

- NCAA Banners
- Appropriate institutional (team) banners (authorized by NCAA representative)

Covering. The facility shall not permit any advertising banners, signs or displays of any kind to be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within the seating area (i.e. any place that can be seen from the playing court or seats), including the scoreboard, during the championship session or practices, other than NCAA banners, as specified by the NCAA. No local/school radio banners are allowed.

Institutional Signage. Institutional signage does not need to be covered. Championship banners may remain if permanent (not hung seasonally). If temporary and hung on a seasonal basis, they must be taken down.

Directional Signs. Directional signs should be posted in all areas used by the participants and the media. NCAA staff can provide directional signage templates if requested.

Table Banner (site specific for finals). The NCAA will provide one banner for the scorer's table and one for the press tables (finals only) opposite the team benches. The NCAA staff will consult with the tournament manager to determine the dimensions for the banners. No other ornamentation or signage is allowed on the scorer's table. Cover the scorer's table with bunting or other appropriate material if the banner does not cover the entire table.

Equipment.

Game Balls – provided for tournament play. The Wilson Forte FYbrid II, the official NCAA championship soccer ball, will be sent directly to the host from the manufacturer via overnight shipping and should arrive no later than 48 hours prior to the start of competition.

All preliminary-round sites will receive twelve balls per site. These balls shall be used for all games and should be broken in prior to the championship games, if possible. If the soccer balls do not arrive on Thursday, please contact Aaron King for men's sites (317-917-6771; aking@ncaa.org) or Donisha Carter for women's sites (317-917-6652; dcarter@ncaa.org) at the national office.

The final site will receive 36 balls (18 per gender). If the soccer balls do not arrive one week prior to the championship, please contact Aaron King or Donisha Carter.

At the completion of the competition, a ball should be given to each participating team. The remaining balls may be given away to spectators through a promotional activity (e.g., youth groups) or retained by the host. There is no obligation to provide balls to officials. The host should provide practice balls, if needed.

Air Horns. Two compressed air horns should be on site.

Public-address system. An adequate public-address system should be on site.

Scoreboard. Scoreboards shall display the names of the participating institutions rather than "Home" and "Visitors."

Team Names. If the scoreboard does not have the capability of displaying the teams' names electronically, printed generic home and away signs must be posted on the scoreboard (required at championship site).

Timing Device/Clock. Game clocks must be operational at all practice sessions, and host institution personnel must be on hand to operate the clock during practices.

Video Review. Video review is permissible as long as it is done in accordance with rule 5.7 in the [2018 and 2019 Soccer Rules](#). Planned use of video review must be discussed at the administrative meeting and officials' meeting. If a host plans to provide video review, it must be made available for all games at the site.

Video Screens. If electronic video replay screens are available, they may be used at the facility's

expense. Replays of any games officials' calls are not permissible. Video screens may not display advertising.

POWERADE

Preliminary Rounds. The host institution may use items other than POWERADE-branded equipment. These items, however, must not display any commercial marks (e.g., logos and graphics of commercial products such as Gatorade), or such marks must be covered completely (this requirement applies on the sidelines and in competition areas, media areas or any other back-of-house areas).

If the host has to provide and/or purchase product for any NCAA championship use (e.g., student-athlete banquet, committee tent/suite, hospitality areas, media areas, etc.), the host must purchase and provide only Coca-Cola products (e.g., Dasani, POWERADE, Coca-Cola, Sprite). Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice; however, equipment carrying any branding other than POWERADE, as referenced above, must be absent of any commercial marks.

Finals. The NCAA will provide certain championships relevant equipment (sidelines hydration, competition playing equipment, etc.) on a sport-by-sport basis that must be used in all championship activity. The purpose of the equipment is to hydrate student-athletes for competition. Each championship will receive information from the NCAA pertaining to any equipment that will be provided. Following the championships, each host site will be required to provide the NCAA with a completed inventory sheet (template provided by the NCAA) and pictures for proof of performance.

Cups, Coolers and Water Bottles. Drinking cups, water coolers, ice chests, cooler carts and water bottles should be provided for each scheduled practice or competition of any round of an NCAA championship. Participating teams shall place any premix fluid replacement in the NCAA-issued coolers and water bottles when applicable. Only cups, cans, coolers or water bottles may be used during championships that are provided by the NCAA. If applicable, the host may retain the coolers, cooler carts and ice chests after the competition. Reoccurring host sites are strongly encouraged to use the same equipment the following year unless otherwise notified by the NCAA. Participating teams may retain the water bottles and bottle carriers after the competition.

Hydration Program. Coca-Cola will provide a bottled water product (e.g., Dasani), POWERADE powder, and when applicable, POWERADE in bottles. Participating teams and student-athletes in NCAA championships continue to be free to use/consume permissible hydration beverage(s) of their own choice in the NCAA-provided equipment. Equipment carrying any branding other than POWERADE, however, will not be permitted on the sidelines during NCAA championships.

If a championship also receives POWERADE-branded squeeze bottles, they should be provided to student-athletes. Non-POWERADE-branded squeeze bottles brought by teams/student-athletes will not be allowed.

If the host has to provide and/or purchase product for any NCAA championship use (e.g., student-athlete banquet, committee tent/suite, hospitality areas, media areas, etc.), the host must purchase and provide only Coca-Cola products (e.g., Dasani, POWERADE, Coca-Cola, Sprite).

Competitors of NCAA Corporate Champion Coca-Cola may not provide product (beverages, water, isotonic) for any NCAA championship, even if the competition offers product for free or at a reduced cost. The championship budget will cover the purchase of Coca-Cola beverage products.

Use of NCAA-Provided Coolers from Previous Years. The host may use previously supplied equipment from the NCAA, specifically POWERADE equipment with approval from the NCAA; however, unless approved by the NCAA (which is often possible), they must be used in areas not within television or photographer view [they may not be used on the sidelines or within the competition area(s)].

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact men's NCAA contact Kevin Alcox (office: 317-917-6085; cell phone: 317-749-9783) or women's NCAA contact Morgan DeSpain (office: 317-917-6505 and cell phone: 317-292-8013).

Facility Use.

The facility shall be available the previous day (or night, if game is to be played under lights). All teams are allowed one (1) one-hour practice on the game field, if weather conditions permit.

Field.

The playing field should meet all specifications as outlined in the [2018 and 2019 Soccer Rules](#). Make sure seating or standing arrangements at the field allow spectators to be no closer than 10 feet, but preferably 20 feet, from touch and goal lines. The field must be properly marked, including coaching and photographers boxes, in accordance with NCAA rules. The facility is expected to be in compliance with all applicable city, state or federal regulations concerning access and seating for the handicapped.

Playability of the game field will be determined by the games committee, in conjunction with the national office.

Space Requirements.

Entrances. Entrances must be staffed by an adequate number of persons. Signage should be posted to clearly identify all entrances (i.e., media, player-ticket and band/spirit squad).

Player-Guest Entrance. A gate must be identified to admit patrons holding player-guest tickets.

Team Personnel Entrance. An entrance, near the locker rooms, must be identified for all student-athletes and coaches.

Locker Rooms. A locker room should be provided for each team, and one room for the game officials. Both teams must be afforded comparable game-day accommodations and amenities

Security. Security personnel should be stationed at the door of each locker room (competition days only) after accompanying the teams and officials from the field. Provide security at the door of each locker room to accompany the teams and officials to and from the field. Ensure that the visiting team is met on arrival at the facility for practice and is shown to its locker room.

Supplies. Each locker room must be clean and adequately supplied with towels, toilet paper, water and ice, soft drinks (Coke products), and grease boards, markers and erasers for all practices and games. The committee will inspect the locker rooms prior to the first practice.

Signs. Signs should be posted to identify the teams' and officials' locker rooms. A sign reading, "NCAA Use Only" shall be posted on the official's locker rooms.

Media Areas. The areas used for the media workroom and the postgame interviews should be in close proximity to one another and to the locker rooms in order to facilitate the media's work and access

for coaches and players. There needs to be adequate distance between the interview area and competition field to ensure interviews can be conducted without interruption. The workroom and interview room must be separate rooms (e.g., not one room divided by a curtain). Neither should be adjacent to the hospitality area.

Workroom. The media workroom should be equipped with adequate internet/wi-fi capabilities, electrical outlets and other necessary supplies. NCAA logos should be displayed appropriately.

Refreshment Area. A refreshment area should be set up adjacent to or in the media workroom to accommodate the working press throughout open practices and competition. Only NCAA, Dasani and/or generic drinking cups (devoid of commercial identification) should be used in the refreshment area.

Postgame Interview Room. The postgame interview room should be “dressed” appropriately to reflect the prestige of the event by (a) placing NCAA championship signage and logos on the podium and walls; (b) using draping on tables and other areas as necessary; (c) setting up a platform for the interviewees and moderator; (d) providing a riser for photographers and cameramen at the back of the room; and (e) providing a sound system (if necessary). Security personnel should be stationed outside the room to check credentials.

Backdrop (Finals only): The NCAA will provide a back-drop with the NCAA logos to be hung behind the podium.

Holding Area. An area adjacent to the interview room shall be designated as a holding area for players waiting to be interviewed. It should be situated so players do not have to walk through the actual interview room to reach the holding area. Chairs and water should be provided so players are able to wait comfortably.

NCAA Committee/Games Committee Meeting Room. Room should be large enough to accommodate 20 people comfortably. This area needs to be close to the competition field and not visible to the public.

Athletic Training Room. Provide an athletic training room stocked with towels and other necessary equipment, and staff it with the appropriate personnel prior to and during the games and practice sessions.

Parking.

There should be enough parking spaces adjacent to the facility for the committee, team personnel, game officials, NCAA staff and media. In addition, designate an area for team buses to drop off and pick up passengers.

Videotaping.

Potential hosts must arrange for an elevated area for each team to videotape its own game if it wishes to do so. Each participating team is automatically authorized to videotape its own game; it is not necessary to have them sign any forms.

At the finals site, all games will be webcast live on www.ncaa.com. The final site host should film each game and provide a copy to the participating teams and officials. The NCAA will not reimburse host institutions to webcast games during preliminary rounds.

SECTION 10 – Financial Administration

Approval of the Budget.

As part of the site-selection process, each prospective host must submit a proposed budget for approval by the NCAA. All receipts and expenses associated with the conduct of the championship competition shall be included in the proposed budget. This includes lodging expenses for officials and site representatives, if applicable. The proposed budget must be submitted and approved by the NCAA prior to the first date of competition of the championship. Additionally, best efforts should be made by the host to reasonable forecast expected ticket sales from the given championship.

The host institution is responsible for adhering to championship expenses as approved by the NCAA, including (but not limited to) competition site rental, maintenance, insurance, printing of tickets, ushers, maintenance personnel, ticket sellers, ticket takers, minor officials, police and security, promotion, publicity, advertising, meetings, banquets, medical staff. Other expenses not included in the original proposed budget must be approved in advance by the NCAA.

It is also incumbent upon the host to understand and remit all necessary taxes related to the sale of tickets to the given championship for sales made by both the NCAA and the host at their given state and locality. All consideration must be given by the host for certain relief of taxes with respect to the NCAA's not-for-profit status under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, certain championships may be required to provide an outside letter of attestation speaking to their tax status provided by an outside CPA/accounting firm.

Financial Report.

Host institutions must complete the online financial report, which includes accurately reporting all revenues and expense, and must include payment of the amount due to the NCAA, within 60 days after the final date of competition at the site (if applicable). If requested, the host may be required to provide all supporting documentation to validate the revenues and expenses of their site. As a best practice, hosts are encouraged to upload all appropriate receipts, ticket audits and other supporting documentation to their host report on the "documents" tab as documentation supporting their revenue and expense figures.

Financial reports showing net receipts are not considered complete until payment is received at the national office. Institutions that fail to meet the 60-day reporting period will be assessed the following penalties: 60-90 days past due (25 percent reduction in honorarium), 91-120 days (50 percent reduction in honorarium) and 121 days or more (100 percent reduction in honorarium). If there is a shortfall in the funds available to reimburse approved expenses and honorariums, the NCAA will make best efforts to reimburse the host within 5 business days of the report being approved by the NCAA finance and accounting department.

Audit.

Sites will be randomly selected for financial and box office audits following the championship.

The NCAA will make best efforts to notify sites selected for audits within 30 days after the submission of financial reports, but reserves the right to audit a site up to one year after the championship. Receipts, facility settlements, expense reimbursements and honorariums are subject to change until the audits are reviewed and accepted by the NCAA. If selected for audit, the following documentation will be requested: box office audit reports or sales summaries; ticket purchase invoices or statements; unsold tickets; invoices, contracts or timesheets supporting all expenses; general ledger; bank

statements; check copies and reconciliations; and competition venue rental agreement. The documentation should support all information on the host financial report.

Committee Expenses.

The host institution will only be responsible for the lodging expenses incurred by committee members and will be reimbursed by the NCAA via the final financial report. Committee lodging expenses **MUST** be listed in the submitted budget. The proposed budget/financial report is available at championships.ncaa.org.

Drug-Testing Expenses.

The budget should be completed only if you have been notified that there is drug testing and returned to the National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc. The drug-testing budget and expenses are separate from the financial report form. The drug-testing budget form is an appendix in the [drug testing manual](#).

Lodging Expenses.

Game Officials. Room and tax shall be direct billed to the host institution and be reimbursed via budgeted disbursements on the final financial report. Officials will be responsible for their own incidentals.

NCAA Affiliates. Will be responsible for their own expenses.

NCAA Staff. Will be responsible for their own expenses.

NCAA Site Representative. The NCAA representative's hotel room and tax shall be direct billed to the host institution and be reimbursed via budgeted disbursements on the final financial report. All other expenses (i.e., per diem, travel) will be paid directly by the NCAA.

Participating Institution's Expense Form.

The NCAA will reimburse the competing institutions for transportation and per diem expenses in accordance with the appropriate NCAA formula. The competing teams shall be responsible for their local transportation. Once the championship is completed, participating institutions should submit [online expense forms](#) to the travel group at the NCAA national office within 30 days of the competition. Please note, that if you host a championship, the submission of per diem and/or transportation reimbursement is a separate process and submission from completing the host budgeting and approval process defined above.

SECTION 11 – Game Management

Ball-Rotation Crew.

The host institution will provide a sufficient number (minimum of six) of ball persons and will make certain that they are on the field one-half hour prior to game time. Their clothing shall not display any commercial identification or institutions' name or mascot and should be distinguishable from competing team colors (i.e., they are neutral parties and should be instructed to behave as such). Each person's duty is to act as a ball retriever to avoid delay of the game. All ball persons shall be instructed by and are under the direct supervision of the game officials.

Age Restrictions. While there is no specific age restriction on the ball-rotation crew, college-age or older is strongly preferred. Seventh or eighth graders are permitted to work as part of the crew, but NOT grades 9-12 in order to avoid potential problems with them as prospective student-athletes.

Uniforms. Championship shirts should be provided for the ball-rotation crew. This can be included as an expense on the financial report. They will be asked to provide their own shorts; however, they should be dressed in the same color. They should wear neutral (non-host) attire.

Games Committee.

The games committee shall be comprised of the following:

Preliminary Rounds. The games committee will be the NCAA site rep, host institution athletics director or designee, and center official.

Finals. The games committee will be the NCAA Division III Men's or Women's Soccer Committee.

Inclement Weather.

Backup field. The host institution should be prepared with a backup field on which to conduct competition, should inclement weather make the competition field unplayable.

Dates of competition. The host institution should do everything possible to conduct the competition on the scheduled dates, as there is no guarantee that competition will be able to extend beyond the originally scheduled dates.

Official Scorer's Table Personnel.

The host institution is responsible for providing the official scorer, scoreboard operator, statistics crew and public-address announcer. The NCAA will assign the alternate official. The host institution must provide seating at the table for the following personnel:

- Official scorer
- Scoreboard clock operator
- Announcer
- Home team scorer
- Visiting team scorer
- NCAA representative(s)
- Tournament director
- Alternate official

The NCAA site representative may approve an exception to this arrangement. If space permits, the stats crew may be seated at the scorer's table.

Neutrality. All scorer's table personnel must refrain from cheering for either team and from wearing institutional attire; they are considered "neutral" and must behave in such a manner. They should report to the table no later than 45 minutes prior to game time to meet with the game officials and committee.

Public-Address Announcer. Public address announcer responsibilities are listed in Appendix D. Public-address announcements will be provided to hosts prior to competition.

Game Announcements. Other than player introductions, game proceedings announcements are limited to (a) those of an emergency nature; e.g., paging a doctor; (b) those of a "practical" nature; e.g., announcing that a car has left its lights on; (c) announcements that NCAA souvenir merchandise, game programs and concessions are on sale in the arena; (d) announcements of scores from another NCAA competition site; and (e) the paid attendance figure. It is not appropriate for the public-address

announcer to introduce VIPs or game officials, or to provide information pertinent only to the host institution's activities unrelated to the tournament.

Tournament Manager. The tournament manager may serve solely in this capacity at the scorer's table; he or she may not also serve as scoreboard operator, timer, public-address announcer, etc. This is to ensure that he or she is able to oversee all aspects of the competition and be readily accessible to the committee liaisons.

Pregame Protocol.

National Anthem. The national anthem will be played before the first game of each session of competition.

Team Introductions. It is recommended that the following format be used in NCAA tournament games:

- The four officials and the 24 players from each team line up across the middle of the field before the start of the introduction procedures. The officials should be at midfield between the two teams.
- The announcer introduces the officials.
- The announcer introduces the visiting team's reserves, followed by the starters, honorary captains and followed by coach. Each player steps forward when introduced and then retreats to his/her team line.
- The announcer introduces the home team's reserves, followed by the starters, honorary captains and followed by coach. Each player steps forward when introduced and then retreats to his/her team line.

The teams should line up on the side of the field on which their bench is located. Players, coaches and officials are expected to stand at attention during the playing of the national anthem. After both teams have been introduced, the players should shake hands and return to the sideline.

Starting Times.

Games Times. Hosts must designate game times in the submitted facility information form by the designated deadline. Game time options are as follows:

	Day 1/Game 1	Day 1/Game 2	Day 2/Game 3
No Lights	11 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	1 p.m.
With Lights**	1 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3 p.m.

**Hosts with lights have the option of game times.*

*** The committee's preference is for all games to be conducted during the day. If an institution is unable to host during the day, a request may be submitted with rationale and a waiver may be approved.*

If the host institution wishes to deviate from the prescribed starting times, it must submit a deviation request in the facility evaluation form by November 3. **Note: Submitting this information does not guarantee that the soccer committees will grant the deviation request. If the host institution fails to submit this information within the time frame, the soccer committees WILL NOT deviate from the original dates and times.**

At all sites, the match shown higher on the championship bracket will be the first match played. The match shown lower on the championship bracket will be the second match played.

Distribution of Game Protocol Sheets. The tournament manager should distribute copies at the administrative meeting; and, on the day of the game, distribute it to all scorer's table personnel and post the sheets in a visible place in the game officials' and teams' locker rooms. **Please confirm the protocol schedule with NCAA staff prior to distribution.**

Statistics Crew.

The statistics crew should be set up in accordance with the institution's normal operating procedure (i.e., either at the scorer's table, across from the table or behind the table on risers). If the statistics crew normally is seated at the scorer's table, the committee will make every effort to accommodate this arrangement but may make adjustments if necessary after evaluating such factors as space availability, requirements of television personnel, etc.

Team Benches.

Bench Assignments. The top team on the bracket is the designated home team and shall occupy the bench to the right of the scorer's table (when seated at the scorer's table and looking at the field).

Permissible Number. Teams are limited to 24 players in uniform. Chairs or bench area shall be provided for 34 individuals, which includes two credentials for medical personnel. **Note: These two medical credentials are for medical personnel only. They cannot be used for any other personnel. The 34 individuals in the bench area must be institutional personnel or team members; no other individuals (i.e. family members or children) are allowed in the immediate bench area.**

Team Doctor. If an institution wishes to have its own team doctor in the bench area, that individual must occupy one of the bench accommodations, which will count in the bench limit of 34. Under no circumstances may an institution be provided more than 34 bench credentials.

Security. A uniformed security officer should be stationed behind or near the end of each team bench to protect players from spectators if necessary and to accompany the teams to and from the locker room.

All accommodations for teams must be the same. If heaters, tents, etc. cannot be provided in both bench areas or for both teams, they shall not be provided at all.

SECTION 12 – Insurance

If event is held on-campus. Host institution must maintain and provide proof of at least \$1 million of Commercial General Liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. Certificate must be submitted to NCAA prior to competition. State institutions subject to state governing tort laws are permitted to provide proof of limited liability under state laws instead of GL coverage. (This is the minimum requirement per NCAA bylaws).

If event is held off-campus. Host institution must maintain and provide proof of at least \$1 million of Commercial General Liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. Certificate must

be submitted to NCAA prior to competition. State institutions subject to state governing tort laws are permitted to provide proof of limited liability under state laws instead of GL coverage. (This is the minimum requirement per NCAA bylaws).

Venue must maintain and provide a minimum of \$1 million in Commercial General Liability insurance on an occurrence form for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, including Products Liability (including completed-operations coverage), coverage for contractual liability, independent contractors, and personal and advertising injury. Coverage cannot exclude liability arising from athletic participation, spectators, alcohol, or food-borne illness. NCAA must be named as an additional insured.

Notes. All insurance must be provided by an insurance company with an A.M. Best Rating of A-, VII or higher.

SECTION 13 – Lodging

For all NCAA preliminary round competition, unless otherwise stated, the host institution/agency or the NCAA shall make reservations for the participating institutions/student-athlete(s) and advise them of the arrangements. The selected hotel properties shall be within no more than 30 minutes of the competition site and be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate. The selection of a competition site may be dependent on availability and quality of rooms for participating institutions/student-athletes. Each participating institution/student-athlete is obligated to confirm or cancel the accommodations.

An institution is obligated to stay at the assigned hotel property. If an institution prefers to relocate, which is generally not approved by the NCAA, to a different hotel the following must occur:

The participating institution will obtain a release for the rooms from the hotel manager in writing and approval from the NCAA. Please note, the institution is responsible for the first night's room charges even if it fails to use those rooms.

The participating institution may use the rooms for persons accompanying the official traveling party if relocating the team only. If a team chooses to relocate to a different hotel, the team is not permitted to move to a hotel (if applicable) where another team or the game officials are staying or at the designated headquarters hotel.

Additionally, if an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for use of assigned rooms with the hotel, full charges for the rooms will be billed to the institution. If an institution chooses not to stay at one of the designated hotels, the participating institution must notify both the hotel and the tournament manager by 5 p.m. on practice day or specified date. The NCAA shall provide final approval.

Drug-Testing Crew.

The host institution will reserve four rooms for members of the drug-testing crew at the headquarters hotel.

Game Officials'/NCAA Representatives' Hotel.

The national assignor of officials and the regional assignors will assign four officials for each game via the Arbiter Sports assigning portal. For each official who is required to stay overnight, the host institution shall reserve a single room in a hotel separate from the competing team(s). Likewise, a

single room for the NCAA representative, should be reserved either in the same hotel as the team(s) or with the officials.

Room and Tax. The tournament manager will arrange for the officials', NCAA committee, and NCAA representative's hotel room and tax to be master-billed to the institution. This expense should be included on the financial report form. Officials and site representatives are responsible for their incidental charges.

Team Hotels.

Preliminary Rounds

The host institution shall make reservations for competing teams in all rounds of competition and advise them of the arrangements. A minimum of 16 double-double non-smoking rooms shall be reserved for the visiting team at a special rate. Rooms should be held in advance by the tournament manager beginning for the night prior to the practice day. The tournament manager will recommend team hotels of comparable quality, rates and proximity to the facility. Hotels should be as close to the facility as possible, but **not be more than 30 minutes** from the facility.

Finals

Anthony Travel will contract 20 double-double non-smoking rooms for teams at a special rate. Rooms will be held beginning the night before the practice day.

Merchandising.

The hotel understands that the NCAA exclusively will have first right of refusal to sell products licensed by the NCAA for merchandising at the selected hotels. If the NCAA executes this right, the hotel agrees to provide space in its lobby, tables, electricity, dedicated phone line and a secure storage location for such sales at no charge to the NCAA merchandising agent. The NCAA guarantees that the merchandise will be displayed in a neat, professional manner.

In return, the NCAA merchandising agent will pay to the hotel a percentage of the net sales from the hotel location. Net sales are defined as gross sales minus sales tax and credit card fees. The percentage rate will be a pre-determined, non-negotiable rate included in the contract between the two parties, except as specified in the following sections.

SECTION 14 – Meetings/Schedule of Events

Administrative Meeting.

A mandatory administrative meeting will be held by the committees or by the designated site representative for the competing teams, officials and games committee before the opening round of the tournament to review championship matters. The meeting should take place at least two hours before the start of the game. It is recommended that a designated administrator other than a member of the coaching staff and the head coach attend the meeting. Failure to attend this meeting may result in a misconduct violation.

NCAA Representative(s).

The soccer representative(s) at each site will meet the day before competition begins with the tournament manager, media coordinator and facility manager. If requested by the site representative, additional personnel may participate. The NCAA staff will provide the committee representative and the tournament manager with a checklist to review during the meeting.

Officials' Meeting.

See Section 18 for more information.

SECTION 15 – Media/Credentials

Championship Records.

NCAA championship records are available in PDF format at NCAA.org. Once you are logged onto the site, hover over the specific division and click on the statistics link. Click on the appropriate sport and scroll down to the records book section.

Credentials.

Preliminary Rounds

Preliminary-round institutions are responsible for providing credentials/passes for the 34 members of each team allowed in the bench area, as well as media, NCAA representatives, officials and other personnel as necessary. Team credentials should be provided to each participating team's administrator or coach at the coaches meeting.

PDF templates are available for preliminary-round credentials if desired. Please contact Sahar Abdur-Rashid (srashid@ncaa.org) or Jenn Rodgers (jroddgers@ncaa.org) for more information.

The following is a sample of the types of credentials that can be produced, if applicable:

- All Access – For event management-type people who need access to every area, including game surface.
- Event Management – For event management staff who does not need all access (based on space and demand, it may not be necessary to produce an event management and an all access pass).
- Media – For members of the media to provide them access to press areas (press box, media room, interview room, locker rooms (postgame only)).
- Participant – For student-athletes, coaches, equipment managers (essentially anyone in the official travel party).
- Photo – Subject to limitations of space, photography credentials to allow access to appropriate areas [playing surface, locker rooms (postgame only), press box and media room].
- SID – For sports information directors of the participating teams (may allow access to media areas and locker rooms as needed).
- Television Network – If the game is going to be televised by ESPN, Turner Sports, etc., those entities should have their own credential to allow them to specific places such as the truck compound.

It is up to the tournament director to determine which areas may be accessed with each credential type.

Final Site

The NCAA will provide all credentials at the finals site.

Final site media credential request. Approximately one month before the start of final site

competition, the site media coordinator should send credential application information to media representatives who regularly cover intercollegiate athletics in their markets. The information should direct media to NCAA.com/media, which includes credential application instructions, credential criteria and links to the NCAA media policies. The site media coordinator will approve or deny all credential requests in the online credentialing system (Sport Systems) There will be training sessions for any site media coordinator who doesn't know how to use the system. The system will notify via email all media members who apply for credentials whether their request has been granted or denied. If a media member is granted a credential, the site media coordinator is responsible for sending that member of the media information regarding game times, press conference schedules, credential pickup times and location, information on media parking, and how to order a phone line if they need to secure their own (whom to contact, price, etc.).

Credential boards. The NCAA will provide credential boards at all final sites. These are to advise security personnel at the competition venue which credentials are allowed into which parts of the venue. For credentials that are not allowed into a specific area, use a black marker to cross out the credentials not permitted.

Flip Cards.

Flip cards should be provided to all media members for easy reference to participating team information. The flip cards should include all players on the roster and a minimum of their uniform numbers along with the head coach and any assistants. The flip card should include team results as well as standard information regarding the game, such as date, location and opponent.

Live Stats and Web streaming.

The NCAA encourages all hosting institutions to provide live stat/webcasting capabilities through NCAA.com. As a host SID, you will be contacted by NCAA.com personnel to verify connections and feeds prior to any round you are hosting. If you are planning to do either of these, you must do all games at your site and not just your own team. **NOTE:** If you webcast during the regular season, we strongly encourage you to webcast all rounds hosted at your institution. You can apply for NCAA Internet streaming rights online at <http://www.ncaa.com/rights-request>. For more information, please refer to <http://www.ncaa.com/media>.

Media Guides and Postseason Guides.

The NCAA or host media coordinator should notify each school that qualifies for the championship how many media guides and/or postseason guides should be sent to the championship site. The media coordinator should provide an overnight address where the schools can send the information (their office or the facility) and a deadline as to when it should arrive. Consider security when selecting the location where these materials will be shipped.

News Conferences.

News conferences are designed to provide the media with championship information required for thorough coverage and to limit the time demands placed on the coaches and student-athletes.

The non-advancing team shall have a 10-minute cooling-off period before reporting to the interview room. The cooling-off period starts once the head coach and all of the student-athletes have reached the locker room area. At the end of the 10-minute cooling-off period, the host media coordinator should escort the non-advancing head coach and two players (minimum) to the interview area. The non-advancing head coach will be interviewed first. The winning head coach and players should be escorted to the "holding" area.

The “holding” area should be near the interview room, to be used by the winning head coach and players as they wait. They must be escorted to the interview area as soon as the first team has concluded its interview. It is important that the losing head coach has left the interview room and/or corridor before bringing in the winning coach.

It is mandatory for the head coach and at least one student-athlete to report to the press conference following the cooling-off period. However, media coordinators should request a minimum of two student-athletes. A coach can shorten the cooling-off period but cannot extend it.

As soon as one media member enters a locker room, it will be open to all media members. Locker rooms are open to the media for a minimum of 30 minutes, provided media are present the entire time.

The head coach must complete all NCAA championship media obligations before honoring any in-season radio or television contracts. Coaches or student-athletes may only conduct interviews with rights-holding television or radio networks (including ESPN or Westwood One, but not school radio stations) before the press conference following the conclusion of a game. These interviews are permitted during a period totaling no more than four minutes for all interviews, immediately after the game. The media coordinator or designee has the responsibility to terminate the four-minute interview period, NOT the network/station that has purchased rights. (Assistant coaches are not obligated to the entire media staffing the championship and may grant postgame radio interviews at any time after the conclusion of the game.)

Moderator Duties

1. The moderator should give pertinent game statistics (i.e., leading rushers, passers, tacklers, game records) to media while they wait for the first team to arrive. Statistics should be distributed to the media, coaches and student-athletes as soon as they arrive.
2. Sports information representatives should obtain the names of the student-athletes who will be attending the press conference and give them to the host or NCAA media coordinator, who then will provide them to the moderator so that they can be announced in advance.
3. The moderator should open the press conference by asking the head coach for his/her opening statement.
4. After the coach’s comments, the moderator should invite questions from media.
5. If necessary, the moderator should direct a question to student-athletes to get them involved, if the media do not do so.
6. Limit the losing team to 10 minutes and the winning team to 20 minutes.
7. The moderator should keep the flow of the press conference moving. If there is a gap of time between questions, limit questions to one more and then thank the head coach and student-athlete(s).

News Conference Setup. Each host media coordinator should designate an interview room or area at the facility, and an individual to coordinate the activities in it. The interview area should have a public-address system and an elevated head table. Place an NCAA banner or press conference backdrop directly behind the interview table.

Media coordinators should use an audio mixer (mix down unit) in the interview area to permit individuals using microphones to attach their equipment to it, eliminating the presence of audio equipment and/or operators in front of, or adjacent to, the speakers at the dais.

The following is a checklist of suggested minimum requirements for the interview room:

- Seating for a minimum number of media or VIPs (check with the previous host for an approximate number).
- Risers or an area with an unobstructed view for television cameras.
- Table for a minimum of 4-6 interviewees.
- Sufficient electrical outlets.
- Sufficient lighting for dais and work spaces.
- Mult box.
- Wireless microphones.

News Film and Mini-Cams.

Please visit www.ncaa.com/media for updated information related to television, video and ENG policies.

Officiating Questions.

If it is deemed necessary to get an interpretation from an official regarding a specific play or occurrence during a contest, a “pool reporter” shall be named by the NCAA media coordinator or championships staff member, or in the absence of one, the host media coordinator. Interpretations are not given if the situation in question is a judgment call.

The pool reporter shall accompany a member of the sport committee to the official’s locker room to receive an interpretation in order to enhance the public’s understanding of activities that occurred during the contest.

In most cases, the head official will provide the interpretation on behalf of the officiating crew. In the instances in which a playing-rules liaison, secretary-rules editor or the coordinator of officials is on-site, they are able to answer the questions instead.

The host or NCAA media coordinator will be responsible for disseminating the information to the rest of the media present. In most cases, the media coordinator should designate either the reporter from the Associated Press or the local newspaper as the pool reporter.

Personnel.

Each host media coordinator is responsible for organizing workers to assist in the media operations of the championship. It is important to remind volunteers that they may see very little of the championship competition because of their responsibilities and the NCAA cannot pay any expenses. All volunteers should be a minimum of 16 years or older and may not be employees of professional sports organizations. It is preferred that all media coordination volunteers have experience with media relations or championships.

The number of workers will depend upon the media demand for the games at the site. Communication with the participating SIDs and the media coordinator’s knowledge of the area media will help with advance planning.

The following is a basic list of duties for volunteers (if applicable):

- Copy Machine Personnel – Photocopies materials (stats, notes, quotes, etc.).
- Credential Distribution – Pass out credentials to the media; check government-issued photo ID.
- External PA - Announcer for fans.
- Internal PA – Announcer for the media.
- Locker Room Attendant – Person to identify when the locker room is open and closed to the media.
- Mixed Zone Coordinator – Coordinates interviews in the mixed zone in events such as track and field and swimming and diving. Depending on the number of participants, this individual may need several assistants.
- Note Takers – Compiles worthy notes during and after the game or day.
- Photo Marshall - Makes sure photographers stay in appropriate places. Hands out photo armbands, if necessary.
- Press Conference Moderator - Introduces players and coach; directs questions from media.
- Quote Takers – Records postgame quotes from the press conference. A minimum of one person should be designated to take quotes for each team. They should get quotes from the head coaches and student-athletes.
- Results Disseminator – Transmits stats, notes, quotes, through appropriate delivery means (e-mail, fax, etc.).
- Runner(s) – Distributes photocopied materials (stats, notes, quotes, etc.).
- Spotter - Helps the official scorer identify assists and any other assistance for official scorer.
- Stat Crew – Records the official stats.
- Team Escorts – People to escort the coaches and student-athletes to the postgame press conference.

Publicity.

On the Monday preceding competition, the host sports information director should notify the local media of your institution's selection as host. In addition, send out a press release at that time.

If possible, make personal contact with the key media in the area to try to get a feature in the local newspaper and television stations. You may also want to use the campus newspaper to generate fan support.

Security.

Security personnel should be instructed to protect the press conferences and working press areas, especially before and after each game, and to limit access in all restricted areas to individuals wearing credentials. It is incumbent on the media coordinator to emphasize the necessity to protect the field and media areas from the fans, and to encourage the security supervisor to designate additional personnel to staff this area before and after each game.

Social Media/Blogging Policy.

A credentialed media member may blog or provide updates via social media during any NCAA championship event, provided that such posts do not produce in any form a "real-time" description of the event (i.e., any simulation or display of any kind that replicates or constitutes play-by-play of a material portion of an event, other than periodic updates of scores, statistics or other brief descriptions of the event) as determined by the NCAA in its sole discretion. If the NCAA deems that the credentialed media member is producing a real-time description of the contest, the NCAA reserves all actions against the credentialed media member, including but not limited to the revocation of the credential.

Reporting of Results.

A primary responsibility of the SID is to report the results according to the following procedures:

- During the championships and at the conclusion of the competition, the host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official results to the NCAA official website. Please email a copy of results to ncaa-content@turner.com. Please be sure to submit all information in the following manner:
- Send the information to ncaa-content@turner.com.
- Specify the sport (division, championship and round) in the SUBJECT area.
- Paste the text directly into an email or send email as an attachment in an MS Word document or Windows Notepad text document.
- Please convert photos to JPEG format and attach to the email.

For the Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships, the following information must be sent at the appropriate times:

- Halftime scores at intermission
- End of regulation scores (even if the contest is headed to overtime)
- Final score with details of overtime and shootouts, if applicable
- Final box score
- Game story
- Photos, if possible

Any host that sends the appropriate information and discovers that the results are not posted on the NCAA website in a timely manner should contact the following:

David Worlock

Director, Championships and Alliances

NCAA

dworlock@NCAA.org

All host sites should use Stat Crew programs to submit statistics for the contests. At the end of each game or day of competition, a packed file from each contest must be sent to the NCAA Statistics Department (ncaastats@NCAA.org) at the NCAA national office. These files should be sent immediately following each contest or day of competition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Statistics Department. This information is required immediately at the national office for records, statistics, permanent files, etc.

Head coaches should get a copy of the box score form before leaving the competition site.

Work Space and Accommodations.

Field. Set up tables for working press as close as possible to the playing field. In addition, internet/wireless access at the field should be made available for the media. Official NCAA box scores should be distributed as quickly as possible to the media after the game. Media coordinators should provide preferred seat locations for media agencies that regularly staff games played by the participating and host institutions.

Provide security at press tables to permit only representatives of the news media in that area.

Hotel. If necessary, the media coordinator should arrange for a block of rooms to be set aside for media, preferably at the headquarters hotel. Media members should be given a contact at the hotel whom they can call to make reservations; this can be listed on the credential application form along with the room rate and deadline for making reservations.

Meals. Media meals are not required at all championships. Disbursements should be guided by the budget which was originally submitted by the tournament manager and approved by the NCAA national office.

Parking. Media parking is desired at each site, and required at most. The media coordinator should determine if it would be more effective to use parking passes or a parking list. If passes are used, the host institution must generate them. Media shuttle systems may also be used provided any costs are approved in advance by the specific sport committee and NCAA championships staff liaison.

Work room. A media work room should be designated at each site, where media members can file stories following competition. The work room should be equipped with telephones, high speed internet lines and/or wireless internet access. In addition, the room should have an adequate amount of seating and electrical outlets.

Each school's media guides and/or postseason guides, along with any materials the host institution distributes (statistics, game notes, quotes, etc.), should be located in this area.

SECTION 16 – Medical Procedures

Medical Procedures.

Institutions and athletics health care providers should adhere to federal, state and local regulations; NCAA bylaws and sport playing rules; and the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. Athletics health care providers for the student-athlete should be appointed by and should report to institution administrators who are independent from coaches (e.g., health center, campus hospital/medical center, student affairs).

Medical Facilities.

Ambulance Service. At the NCAA's expense, an ambulance shall be provided for event participants on game days. The ambulance should be equipped with advanced life-support equipment (e.g., AED with EKG capabilities, cardio-conversion drugs, and emergency respiratory equipment).

Biohazard Cleanup. The athletic training staff shall prepare a biohazard kit to clean and manage all blood situations.

Assemble and maintain supplies for cleaning and disinfection of hard surfaces contaminated by blood or OPIM. Items include personal protective equipment (PPE) (gloves, goggles, mask, fluid resistant gown if chance of splash or splatter); supply of absorbent paper towels or disposable cloths; red plastic bag with the biohazard symbol on it or other waste receptacle according to facility protocol; and properly diluted tuberculocidal disinfectant or freshly prepared bleach solution diluted (1:100 bleach/water ratio). These kits should be placed on each team's cooler cart positioned at the end of the team benches.

General Public. The facility, at its expense, must provide certified medical personnel (independent of the competition medical staff) and a first-aid room for spectators on game days.

Hospital. The host athletic trainer shall identify a hospital, in close proximity, that will be available to participating teams and shall ensure that championship participants will be provided priority care and assistance.

Participants. Athletic training facilities should adhere to local, state and federal regulations pertaining to health care facilities. An athletic training room shall be open and a certified athletic trainer (the host institution's athletic trainer) must be present for all practices and games at the facility. The training room must open a minimum of two hours before all practices and games, and remain open one hour after the conclusion of all practices and games. Two physicians (general practitioner and orthopedic surgeon) must be accessible by cell phone or pager during all practices and must be on-site during all games.

Supplies. All necessary emergency equipment should be at the site or quickly accessible. Equipment should be in good operating condition, and personnel must be trained in advance to use it properly. This equipment should include, but is not limited to:

- Automated external defibrillator (AED),
- A bag-valve mask, advanced airway tools
- A spine board and other stabilization supplies for the head and neck
- Splints
- Immobilization splints
- Immobilizer/knee stabilizer
- Crutches
- Bleeding control materials, such as a tourniquet and large sterile dressings.
- Ice
- Blood-borne pathogen kitMoist hot packs
- Muscle stimulator
- Sharps kit/biohazard trash can
- Ultrasound unit
- Gurney
- First-aid equipment/athletic training supplies
- Suture materials
- Emergency eye care and dental equipment

Sports medicine providers should be trained to use emergency supplies.

Portable baths. (hot or cold) must be used under the direction of the host sports medicine staff, athletic trainer or physician within the venue of the championship. If the host sports medicine staff permits the communal use of the baths, they must be properly disinfected between individual use, filtered and with proper circulation or otherwise maintained in a manner consistent with local public health codes. The NCAA permits ice baths in designated areas as directed by an athletic trainer or team physician when the bath is used as a component of the emergency care plan in the event of an exertional heat injury.

Locker Rooms. The team locker rooms shall be equipped with hot hydroculators, biohazard trash cans and sharps containers. The sports medicine staff should be prepared to assist teams with cold baths, whirlpool tubs and exercise bikes. Each locker room or team bench should be equipped with similar equipment (if applicable).

Communication. The athletic trainer and physicians should be equipped with a means of radio communication.

Teams' Physicians. Participating institutions may include team physicians on their gate list. If the physicians are not seated on the bench, the host athletic trainer should ascertain their seat locations, in case of emergency, and be prepared to escort the physician to the team locker room, if necessary. If the team physician has not been provided a credential from the team allotment, they will be provided a credential and escorted to the team locker room or athletic training room.

X-Ray Technicians. X-Ray equipment and technicians shall be on-site during the championship. Should the institution have equipment in close proximity to the facility (e.g., building next door), this equipment may be used with NCAA approval.

Concussions.

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires each active member institution to have a concussion management plan for its student-athletes. Participating 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 designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance.

Medical Staffing.

Host Medical Staff. It is the responsibility of the host institution/conference to provide medical coverage and care for participating student-athletes. In limited-access venues, the host medical staff will assess and remove from play student-athletes with injuries. Once removed, traveling medical staffs will have access to their student-athletes.

Travel Party. Medical personnel receive credentials for the championship as part of the normal institutional travel party. It is the responsibility of the participating institution to include medical personnel in their normal credential numbers. However, institutions may elect to pay for medical staff to travel in addition to the travel party limits through institutional funds. Competition site access can be secured by acquiring session tickets through purchase or an institutional pass list.

Access. Medical staff traveling with teams will have access to their team participants through the host medical staff, should an injury occur.

Communication. Contacting the host medical staff before arriving to the championship site is recommended. On arriving, understanding competition site access during the event will help coordinate access to injured student-athletes. Typically, an access point from the stands supervised by security will allow access to student-athletes.

Student-Athlete Medical Disqualification.

As the event sponsor, the NCAA has valid authority to ensure that all student-athletes are physically

fit to participate in its championships and that a student-athlete's participation will not expose other participants to a significantly enhanced risk of harm. The student-athlete's team physician can determine whether an individual with an injury, an illness or other medical condition (e.g., skin infection, pregnancy) should continue to participate or be disqualified. In the absence of a team physician, the NCAA tournament physician, as designated by the host school, has the unchallengeable authority to examine the student-athlete and make a decision of continued participation or medical disqualification. If, in the opinion of the tournament physician, continued participation by the injured student-athlete may expose others to a significantly enhanced risk of harm, the tournament physician has the final decision regarding participation by the student-athlete. The chair of the governing sports committee (or a designated representative) should be responsible for administrative enforcement of the medical judgment, if it involves disqualification.

SECTION 17 – Merchandise

Administration.

The NCAA licensing department has oversight for the event merchandising program at all rounds and sites of NCAA championships. All licensing and merchandising questions should be directed to David Clendenin (317-917-6496; dclendenin@ncaa.org).

Availability.

An online ordering system will be available to participating institutions interested in ordering Event 1, Inc., merchandise in advance of the championship. Orders will be shipped by Event 1 directly to the participating institution's campus.

Once a team is selected, a memo will be sent to each participating institution with information on how to preorder championship apparel.

Exclusive Rights.

The NCAA retains the exclusive right to sell souvenir products at all rounds and sites of all NCAA Championships. Any merchandise or material bearing any name, logo, trademarks or service marks of the Association that is sold or distributed at an event sponsored or administered by the Association must have the prior approval of the NCAA. No such merchandise or material will be sold by anyone except as designated by the NCAA. For NCAA event merchandising policies and an official licensee list, go to <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/marketing>.

Institutional Merchandise.

A buy-out option can be made with Event 1/NCAA when the host institution/conference wants to sell merchandise that features the host mark or logo at the NCAA competition. This can only be done when the host institution/conference agrees to purchase the entire product that Event 1 provides. The host institution/conference will receive a 20 percent commission fee of net sales, gross sales minus credit card fees and taxes, on product supplied by Event 1. The host institution or official vendor will provide the NCAA 15 percent of sales (net of taxes and credit card service fees) of all non-NCAA championship merchandise. The quantity of NCAA merchandise available for sale shall not be less than a comparable shipment to a comparable site of the previous year's championship.

Reordering Process.

The host institution/conference may contact Event 1 to place an order for additional merchandise during the event. The concessionaire must contact Event 1 no later than the conclusion of each day to evaluate inventory levels. The more time Event 1 has to react to the request, the better the chance

a reorder can be processed and shipped in a timely manner. Event 1 cannot guarantee that additional merchandise will be available.

Event 1 will provide an event manual, which will include the contact information for the event coordinator assigned to the event as well as additional merchandising guidelines.

SECTION 18 – Officials

Officials for all NCAA postseason games shall be appointed by the respective soccer committee in conjunction with the NCAA national (and regional) coordinator for officials using a comprehensive list based on input from the regional advisory committees, conferences and other officiating organizations.

A sports committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Officials shall be selected and assigned by the sports committee or games committee, which shall ensure that officials adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities and drug and alcohol use.

Furthermore, officials must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

Confidentiality.

Participating teams will be advised of the officials assigned to their competitions at the administrative meeting, and should not be notified of the assigned officials prior to this time.

Fees and Expenses.

The NCAA will be responsible for the payment of **ALL** officials' fees, transportation and per diem. Officials will be paid by the NCAA using the Arbiter Sports ArbiterPay system. Officials will be provided specific instructions relative to their payment. **Lodging expenses will continue to be the responsibility of the host institution/conference and submitted for reimbursement through the host reporting system.**

Hotel.

Officials' hotel rooms and tax is the responsibility of the host and should be included in the host's budget. Officials are responsible for incidental charges.

As a reminder, these expenses should be listed on the financial report prior to the competition. **The officials may not be housed with the teams.** Please see Section 13 for more information.

Officials' Meetings.

The NCAA representative will meet with the officials (separately from the coaches' meeting), at least one-and-a-half hours before the start of competition, to review responsibilities, distribute NCAA patches and answer any questions.

Patches.

Hosts will receive four patches per game no more than 24 hours before the start of competition. NCAA patches for the officials should be worn on the upper left front of the shirt. Patches other than the NCAA patch, excluding the American flag, are not to be worn on the uniform or jacket. Note: If uniform or jacket has an American flag where the NCAA patch is to be worn, the NCAA patch is to be worn below the American flag.

Uniforms.

Referees shall wear uniforms outlined in the [2018 and 2019 Soccer Rules](#).

SECTION 19 – Participating Teams

Admittance to Facility.

Participating institutions must submit a pass list to the soccer committees at the mandatory pre-championship meeting. This list will provide the names of the teams' official traveling parties who should be admitted into the facility. This list is limited to 29 individuals.

Team Hosts.

At the finals site, each team should be assigned a host to assist it during its stay. In addition, a member of the national soccer committee will serve as a team liaison to each participating team.

SECTION 20– Practices

Administrative Responsibility.

It is recommended that each participating institution have an administrator accompany the team to closed practices to ensure that only those individuals affiliated with the institution or designated by the coach (again, excluding media) are allowed in the closed practice. This individual may be an athletic trainer, sports information director (SID) or another administrator, but not a member of the coaching staff or a student.

Alternate Practice Site.

The host institution is not obligated to arrange for an alternate practice facility for the visiting teams in the event they arrive early. Practice at an alternate site is permissible, but the visiting team is responsible for making these arrangements themselves. Practice at the competition site is not permissible, other than a maximum of one hour the day before and one hour the day of scheduled competition.

Bench Personnel/Squad Size.

Squad size for each team shall include a maximum of 24 student-athletes in uniform. A maximum of 34 persons, which includes two medical personnel, may be within the team bench area from the start of the pregame warm-up through the entire game. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located online at the following link:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

Closed Practice.

All practices prior to competition are closed practices to all but the institutions' official traveling parties and selected others that the coach authorizes to attend practice (e.g., parents of players, selected colleagues). Members of the media, including a team's local media that might be traveling with the team, are not permitted to attend closed practices under any circumstances. If the event is televised, network talent may observe closed practices, but coaches are under no obligation to give interviews. Television technicians may be in the area (if necessary) for televised game preparation.

Length.

All participating teams shall be allowed no more than a one-hour practice on the day before the game on the field on which the championship competition will be played (weather permitting). The one-hour period includes setup time. If weather conditions are averse, no teams shall be permitted on the competition field. Alternate practice facilities should be available for each team. The NCAA regional chair, in consultation with the host institution, has final approval over the practice schedule, taking into consideration factors such as travel arrangements and potential missed class time. On the day prior to competition, there is no limit to the number of student-athletes who can participate in practice.

SECTION 21 – Promotions, Marketing and Fan Engagement

The host institution should designate a marketing contact or marketing team for the championship. This person should be familiar with marketing strategies that have worked in the community to sell tickets and drive attendance. It is the primary responsibility of the marketing contact to work closely with the NCAA Championships Marketing contact to create and implement the championship marketing plan. While many host institutions may have a marketing contact in the athletic department, this individual may also be from the local organizing committee, convention and visitor's bureau, sports commission or a combination thereof. Contact information for the designated marketing contact(s) should be submitted through the Key Contact portion of the Host Reporting System.

Expectations.

- Know the marketing budget. The NCAA championship tournament manager on your campus or the NCAA Tournament Operations point person can communicate your marketing budget.
- Develop marketing goals. The primary focus should be driving ticket sales and attendance at the championship.
- Map out the timeframe to market the championship.
- Determine how to best use the marketing materials provided by the NCAA.
- Establish grassroots initiatives to implement in your local and regional communities.
- Explore opportunities with traditional media (print, radio and television) in your area.

Marketing Plan.

Host institutions/conferences shall establish a marketing plan in coordination with the NCAA championship marketing contact. All marketing plans, marketing budgets and collateral must be approved by the championships marketing contact prior to implementation. A marketing plan template provided in Appendix E.

Championships Online Marketing Website.

The NCAA Championships Online Marketing Website is a comprehensive tool designed to help hosts create marketing products which will generate awareness and promote ticket sales for the championship. The NCAA Championships Online Marketing Website can be accessed at www.NCAAchampspromotion.com.

Championship hosts should customize and download all necessary artwork to promote the championship from the online marketing website. Hosts should make every effort to use the artwork provided, produce the items locally and obtain reimbursement for production costs, up to the reimbursable allocation provided for the championship round you are hosting.

Each NCAA Championships host marketing contact and tournament manager will receive an email with the marketing website address, username, password and specific marketing budget allocated for

the championship you are hosting. **The reimbursement amount is separate and in addition to from the marketing/promotions budget allocated by host institutions through the championship bid process.** Please contact ncaachampspromotions@ncaa.org if you are unable to locate this information.

Customizable artwork templates and marketing resources available on the NCAA Online Marketing Website include:

- Print
 - Poster
 - Flyer
 - Print ad
 - Table tent
- Digital
 - Email blast
 - Banner
 - Social media graphics
- Outdoor
 - Billboard
 - Banner
- Resources
 - Marketing best practices
 - Social media guidelines

If you have artwork needs and/or sizing which may not be available on the NCAA Online Marketing Website, you may submit a special request through the website. Any additional questions can be directed to ncaachampspromotions@ncaa.org.

All requests – artwork and reimbursement – must be approved by the national office staff before you proceed. Artwork requests and approvals will be managed through the website. If you do not have a local print vendor, we have listed NCAA preferred vendors on the website.

Collateral should not be created outside of the NCAA Online Marketing Website. The website ensures proper usage of NCAA logos and trademarks, as well as ensures consistent branding across each championship round and all 90 NCAA Championships

Television/Video and Radio Ticket Spots. The marketing website allows hosts of select predetermined championship sites to download video and radio spots for immediate use. Questions regarding the availability of these spots for your championship event should be directed to your NCAA Championship Marketing contact.

:30 Video/Television Spot

The NCAA creates TV-Video Spots for select championship sites and a limited number of predetermined regional rounds.

- All spots are available for download via the NCAA Online Marketing Website.
- Spots may be uploaded to websites, burned onto discs, or sent via email to other parties that may need them.
- Spots are provided in several formats to allow for use over a variety of platforms (e.g. websites, TV commercials, videoboards, etc.).
- The video/television spot is available for download in the following file types:

- HD: apple ProRes LT (104 mbps)
- SD: dv25(25 mbps)
- Web proxy: .mp4 (1.5 mbps)

:30 Radio Spot

- The NCAA creates radio spots for all predetermined championship final sites that are not sold out and for a limited number of predetermined regional rounds.
- The radio spots can be used on radio stations, websites, burned onto discs or emailed.
- The file format available for download is .mp3 (.32 mbps).

NCAA Division III Bylaws- Pertaining to NCAA Championship Promotions.

12.5.1.1.2 - Promotions Involving NCAA Championships, Events, Activities or Programs. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships or other NCAA events, activities or programs. (Adopted: 1/10/05)

12.5.1.10 - Promotion of NCAA and Conference Championships. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of a student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may appear in a poster that promotes a conference championship, provided the poster is produced by a member institution that hosts a portion of the championship or by the conference. (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/05)

12.6.1.2 - To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such.. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/05, 1/14/12)

13.4.1.2 - Conference or NCAA Championships. An institution or conference that is hosting any portion of a conference or NCAA championship may send printed materials promoting the championship event (e.g., ticket application or promotional brochures, flyers or posters) to high school or two-year college coaches or administrators, but not to specific prospective student-athletes, provided: (Adopted: 1/13/10)

- (a) The printed material includes only information relevant to the championship events;
- (b) The printed material is available to the general public, including all high schools in the local area; and
- (c) The printed material contains no information related to the institution's athletics program.

13.14.1.2.1 Exception – NCAA Championships. An institution or conference that is hosting any portion of an NCAA championship may purchase paid advertisements in a high school athletics program to generally promote the NCAA championship, provided: (Adopted: 1/15/14)

- (a) The advertisement includes only information relevant to the championship events;
- (b) The advertisement is available to the general public, including all high schools in the local area; and
- (c) The advertisement does not contain information related to the institution's athletics program or the conference's member institutions.

Ancillary Events.

The NCAA prohibits host institutions/conferences from conducting special ancillary entertainment activities for fans in conjunction with the championship. Should another entity (e.g., convention and visitor's bureau) elect to stage such activities, the following policies shall apply:

- All plans must be approved in advance by the NCAA.
- NCAA marks, logos, name or references to the championship or tickets may not be used.
- No activity connected with the championship may be sponsored by an entity that is not an NCAA Corporate Champion/Corporate Partner (CC/P).
- Such an activity may not take place on property controlled by the competition venue.

No entity may contact NCAA CC/Ps directly. All such contact shall be directed through the NCAA staff.

Logo Guidelines.

The NCAA owns and controls all rights and interests in its name, logo, seal, trademarks and service marks. Use of these marks is prohibited without advance written approval by the NCAA. Host institutions/conferences should review information outlined in NCAA Bylaw 31.6.1. Only official NCAA Corporate Champions/Partners (CC/Ps) and licensees are permitted to use NCAA marks and logos in commercial advertising and promotions, unless written approval is provided by NCAA Marketing. All and any proposed commercial advertising and promotions, if not by a CC/Ps, must be reviewed by NCAA Marketing staff prior to approval and production.

Public Address and Text Board Scripts.

The public address announcer scripts allow game management to keep the flow of the championship moving through the communication of important information to those in attendance. Communicate with your NCAA championship liaison to secure a PA script and run of show for the championship you are hosting.

Video Boards.

The NCAA will provide video board content to sites that have such capabilities. The video board content is important to the overall championship experience for student-athletes and those in attendance. Please work directly with your NCAA championship liaison to identify if video board content will be provided directly or if downloading from the NCAA FTP site is necessary.

Questions related to video board content logistics should be directed to:

Fred Bowen – Senior Producer
Van Wagner Sports & Entertainment, Inc.
Telephone: 574-807-5287
Email: bowen@vwbsn.com

Electronic Messages. No host or venue specific electronic messaging or video board advertising may be displayed during NCAA championships, other than those messages promoting the championship and information provided by the NCAA and Turner/CBS. This includes promotion of upcoming events at the championship site. All messages must be approved in advance by the championship staff liaison.

In-Venue Entertainment.

NCAA championship hosts are encouraged to explore in-venue entertainment options during the championship to keep fans engaged, excited and to enhance the atmosphere for both the fans and student-athletes. Various potential areas of in-venue entertainment and the guidelines associated

with them are discussed below. Please discuss any forms of in-venue entertainment you would recommend with your NCAA staff point person for suggestions and approval.

Break in action contests or promotions. Hosts should consider continuing regular season halftime/quarter break/timeout contests and promotions or creating new, unbiased or non-sponsored versions of these promotions to use during NCAA championships. Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- Must not include any commercial recognition (unless approved/provided by an NCAA corporate champion, partner or official equipment supplier).
- Must be appropriate and in good taste.
- Must fit safely within given time constraints with no chance of interfering with the competition.
- No links or resemblance to gambling.
- Participants must be randomly selected.
- No bias toward or against any participating team.
- Campus and venue rules must be considered when developing the contest or promotion.
- NCAA championship merchandise purchased by the host (e.g., extra volunteer apparel, committee or contributor gifts, items or certificates purchased from Event 1) make good prizes for these contests as prizes with commercial recognition would not be permitted.

National anthem singers. Hosts are encouraged to explore their resources to bring in local, regional or even nationally recognized celebrities or groups to sing the national anthem (e.g. recording artists with strong local ties, famous local choir groups or bands). Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- Local groups or personal contacts who could provide this service at no cost are recommended.
- No bias toward or against any participating team (e.g., performers should not wear the jerseys of a participating team).
- A brief description and “thank you” for the performing group or individual may be incorporated into the script, but no commercial recognition, sponsorship, sales or recruitment messages should be included (unless approved/provided by an NCAA corporate champion, partner or official equipment supplier).
- Anthem should take two minutes or less to perform, however please build extra time into the script for introduction and placement of the color guard (if applicable), and introduction/applause for the performer.

Youth sport team recognitions. The introduction of local youth sport teams on-field before NCAA championships can often add excitement, tie in the community, provide additional PR and help drive attendance through not only the youth athletes, but also their parents, family and friends. This is encouraged if it is appropriate for the championship. Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- Must be unobtrusive to the competition and allotted warm-up time for the student-athletes.
- Youth teams recognized should be younger than high school age to avoid any possible recruiting concerns.
- Must not include any commercial recognition (unless approved by the NCAA).
- The youth group being represented must provide chaperones, transportation, permission forms and assume all supervision of the youth teams while they are at the championship.
- The host should provide detailed information to the youth group regarding parking/drop off procedures, entry to the stadium, meeting location, instructions for the presentation, seating after the presentation, etc.

- The host should provide on-field staff or volunteers to guide the youth group through the presentation.

Enhanced team introductions. Examples of this could include: using special music or video introductions provided by each team, smoke machines or on-field fireworks, inflatable tunnels, youth athletes forming a tunnel or holding hands with student-athletes as they are introduced, local or school bands playing, etc. Guidelines and ideas for consideration:

- Must be appropriate and in good taste.
- Must fit safely within given time constraints with no chance of interfering with the competition.
- No bias toward or against any participating team.
- Should be discussed with the NCAA point person in advance.

Musical entertainment. Participating school bands will be scheduled into the overall championship presentation when they are available. When they are not, the host institution marching band, other school bands or local bands may be appropriate for entertainment during pre-game, halftime or other breaks in the action or for greeting fans in the stadium entrance or other congregating area.

Affiliated award recognitions. If appropriate, national award winners for the given sport who are in attendance but not competing at the time of the scheduled recognition may be awarded on field during NCAA championships (e.g., Elite 90 award winner, coaches' association player of the year winner, coach of the year, etc.). Please consult with the NCAA point person to determine appropriateness.

Military Involvement.

Military involvement in NCAA championships may include national anthem performances (military singer, instrumentalist or band), color guard, band performances of patriotic songs, fly-bys, parachute teams, precision drill teams, etc.

Social Media Marketing Guidelines.

The official NCAA social media pages and official hashtags are located here:

<http://www.ncaa.org/socialmedia>.

Host Promotion of Championships

A lot of hosts already have an established presence in social media. Examples are school, LOC, Sports Corporation, venue or city pages/accounts. These pages/accounts are all acceptable places to promote hosting of an NCAA championship through the use of marketing messages and products supplied from the NCAA (links, web banners, flyers, etc.). The NCAA also promotes the championships (and the host involvement) on the appropriate NCAA social media pages/accounts. If the championship does not have an official NCAA page on a social media site, a host is still not permitted to create a page for it. The NCAA will make efforts to promote this championship on the other established pages/accounts, as necessary. Collaboration is encouraged through the use of cross-posting on Facebook (@ linking within text to drive fans to each other's pages) and mentions on Twitter (@ links to show coordination in posts). In addition to collaboration, idea-sharing is also encouraged and can be coordinated through the championships Assistant Director of Social Media, cdion@ncaa.org.

A host should not create a social media account or page (Facebook page, Twitter feed, Instagram, Snapchat, Tumblr account, etc.) solely devoted to promoting an NCAA championship. These pages become outdated, distract fans from established pages and fracture the NCAA message.

Top 10 considerations when planning for social media event marketing:

- 1. Know your social media audience.** Utilize account analytics to learn about your fan demographics and monitor the engagement levels on your posts. Figure out what engages your fans.
- 2. Encourage community.** Ask for feedback and opinion. This helps engage the user and may provide you with some good input. Also, reply to user questions with correct and helpful answers.
- 3. Cross-post.** Cross-posting or mentioning others will help increase your visibility and spread credit throughout social media platforms.
- 4. Use images.** Pictures are necessary to grab attention and interest. Users are more likely to engage versus text only.
- 5. Be concise.** This is required on Twitter (140 characters) but should also be used on Facebook and other platforms without this limit. Get to the point within two sentences. Less than that, if possible.
- 6. Lead your video.** You have mere seconds to garner a user's attention on social media. Make sure your videos have an immediate point of interest to keep users engaged.
- 7. Like or Follow people to help you.** Networking with members of the media, partner organizations and constituents on Twitter and Facebook is just as beneficial as in real life. On Facebook, like their pages, cross-post to them when you mention them or make them one of your favorites. On Twitter, retweet, join in on hashtags (#NCAA) and mention feeds in your posts.
- 8. Keep it light.** While it is important to stay on message and deliver the facts, this is social media, after all. Have fun with it.
- 9. If you hesitate about posting something, you probably shouldn't.** There are no re-dos in social media. A "delete" doesn't mean you can delete someone seeing it.

Please send direct questions to Chris Dion, cdion@ncaa.org, or send ideas or news to the general box, socialmedia@ncaa.org.

Enhancements.

Templates to enhance championships presentation and fan engagement can be found in the appendix section.

SECTION 22 – Programs

This championship will feature a digital game program that can be viewed online or downloaded at no charge. This program will be available online generally no later than two days prior to the first day of the event.

All digital programs available can be found at <http://www.ncaa.com/gameprograms>.

Content/Editorial.

IMG College Responsibilities

Responsible for all program production, including editorial content, layout and design, advertising and printing.

Host Responsibilities

Media contact should provide IMG College with text and photos for editorial pages about host institution/venue/city, if requested by IMG College.

Any pages promoting the host institution/venue/city will not be display advertisements; those interested in purchasing ad space for sponsors, etc., should contact Doug Iler (doug.iler@learfieldimgcollege.com).

Promotion.

The NCAA will provide a PDF including a QR code that links to the digital program, a URL where the digital program can be accessed and imagery of the NCAA's Corporate Champions and Partners. This PDF, or digital handout, is also shared with participating schools for their promotional use. If you would like this information ahead of time, please contact your NCAA administrator.

Below are a few best practices for promoting the championship digital program:

- Distribute the digital handout to fans.
- Create signage to direct fans to the digital program by using elements on the digital handout.
- Post the link on athletics and school-affiliated websites.
- Share the link on athletics and school-affiliated social media outlets.
- Share the link with student-athletes, faculty, alumni organizations and local media outlets, and any other group that may have interest.

Supplemental Handouts.

At championships sites where a digital program is available, IMG College allows the host institution/venue to distribute supplemental handouts (i.e., updated statistics and notes) provided any such materials:

- Do not include any advertisements, local sponsor logos, etc.
- Include the QR code and URL to the digital program.
- Include the NCAA Corporate Champions and Partners imagery.

Printed supplements may be distributed free or sold, with all proceeds retained by the host. The host should not include expenses for such supplements in the championship budget and/or financial report. All supplemental content is subject to NCAA and IMG College approval.

Questions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your NCAA administrator or Chad Laytham (chad.laytham@learfieldimgcollege.com). IMG College.

SECTION 23 – 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 http://www.ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf 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.

Please submit your final safety and security plan, which would be inclusive of the NCAA championships safety and security team contact information form. Items must be submitted once the opportunity to host has been awarded.

Unless otherwise expressly authorized by applicable law, no firearms or weapons are permitted on these premises for NCAA championships and events, excluding authorized law enforcement officers. Failure to abide may subject you to ejection as well as other applicable discipline or action. The foregoing shall not limit the applicable equipment used in and for fencing and rifle competitions in accordance with NCAA rules, at the venues for such competitions.

Crowd Control.

The responsibility for crowd control rests with the tournament manager or designated representative of the host institution/sponsoring agency. The athletics directors of the competing institutions are expected to communicate with their students and other fans to encourage enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship. The championship announcer should read the following crowd control statement at least once during each session.

“The NCAA promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial comments or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Also, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

“Artificial noisemakers, air horns and electronic amplifiers shall not be permitted, and such instruments shall be removed from the spectator areas. Bands, or any component thereof, shall not play while the game is in progress.”

Distribution of Materials.

No person or group may distribute the following materials in the facility or adjacent areas that fall under the control of the arena management without the advance written permission of the NCAA: handbills, flyers, newspapers, memorabilia or promotional materials for other events or activities.

Personnel.

Adequate uniformed security personnel must be provided for the team benches, teams’ and officials’ locker rooms, working press area, postgame interview room, hospitality areas and any other area for which a credential is required or where crowd control is necessary. The committee representative will discuss with the tournament director specific plans in this regard (e.g., number of security personnel necessary in each area). The tournament director is responsible for reviewing all credentials with

security personnel.

Emergency Plans. Facility management must have specific written policies and procedures outlining the facility's emergency/evacuation plans and plans for assignment of security officers in and around the competition site. The NCAA representative and tournament director should meet with security personnel to discuss existing security procedures and review potential security threats, review the facility to determine potential security problems, and discuss the emergency/evacuation plan.

Local Spokesperson. The host institution, working with facility management and federal, state, county and city law-enforcement agencies, shall designate one individual to coordinate security efforts and serve as a local spokesperson during an emergency.

Inclement Weather.

If weather conditions could alter the approved schedule, the tournament director and/or site representative must contact the NCAA championship administrator before any decisions to change the schedule are finalized and communicated to participants. Be prepared to summarize the weather situation and have a recommendation for an alternate schedule.

Lightning and Weather Detection Service. The NCAA has made arrangements to provide a lightning detection and weather monitoring system to all rounds of competition for outdoor championships. This system will assist the event management staff and the NCAA site representatives in case of inclement weather during the championship. A tournament staff member should be dedicated to weather monitoring. This service is provided complimentary so that all sites will have the resources available to ensure the safety of our student-athletes, spectators and event management staff. Both the site representative and host tournament director should request to include his/her emails and/or phone numbers via text to the weather monitoring system so updates will be received. The site representative and tournament director should also ensure that the address identified in the monitoring system is the actual physical location of where the event is taking place. It is also recommended that the site representative and the tournament director monitor the national storm center forecast using weather.gov or weatherbug.com. It is also recommended that the tournament director make contact with a local meteorologist.

Spectator Photography/Video Cameras.

Still cameras are permitted in the facility. Parents and/or friends may videotape only their team's games without signing a consent form or obtaining prior approval from the NCAA. Camcorders must be handheld; no tripods or monopods are allowed. The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes (e.g., video clips could be used for an institutional banquet video, but could not be used for a highlight DVD sold to the public).

SECTION 24 – Tickets/Seating

Media Seating.

Media coordinators should provide preferred seat locations for media agencies that regularly staff games played by the participating and host institutions.

Ticket Backs.

It is assumed that roll tickets will be used for first-, second- and sectional-rounds of competition (with the possible exception of the championship weekend). However, note that for all rounds of the championship, ticket-back advertising to offset the printing costs is permissible if the institution first receives approval from the NCAA and submits a draft of the ticket back for review. NCAA corporate

sponsors have first right of refusal on this and in all other areas of corporate or commercial involvement. Please contact the NCAA manager immediately if you plan any type of commercial involvement in this area or if you use computerized tickets that have commercial identification on the ticket stock.

For ticket back language, please see Appendix F.

Ticket Sales.

Since all members of the general public must have a ticket in order to enter the facility, a minimum number of ticket windows must remain open until the conclusion of the event. During first-, second- and sectional rounds, only daily ticket should be sold; there should be no all-session tickets sold during the preliminary rounds of the championship.

Special Ticket Plans. Any special ticket plans (e.g., senior citizens, youth groups, etc.) must be approved in advance by the NCAA national office.

Ticket Prices.

First and Second Sectional , Rounds-Minimum Ticket (Prices Per Session)		Semifinals and Finals Minimum Ticket Prices (All Sessions)
\$6	General Admission	\$15
\$3	Senior Citizens	\$10
\$3	Students	\$10
\$2	Children ages three to 12	\$5

SECTION 25 – Transportation

Ground Transportation.

The NCAA championship travel policies and quick reference guide can be found at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>

Local Transportation for Teams.

Local transportation is not reimbursable by the NCAA. Participating institutions are responsible for arranging their own local transportation and may do so using the NCAA provider, Go Ground Options, or a provider of their choice.

For more information, please review the Division III travel policies located at the following:

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

Officials' Transportation.

Travel expenses for the referees will be paid according to the actual mode of transportation and are not to exceed jet coach airfare or mileage. These fees will be paid by the NCAA using the ArbiterPay system. Rental cars are not reimbursable unless approved by the NCAA prior to the rental.

SECTION 26 – Volunteers

A volunteer program for the championship should be implemented to accomplish the following goals:

- Provide an enthusiastic and warm welcome to participants and guests;
- Answer questions and provide information to visitors; and
- Contribute to the general excitement surrounding the championship.
- Assist the LOC with championship operations.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and must sign a volunteer release waiver. Individuals with driving responsibilities **MUST** be 25 years of age or older.

Student-athletes or prospect-aged individuals **MAY NOT** be recruited in any way different than general public volunteers. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) cannot make a specific volunteer presentation to student-athletes of the host institution/conference. Student-athletes and prospect-aged individuals may apply to volunteer in the same manner as individuals from the general public. Student-athletes and prospect-aged individuals must be selected by the same criteria as the general public applicants.

The NCAA may request additional volunteers from the LOC as necessary.

Waivers.

Each volunteer must sign a waiver of liability before the start of the championship Appendix G. If there is a written agreement governing volunteer service, a release component must be added if one does not already exist. After the championship, all waivers shall be collected and kept on file, in case requested.

Recognition (Finals Only).

Upon receipt of a list of key volunteers (maximum of 50 individuals) provided by the LOC, the NCAA shall prepare an appreciation certificate for each volunteer included on the LOC's list. This process may be initiated at any time in order that the certificates may be presented at a volunteer recognition event.

APPENDIXES

No.	SECTION
A	Checklist for NCAA Division III Soccer Hosts
B	Game Day Schedule
C	Micro-site Guidelines
D	Public Address Announcer Responsibilities
E	Marketing Plan
F	Ticket Disclaimer
G	Volunteer Waiver
H	Enhancement Templates
I	Guide to Live Streaming
J	Guide to Live Stats

CHECKLIST FOR NCAA DIVISION III SOCCER HOSTS**WEEK OF GAME**

- ___ 1. Send instruction packet to the athletics director(s) of the visiting institution(s) notifying them of game, practice and meeting schedules and arranged hotel accommodations.
- ___ 2. Obtain names and contact information of appointed officials from NCAA staff. NCAA staff will provide within 24 to 48 hours following selections.
- ___ 3. If necessary, secure rooms for the officials.
- ___ 4. Notify game officials of game and meeting schedules.
- ___ 5. Communicate with the NCAA site representative on the game, practice and meeting schedules. Secure a hotel room for the NCAA site representative and communicate with this person. Review participant call agenda with NCAA site representative prior to the call.
- ___ 6. Obtain necessary insurance coverage, per Executive Regulation 1-21-(b) and submit confirmation to the NCAA championship manager.
- ___ 7. If notification is received, implement drug-testing procedures, including facility and personnel requirements, as detailed in information from the NCAA national office. If drug testing is confirmed for your site, you will be notified early in the week.
- ___ 8. Make sure seating or standing arrangements at the field allow spectators no closer than 10 feet, but preferably 20 feet, from touch and goal lines.
- ___ 9. Field arrangements.
 - ___ a. Check proper markings, including coaching and photographers boxes, in accordance with NCAA rules. see the [2018 and 2019 Soccer Rules](#).
 - ___ b. Check and secure goals and nets.
 - ___ c. Check scoreboard/clock to ensure proper operation.
- ___ 10. Arrange for the following equipment at game site: Adequate public-address system, two watches, two compressed air horns, scoreboard, pencils and an American flag properly displayed. NCAA banners also should be displayed, if available.
- ___ 11. Arrange for playing/performing of the national anthem before each session.
- ___ 12. Arrange for half-time refreshment for teams and officials.

- _____ 13. Arrange for drinking cups, ice and water for players at each bench.
- _____ 14. Display names of teams on scoreboard. Avoid home and visitor designation.
- _____ 15. Assign locker rooms for the teams and supply marker boards or blackboards with markers or chalk in each room.
- _____ 16. Assign a locker room for the officials for pregame, half time and postgame purposes.
- _____ 17. Assign scorers, timers, statisticians and announcer. It is recommended there be two timers and a recorder for subs, goals and penalty kicks. Spell out duties of each official.
- _____ 18. Confirm that the field is secured to control ticket sales.
- _____ 19. Arrange for ticket sellers and takers.
- _____ 20. Arrange for security for the following:
 - _____ a. Officials;
 - _____ b. Teams;
 - _____ c. Bench area (pre- and postgame);
 - _____ d. Spectator areas;
 - _____ e. All entry gates; and
 - _____ f. Ticket takers/concessions.
- _____ 21. Arrange for medical assistance. The presence or planned access to a physician for prompt medical evaluation of the situation, when warranted. An ambulance available at the site is also preferred. An emergency action plan must be identified to ensure quick responses should an ambulance service be needed.
- _____ 22. Arrange a location for merchandise and assign personnel to sell NCAA championship merchandise.
- _____ 23. Have a practice field available the day prior to competition (or night, if game is under lights). Visiting teams should be allowed to practice on the game field, if at all possible.
- _____ 24. Have practice balls available, if needed.
- _____ 25. Advise team(s) of the training supplies, equipment and facilities which will be available or provided.

DAY OF PRACTICE

- _____ 1. Teams will be allowed one hour of practice on the game field the day prior to competition. If weather conditions are adverse, neither team shall be permitted on the game field. Alternate practice facilities should be available for each team. The host institution in consultation with the NCAA site representative shall determine available practice time slots. The NCAA regional chair will determine the practice schedule taking travel arrangements and potential missed class time into consideration. At the finals, practice times will be assigned by the committee.
- _____ 2. Check locker room accommodations.
- _____ 3. Make laundry arrangements.
- _____ 4. Make certain practice field is set up, goals have proper nets and field is properly marked.
- _____ 5. Ensure that athletic training staff accommodates any needs of visiting teams.
- _____ 6. Provide each team an opportunity to practice with the game balls.
- _____ 7. Put together coaches' packets to include: participant passes, game day agendas and administrative meeting agenda.

GAME DAY

- _____ 1. Meet with NCAA representative, coaches and other key personnel at least two hours before the game. Choice of uniform is to be decided earlier in the week in consultation with the NCAA committee. In all competitions, the home team wears white or light-colored jerseys and socks and the visitors wear dark jerseys and socks. Colors must be contrasting. Confirm these arrangements and bench assignments. The home team will be the top team listed on the bracket. The site representative will chair the meeting and cover other relevant topics.
- _____ 2. Provide team roster form for competing teams.
- _____ 3. Provide game balls to teams for warm-ups.
- _____ 4. Setup the game field for team practices at least one hour prior to game time.
- _____ 5. The NCAA representative should be in the immediate vicinity during the competition.
- _____ 6. Provide a scorekeeper for all games.
- _____ 7. Provide completed box scores for each team, including half-time statistics, if available.

- _____ 8. Provide meeting space for pregame meetings (administrative and officials).
- _____ 9. Note ticket price minimums.
- _____ 10. Review crowd-control policy.
- _____ 11. Distribute a condensed information sheet providing the times, assignment of officials, method of introduction, time between games, color of uniforms, benches, etc. Distribute this information to coaches, press, and radio and television personnel.
- _____ 12. Work with competing teams to establish a pass gate for team personnel.
- _____ 13. If scheduled at your site, implement postgame drug-testing procedures as instructed by the NCAA national office and the on-site crew chief.
- _____ 14. If a game is suspended or postponed, the host institution AND the NCAA representative must contact men's NCAA contact Kevin Alcox (office: 317-917-6085; cell phone: 317-749-9783) or women's NCAA contact Morgan DeSpain (office: 317-917-6505 and cell phone: 317-292-8013). Only after contacting the NCAA national office may the game schedule be altered.

POSTGAME

- _____ 1. At the completion of the game, an official game ball should be presented to each team. Only one game ball per team, per site is required to be given; teams competing in multiple games at a given site are not required to receive more than one game ball.
- _____ 2. Report the score to the NCAA championship manager and also submit it to the NCAA website by emailing it to ncaa-content@turner.com.
- _____ 3. Submit financial report to the NCAA within 60 days. The proposed budget and financial report form may be accessed on the NCAA Website at <https://championships.ncaa.org>. Please note that the online form is password protected. Your institution's athletics director should have the necessary membership database username and password on file. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the NCAA.

GAME DAY SCHEDULE

The following schedule is to be used for all sessions during the men's and women's soccer championships.

Game Clock

60:00	Teams may begin warm-up.
30:00	Game rosters submitted and exchanged.
10:00	Captains and officials meet.
	Teams clear field.
	Public-address welcome.
	Introduction of officials and players.
	1. Officials. (In center circle)
	2. Visiting team nonstarters, followed by starters. (All to midfield, in front of bench)
	3. Home team nonstarters, followed by starters. (All to midfield, in front of bench)
	National anthem.
	Teams shake hands; designated away team moves to shake designated home team's hands.
0:00	Game begins.
45:00	Kickoff • First half
15:00	Halftime • Start immediately as teams exit field
0:00/45:00	Kickoff • Second half

Overtime Procedure

5:00	Intermission after regulation time.
10:00	First overtime period (sudden victory).
2:00	Intermission.
10:00	Second overtime period (sudden victory).
5:00	Intermission.

Penalty-Kick Procedure (See Rule 14 of the [2018 and 2019 Soccer Rules.](#))

Second Game of Session (if applicable)

Teams for second game are guaranteed a 30-minute warm-up on the game field.

40:00	Teams may begin warm-up.
30:00	Game rosters submitted and exchanged.
10:00	Captains and officials meet.
	Teams clear field.
	Introduction of officials, coaches and players.
	1. Officials. (In center circle)
	2. Visiting team nonstarters, followed by starters. (All to midfield, in front of bench)
	3. Home team nonstarters, followed by starters. (All to midfield, in front of bench)
	Teams shake hands; designated away team moves to shake designated home team's hands.
0:00	Game begins.
45:00	Kickoff • First half
15:00	Halftime • Start immediately as teams exit field
0:00/45:00	Kickoff • Second half

Overtime Procedure

5:00	Intermission after regulation time.
10:00	First overtime period (sudden victory).
2:00	Intermission.
10:00	Second overtime period (sudden victory).
5:00	Intermission

Penalty-Kick Procedure (See Rule 14 of the [2018 and 2019 Soccer Rules](#).)



NCAA Championships Microsite Guidelines

NCAA Championship hosts and LOC's are welcome to build a city specific microsite to house local information regarding things-to-do, travel tips, restaurants, volunteer info, etc. The primary purpose of the microsite should welcome fans enhance their experience in preparation for traveling to your city. The following information should assist you with the creation of a local microsite.

Please note: the URL for your microsite should not be promoted and will be linked directly through NCAA.com. It should be clean of all corporate marks. Additionally, the information provided on your localized site should not duplicate any information available on NCAA.com.

Dining, Shopping and Attractions

The following topics are permissible to house within your microsite:

- Local Fan Gathering and Entertainment Locations
- Shopping and Dining
- Special Attractions

Local News

The microsite can contain story modules to promote local press releases or additional information pertaining to hosting the event. This should not include information about the competition.

Venue and Transportation Information

City transportation and host venue details should be included within the microsite; the following are topic suggestions for this section:

- Venue Address
- Venue Parking Map and Details, Google Map
- Venue Security Information
- Public Transportation Options

Volunteer Information

The microsite can contain additional details to recruit and register volunteers. A general overview, schedule and registration information are commonly found details within this section.

Travel Information

Hotel, car rental and other travel accommodations should link to: www.NCAA.com/Travel.

Selections, Preliminary Rounds and Broadcast Schedule

All information regarding the details of selections, all preliminary rounds and broadcast schedules should be linked to NCAA.com with the use of the NCAA.com logo.

Email Sign Up

Fans who would like to receive more information can sign up to receive newsletters from the NCAA. The following link should be included for email sign up: <http://www.ncaa.com/newsletter-signup/sports>

Logo Usage

For championship logos, please submit a request to access the NCAA Digital Library at <https://sportgraphics.widencollective.com/t5/login>.

Copyrights, Licensing, Trademarks and Corporate Marks

The following are guidelines for use of NCAA trademarks and the process for requesting licensing for photos:

Host cannot promote or click thru to any URL other than NCAA.com.

- Host corporate partner marks or any commercial advertising are prohibited from being displayed on the micro-site.
- The NCAA primary logo must be displayed more prominently than any other logo and must precede or be placed above any other identification marks. If the micro- site is built within an existing site's framework, exceptions will be made at the NCAA's discretion.
- Photos from previous years' championships can be accessed by submitting a request form here: <http://commerce.wazeedigital.com/license/home/ncaa.do>
- The micro-site must adhere to fair and equitable treatment for ALL participating student-athletes and schools.
- Trademark script must be included on the homepage of the site. This text can be in a mouse print format at the bottom of the page as follows: *NCAA is a trademark of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.*

A complete list of NCAA trademarks and trademark protection can be found by [clicking here](#).

Social Media

All social media icons should link to the appropriate NCAA-hosted platforms for the championship. The official list of NCAA social media pages and hashtags may be found at NCAA.com/Social

Mobile Version

The NCAA championship information pages will be mobile friendly. In order for the microsite to convert to mobile devices, pages will need to be created for use on a mobile site.

Metrics

Host institutions should provide analytics to Nate Flannery (nflannery@ncaa.org) and Levida Maxwell (lm Maxwell@ncaa.org). At a minimum, analytics should include the following five categories:

- Referral Pages
- Page Views
- Time spent on site
- Click thru information

- Unique Visits/Traffic Numbers

Local Contributor Recognition

The LOC/host institution is able to recognize their local contributors under the following guidelines:

- In text form only
- The NCAA's logos need to be removed from that specific page.
- The link to this page is not in main or sidebar navigation (bottom navigation only).
- This page is entitled "Local Contributors".
- Include text at the bottom of the page indicating the local contributors are not sponsors of the NCAA and all of the CC/Ps are listed within that text.

Microsite Examples

If you would like to review an approved championship microsite please reference one of the following pages:

- Utah March Madness First & Second Round: <http://www.uteathletics.com/ncaa/>
- Oklahoma City Women's College World Series Microsite:
<https://www.visitokc.com/wcws/>

Once your site has been developed, please send the URL to Levida Maxwell (imaxwell@ncaa.org) for review and approval.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

Levida Maxwell

Coordinator, Digital and Social Media, Championships & Alliances

317-917-6356

imaxwell@ncaa.org

PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER RESPONSIBILITIES

The public address announcer represents an important role in the administration and the conduct of the championship. The announcer is responsible to the NCAA representative at each site.

1. No special announcements shall be made without committee approval with the exception of reporting of scores from other NCAA championships sites/events.
2. The announcer shall be impartial in delivering information over the public-address system. If the competition is played at the traditional home site of a participant, the announcer shall adhere to NCAA procedures rather than those that may have been in effect during the regular season. The announcer shall:
 - a. Identify the player who scores and the player who assists (if applicable) for both teams with equal vigor.
 - b. Announce referee's timeout and injury timeout.
 - c. Not criticize the decisions of the officials.
 - d. Not incite the crowd for or against one team.
3. If, because of technical difficulties, the official game time is kept by the alternate official at the official table, the announcer should provide the time remaining at two-minute intervals prior to the last two-minutes of each half. The time should then be announced in 30-second intervals and at every dead-ball situation.
4. The announcer shall meet with the committee representative prior to the game to review time schedules, coordination of the national anthem, starting lineups, the actual kick-off and the start of the second half, etc.
5. The announcer shall also review the NCAA's crowd control statement and facility procedures with the committee representative and the tournament manager. (These may include notes regarding exits, seating, safety measures, first-aid stations, and protection of the playing field after the game.)
6. In the event debris is thrown on the field or other incidents interfere with the conduct of the game, the game official may remove the teams from the playing field. In such event, the announcer shall make the following announcement:

"The game officials and the personnel of both teams have been directed by the NCAA to remain off the playing field until playing conditions are proper for continuance of the game. Let's extend to the participants the (*championship*) sportsmanship they deserve."
7. An announcer shall not recognize corporate contributors or tournament sponsors.
8. All emergency calls and announcements must be approved by the NCAA representative.

**NCAA® CHAMPIONSHIPS
HOST MARKETING PLAN**

Host Information.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Host Institution/Entity: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Host Marketing Team.

Host Institution, Venue and Other (Sports Commission, CVB, etc.) Marketing Team Members (names, titles and contact information for all key contributors to your marketing efforts, including internal and external).

Name	Title	Role	Contact Information

Championship Information.

Division: I _____ II _____ III _____ National Collegiate _____

Gender: Men's _____ Women's _____ Mixed _____ Sport _____

Championship Date(s): _____

Venue Name: _____ Event Capacity: _____

Ticket Sales Information.

List all ticket package options – adult, youth, student, senior, group, family, etc. - and pricing including all-session, and single session, etc.

Ticket Type	All-Session Price	Single-Session Price	Other Price
Adult			
Youth			
Student			
Senior Citizen			
Group			
Family			
Other			

Point of Sale Opportunities. Please describe all ways fans can purchase tickets, e.g., online, telephone, box office.

Target Markets. Define your target market based on the dates and times of the championship games you are hosting. Your target market should be specific to your site and identified demographic target. Additionally, you should identify other target markets. Please list in priority order.

General demographics of your target market:

-
-

Specific target markets:

-
-

Marketing Plan Objectives. Outline your goals and objectives for the championship. Specifically, how do you plan to meet the ticket sales goal and key dates to meet those objectives?

Host/LOC Resources:

Resources:	Host	LOC	Community (CVB, Chamber of Commerce, Sports Commission, etc.)	Venue	Other
Database Name & Size:					
Website Address:					
Video/LED Board:					
Print Publications:					

Facebook Fans:					
Twitter Followers:					
Local Event Calendar Listings:					
Other:					

Marketing Plan. Please outline your specific marketing strategies, including all traditional and non-traditional marketing efforts focusing on local, regional and national (if applicable) efforts.

	Details (describe activation)	Timeline/Dates
Grassroots Efforts:		
E-mail Blasts:		
Social Media:		
Cross Promotions During Events:		
Group Sales:		
Online:		
Radio:		
Print Publications:		
Outdoor:		
TV:		
Other:		

Marketing Budget.

Host Marketing Budget from Bid Specs: \$
 NCAA Online Marketing Website Budget: \$
 Total Marketing Budget: \$

Indicate specific dollar amounts and how funds will be spent below.

Host Marketing Budget from Bid Specs Allocation:	Budgeted	Actual Cost

APPENDIX H

Online Marketing Website Budget:	Budgeted	Actual Cost
Trade (List all trade and value below):		
TOTALS	\$	\$

Host Marketing Timeline. Please identify specific marketing activations, key milestones and target dates below.

Month	Marketing Activation	Milestone/Goal	Target Date
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		
	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.		

2019-20 STANDARD TICKET BACK DISCLAIMER LANGUAGE
Updated 07/02/2018

The ticket back language should be placed on the back of the ticket stub, but if it cannot be done (e.g., no new ticket stock is produced), this language must at a minimum be posted at all ticket windows for patrons to see, be included as an insert with the ticket mailing, etc. Patrons must be put on notice regarding the restrictions.

If you receive a request for a variance in the standard ticket back language or if there is anything sport or facility specific that should be included, please consult with Josh Logan (jlogan@ncaa.org) and Curtis Franks (cfranks@ncaa.org) on any correspondence. In addition, if the championships event uses an official, authorized secondary ticket seller (e.g., PrimeSport), please also consult Josh and Curtis on any correspondence.

NOTE: Child admission policy - choose either the red or green statement from the yellow highlighted language below and delete the verbiage you choose not to use.

NOTE: Re-entry policy - if patrons are allowed to re-enter the facility, please edit the green highlighted "No re-admittance" language as needed.

NOTE: Handgun policy - text applies only to events hosted in the state of Texas. Remove text if it does not apply.

THIS TICKET IS A REVOCABLE LICENSE
 USER ACCEPTS RISK OF INJURY

THIS TICKET IS A REVOCABLE LICENSE
 USER ACCEPTS RISK OF INJURY

By using this ticket, Holder (as defined below) agrees to the full terms and conditions of use, as may be amended from time to time, found at www.NCAA.com/ticketterms. The ticket purchaser/holder, on behalf of the holder and any minor accompanying the purchaser/holder (individually and collectively, the "Holder") voluntarily assumes all risk of property loss and personal injury arising during its use and/or during the event for which the ticket is issued. Management may revoke the license and eject or refuse entry to the Holder for violation of these terms and conditions, facility rules, illegal activity or misconduct. Holder may not go into the competition area or other restricted area, or interfere in any way with the play of the contest. Any Holder interfering with the play of the contest may be subject to ejection from the facility. Holder consents to all searches of person or property as a condition of entry and confiscation of prohibited items. Tickets reported as lost or stolen may not be honored and may not be replaced nor the price refunded. This ticket may not be duplicated. Holder may not solicit contributions or distribute literature on the premises. **Every person, two years of age and older, must have a ticket to enter the facility. Entry will be at the facility's discretion, unless proof of age is provided. Those under two must be accompanied by a person with a valid admission ticket. Every person, regardless of age, must have a ticket to enter the facility.** Holder may only capture any account, description, video, audio, photographs, scoring-related data or statistic ("Content") of, from or at the event on any day of the event throughout the event site (including, for clarity, competition areas on competition days), consistent with all posted rules and instructions of NCAA and/or NCAA staff. Please visit www.NCAA.com/ticketterms for additional terms regarding Content. Unless specifically authorized in advance by the NCAA, this ticket may not be offered in a commercial promotion or as a prize in a sweepstakes or contest. This ticket may not be sold or resold above face value except in approved instances authorized by the NCAA. Persons selling or reselling tickets in violation of any applicable city, county or state regulations, ordinances or laws may be subject to arrest and prosecution. Persons violating NCAA ticket resale policies may face sanctions including but not limited to loss of future ticket privileges. The NCAA reserves the right to limit or restrict the number of tickets that Holder may purchase or possess. Access to the facility (or substitute facility) by any person other than the original purchaser of this ticket may be denied. If access is denied, no refund of the ticket price will be due. No refunds or exchanges will be permitted. **No re-admittance.** No firearms or weapons are permitted on these premises for NCAA championships and events, excluding authorized law enforcement officers. **Pursuant to Sections 30.06 and 30.07 of the Texas Penal Code, a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law) may not enter the property with a concealed handgun or a handgun that is carried openly.** Failure to abide may subject you to ejection as well as other applicable discipline or action. The foregoing shall not limit the applicable equipment used in and for fencing and rifle competitions in accordance with NCAA rules, at the venues for such competitions. Holder may not bring alcoholic beverages, bottles, cans or containers, laser pointers, irritants (e.g., artificial noisemakers), video recording devices or strobe lights onto the premises. Promotional items (e.g., shakers, cups, flags, etc.) with commercial slogans or identification also are prohibited. Noncommercial signs, flags or banners that, in the opinion of the NCAA, reflect good sportsmanship, can be held by one individual and do not block the view of other ticket patrons, are permitted. No signs, flags or banners of any size may be affixed to the facility. Holder shall not sell, transmit or aid in transmitting any description, account, picture, recorded transmission, video recording or other reproduction of the contest to which this ticket is issued. Holder expressly grants the NCAA and its licensees the right to use Holder's image or likeness in connection with any live or recorded transmission or reproduction of such event, for any purpose, including promotional purposes, without further authorization or consideration. The NCAA may choose to relocate the event to another facility, with or without notice, and without liability, to Holder. The NCAA shall not be responsible for punitive, incidental, consequential, or special damages. The Holder of this ticket agrees not to take any action, or cause others to take any action, which would infringe upon the NCAA's rights. Purchase or use of this ticket constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Event: _____ (the "Event")

Participant's Name (Please print): _____ (the "Participant")

Participant's Age: _____

In consideration for permitting Participant to participate as a volunteer in the Event as directed by the relevant staff, the undersigned, for themselves, and for their respective heirs, personal representatives and assigns, agree as follows:

Assumption of Risk: The undersigned hereby acknowledge and agree that they understand the nature of the Event; that Participant is qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate therein; that there are certain inherent risks and dangers associated with the Event; and that, except as expressly set forth herein, they, knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, Participant's participation in the Event.

Release and Waiver: The undersigned hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the National Collegiate Athletic Association and its member institutions, _____

_____ or any subdivision thereof, and each of them, their officers and employees, (collectively, the "Releasees"), from and for any liability resulting from any personal injury, accident or illness (including death), and/or property loss, however caused, arising from, or in any way related to, Participant's participation in the Event, except for those caused by the willful misconduct, gross negligence or intentional torts of the above parties, as applicable.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: The undersigned also hereby agree to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD the Releasees HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, arising from, or in any way related to, Participant's participation in the Event, except for those arising out of the willful misconduct, gross negligence or intentional torts of the above parties, as applicable.

Permission to Use Likeness/Name: The undersigned further agree to allow, without compensation, Participant's likeness and/or name to appear, and to otherwise be used, in material, regardless of media form, promoting the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and/or its championships, events and activities, including those of its representatives and licensees.

Severability: The undersigned expressly agree that the foregoing assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of _____ and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: The undersigned have read this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the same. The undersigned fully understand this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, that the

APPENDIX G

undersigned are giving up substantial rights in connection therewith, and that its terms are contractual, and not a mere recital. The undersigned acknowledge that they are signing this agreement freely and voluntarily.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor
(if Participant is under the age of 18)

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor
(if Participant is under the age of 18)

Date

Student-Athlete Red Carpet Arrivals/Team Walks

At many NCAA championships, a red carpet arrival or team walk featuring the participating teams and their band and/or cheer squads can be a significant fan enhancement. A red carpet arrival/team walk allows fans to feel a greater connection with the student-athletes through brief personal interaction that provides lasting memories for young fans and may help create a greater overall impression of the championship for both fans and participating student-athletes, if conducted properly. Listed below are some elements to consider before deciding to conduct a red carpet arrival/team walk, a list of guidelines for a red carpet arrival/team walk and a checklist of items needed for the event.

Elements to consider

- Number of fans – will there be an adequate number of fans to support a red carpet arrival/team walk and make it a positive experience for the participating student-athletes
- Timing and location – is there a time and place available in which there will be an adequate number of fans, space and the event will not conflict with the student-athletes' preparation for or participation in the championship (e.g., before each semifinal match concludes, during a highly attended ancillary event surrounding the championship or only before the championship game)
- Equitable participation – will all participating teams have equal opportunities to participate (it is permissible to have a red carpet arrival/team walk only on championship night with the two final teams only versus semifinal day and championship day)
- Team's experience – this should be a positive experience for all participating student-athletes and it should not interrupt their team's normal schedule for a competition. It should be communicated to the team's that a 5-15 minute window between teams is needed. Depending on the schedule of the teams you can pre-determine the arrival times or if they do not have any other commitments prior to the arrival at the venue, you can allow the teams to pick their arrival time as long as they are between the 5-15 minute window of separation, giving them more control of their schedule and not interrupting their normal game-day routine
- Fan's experience – consider the location of the red carpet arrivals/team walks for the fans as well. Consider using one of the main entrances or going through a fan fest location (if applicable) to the venue so that even if they did not know a red carpet/team walk event was happening, they still might see it and participate
- Visibility and promotion – is the red carpet arrival/team walk in a place that will be highly visible and accessible to all fans and/or can it be adequately promoted through social media, NCAA.com, e-blast, signage? Ask each participating team to send out the red carpet arrival/team walk times to their ticket holders and on their social media platforms as well
- Timing of buses – Consider the route that the buses will need to drive in order to arrive on the correct side of the street and the time it will take them to get from the hotel to the location of the red carpet arrivals/team walk

Guidelines

- The host staff will have primary responsibility for coordinating and managing the red carpet arrivals/team walk, as well as, all staff, volunteer, equipment and logistical needs associated with them

- The host staff should work with the NCAA staff point person to determine if red carpet arrival(s) or team walk(s) are appropriate, for advice, approval, look and collateral
- The host should arrange for a walkthrough of the event with the NCAA point person as well as security, the facility rep, bus drivers, team hosts the event sponsor and/or fire marshal when appropriate
- If a team has a band and/or spirit squad, communicate to the team that they should also participate in the red carpet arrivals/team walks. If only one team has a band, ask the other team for a copy of their fight song to play over a speaker, if sound is available at the red carpet arrival/team walk area
- Select a time when the most fans can be accommodated and student-athletes will be least inconvenienced, consider what time the venue opens to the fans and what time the teams would normally choose to arrive
- Student-athletes should wear game apparel or matching team issued warm-up gear
- Student-athletes should be escorted by staff, volunteers or security to the security check-in area or their locker room
- Red carpet arrivals/team walks should have stanchions or barricades to create a safe environment for the student-athletes. Security should also be considered
- No local sponsorship of student-athlete red carpet arrivals/team walks will be permitted
- A sound system which can be used in conjunction with the red carpet arrivals/team walks can be effective in communicating which team is arriving, providing fans with additional championship events and for keeping fans entertained with music and/or team statistics

Checklist

- Carpet – red, blue or black are all acceptable if the venue has one of these colors on hand, otherwise rent red carpet when the budget allows. Carpet is always preferred, but not essential to making this a successful event
- Stanchions or other form of a barrier between the student-athletes and fans
- Red carpet arrival/team walk sign or entrance way (e.g. balloon arch), if appropriate
- Staff or volunteers
- Security, if appropriate
- Lighting elements if it is going to be dark out, depending on the time of the arrivals
- Tents over the carpet if it is raining, unless the location of the red carpet arrivals/team walk is already under a covered location, consider cancelation plan (notifying the teams and fans if the weather is not conducive to hold the red carpet arrivals/team walk)
- Announcements for emcee – instructional, NCAA branding, NCAA corporate champion or partner recognition, team stats, if appropriate
- Radios or cell phone numbers for communication. Essential for either the team host or bus driver to notify someone at the red carpet arrival/team walk location of the arrival time changes, if appropriate
- Other entertainment (e.g. dj/music, local drum line) to keep fans entertained before and in-between team arrivals, if appropriate

Military Involvement

The NCAA is supportive of inviting the military to participate at NCAA championships if their involvement enhances the championship experience for student-athletes and fans while at the same time honoring the military in an appropriate and unobtrusive manner. At many NCAA championships, local or national military groups have been arranged by the host to perform pre-game, during halftime or other breaks in the action. These performances have included, but are not limited to: national anthem performances (military singer, instrumentalist or band), color guard, presentation of large flags, fly-overs, parachute teams, precision drill teams, eagle releases around the national anthem, reunions of troops returning from overseas with their families, honorary recognitions, etc. Please discuss any forms of military involvement which you would recommend with your NCAA staff point person for approval.

Guidelines

- Involvement from military groups often requires substantial government paperwork. Fly-overs and parachute jumps will also require FAA approval to be handled by the host. Please allow adequate lead time to coordinate.
- Involvement from national touring military groups such as the Air Force Wings of Blue or Army Golden Knights may require costs of travel such as hotel rooms, per diems, rental vehicles and even air travel if a military transport cannot be arranged.
- Host connections with local military bases may be more cost-effective in arranging military involvement
- No messages about military recruitment should be incorporated into on-field performances.
- General messages paying tribute to all military personnel and thanking the particular military unit which has performed are encouraged (e.g., “Ladies and gentlemen let’s give a big round of applause for tonight’s performance from the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band... and for all of the American service men and women who they proudly represent.”).
- Request for any type of presence on-site (e.g. booth space, interactive elements, inflatables, giveaway items or space within an NCAA fan festival) is not permitted unless discussed with your NCAA point person who would in turn discuss with the NCAA corporate relationships team.
- Campus and venue rules must be considered when developing the presentation.
- All performing or volunteering military groups should be provided complimentary access to watch the championship before or after their presentation if possible. Please discuss this with your NCAA point person.
- When several military groups are in attendance and recognized during one game/session of a multi-day championship, you may want to consider a theme night “Military Appreciation Day/Night.” This should be discussed with your NCAA point person. Marketing should also be involved if you do a theme night.

Student-Athlete Autograph Sessions

At many NCAA championships, an autograph session featuring the participating teams or individual student-athletes can be a significant fan enhancement. An autograph session allows fans to feel a greater connection with the student-athletes through brief personal interaction, provides lasting memories for young fans and may help create a greater overall impression of the championship for both fans and participating student-athletes if conducted properly. Listed below are some elements to consider before deciding to conduct a student-athlete autograph session, a list of guidelines for an autograph session and a checklist of items needed for the autograph session.

Elements to consider

- Number of fans – will there be an adequate number of fans to support an autograph session and make it a positive experience for the participating student-athletes
- Timing and location – is there a time and place available in which there will be an adequate number of fans, space and the event will not conflict with the student-athletes' preparation for or participation in the championship (e.g., after each semifinal match concludes, during a highly attended ancillary event surrounding the championship)
- Equitable participation – will all participating teams or individual student-athletes from various schools have equal opportunities to participate
- Student-athlete experience – this should be a positive experience for all participating student-athletes, so the amount of time they are signing should not be excessive (30-60 minutes); if certain student-athletes will need to sign shortly after they have been eliminated from competition this should be evaluated; the student-athletes overall time commitments for the day should also be evaluated
- Visibility and promotion – is the autograph session in a place that will be highly visible and accessible to all fans and/or can it be adequately promoted through in-stadium announcements, pre-promotion and signage to direct fans to it

Guidelines

- The host staff will have primary responsibility for coordinating and managing student-athlete autograph sessions and all staff, volunteer, equipment and logistical needs associated with them
- The host staff should work with the NCAA staff point person to determine if autograph session(s) are appropriate, for advice, approval of autograph session plans, look and collateral
- The host should arrange for a walkthrough of the event with the NCAA point person as well as security, the volunteer coordinator, the facility rep, the event sponsor and/or fire marshal when appropriate
- NCAA (and NCAA Corporate Champion) branding for the autograph area may be provided, please check with your NCAA point person
- Select a time when the most fans can be accommodated, and student-athletes will be least inconvenienced
- 30-60 minutes in length
 - May be split so each team or different groups of individuals sign at separate 30-60 minute periods
 - If a large number of teams or individuals are signing simultaneously, it is

recommended that they are split into separate autograph areas to accommodate more fans

- Student-athletes should wear game apparel or matching team issued warm-up gear
- Student-athletes should have easy access to autograph tables or be escorted by staff, committee, volunteers or security to allow for ease of entry and exit
- One item signed per person to keep lines moving (use your own discretion if crowds are sparse).
- Photos with student-athletes are discouraged or limited to keep lines moving (use your own discretion if crowds are sparse)
- Space for cue lines and separate exit points which do not interfere with regular venue traffic flow or flow between autograph areas
- LOC staff or volunteers allocated to each autograph area to help form cue lines, keep lines moving, refresh autograph materials, direct people to exits and cut off lines when necessary
- Any autograph materials provided to fans must be produced by or approved by the NCAA point person
- No local sponsorship of student-athlete autograph sessions will be permitted
- A sound system (and/or video board) which can be used in conjunction with the autograph session can be effective in communicating directions, recognizing sponsors and for keeping fans in line entertained with music (and/or video highlights)
- Consider how fans who do not want autographs can receive the poster or autograph card without standing in line, how teams will receive extra copies of the autograph item and how a sponsor could receive autographed items without standing in line

Checklist

- Autograph tables, including skirting (approximately 3 student-athletes per 8' table)
- Chairs
- Autograph card or poster (provided or approved by the NCAA)
- Pens (Sharpie's recommended)
- NCAA provided branding items
- Zip ties, tape and other necessary items for affixing banners and signage
- Staff or volunteers (minimum of 2 per autograph area)
- Water or other refreshments for student-athletes (Dasani, Powerade or other Coca-Cola product when possible, otherwise unmarked)
- Security (if appropriate)
- Pipe and drape backdrop behind autograph tables (if appropriate)
- Bike rack or Tensa barrier for lines (if appropriate)
- Easels or other free-standing directional or student-athlete/team identification signs (if appropriate)
- Individual name plate/table tent identifying each student-athlete (if possible and appropriate)
- Floor tape to create arrows or lines on the floor (if appropriate)
- Tents to shade student-athletes (if appropriate)
- Rubber bands for posters (if appropriate)
- Announcements for emcee – instructional, NCAA branding, NCAA corporate champion or partner recognition (if appropriate)



Tupelo Raycom is responsible for video content and live productions at thousands of events annually. Since 2010, in partnership with Turner Sports and NCAA.com, Tupelo Raycom has provided championship coverage for hundreds of NCAA events. Its team will work with each host to ensure that live video streams from the championship are high quality and stress free.

Network Connection

To deliver a high quality video production, we require 20 Mbps sustained upload speed with dependable QoS, dedicated to one wired Internet connection. This will connect to a Ubiquiti gateway appliance to route the network to our equipment. Support staff utilizes TeamViewer to diagnose and troubleshoot our equipment once on site, therefore, this connection must allow TeamViewer access. It is extremely important that the IP network be addressed early in the planning process. Our team will arrive a day or two prior to the event to test network connectivity with Turner Sports. An IT representative from the host venue should be available on site at this time, but must be available by phone to work through any issues during setup and throughout the event.

Equipment

The producer and equipment will need to be located within 100' of the host network port. All equipment can be placed on one or two 8' tables. Please provide four chairs for announcers and production crew. NCAA.com broadcasts generally utilize three to four cameras. The location of cameras varies greatly by sport. In all cases, the cameras are cabled to the production position. Tupelo Raycom will request photos and/or a diagram of the venue during the planning process. Also, if the institution has streamed events in the past, an idea of where cameras have been located is helpful. The broadcast equipment requires minimal power. A standard power outlet (dedicated 20 AMP single phase 110V outlet. Non-GFI) will suffice. If available, an audio feed from the public address system should be provided to the production position on a standard XLR connector.

Equipment Receiving/Shipping

Broadcast equipment will typically be shipped to the site via special courier. The shipment will contain on average 20-22 boxes ranging from cases the size of a laptop to larger boxes up to 100lbs. Once the equipment is set, the host will need to identify a location to store empty boxes that can be locked. Following the event, our on-site producer will coordinate pickup of the equipment.

Crew/Announcers

Turner Sports provides all necessary equipment for a successful NCAA.com broadcast. The production crew and announcers are secured by Tupelo Raycom and Turner Sports.

If the host institution already has contacts with local camera operators, a production company or announcers, please pass that information along. We are happy to work with local crews and/or students at host institutions.

Event Specific Accommodations

We will make every effort to accommodate video needs host institutions might have. Identifying these needs early in the planning process is important. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions regarding the NCAA.com championship productions. All live broadcasts can be found on NCAA.com.

For additional information, please contact Tupelo Raycom Director of Production, Remote Andrea Crawford at acrawford@tupeloraycom.com



2019-20 Host Site Stats Document

Turner and StatBroadcast will be collaborating once again this academic year to transmit live stats to NCAA.com for championship events. As an NCAA championship host, your assistance is greatly appreciated in making this a success.

Latest Version of StatCrew Required (some exceptions)

All NCAA hosts will need to have the 2019-20 version of Statcrew software for their sport installed on their scoring computer prior to the championship being hosted.

If you are using Presto, Statcrew Next Gen or StatCrew sync for scoring, please contact Turner (contact information below), for alternate instructions.

Please note: StatBroadcast is not affiliated with any other software.

NCAA LiveStats Integration

For hosts that utilize NCAA LiveStats, a representative from Turner will contact you regarding setup.

Downloading NCAA Broadcastr 10

StatBroadcast's latest version of the Broadcastr software is required for setup. If you have a lower version previously installed, you will need to update in order to continue.

Please visit <http://www.statbroadcast.com/ncaa/setup/> for all information on downloading, setting up, and testing StatBroadcast on your scoring computer.

Note: You will need Administrator access to your computer to install this software. If you are receiving errors overwriting files, you may need your Campus IT staff to temporarily unlock your computer.



Streaming Requests

Live Video Streaming Rights Requests (early round only)

Turner Sports owns the rights to stream NCAA Championships. ESPN and other entities will request rights to live video stream certain events. If Turner, or any other entity plans to live video stream your event, you will be contacted within 48 hours of your event.

Please visit <https://www.ncaa.com/rights-request> to request live video streaming rights.

All non-commercial live video streaming rights fees will be waived.

Any commercial streams will incur a \$1,000 fee per stream.

Note: Hosts are encouraged to make streaming requests at least 2 days in advance of the event they wish to stream.

Turner Contact Information

Jason Venson

jason.venson@turner.com

404-704-2493