



*2021 DIVISION III*  
**SOCCKER**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS***  
***2021-22 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2021-22 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women and three for both men and women. Of the men’s championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women’s championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men’s and women’s championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

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

## Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes’ optimal experience.

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

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

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

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

### Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

## Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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### MISCONDUCT

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

### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

[Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

## Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

### STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

### POSTSEASON

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

### HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

## Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

## Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

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

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

## Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sports Science Institute website](http://ncaa.org/sports-science). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

### Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

### Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers.

Please reference the NCAA travel policies as they are updated annually [here](#), and the travel policies supersede all other documents.

### Section 10 • Division III

#### Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams possible while minimizing missed class time; to emphasize regional competition in regular-season scheduling; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences, independent institutions and a limited number of at-large teams, realizing that this may be done at the expense of leaving out some championship-caliber teams.

#### Section 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championship manager in writing one week before the selection date for the governing sport committee to consider an accommodation and a change to the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sport committee, in consultation with participating institutions, may reschedule the game on the nearest possible date.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.
- The governing sport committee shall make a good-faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

#### Section 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

Division III promotes an atmosphere that is a respectful and engaging educational environment through athletics, for everyone through Gameday the DIII Way. Gameday the DIII Way establishes an expectation for championship hosts, coaches, student-athletes and spectators to focus on the common standards of safety, responsiveness, dignity and experience while participating or attending a championship event. We ask that each participant and attendee be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Gameday the DIII Way.

## Section 10.4 Religious Conflicts

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**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before May 1 of the preceding academic year to be excused from competing on that day. The notification shall be valid for a period of two years. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution, and such adjustment shall not require its team or an individual competitor to compete before the time originally scheduled.

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



# Division III Soccer

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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### MEN'S SOCCER

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**REGION I****David Kulik**

Assistant Athletic Director/Head Men's Soccer Coach  
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

**REGION II****Gabe Margolis**

Head Men's Soccer Coach  
Brandeis University

**REGION III****Brian Marcantonio**

Head Men's Soccer Coach  
Utica College

**REGION IV****Carl Christian**

Interim Director of Athletics  
York College

**REGION V****Kevin Brenner**

Head Men's Soccer Coach  
Eastern University

**REGION VI****Jon Waters**

Director of Athletics  
University of Lynchburg

**REGION VII****Justin Newell, chair**

Assistant Athletic Director  
Kenyon College

**REGION VIII****Marc Colwell**

Head Men's Soccer Coach/Co-Director of Athletics  
Illinois Institute of Technology

**REGION IX****Travis Wall**

Head Men's Soccer Coach  
St. Olaf College

**REGION X****Brad Bankhead**

Head Men's Soccer Coach  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Current members of the committee are:

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| <b>REGION I</b>   | <b>REGION II</b>   |
| <b>Brianne Smithson</b><br>Head Women's Soccer Coach<br>Bowdoin College   | <b>Nicolle Wood</b><br>Associate Director of Athletics/<br>Head Women's Soccer Coach<br>Salem State University |
| <b>REGION III</b>   | <b>REGION IV</b>   |
| <b>Paul Vecchio</b><br>Director of Athletics<br>Alfred University   | <b>Jess Huda</b><br>Assistant Athletics Director<br>King's College (Pennsylvania)                              |
| <b>REGION V</b>   | <b>REGION VI</b>   |
| <b>Sean Sullivan, chair</b><br>Director of Athletics<br>Catholic University   | <b>Beverly Biancur</b><br>Head Women's Soccer Coach<br>North Carolina Wesleyan College                         |
| <b>REGION VII</b>   | <b>REGION VIII</b>   |
| <b>Girish Thakar</b><br>Head Men's and Women's Soccer Coach<br>Westminister College (Pennsylvania)                        | <b>Katari Key</b><br>Director of Athletics<br>Alverno College  |
| <b>REGION IX</b>  | <b>REGION X</b>  |
| <b>Jason Murphy</b><br>Head Women's Soccer Coach/<br>Director of Athletic Facilities<br>University of Wisconsin-La Crosse | <b>Frank Marino</b><br>Head Women's Soccer Coach<br>California Lutheran University                             |

## Regional Advisory Committees

### MEN'S SOCCER

| NAME                 | INSTITUTION                    | CONFERENCE                   |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>REGION I</b>      |                                |                              |
| David Kulik, chair   | Johnson & Wales (Providence)   | Great Northeast              |
| Adam Pfeifer         | Norwich                        | Great Northeast              |
| Darryl Konicki       | Little East                    | Little East                  |
| Kyle Dezotell        | Tufts                          | NESCAC                       |
| Billy Shannon        | Maine Maritime Academy         | North Atlantic               |
| <b>REGION II</b>     |                                |                              |
| Gabe Margolis, chair | Brandeis                       | UAA                          |
| Devin O'Neill        | Western New England University | Commonwealth Coast           |
| Kathy Lynch          | Framingham St.                 | MASCAC                       |
| Rob Rossi            | Eastern Nazarene               | New England Collegiate Conf. |
| Matt O'Toole         | Clark                          | NEWMAC                       |

| NAME                     | INSTITUTION                      | CONFERENCE                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>REGION III</b>        |                                  |                            |
| Brian Marcantonio, chair | Utica                            | Empire 8                   |
| Tracy Blake              | Alfred                           | Empire 8                   |
| Shawn Griffin            | Hobart                           | Liberty League             |
| Kevin Longacre           | Mount St. Mary's                 | Skyline                    |
| Gil Burgmaster           | SUNY Brockport                   | SUNYAC                     |
| <b>REGION IV</b>         |                                  |                            |
| Carl Christian, chair    | York College                     | CUNYAC                     |
| Dima Kamenshchik         | Baruch                           | CUNYAC                     |
| Mark Bassett             | King's College                   | MAC Freedom                |
| Dave Naphy               | Rowan University                 | NJAC                       |
| Daniel Krzyzanowicz      | Penn State Harrisburg            | United East                |
| <b>REGION V</b>          |                                  |                            |
| Kevin Brenner, chair     | Eastern                          | MAC Commonwealth           |
| Tim Hollenback           | Neumann                          | Atlantic East              |
| Mark Mettrick            | Gettysburg                       | Centennial                 |
| Casey Moore              | Alvernia                         | MAC Commonwealth           |
| Bill O'Neill             | Bryn Athyn                       | Colonial States            |
| Travis Beauchamp         | Catholic University              | Landmark                   |
| <b>REGION VI</b>         |                                  |                            |
| Jon Waters, chair        | University of Lynchburg          | Old Dominion               |
| Jason Kilby              | Mary Washington                  | Coast-to-Coast             |
| Mike Singleton           | Washington and Lee               | Old Dominion               |
| Jeb Burch                | Centre College                   | Southern Athletic Assoc.   |
| Meir Lewin               | North Carolina Wesleyan          | USA South                  |
| Corey Greiner            | Emory University                 | University Athletic Assoc. |
| <b>REGION VII</b>        |                                  |                            |
| Justin Newell, chair     | Kenyon College                   | North Coast Athletic       |
| Nathan Whitehurst        | Pitt-Bradford                    | Allegheny Mountain         |
| Aaron Gustine            | Earlham College                  | Heartland Collegiate       |
| Joe Bergin               | Marietta College                 | Ohio Athletic Conference   |
| Jill McCartney           | Kenyon College                   | North Coast Athletic       |
| Mike Dreves              | Grove City College               | Presidents' Athletic Conf. |
| <b>REGION VIII</b>       |                                  |                            |
| Marc Colwell, chair      | Illinois Institute of Technology | Northern Athletics         |
| Derek Marie              | Carroll (Wisconsin)              | CCIW                       |
| Wytse Molenaar           | Albion College                   | Michigan Intercoll.        |
| Nicole Pieart            | Aurora                           | Northern Athletics         |
| Donnie Alberty           | Fontbonne                        | SLIAC                      |

## DIVISION III SOCCER

| NAME                 | INSTITUTION         | CONFERENCE                 |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>REGION IX</b>     |                     |                            |
| Travis Wall, chair   | St. Olaf            | Minnesota Intercol.        |
| Mike Madigan         | Wartburg College    | American Rivers Conference |
| Nate Grosse          | Cornell             | Midwest Conference         |
| Greg Holker          | Augsburg University | Minnesota Intercol.        |
| Sara Quinnell        | UMAC                | Upper Midwest              |
| <b>REGION X</b>      |                     |                            |
| Brad Bankhead, chair | Mary Hardin-Baylor  | American Southwest         |
| Chad Grubbs          | Hardin-Simmons      | American Southwest         |
| Jose Cedeno          | Whitman College     | Northwest                  |
| Mark Becker          | Caltech             | SCIAC                      |
| Russell Kramer       | SCAC                | Southern Collegiate        |

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

| NAME                    | INSTITUTION         | CONFERENCE                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>REGION I</b>         |                     |                              |
| Brianne Smithson, chair | Bowdoin             | NESCAC                       |
| Jenelle Harris          | St. Joseph's-Maine  | Great Northeast              |
| Alex Harrison           | Western Connecticut | Little East                  |
| Celine Cunningham       | Bates College       | NESCAC                       |
| Molly Wilkie            | Maine-Farmington    | North Atlantic               |
| <b>REGION II</b>        |                     |                              |
| Nicolle Wood, chair     | Salem State         | MASCAC                       |
| Tim Moody               | Roger Williams      | Commonwealth Coast           |
| Merry MacDonald         | Fitchburg State     | MASCAC                       |
| Paul Vasquez            | New England College | New England Collegiate Conf. |
| Brienne Smith           | Clark               | NEWMAC                       |
| <b>REGION III</b>       |                     |                              |
| Paul Vecchio            | Alfred University   | Empire 8                     |
| Joe Seil                | Nazareth            | Empire 8                     |
| Mindy Quigg             | Ithaca              | Liberty League               |
| Stuart Dick             | Mount Saint Vincent | Skyline                      |
| Liz McGrail             | Oneonta             | SUNYAC                       |
| <b>REGION IV</b>        |                     |                              |
| Jess Huda, chair        | King's College      | MAC Freedom                  |
| Ajanie Clunie           | John Jay College    | CUNYAC                       |
| Mark Stauffer           | Misericordia        | MAC Freedom                  |
| Patrick Naughter        | Montclair St.       | NJAC                         |
| Dan Mannella            | Penn State Abington | United East                  |

| NAME                   | INSTITUTION                    | CONFERENCE                 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>REGION V</b>        |                                |                            |
| Sean Sullivan, chair   | Catholic University            | Landmark                   |
| Jeff Ykoruk            | Moravian                       | Landmark                   |
| Andrew Smith           | Marywood                       | Atlantic East              |
| Sandy Lagana           | McDaniel College               | Centennial                 |
| Leah McDermott         | Lebanon Valley College         | MAC Commonwealth           |
| TBD                    | TBD                            | Colonial States            |
| <b>REGION VI</b>       |                                |                            |
| Beverly Biancur, chair | North Carolina Wesleyan        | USA South                  |
| Kwame Lloyd            | Salisbury                      | C2C                        |
| Phil Benne             | Roanoke College                | Old Dominion               |
| Jay Hoffman            | Centre College                 | Southern Athletic Assoc.   |
| Mark Duble             | Covenant College               | USA South                  |
| <b>REGION VII</b>      |                                |                            |
| Girish Thankar, chair  | Westminster College (PA)       | Presidents' Athletic Conf. |
| Adam Sprague           | Mt. Aloysius                   | Allegheny Mountain         |
| Benjamin Pheasant      | Defiance College               | Heartland Collegiate       |
| Katie Robinson         | Wittenberg University          | North Coast Athletic       |
| Mark Batman            | Ohio Northern                  | Ohio Athletic Conference   |
| Melissa Lamie          | Grove City College             | Presidents' Athletic Conf. |
| <b>REGION VIII</b>     |                                |                            |
| Katari Key             | Alverno                        | Northern Athletics         |
| Scott Mejia            | Augustana College              | CCIW                       |
| Meghan Gorsuch         | Alma                           | Michigan Intercoll.        |
| Janet Wolbert          | Concordia Chicago              | Northern Athletics         |
| Jeff Wardlaw           | Greenville University          | SLIAC                      |
| <b>REGION IX</b>       |                                |                            |
| Jason Murphy, chair    | Wisconsin-La Crosse            | Wisconsin Intercol.        |
| Jason Berna            | University of Dubuque          | American Rivers Conference |
| Rebecca O'Shurak       | Concordia College              | Minnesota Intercol.        |
| Greg Ruark             | Ripon College                  | Midwest Conference         |
| Allison DeGroot        | Wisconsin-Superior             | Upper Midwest              |
| Sean Yengo             | UW-Eau Claire                  | Wisconsin Intercol.        |
| <b>REGION X</b>        |                                |                            |
| Frank Marino, chair    | California Lutheran University | SCIAC                      |
| Charles Nobles         | McMurry                        | American Southwest         |
| Gregor Walz            | Puget Sound                    | Northwest                  |
| Dylan Harrison         | Trinity University             | Southern Collegiate Ath.   |
| Nikki Ayers            | Claremont-M-S                  | SCIAC                      |

## Section 1•3 Important Dates

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Thursday, Sept. 2</b>     | First reporting due to statistics website, 2 p.m. Eastern time.  |
| <b>Wednesday, Sept. 22</b>   | National committee orientation call.   |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 28</b>     | Regional advisory committees orientation call.   |
| <b>Thursday, Sept. 30</b>    | Joint committee introductory call.   |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 5</b>       | Regional advisory committees training call.  |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 12</b>      | Regional advisory committees mock ranking call.  |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 13</b>    | National committee mock ranking call.  |
| <b>Monday, Oct. 18</b>       | Deadline for uploading scores to statistics website, 2 p.m. Eastern time.  |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 19</b>      | First regional advisory committees ranking call.   |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 20</b>    | First national committee ranking call.   |
| <b>Monday, Oct. 25</b>       | Deadline for uploading scores to statistics website, 2 p.m. Eastern time.  |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 26</b>      | Second regional advisory committees ranking call.  |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 27</b>    | Second national committee ranking call.  |
| <b>Sunday, Oct. 31</b>       | Deadline for submitting proposed budgets/facility evaluations for first, second and sectional rounds of the championship.                                    |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 1</b>        | Deadline for uploading scores to statistics website, 2 p.m. Eastern time.  |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 2</b>       | Third regional advisory committees ranking call.   |
| <b>Wednesday, Nov. 3</b>     | Third national committee ranking call.   |
| <b>Thursday, Nov. 4</b>      | Teleconference with potential preliminary-round hosts, 11 a.m. Eastern time.<br>Teleconference with potential site representatives, 3 p.m. Eastern time.     |
| <b>Sunday, Nov. 7</b>        | Deadline for uploading scores to statistics website, noon local time.<br>Regional advisory committees selection calls.<br>National committee selection call. |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 8</b>        | Women's - 64-team field announced, 1 p.m. Eastern time.<br>Men's - 64-team field announced, 1:30 p.m. Eastern time<br>Final regional ranking released.       |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 9</b>       | Teleconference with first- and second-round participating teams, hosts, and NCAA site representatives.   |
| <b>*Sat.-Sun, Nov. 13-14</b> | First-round and second-round competition. (Sixteen on-campus sites.)   |
| <b>Sunday, Nov. 14</b>       | Four sectional sites announced for men and women.  |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 15</b>       | Teleconference with first/second-round hosts and site representatives, 1 p.m. Eastern time. (Men only.)  |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 16</b>      | Teleconference with sectional participating teams, hosts, and NCAA site representatives.   |
| <b>*Sat.-Sun, Nov. 20-21</b> | Sectional competition. (Four on-campus sites.)   |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 22</b>       | Teleconference with semifinalists, NCAA liaison, committee and championship host, 11 a.m. Eastern time.  |
| <b>Fri.-Sat., Dec. 3-4</b>   | NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships.  |

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

## CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Selections</b>           | Sunday, Nov. 7   |
| <b>*1st and 2nd Rounds</b>  | Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13-14 on campus  |
| <b>*Sectionals</b>          | Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20-21, on campus   |
| <b>Semifinals and Final</b> | Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at UNCG Soccer Stadium in Greensboro, North Carolina. |

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

## DATE FORMULA

- First- and second-round games – Saturday and Sunday, one weekend before sectionals.
- Sectionals – Saturday and Sunday, one weekend before Thanksgiving.
- Semifinals and Final – Friday and Saturday, one weekend after Thanksgiving.

*Note: Institutions with a Sunday No-Play policy will compete on Friday and Saturday instead of Saturday and Sunday.*

## FUTURE DATES

*Note: All future dates are tentative and are subject to change.*

### 2022 Dates

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Selections</b>           | Sunday, Nov. 6   |
| <b>*1st and 2nd Rounds</b>  | Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12-13, on campus                         |
| <b>*Sectionals</b>          | Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19-20, on campus                         |
| <b>Semifinals and Final</b> | Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Virginia. |

### 2023 Dates

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Selections</b>           | Sunday, Nov. 5   |
| <b>*1st and 2nd Rounds</b>  | Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-12, on campus                         |
| <b>*Sectionals</b>          | Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, on campus                         |
| <b>Semifinals and Final</b> | Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Virginia. |

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

## Section 1•4 Equipment

### BALL

The Wilson NCAA Forte FYbrid II soccer ball will be used in all NCAA soccer tournament games. These balls will be sent by the manufacturer to the tournament manager at the host institution for each round of postseason competition. The host institution will be responsible for “breaking in” the game balls before each tournament game.

## Section 1•5 Rules

*[Reference: Bylaws 17.30, 18.6 and 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The 2021 championship will be conducted according to the [2020 and 2021 NCAA Soccer Rules and Interpretations Book](#).

### SUSPENDED GAMES

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



If a game is suspended or postponed, it will be the decision of the games committee and the referee to determine if the game can be continued that day. If conditions dictate that the game cannot be completed, the NCAA site representative and tournament manager shall contact Kevin Alcox ([kalcox@ncaa.org](mailto:kalcox@ncaa.org)). Only after contacting one of them may a game be suspended until the next day or moved to an alternate site. Teams should be prepared with footwear for any playing surface.

### Section 1•6 Uniforms

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*[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored jerseys, and light- and dark-colored stockings available. In preliminary-round competition, the home team must wear a uniform light in color and in clear contrast with the visiting team. However, in the event of a conflict, it is the responsibility of the home team to wear jerseys and stockings in clear contrast to those worn by the visiting team.

For the semifinals and final, the games committee will determine the home teams. Student-athletes competing in the championship shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to both warm-ups and competitive uniforms.

A team's stockings must be the same color as the jersey. Shorts may differ in color from that of the stockings and jerseys but shall be matching in color and uniform in style. It is recommended that any visible garment worn under the jersey or shorts shall be a solid color that matches the dominant color of the respective garment.

#### LOGOS

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

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2.1 Championship Format

The Division III Soccer Championship provides a field of 64 teams in a single-elimination tournament. Sixteen four-team sites will conduct first- and second-round play on the first weekend of the championship. The 16 second-round winners will advance to the four, four-team sectionals. Four teams will advance from the sectionals to the semifinals.

First- and second-round sites will be announced by the NCAA Division III Soccer Committees immediately after team selections Monday, Nov. 8. Sectional sites will be announced Sunday, Nov. 14.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to play a match(es) during the championship, the committee is authorized to determine which team or teams advance in the bracket.

A championship bracket can be found in [Appendix A on page 28](#). A summary of the automatic-qualifying conferences and their members, along with the Pool B candidates, is listed in [Appendix B on page 30](#) for men and in [Appendix C on page 40](#) for women.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is a tentative schedule of activities to be held in conjunction with the championships: (All times are local time and game times are subject to change.)

#### Thursday, Dec. 2

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Time TBD         | Virtual Coaches Meeting                           |
| 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Team Practice Sessions / TBD Community Engagement |

#### Friday, Dec. 3

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| 11 a.m.   | Women's Semifinal No. 1 |
| 1:45 p.m. | Women's Semifinal No. 2 |
| 5 p.m.    | Men's Semifinal No. 1   |
| 7:45 p.m. | Men's Semifinal No. 2   |

#### Saturday, Dec. 4

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 2:30 p.m. | Women's Championship |
| 7 p.m.    | Men's Championship   |

*Note: Awards Ceremony - immediately after each match*

### START TIMES

#### Preliminary Rounds:

| Three-Game Sites | 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 with or without lights.

#### Deviation From Game Times

A host institution desiring to deviate from the above times shall indicate its requested start time(s) on the facility evaluation form and notify its regional advisory committee chair by Oct. 31. Alternate times noted are not guaranteed and must be approved by the sport committee.

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.

### PRACTICE

Practice access to all designated host-site fields is limited to the day before and the day of competition, weather permitting. If this is not possible, a practice field will be available to all teams the day before the game. All practices held the day before games will be closed with the exception of credentialed media and credentialed participants. The host institution is required to provide one set of goal cages for each team on the practice field and at the alternate indoor facility.

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 24 student-athletes for competition and game warmup. For practices, there is no limit to the number of student-athletes who can participate.

For practice and warmups, the game clock will start at the designated time from the schedule regardless if the participating team is on the field.

On game days, each team is guaranteed 45 minutes on the game field for its pregame warmup before the introduction of the players.

For all rounds, except the championships, practice times will be assigned during each respective round conference call based upon travel distance for each team to the site. Teams will only be permitted to select a practice time offered. If hosting, provide as many options as possible to accommodate any schedule conflicts. No team will be permitted to practice on the game field at any time other than its officially assigned time. Teams are permitted 90 minutes of practice on the game field (weather permitting). Indoor facilities should be utilized only in the occurrence of inclement weather and not in addition to the assigned 90 minutes of practice time, including warmup.

### TRAVEL PARTY

**Squad Size:** 24 individuals in uniform

**Official Travel Party:** 29 individuals

**Bench Size:** 40 individuals (includes medical personnel)

#### **Additional Information/Requirements on Team Personnel**

**Squad Size.** Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 24 players. Each team should designate its 24 players to be used in that round during the pregame meeting. Roster changes can be made until 30 minutes prior to the start of the game, after which time no replacements will be permitted for any reason. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

**Official Travel Party.** There are 29 individuals in each team's official travel party with not more than 24 participants in uniform. The members of the official travel party will receive a credential, and transportation and per diem will be provided to cover the 29 individuals. The bench and travel party credentials will be distributed at the coaches meeting.

**Bench Size.** Each institution is allotted 11 bench passes to distribute to team personnel beyond the 29 members of the official travel party. Two of the 11 bench passes should go to medical personnel from the participating institution. If only one medical personnel is present, then the bench personnel number will be 39. Each institution may designate one person to serve at the official scorer's table. No photography is allowed in the bench area.

**Bench Area.** For all NCAA championship games, the home bench is located to the right of the scorer's table when facing the field.

A total of 40 individuals from each institution may be in the bench area during the competition. **The 40 individuals in the bench area must be institutional personnel or team members; no other individuals (i.e., family members or children) are allowed in the immediate bench area.**

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

The national anthem will be played once per session (one session is equal to all games played on the same day at the same site).

## Section 2•2 Results

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](mailto:ncaa-content@turner.com). Please be sure to submit all information in the following manner:

- Send the information to [ncaa-content@turner.com](mailto:ncaa-content@turner.com).
- Specify the sport (division, championship, 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 sent during the intermission.
- End-of-regulation scores (even if the contest is headed to overtime).
- Final score with details of overtime and shoot-outs, if applicable.
- Final box score.
- Game story.
- Photos, if possible.

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 championship contest must be sent to the NCAA Statistics Department ([ncaastats@ncaa.org](mailto:ncaastats@ncaa.org)) at the NCAA national office. These files should be sent immediately following each contest or day of competition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Statistics Department.

### SCORE REPORTING

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are now combined for Division III soccer. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site ([web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login](http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login)), and this information will then be transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sport committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Marcus Thatcher ([mthatcher@ncaa.org](mailto:mthatcher@ncaa.org)).

#### Men's Soccer Regional Rankings

The men's soccer committee will release regional rankings on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Oct. 20
- Wednesday, Oct. 27
- Wednesday, Nov. 3
- Monday, Nov. 8

The committee will rank the top 20% of eligible teams in each region (or a minimum of four teams, whichever is greater) by applying the championships selection criteria. Based on 2021 sponsorship reports, the following number of teams will be ranked in each region:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Region I - 9   | Region VI - 8   |
| Region II - 6  | Region VII - 10 |
| Region III - 8 | Region VIII - 8 |
| Region IV - 7  | Region IX - 8   |
| Region V - 8   | Region X - 7    |

#### Women's Soccer Regional Rankings

The women's soccer committee will release regional rankings on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Oct. 20
- Wednesday, Oct. 27
- Wednesday, Nov. 3
- Monday, Nov. 8

## DIVISION III SOCCER

The committee will rank the top 20% of eligible teams in each region (or a minimum of four teams, whichever is greater) by applying the championships selection criteria. Based on 2021 sponsorship reports, the following number of teams will be ranked in each region:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Region I - 9   | Region VI - 10  |
| Region II - 7  | Region VII - 10 |
| Region III - 8 | Region VIII - 9 |
| Region IV - 7  | Region IX - 9   |
| Region V - 9   | Region X - 7    |

## Section 2•3 Selections Information

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

Teams shall be selected for the men's soccer championship by the eight-member NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Committee and for the women's soccer championship by the eight-member NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee. Each member of the committees serves as the chair of the advisory committee in his/her respective region. Regional advisory committees (RACs) assist the national committee by evaluating teams, sites and officials within their regions through a series of conference calls.

Conference calls will be conducted by the national committees to make the final determination of the participating teams. If possible, all selections will be made by Nov. 8.

### ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

- Pool A will be composed of the conference champions from each conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification (NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3). Conferences that meet automatic-qualification requirements are guaranteed only one Pool A berth. After the determination of the automatic (Pool A) berths, the committee will determine the Pool B selections followed by the Pool C selections.
- Pool B will be composed of independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification.
- Pool C will be reserved for institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion and the remaining teams in Pool B.
- Berths from Pools B and C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pools B and C.
- There will be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region.
- No conference will receive more than one automatic berth.

The Championships Committee has clarified Bylaw 31.3.3 to reflect that institutions participating in conferences that meet the automatic-qualification requirements, and are eligible to be selected to a championship via Pool A and/or Pool C, may not elect instead to be selected via Pool B as an independent institution.

Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2021 championship:

#### Men's Soccer

|                |          |  |
|----------------|----------|--|
| <b>Bracket</b> | 64 teams | Based on 2020-21 eligible institutions |
| <b>Pool A</b>  | 43 teams | Number of Automatic Qualifiers         |
| <b>Pool B</b>  | 0 teams  | Number of Pool B teams/Access ratio    |
| <b>Pool C</b>  | 21 teams | Field size - Pool A - Pool B           |

#### Women's Soccer

|                |          |  |
|----------------|----------|--|
| <b>Bracket</b> | 64 teams | Based on 2020-21 eligible institutions |
| <b>Pool A</b>  | 44 teams | Number of Automatic Qualifiers         |
| <b>Pool B</b>  | 0 teams  | Number of Pool B teams/Access ratio    |
| <b>Pool C</b>  | 20 teams | Field size - Pool A - Pool B           |

## AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

### Men's Automatic Qualification

The 43 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2021 championship from Pool A are as follows:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference           | New England Collegiate Conference                       |
| American Rivers Conference                         | New England Small College Athletic Conference           |
| American Southwest Conference                      | New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference       |
| Atlantic East                                      | New Jersey Athletic Conference                          |
| Centennial Conference                              | North Atlantic Conference                               |
| City University of New York Athletic Conference    | North Coast Athletic Conference                         |
| Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference                 | Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference                |
| College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin       | Northwest Conference                                    |
| Colonial States Athletic Conference                | Ohio Athletic Conference                                |
| Commonwealth Coast Conference                      | Old Dominion Athletic Conference                        |
| Empire 8   | Presidents' Athletic Conference                         |
| Great Northeast Athletic Conference                | Skyline Conference                                      |
| Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference           | St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference           |
| Landmark Conference                                | Southern Athletic Association                           |
| Liberty League                                     | Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Little East Conference                             | Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference                 |
| Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference | State University of New York Athletic Conference        |
| Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association      | United East Conference                                  |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth            | University Athletic Association                         |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom                 | Upper Midwest Athletic Conference                       |
| Midwest Conference                                 | USA South Athletic Conference                           |
| Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference      |   |

A listing of all evaluation regions (listed by conference and Pool B teams) is listed in [Appendix B on page 30](#).

### Women's Automatic Qualification

The 44 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2021 championship from Pool A are as follows:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference           | New England Collegiate Conference                       |
| American Rivers Conference                         | New England Small College Athletic Conference           |
| American Southwest Conference                      | New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference       |
| Atlantic East                                      | New Jersey Athletic Conference                          |
| Centennial Conference                              | North Atlantic Conference                               |
| City University of New York Athletic Conference    | North Coast Athletic Conference                         |
| Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference                 | Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference                |
| College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin       | Northwest Conference                                    |
| Colonial States Athletic Conference                | Ohio Athletic Conference                                |
| Commonwealth Coast Conference                      | Old Dominion Athletic Conference                        |
| Empire 8   | Presidents' Athletic Conference                         |
| Great Northeast Athletic Conference                | Skyline Conference                                      |
| Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference           | St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference           |
| Landmark Conference                                | Southern Athletic Association                           |
| Liberty League                                     | Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Little East Conference                             | Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference                 |
| Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference | State University of New York Athletic Conference        |
| Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association      | United East Conference                                  |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth            | University Athletic Association                         |
| Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom                 | Upper Midwest Athletic Conference                       |
| Midwest Conference                                 | USA South Athletic Conference                           |
| Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference      | Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference          |

A listing of all evaluation regions (listed by conference and Pool B teams) is listed in [Appendix C on page 40](#).

### AT-LARGE SELECTION

To be considered during the at-large selection process (Pool B or C), an institution must play at least 70% of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

### IN-REGION COMPETITION

In-region competition is defined as:

- All competition within an institution's defined region.
- All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another.
- All competition against conference opponents.
- All competition against conference opponents. All competition within an institution's membership geographical region (Bylaw 4.13.1.1). The country is divided into four membership regions as listed below. For most institutions, this should result in a more expanded list of potential in-region opponents than in the past.

#### Region 1

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont

#### Region 2

New York, Pennsylvania

#### Region 3

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

#### Region 4

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming

The NCAA Travel Expense System mileage calculator will be used to confirm distance from campus to campus ([web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles](http://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles)).

### COUNTABLE COMPETITION

*[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.1 in the NCAA Manual.]*

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

In addition, only games listed on the institution's originally submitted schedule will be considered for tournament selection purposes. Postseason games decided by the penalty-kick tiebreaker procedure shall be considered as ties for selection purposes. The addition of games not listed on the institution's published schedule as an aid for selection shall not be considered.

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Transportation and per diem expenses will be provided for an official traveling party of a maximum of 29. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](http://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

### PRIMARY CRITERIA

The primary criteria emphasize regional competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents;
- Division III head-to-head competition;
- Results versus common Division III opponents;
- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the final ranking and the ranking preceding the final ranking. Conference postseason contests are included; and
- Division III strength of schedule;
  - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP);
  - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).

See [Appendix D on page 50](#) for an explanation of the OWP and OOWP calculation.

Note: Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.

### SECONDARY CRITERIA

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against all other opponents, including those contests versus opponents from other classifications (i.e., provisionals, NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage;
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents;
- Division III non-conference strength of schedule.

Should a committee find that evaluation of a team's won-lost percentage during the last 25% of the season is applicable (i.e., end of season performance), it may adopt such criteria with approval from the championships committee.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the soccer committee. In order to be considered for selection for Pools B or C, an institution must play at least 70% of its competition against Division III in-region opponents. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a criterion by the soccer committee for selection purposes.

## Section 2•5 Determination of Teams

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the Pools B and C teams are selected, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams shall then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams shall be paired and eligible according to geographic proximity (within 600 miles). An exception may be granted when there are not enough teams within the 600-mile radius to fill the region;
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional-selection criteria. However, geographic proximity shall take precedence over seeding;
- Teams from the same conference shall not play one another in the first round.
- The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria shall be selected as the host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained.

Flights will be kept to a minimum.

The top team on the bracket is the designated home team and will wear the light (white) colored jersey.



## Section 2•6 Site Selection

### CRITERIA

The Division III Championships Committee has prioritized the following site-selection criteria for all championships:

- Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;
- Geographical location (which may include such factors as rotation of sites, weather, accessibility and transportation costs);
- Seeding; and
- Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.

In addition, the soccer committees include the following site-selection deliberations:

- Preference is given to grass/grass-like surfaces; and
- The potential host must have played the majority of its home games on the field it is submitting for consideration.

A competing institution that cannot charge admission at its home facility and/or cannot establish a barrier to separate the spectators from the field of play, and/or does not have a field that meets minimum-size requirements (70 yards x 115 yards) may not serve as host.

An evaluation will be made of institutional facilities to determine if they are acceptable for championship play. Selection of host sites will be based partly upon the quality of the playing facility. A facility evaluation form must be completed online with a **deadline of Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

\*Effective as of September 1, 2018, the preliminary-round hosting language will be adjusted to mirror the language from the NCAA Soccer Rules Book. Previously, hosts were permitted to use fields with a minimum dimension of 65 yards x 110 yards. NCAA Soccer Rule 1.1.1 says, “The field of play shall be rectangular, with a length of 115-120 yards and a width of 70-75 yards.” The preference is for fields with the dimensions in the rule book. There is an exception in the rules for facilities in use for soccer before 1995, that they “need only to be rectangular, the width of which shall not exceed the length.”

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2021 NCAA Division III Men’s and/or Women’s Soccer Championships must submit a proposed budget and a safety and security form, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution’s key contact and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the championships “Available for Bid” section and select “Start Bid.” **A separate proposed budget must be submitted for each round that an institution or conference is interested in hosting.**

Member institutions can regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org) or contact the respective championship manager.

The deadline to submit all materials for hosting preliminary rounds is **Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.**

### HOST REPORTING SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org).

Prospective hosts’ budgets should include committee/site representative’s lodging expense, game officials’ lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative’s per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees. For both the game officials and committee/site representatives, hosts will pay for their lodging expenses and be reimbursed by the NCAA. However, if the NCAA manages the hotel block for the game officials, the officials’ lodging expenses shall be directly billed to the NCAA. The NCAA typically manages the officials’ hotel block at the final site for our championships.

## FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information – e.g., facility diagram, pictures – should be uploaded and attached to that facility’s profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

*Note: Amenities for all teams must be equal (i.e. tents, heaters). If amenities cannot be provided for all, they shall not be provided at all.*

## KEY CONTACTS

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

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program.

As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security along with the safety and security contact form is located at: [ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf](http://ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf).

## FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]*

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the online host reporting system to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Kevin Alcox ([kalcox@ncaa.org](mailto:kalcox@ncaa.org)) or email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

## JOINT HOSTING INFORMATION

The NCAA Division III Championships Committee has approved a recommendation from the NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Soccer Committees to establish hosting guidelines for institutions whose men’s and women’s teams earn berths in their respective championships. The committees established these guidelines to eliminate potential conflicts created by hosting both championship events, to assist institutions in preparing for hosting opportunities and to ensure the opportunity of providing a quality championship experience for all teams involved in both championships.

Institutions with both men’s and women’s teams in the championships will follow these hosting guidelines:

|            | 1st/2nd Round | Sectionals |
|------------|---------------|------------|
| Even Years | Men host      | Women host |
| Odd Years  | Women host    | Men host   |

If conflicts prevent another institution from hosting while following these guidelines, the combined men’s and women’s committees will determine which team will play first at the same site.

The men’s and women’s committees are concerned with conflicts created when institutions attempt to host both men’s and women’s championship events, and the impact those conflicts have on the committees during site selection, and on the institution during the administration of the events. The committees prefer that institutions not host both men’s and women’s events in the same round of the championships.

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The committees also recognize that some institutions with both teams in the championships, while recognizing their limitations in hosting both events, may face administrative pressure having to choose to host one championship event over another. The committees believe these guidelines can alleviate this administrative pressure. The committees' primary concerns include the following:

- The potential for field conditions to deteriorate, particularly in the second games;
- The institutional administrative pressure to host both championship events and/or to choose between which championship event it will host if it cannot host both events;
- The magnification of weather issues if an institution attempts to host both championship events; and
- The condition and availability of practice facilities.

While the hosting preferences of the joint men's and women's soccer committees are noted above, there may be some instances when the committees are unable to follow these due to the number of variables that must be taken into consideration when selecting host sites, which may also include the conduct of other Division III fall championships. If such instances arise, the joint soccer committees will determine the most reasonable hosting scenarios for the championships, given all factors that must be taken into account.

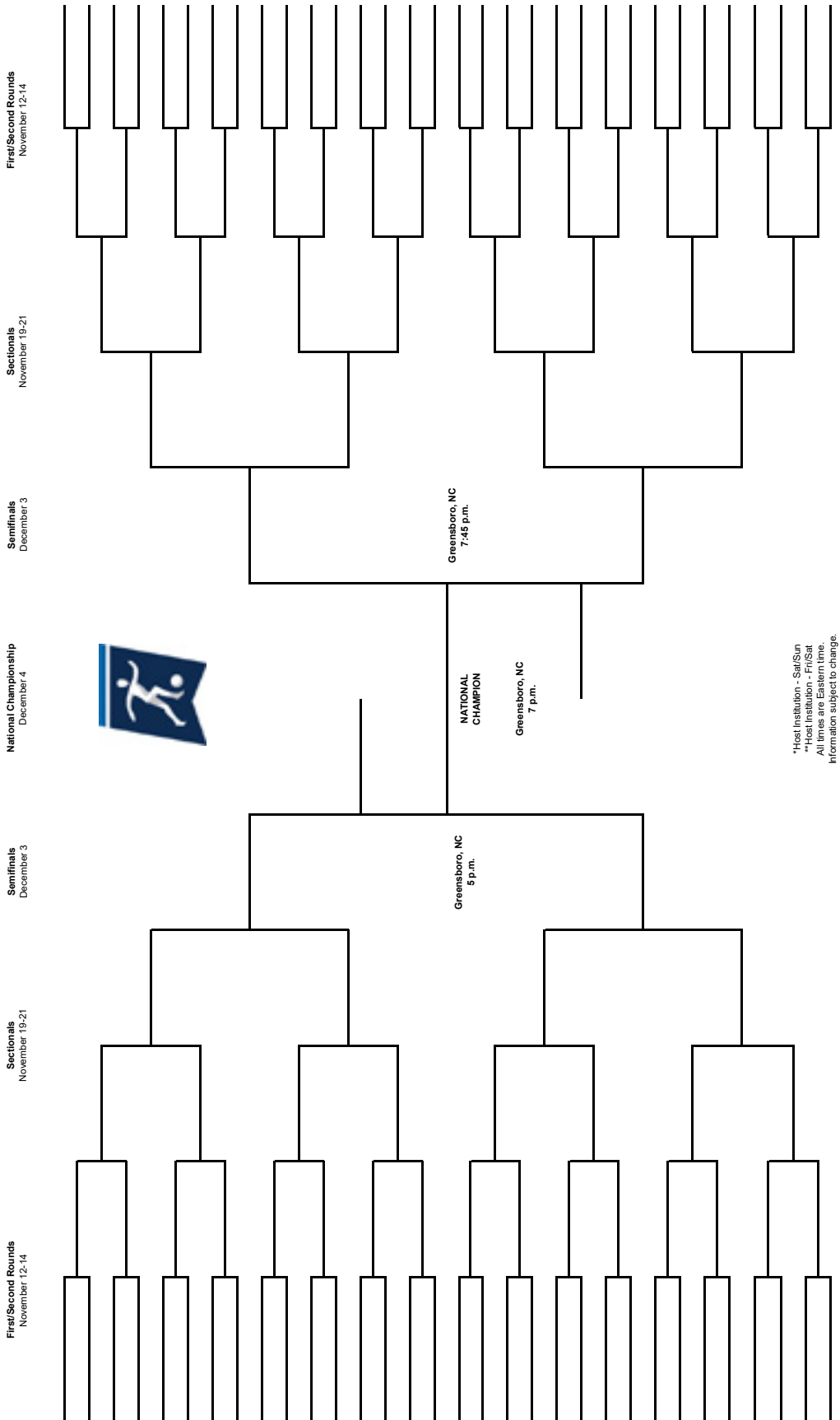
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# Appendix A • Brackets

## 2021 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship

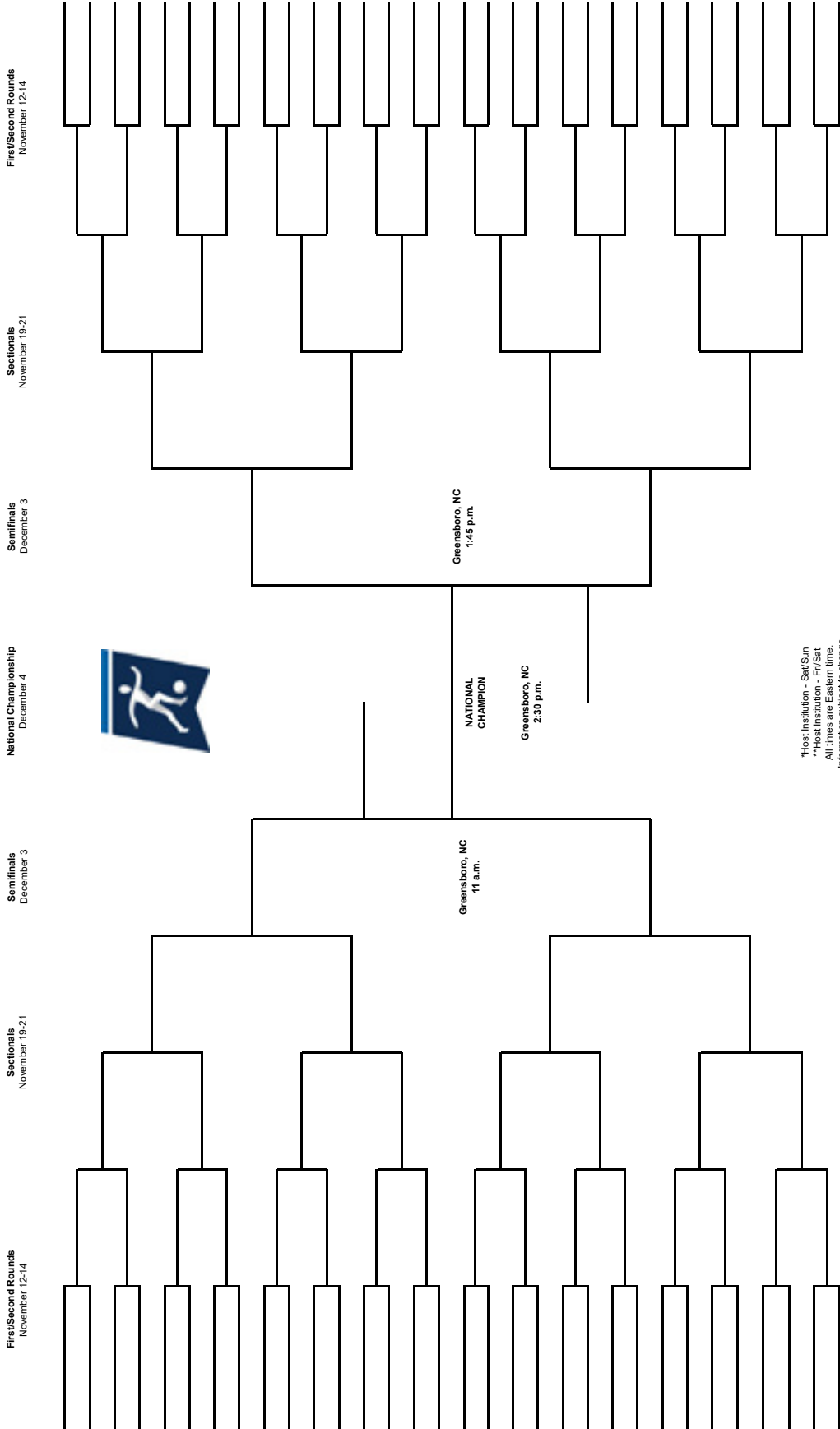


\*Host Institution - Sat/Sun  
 \*\*Host Institution - Fri/Sat  
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## Appendix B • Men's Sponsorship

### REGION I

#### Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)

Albertus Magnus College  
 Anna Maria College  
 Colby Sawyer College  
 Dean College  
 Elms College  
 Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)  
 Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lasell University  
 Norwich University  
 Regis College (Massachusetts)  
 Rivier University  
 Saint Joseph's College (Maine)  
 University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Northern Atlantic Conference (12)

Cazenovia College  
 Husson University  
 State University of New York at Canton  
 State University of New York at Cobleskill  
 State University of New York at Delhi  
 State University of New York Polytechnic Institute

University of Maine, Farmington  
 Maine Maritime Academy  
 University of Maine at Presque Isle  
 Northern Vermont University-Johnson  
 Northern Vermont University-Lyndon  
 Thomas College

AQ - Conference Championship

#### New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)

Amherst College  
 Bates College  
 Bowdoin College  
 Colby College  
 Connecticut College  
 Hamilton College

Middlebury College  
 Trinity College (Connecticut)  
 Tufts University  
 Wesleyan University (Connecticut)  
 Williams College

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Little East Conference (9)

Castleton University  
 Eastern Connecticut State University  
 Keene State College  
 University of Massachusetts Boston  
 University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Plymouth State University  
 Rhode Island College  
 University of Southern Maine  
 Western Connecticut State University

AQ - Conference Championship

**REGION II**

**Commonwealth Coast Conference (10)**

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Curry College             | Roger Williams University         |
| Endicott College          | Salve Regina University           |
| Gordon College            | Suffolk University                |
| University of New England | Wentworth Institute of Technology |
| Nichols College           | Western New England University    |

AQ - Conference Championship

**New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (8)**

|                                       |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Babson College                        | Springfield College             |
| Clark University (Massachusetts)      | U.S. Coast Guard Academy        |
| Emerson College                       | Wheaton College (Massachusetts) |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |

AQ - Conference Championship

**Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

|                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bridgewater State University          | Massachusetts Maritime Academy |
| Fitchburg State University            | Salem State University         |
| Framingham State University           | Westfield State University     |
| Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | Worcester State University     |

AQ - Conference Championship

**New England Collegiate Conference (4)**

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Eastern Nazarene College | Mitchell College    |
| Lesley University        | New England College |

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Brandeis University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion



**REGION III**

**Empire 8 (9)**

Alfred University  
 Elmira College  
 Hartwick College  
 Houghton College  
 Keuka College

Nazareth College  
 Russell Sage College  
 St. John Fisher College  
 Utica College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Liberty League (10)**

Bard College  
 Clarkson University  
 Hobart College  
 Ithaca College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Skidmore College  
 St. Lawrence University  
 Union College (New York)  
 Vassar College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Skyline Conference (12)**

Farmingdale State College  
 State University of New York Maritime College  
 Manhattanville College  
 Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
 College of Mount Saint Vincent  
 State University College at Old Westbury

Purchase College, State University of New York  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)  
 St. Joseph's College (Long Island)  
 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
 Yeshiva University

AQ - Conference Championship

**State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)**

State University of New York at Brockport  
 Buffalo State, State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Cortland  
 The State University of New York at Fredonia  
 State University of New York at Geneseo

State University of New York at New Paltz  
 State University of New York at Oneonta  
 State University of New York at Oswego  
 Plattsburgh State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

University of Rochester

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**REGION IV**

**City University of New York Athletic Conference (8)**

Baruch College  
 Brooklyn College  
 The City College of New York  
 Hunter College

John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 Lehman College  
 Medgar Evers College  
 York College (New York)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (9)**

Arcadia University  
 Delaware Valley University  
 DeSales University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham  
 King's College (Pennsylvania)

Lycoming College  
 Misericordia University  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Wilkes University

AQ - Conference Championship

**New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)**

Kean University  
 Montclair State University  
 New Jersey City University  
 The College of New Jersey  
 Ramapo College

Rowan University  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark  
 Stockton University  
 William Paterson University of New Jersey

AQ - Conference Championship

**United East (9)**

Gallaudet University  
 Lancaster Bible College  
 Morrisville State College  
 Penn State Berks College  
 Penn State Harrisburg

Penn State University Abington  
 Pennsylvania College of Technology  
 St. Mary's College of Maryland  
 Wells College

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

New York University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**REGION V**

**Atlantic East (7)**

Cabrini University  
Centenary University (New Jersey)  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Immaculata University

Marymount University (Virginia)  
Marywood University  
Neumann University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Centennial Conference (10)**

Dickinson College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Gettysburg College  
Haverford College  
Johns Hopkins University

McDaniel College  
Muhlenberg College  
Swarthmore College  
Ursinus College  
Washington College (Maryland)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (8)**

Bryn Athyn College  
Cairn University  
Clarks Summit University  
Keystone College

Rosemont College  
Saint Elizaneth University  
University of Valley Forge  
Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Landmark Conference (8)**

Catholic University  
Drew University  
Elizabethtown College  
Goucher College

Juniata College  
Moravian College  
University of Scranton  
Susquehanna University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)**

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Eastern University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University  
Stevenson University  
Widener University  
York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

**REGION VI**

**Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (6 + 1 prov.)**

Christopher Newport University  
 Finlandia University  
 \*Pratt Institute (prov. 2023-24)  
 Salisbury University

University of California, Santa Cruz  
 University of Mary Washington  
 Wisconsin Whitewater

AQ - Conference Championship

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)**

Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
 Eastern Mennonite University  
 Ferrum College  
 Guilford College  
 Hampden-Sydney College  
 University of Lynchburg

Randolph College  
 Randolph-Macon College  
 Roanoke College  
 Shenandoah University  
 Virginia Wesleyan University  
 Washington and Lee University

AQ - Conference Championship

**USA South Athletic Conference (15)**

Averett University  
 Berea College  
 Brevard College  
 Covenant College  
 Greensboro College  
 Huntingdon College  
 LaGrange College  
 Mary Baldwin University

Maryville College (Tennessee)  
 Methodist University  
 North Carolina Wesleyan College  
 Pfeiffer University  
 Piedmont College  
 William Peace University  
 Southern Virginia University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Athletic Association (8)**

Berry College  
 Birmingham-Southern College  
 Centre College  
 Hendrix College

Millsaps College  
 Oglethorpe University  
 Rhodes College  
 University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Emory University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**Pool B Institutions (0+4 Prov.)**

\*Asbury University (prov. 2024-25)  
 \*Bob Jones niversity (prov. 2023-24)  
 \*Mississippi University for Women (prov. 2023-24)  
 \*Warren Wilson College (prov. 2023-24)

**REGION VII**

**Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9)**

Alfred State College  
 Hilbert College  
 La Roche University  
 Medaille College  
 Mount Aloysius College

Penn State University, Altoona  
 Penn State University Erie, the Behrend College  
 University of Pittsburgh, Bradford  
 University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

AQ – Conference Championship

**Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)**

Anderson University (Indiana)  
 Bluffton University  
 Defiance College  
 Earlham College  
 Franklin College

Hanover College  
 Manchester University  
 Mount St. Joseph University  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Transylvania University

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**North Coast Athletic Conference (10)**

Allegheny College  
 Denison University  
 DePauw University  
 Hiram College  
 Kenyon College

Oberlin College  
 Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Wabash College  
 Wittenberg University  
 The College of Wooster

AQ – Conference Championship

**Ohio Athletic Conference (10)**

Baldwin Wallace University  
 Capital University  
 Heidelberg University  
 John Carroll University  
 Marietta College

University of Mount Union  
 Muskingum University  
 Ohio Northern University  
 Otterbein University  
 Wilmington College (Ohio)

AQ – Conference Championship

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (10)**

Bethany College (West Virginia)  
 Chatham University  
 Franciscan University of Steubenville  
 Geneva College  
 Grove City College

Saint Vincent College  
 Thiel College  
 Washington and Jefferson College  
 Waynesburg University  
 Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (2)**

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**REGION VIII**

**College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)**

Augustana College (Illinois)  
 Carroll University (Wisconsin)  
 Carthage College  
 Elmhurst University  
 Illinois Wesleyan University

Millikin University  
 North Central College  
 North Park University  
 Wheaton College (Illinois)

AQ – Conference Championship

**Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (8)**

Adrian College  
 Albion College  
 Alma College  
 Calvin University

Hope College  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Olivet College  
 Trine University

AQ – Conference Championship

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (13)**

Aurora University  
 Benedictine University (Illinois)  
 Concordia University Chicago  
 Concordia University Wisconsin  
 Dominican University (Illinois)  
 Edgewood College  
 Illinois Institute of Technology

Lakeland University  
 Marian University (Wisconsin)  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Rockford University  
 St. Norbert College  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ – Conference Championship

**St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

Blackburn College  
 Eureka College  
 Fontbonne University  
 Greenville College

Principia College  
 Spalding University  
 Webster University  
 Westminster College (Missouri)

AQ – Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (2)**

University of Chicago

Washington University in St. Louis

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**Pool B Institutions (1)**

Maranatha Baptist University

**REGION IX**

**American Rivers Conference (9)**

Buena Vista University  
Central College (Iowa)  
Coe College  
University of Dubuque  
Loras College

Luther College  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Simpson College  
Wartburg College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Midwest Conference (9)**

Beloit College  
Cornell College  
Grinnell College  
Illinois College  
Knox College

Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Monmouth College (Illinois)  
Ripon College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (11)**

Augsburg College  
Bethel University (Minnesota)  
Carleton College  
Concordia College, Moorhead  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University

Macalester College  
St. John's University (Minnesota)  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
St. Olaf College  
The College of St. Scholastica

AQ - Conference Championship

**Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (8)**

Bethany Lutheran College  
Crown College (Minnesota)  
Martin Luther College  
North Central University

Northland College  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
University of Wisconsin-Superior

AQ - Conference Championship

**Pool B Institutions (2)**

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

**REGION X**

**American Southwest Conference (11)**

Belhaven University  
 Concordia University Texas  
 East Texas Baptist University  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Howard Payne University  
 LeTourneau University

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 McMurry University  
 University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)  
 Sul Ross State University  
 University of Texas at Dallas

AQ - Conference Championship

**Northwest Conference (8)**

George Fox University  
 Linfield University  
 Pacific Lutheran University  
 Pacific University (Oregon)

University of Puget Sound  
 Whitman College  
 Whitworth University  
 Willamette University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)**

California Institute of Technology  
 California Lutheran University  
 Chapman University  
 Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
 University of La Verne

Occidental College  
 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges  
 University of Redlands  
 Whittier College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (8 + 1 prov.)**

Austin College  
 Centenary College (Louisiana)  
 Colorado College  
 University of Dallas  
 Schreiner University

Southwestern University (Texas)  
 \*University of St. Thomas (Texas) (prov.; active 2023-24)  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship



## Appendix C • Women’s Sponsorship

### REGION I

#### Great Northeast Athletic Conference (14)

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Albertus Magnus College                 | Lasell University                      |
| Anna Maria College                      | Norwich University                     |
| Colby Sawyer College                    | Regis College (Massachusetts)          |
| Dean College                            | Rivier University                      |
| Elms College                            | Saint Joseph’s College (Maine)         |
| Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)        | Simmons University                     |
| Johnson & Wales University (Providence) | University of St. Joseph (Connecticut) |

AQ – Conference Championship

#### Northern Atlantic Conference (11)

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Cazenovia College                                  | Maine Maritime Academy              |
| Husson University                                  | University of Maine at Presque Isle |
| State University of New York at Canton             | Northern Vermont University-Johnson |
| State University of New York at Delhi              | Northern Vermont University-Lyndon  |
| State University of New York Polytechnic Institute | Thomas College                      |
| University of Maine, Farmington                    |                                     |

AQ – Conference Championship

#### New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Amherst College     | Middlebury College                |
| Bates College       | Trinity College (Connecticut)     |
| Bowdoin College     | Tufts University                  |
| Colby College       | Wesleyan University (Connecticut) |
| Connecticut College | Williams College                  |
| Hamilton College    |                                   |

AQ – Conference Championship

#### Little East Conference (9)

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Castleton University                   | Plymouth State University            |
| Eastern Connecticut State University   | Rhode Island College                 |
| Keene State College                    | University of Southern Maine         |
| University of Massachusetts Boston     | Western Connecticut State University |
| University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth |                                      |

AQ – Conference Championship

**REGION II**

**Commonwealth Coast Conference (10)**

Curry College  
 Endicott College  
 Gordon College  
 University of New England  
 Nichols College

Roger Williams University  
 Salve Regina University  
 Suffolk University  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Western New England University

AQ – Conference Championship

**New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference (11)**

Babson College  
 Clark University (Massachusetts)  
 Emerson College  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Smith College

Springfield College  
 U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
 Wellsley College  
 Wheaton College (Massachusetts)  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

AQ – Conference Championship

**Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

Bridgewater State University  
 Fitchburg State University  
 Framingham State University  
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
 Salem State University  
 Westfield State University  
 Worcester State University

AQ – Conference Championship

**New England Collegiate Conference (4)**

Eastern Nazarene College  
 Lesley University

Mitchell College  
 New England College

AQ – Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Brandeis University

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**REGION III**

**Empire 8 (9)**

Alfred University  
Elmira College  
Hartwick College  
Houghton College  
Keuka College

Nazareth College  
The Sage Colleges  
St. John Fisher College  
Utica College

AQ – Conference Championship

**Liberty League (10)**

Bard College  
Clarkson University  
Hobart College  
Ithaca College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology  
Skidmore College  
St. Lawrence University  
Union College (New York)  
Vassar College

AQ – Conference Championship

**Skyline Conference (11)**

Farmingdale State College  
State University of New York Maritime College  
Manhattanville College  
Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
College of Mount Saint Vincent  
State University College at Old Westbury

Purchase College, State University of New York  
Sarah Lawrence College  
St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)  
St. Joseph's College (Long Island)  
Yeshiva University

AQ – Conference Championship

**State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)**

State University of New York at Brockport  
Buffalo State, State University of New York  
State University of New York at Cortland  
The State University of New York at Fredonia  
State University of New York at Geneseo

State University of New York at New Paltz  
State University of New York at Oneonta  
State University of New York at Oswego  
Plattsburgh State University of New York  
State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ – Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

University of Rochester

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**REGION IV**

**City University of New York Athletic Conference (6)**

Brooklyn College  
 The City College of New York  
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Lehman College  
 Medgar Evers College  
 York College (New York)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (9)**

Arcadia University  
 Delaware Valley University  
 DeSales University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham  
 King's College (Pennsylvania)

Lycoming College  
 Misericordia University  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Wilkes University

AQ - Conference Championship

**New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)**

Kean University  
 Montclair State University  
 New Jersey City University  
 The College of New Jersey  
 Ramapo College

Rowan University  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark  
 Stockton University  
 William Paterson University of New Jersey

AQ - Conference Championship

**United East (9)**

Gallaudet University  
 Lancaster Bible College  
 Morrisville State College  
 Penn State Berks College  
 Penn State Harrisburg

Penn State University Abington  
 Pennsylvania College of Technology  
 St. Mary's College of Maryland  
 Wells College

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

New York University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**REGION V**

**Atlantic East (7)**

Cabrini University  
Centenary University (New Jersey)  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Immaculata University

Marymount University (Virginia)  
Marywood University  
Neumann University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Centennial Conference (11)**

Bryn Mawr College  
Dickinson College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Gettysburg College  
Haverford College  
Johns Hopkins University

McDaniel College  
Muhlenberg College  
Swarthmore College  
Ursinus College  
Washington College (Maryland)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (10)**

Bryn Athyn College  
Cairn University  
Cedar Crest College  
Clarks Summit University  
Keystone College

Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Rosemont College  
Saint Elizabeth University  
University of Valley Forge  
Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Landmark Conference (8)**

Catholic University  
Drew University  
Elizabethtown College  
Goucher College

Juniata College  
Moravian College  
University of Scranton  
Susquehanna University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)**

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Eastern University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University  
Stevenson University  
Widener University  
York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Pool B Institutions (1)**

Trinity Washington University

**REGION VI**

**Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference (7 + 1 prov.)**

Christopher Newport University  
 Finlandia University  
 Mills College  
 Mount Mary University

\*Pratt Institute (prov. 2022-23)  
 Salisbury University  
 University of California, Santa Cruz  
 University of Mary Washington

AQ - Conference Championship

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)**

Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
 Eastern Mennonite University  
 Ferrum College  
 Guilford College  
 Hollins University  
 University of Lynchburg  
 Randolph College

Randolph-Macon College  
 Roanoke College  
 Shenandoah University  
 Sweet Briar College  
 Virginia Wesleyan University  
 Washington and Lee University

AQ - Conference Championship

**USA South Athletic Conference (19)**

Agnes Scott College  
 Averett University  
 Berea College  
 Brevard College  
 Covenant College  
 Greensboro College  
 Huntingdon College  
 LaGrange College  
 Mary Baldwin University  
 Maryville College (Tennessee)

Meredith College  
 Methodist University  
 North Carolina Wesleyan College  
 Pfeiffer University  
 Piedmont College  
 Salem College  
 Southern Virginia University  
 Wesleyan College (Georgia)  
 William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Athletic Association (8)**

Berry College  
 Birmingham-Southern College  
 Centre College  
 Hendrix College

Millsaps College  
 Oglethorpe University  
 Rhodes College  
 University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Emory University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**Pool B Institutions (0+4 Prov.)**

\*Asbury University (prov. 2024-25)  
 \*Bob Jones University (prov. 2023-24)  
 \*Mississippi University for Women (prov. 2023-24)  
 \*Warren Wilson College (prov. 2023-24)

**REGION VII**

**Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9)**

Alfred State College  
 Hilbert College  
 La Roche University  
 Medaille College  
 Mount Aloysius College

Penn State University, Altoona  
 Penn State University Erie, the Behrend College  
 University of Pittsburgh, Bradford  
 University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

AQ – Conference Championship

**Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)**

Anderson University (Indiana)  
 Bluffton University  
 Defiance College  
 Earlham College  
 Franklin College

Hanover College  
 Manchester University  
 Mount St. Joseph University  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Transylvania University

AQ – Conference Championship

**North Coast Athletic Conference (9)**

Allegheny College  
 Denison University  
 DePauw University  
 Hiram College  
 Kenyon College

Oberlin College  
 Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Wittenberg University  
 The College of Wooster

AQ – Conference Championship

**Ohio Athletic Conference (10)**

Baldwin Wallace University  
 Capital University  
 Heidelberg University  
 John Carroll University  
 Marietta College

University of Mount Union  
 Muskingum University  
 Ohio Northern University  
 Otterbein University  
 Wilmington College (Ohio)

AQ – Conference Championship

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (10)**

Bethany College (West Virginia)  
 Chatham University  
 Franciscan University of Steubenville  
 Geneva College  
 Grove City College  
 Saint Vincent College

Thiel College  
 Washington and Jefferson College  
 Waynesburg University  
 Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

AQ – Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (2)**

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**REGION VIII**

**College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)**

Augustana College  
 Carroll University (Wisconsin)  
 Carthage College  
 Elmhurst University  
 Illinois Wesleyan University

Millikin University  
 North Central College  
 North Park University  
 Wheaton College (Illinois)

AQ – Conference Championship

**Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)**

Adrian College  
 Albion College  
 Alma College  
 Calvin University  
 Hope College

Kalamazoo College  
 Olivet College  
 St. Mary’s College (Indiana)  
 Trine University

AQ – Conference Championship

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (14)**

Alverno College  
 Aurora University  
 Benedictine University (Illinois)  
 Concordia University Chicago  
 Concordia University Wisconsin  
 Dominican University (Illinois)  
 Edgewood College

Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Lakeland University  
 Marian University (Wisconsin)  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Rockford University  
 St. Norbert College  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ – Conference Championship

**St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

Blackburn College  
 Eureka College  
 Fontbonne University  
 Greenville College

Principia College  
 Spalding University  
 Webster University  
 Westminster College (Missouri)

AQ – Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (2)**

University of Chicago

Washington University in St. Louis

AQ – Regular-Season Champion

**Pool B Institutions (1)**

Maranatha Baptist University



**REGION IX**

**American Rivers Conference (9)**

Buena Vista University  
Central College (Iowa)  
Coe College  
University of Dubuque  
Loras College

Luther College  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Simpson College  
Wartburg College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Midwest Conference (9)**

Beloit College  
Cornell College  
Grinnell College  
Illinois College  
Knox College

Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Monmouth College (Illinois)  
Ripon College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)**

Augsburg College  
Bethel University (Minnesota)  
Carleton College  
Concordia College, Moorhead  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University

Macalester College  
College of St. Benedict  
St. Catherine University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
St. Olaf College  
The College of St. Scholastica

AQ - Conference Championship

**Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (8)**

Bethany Lutheran College  
Crown College (Minnesota)  
Martin Luther College  
North Central University

Northland College  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
University of Wisconsin-Superior

AQ - Conference Championship

**Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (8)**

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
University of Wisconsin-Platteville

University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
University of Wisconsin-Stout  
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

AQ - Conference Championship

**REGION X**

**American Southwest Conference (11)**

Belhaven University  
 Concordia University Texas  
 East Texas Baptist University  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Howard Payne University  
 LeTourneau University

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 McMurry University  
 University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)  
 Sul Ross State University  
 University of Texas at Dallas

AQ - Conference Championship

**Northwest Conference (9)**

George Fox University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield University  
 Pacific Lutheran University  
 Pacific University (Oregon)

University of Puget Sound  
 Whitman College  
 Whitworth University  
 Willamette University

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

**Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)**

California Institute of Technology  
 California Lutheran University  
 Chapman University  
 Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
 University of La Verne

Occidental College  
 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges  
 University of Redlands  
 Whittier College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (7 + 1 prov.)**

Austin College  
 Centenary College (Louisiana)  
 University of Dallas  
 Schreiner University

Southwestern University (Texas)  
 \*University of St. Thomas (Texas) (prov. 2022-23)  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship

## Appendix D • Explanation of OWP and OOWP Calculation

The strength of schedule is made up of two factors: the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and the opponents' opponents' winning percentage (OOWP).

**Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).** Take each opponent's won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add up all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents' winning percentage.

**To calculate.** Team A's schedule is as follows:

| OPPONENT      | OVERALL RECORD | VS TEAM A | WINS      | LOSSES    |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Team B        | 21-7           | 1-0       | 20        | 7         |
| Team C        | 14-11          | 0-1       | 14        | 10        |
| Team D        | 9-14           | 0-1       | 9         | 13        |
| Team E        | 8-17           | 0-1       | 8         | 16        |
| Team F        | 19-8           | 1-0       | 18        | 8         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |                |           | <b>69</b> | <b>54</b> |

**Team A's Opponents' Average Winning Percentage =  $69/(69+54) = .561$  (OWP)**

**Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).** The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents' won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents' opponents' won-loss record. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

**To calculate.** Using the total opponents' won-lost record for Teams B, C, D, E and F (Team A's opponents), perform the same calculation as the OWP.

| OPPONENT      | OPPONENTS' WINS | OPPONENTS' LOSSES |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Team B        | 35              | 75                |
| Team C        | 63              | 40                |
| Team D        | 55              | 55                |
| Team E        | 75              | 37                |
| Team F        | 44              | 60                |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>272</b>      | <b>267</b>        |

**$272/(272+267) = .505$  (OOWP)**

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., Teams A and C have the same OWP of .561; Team A has an OOWP of .505 and Team C has an OOWP of .456; it would indicate that Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

**Strength-of-Schedule Calculation.** Using the strength of schedule, add two-thirds of the OWP to one-third of the OOWP. Team A's strength-of-schedule calculation is as follows:

|                             | VALUE | WEIGHT | SOS VALUE   |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| <b>OWP</b>                  | .561  | .667   | .374        |
| <b>OOWP</b>                 | .505  | .333   | .168        |
| <b>STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE</b> |       |        | <b>.542</b> |

**Strength-of-Schedule Multiplier:** This was in effect from 2011-2016 for men's soccer and only in 2016 for women's soccer.