

# PRECHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26 MANUAL

# **NCAA General Administrative Guidelines**

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### **Section 1 • Introduction**

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships - 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships. Of the women's championships, eight are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 92 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

#### Section 1.1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Squad Size.** In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

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

# Section 2 · Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

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

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

# Section 3 · Conduct

### Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

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

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

### Section 3.2 Drug Testing

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

### Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

### Section 3.4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

#### **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

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

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

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

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

#### **POSTSEASON**

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

#### HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

### Section 3.6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive

an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

### Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

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

# Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

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

# **Section 7 • Logo Policy**

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

### Section 8 • Research

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

### Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online **here**. Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

### **Section 10 • Division III**

### Section 10.1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams within a regular-season philosophy that emphasizes regional competition and minimizes missed class time; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences and at-large teams.

### Section 10.2 Commencement Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.4.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

**Institutional Policy**. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office 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 Sunday if required by the schedule).

# **Division III Soccer**

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### Section 1.3 Important Dates

Saturday, Aug. 30	First reporting due to statistics website, 2 p.m. Eastern time.			
Thursday, Sept. 18	National committees orientation call.			
Wednesday, Oct. 1	Membership NPI orientation call			
Tuesday, Oct. 7	Regional advisory committees training call.			
Monday, Oct. 13	NPI/regional ranking release.			
Tuesday, Oct. 14	Regional advisory committee calls.			
Wednesday, Oct. 15	National committee calls.			
Monday, Oct. 20	NPI/regional ranking release.			
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Regional advisory committee calls.			
Wednesday, Oct. 22	National committee calls.			
Monday, Oct. 27	NPI/regional ranking release.			

Tuesday, Oct. 28	Regional advisory committee calls.
Wednesday, Oct. 29	National committee calls.
Monday, Nov. 3	NPI/regional ranking release.
Tuesday, Nov. 4	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets/facility evaluations for first, second and sectional rounds of the championship.
Tuesday, Nov. 4	Regional advisory committee calls.
Wednesday, Nov. 5	National committee calls.
Thursday, Nov. 6	Videoconference with potential preliminary-round hosts and site-representatives, 11 a.m. Eastern time.
Sunday, Nov. 9	Deadline for uploading scores to statistics website, noon local time.  National committee selection calls.
Monday, Nov. 10	Women's - 64-team field announced, 11 a.m. Eastern time.
	Men's - 64-team field announced, 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.
	Final regional ranking released.
Monday, Nov. 10	NPI/regional ranking release.
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Videoconferences with first- and second-round participating teams, hosts, and NCAA site representatives.
*SatSun, Nov. 15-16	First- and second-round competition (16 on-campus sites).
Sunday, Nov. 16	Four sectional sites announced for men and women.
Tuesday, Nov. 18	Videoconferences with sectional participating teams, hosts, and NCAA site representatives.
*SatSun, Nov. 22-23	Sectional competition (four on-campus sites).
Monday, Dec. 1	Videoconference with semifinalists, NCAA liaison, committee and championship host, 11 a.m. Eastern time.
ThursSun., Dec. 4-7	NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships.

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

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

Selections	Monday, Nov. 10
*1st and 2nd Rounds	Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16 on campus
*Sectionals	Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22-23, on campus
Semifinals and Final	Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 4-7, at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Virginia (women first odd years)

<sup>\*</sup>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.

#### 2026 Dates

Selections	Monday, Nov. 9
*1st and 2nd Rounds	Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15, on campus
*Sectionals	Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21-22, on campus
Semifinals and Final	Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6, at Historic Crew Stadium in Columbus, OH (men first even years)
<b>2027 Dates</b>	
Selections	Monday, Nov. 8
*1st and 2nd Rounds	Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13-14, on campus
*Sectionals	Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20-21, on campus
Semifinals and Final	Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5, at Highmark Stadium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (women first odd years)

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 VIVIDO 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. Orange balls must be requested by the Monday prior to weekend contests. They must also be returned after the contest to Wilson.

### Section 1.5 Rules

[Reference: Bylaws 17.33, 18.6 and 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The 2025 championship will be conducted according to the 2024 and 2025 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) for men and Kelly Whitaker (kwhitaker@ncaa.org) for women. 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

[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 warmups 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. Goalkeepers should bring multiple options to ensure no conflict with opponent and officials.

#### **LOGOS**

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Divisions I and II Manuals, and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4 (Divisions I and II) and Bylaw 12.5.3 (Division III) indicate that an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restrictions.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 21/4 square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution. Only one postconstructive impermeable institutional logo or marking that does not exceed 9 square inches may be applied to the uniform. Additional or alternate logos are not permitted.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes and any and all credentialed personnel in the bench area during the conduct of competition, which includes any practices and pregame or postgame activities.

### Section 1.7 Video Exchange Policy

For all rounds of the championship, video exchange will be done through HUDL. The two most recent games completed prior to selection must be uploaded to HUDL by noon Eastern time Monday after selections, Hosts will be responsible for filming and uploading all prelim contests to HUDL immediately after each game(s).

More information about the exchange platform will be provided after selections.

# 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. 10. Sectional sites will be announced Sunday, Nov. 16.

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. A summary of the automatic-qualifying conferences and their members is listed in Appendix B for men and in Appendix C 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 are subject to change):

Vednesday, Dec. 3	
Vomen's Practice	
Vomen's Community Engagement	
Vomen's Banquet	
hursday, Dec. 4	
flen's Practice	
den's Community Engagement	
1en's Banquet	
Vomen's Semifinals	
riday, Dec. 5	
Vomen's Practice	
den's Semifinals	
Saturday, Dec. 6	
flen's Practice	
Vomen's Final	
Sunday, Dec. 7	
1en's Final	

NOTE: Awards Ceremony - immediately after each match

\*Times subject to change.

#### 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.

<sup>\*</sup>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 5 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, Nov. 5. 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 facility.

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 24 student-athletes for competition. For practices and game warmup, 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 - Please contact [Kevin Alcox/men's soccer] or [Kelly Whitaker/women's soccer] if 90 minutes is not possible). Indoor facilities should be used only in the occurrence of inclement weather and not in addition to the assigned 90 minutes of practice time, including warmup. Arrival day/time is not a factor in order of practice selections. The team traveling the furthest will select first and host last.

#### TRAVEL PARTY

Squad Size	24 individuals
Official Travel Party	29 individuals
Bench Size	50 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. 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. 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 team hotel.

**Bench Size**. Each institution is allotted 21 bench passes to distribute to team personnel beyond the 29 members of the official travel party. Two of the 21 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 49. 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 50 individuals from each institution may be in the bench area during the competition. The 50 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

#### 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), and this information will then be transferred into the NPI 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).

#### Men's Soccer NPI Rankings

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

- Oct. 13
- Oct. 20
- Oct. 27
- Nov. 3
- Nov. 10

#### Women's Soccer NPI Rankings

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

- Oct. 13
- Oct. 20
- Oct. 27
- Nov. 3
- Nov. 10

The committees will rank seven teams in each region based on the NPI ranking.

### Section 2.3 Selections Information

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

At-large teams will be selected using the NCAA Power Index (NPI), the system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when applicable). Teams will be selected not later than Monday, Nov. 10.

NPI will determine the at-large teams selected to the championship after the Automatic Qualifiers (AQ) have been designated.

The committee will announce the bracket for the championship on Nov. 10. The selection show will be streamed live on ncaa.com. The bracket and press release will be available following the selection show on ncaa.com.

#### **ALLOCATION OF BERTHS**

The 64-team field will consist of two selection pools: AQs and at-large berths. AQ berths will be allocated to automatic qualifying conferences. The criteria for receiving automatic qualification are outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4 of the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual. At-large berths will be reserved for all remaining institutions not receiving an AQ. Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2025 championship:

#### Men's Soccer

Bracket	64 teams	Based on 2024-25 eligible institutions
Automatic Qualifiers	43 teams	
At-large	21 teams	

#### Women's Soccer

Bracket	64 teams	Based on 2024-25 eligible institutions
Automatic Qualifiers	43 teams	
At-large	21 teams	

#### **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

#### Men's Automatic Qualification

The 43 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2025 championship are as follows:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference

American Rivers Conference

American Southwest Conference

Atlantic East

Centennial Conference

City University of New York Athletic Conference

Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin

Collegiate Conference of the South

Conference of New England

Empire 8

Great Northeast Athletic Conference

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

Landmark Conference

Liberty League

Little East Conference

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom

Midwest Conference

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

New England Small College Athletic Conference

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference

New Jersey Athletic Conference

North Atlantic Conference

North Coast Athletic Conference

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference

Northwest Conference

Ohio Athletic Conference

Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Presidents' Athletic Conference

**Skyline Conference** 

Southern Athletic Association

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

State University of New York Athletic Conference

United East Conference

University Athletic Association

Upper Midwest Athletic Conference

USA South Athletic Conference

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

A listing of all evaluation regions is listed in Appendix B.

#### Women's Automatic Qualification

The 43 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2025 championship are as follows:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference

American Rivers Conference

American Southwest Conference

Atlantic East

Centennial Conference

City University of New York Athletic Conference

Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin

Collegiate Conference of the South

Conference of New England

Empire 8

Great Northeast Athletic Conference

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

Landmark Conference

Liberty League

Little East Conference

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom

Midwest Conference

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

New England Small College Athletic Conference

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference

New Jersey Athletic Conference

North Atlantic Conference

North Coast Athletic Conference

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference

Northwest Conference

Ohio Athletic Conference

Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Presidents' Athletic Conference

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

**Skyline Conference** 

Southern Athletic Association

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference

State University of New York Athletic Conference

United East Conference

University Athletic Association

Upper Midwest Athletic Conference

USA South Athletic Conference

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference

A listing of all evaluation regions is listed in Appendix C.

#### AT-LARGE SELECTION

To be considered during the at-large selection process, 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).

#### COUNTABLE COMPETITION

[Reference Bylaw 31.3.4.1.1 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 Bylaw 20.8.4.4) 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.

#### Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

Division III team sports have adopted the use of the NCAA Power Index (NPI). NPI is a system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant).

The NPI weights for men's soccer are the following:

Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
15/85	1.0/1.0	54.00	0.750	100/0	10.0

The NPI weights for women's soccer are the following:

Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
20/80	1.0/1.0	54.00	0.500	100/0	8.0

See Appendix D for further explanation of the NPI Weights.

### Section 2.5 Bracketing Principles (Pairings)

The following bracketing principles will be in effect for the next two years (2024-25 and 2025-26) to assess its financial impact and success in protecting top-seeded teams.

Protection of top-eight seeded teams in the bracket.

In brackets greater than 32 teams, teams will be protected based on the seed lines of No. 1s and No. 2s (based on NPI ranking at the time of selection).

- NPI rank 1-4 will be No. 1s. NPI rank 5-8 will be No. 2s.
- b. No. 1s and No. 2s will be bracketed based on quarterfinal matchups providing a possibility that the top eight (8) teams could each advance to the round of eight.
- c. No. 1s and No. 2s will be paired in the quarterfinals based on current bracketing principles (i.e., geographic proximity is maintained).

Brackets will be built outward based on protecting the quarterfinal matchups that will protect No. 1s and No. 2s while maintaining geographic proximity.

- 2. Remaining teams will continue to 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 500 miles). An exception may be granted when there are not enough teams within the 500-mile radius to fill the region. Geographic proximity shall take precedence over seeding for teams below the top-8 seeds.
- 3. Teams from the same conference shall not play one another in the first round.
- 4. The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria shall be selected as the host institutions, provided that geographic proximity is maintained and they meet all site selection criteria.

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

#### Section 2.6 Site Selection

#### **PROSPECTIVE HOSTS**

Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's and/or Women's Soccer Championships must submit a proposed budget and a safety and security form, respond to sportspecific 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. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championship manager.

The deadline to submit all materials for hosting preliminary rounds is Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.

#### **CRITERIA**

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

- Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
- 2. Geographical location (including such factors as rotation of sites, weather conditions, accessibility and transportation costs).
- 3. Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.
- 4. Hosts will be selected based on meeting the minimum hosting requirements and maintaining geographic proximity. Seeding may be a consideration when selecting hosts but is not determinative.

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 Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for this championship is Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.

In addition to projected ticket sales and game expenses, prospective hosts should include the following when completing a proposed budget:

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials will be paid by the NCAA via RefQuest 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 the championship.

#### **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. 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.

#### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

The host for each championship round must complete a financial report form, which is incorporated as part of the proposed budget form and located on the NCAA website. A separate financial report form must be submitted for each round of competition. Each form must be submitted to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the report within 60 days will result in financial penalties.

#### **KEY CONTACTS FORM**

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

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA Championships, which can be found here. 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. Your safety and security plan documents should be uploaded in the Documents tab of the facility profile, under in the Safety and Security Plan section.

If an institution wishes to submit this information via email, please send it to Kevin Alcox (kalcox@ncaa.org) or Kelly Whitaker (kwhitaker@ncaa.org).

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Kevin Alcox (kalcox@ncaa.org) or Kelly Whitaker (kwhitaker@ncaa.org), or email 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 quidelines 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.

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.

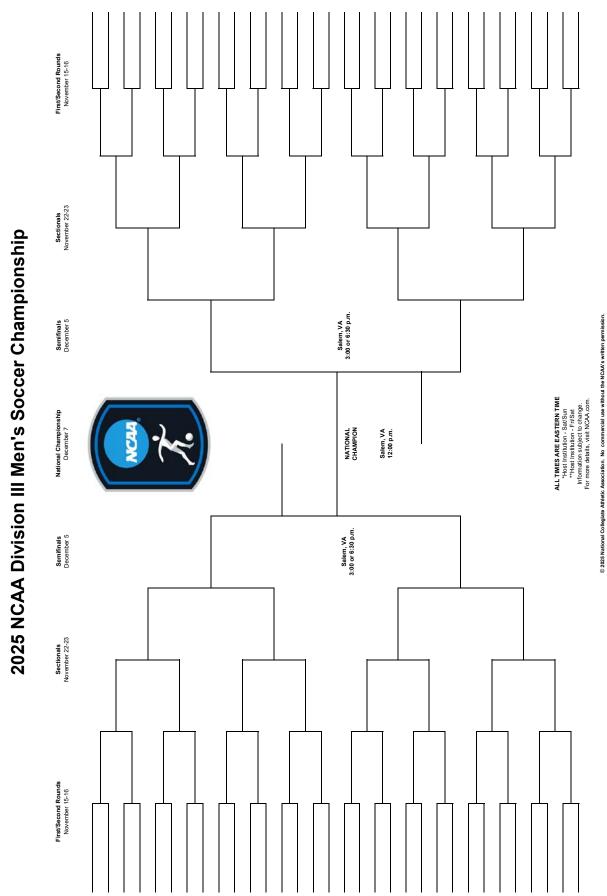
While the hosting preferences of the joint men's and women's soccer committees are noted above, there may be some instances when the committees are unable to follow these due to the number of variables that must be taken into consideration when selecting host sites, which may also include the conduct 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.

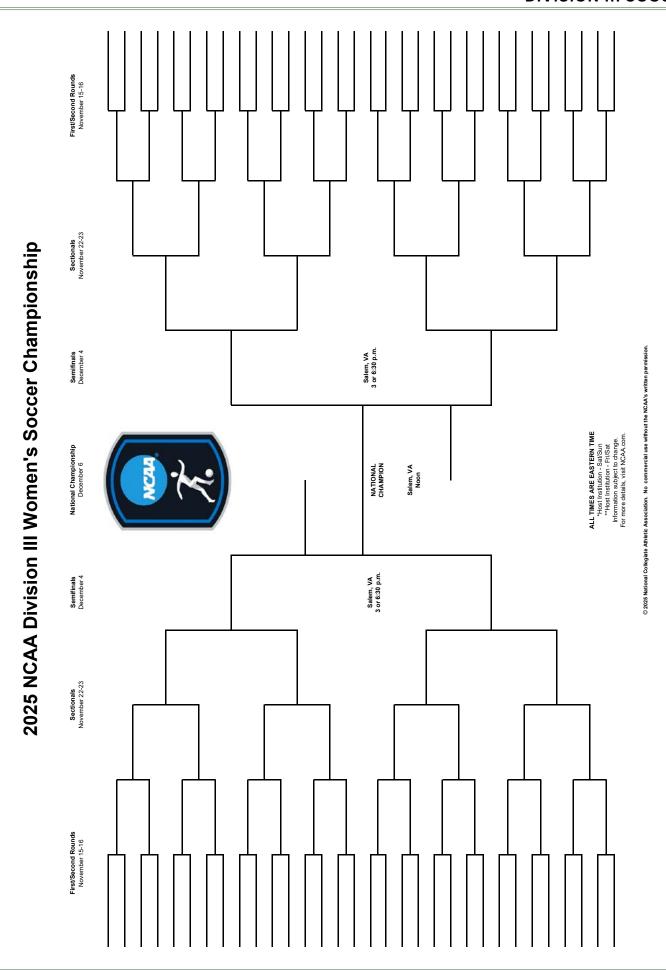
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# **Appendix A • Brackets**





### **Appendix B • Men's Sponsorship**

#### **REGION I**

#### **Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)**

Albertus Magnus College Colby-Sawyer College

Dean College Elms College

Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)

Lasell University Mitchell College

New England College Norwich University

Regis College (Massachusetts)

Rivier University

Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### North Atlantic Conference (10)

State University of New York at Cobleskill State University of New York at Delhi

Husson University Lesley University

Maine Maritime Academy

University of Maine, Farmington University of Maine at Presque Isle

Thomas College

Vermont State University-Johnson Vermont State University-Lyndon

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)**

Vermont State University Castleton 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**

#### **Conference of New England (11)**

Curry College **Endicott College** Gordon College University of Hartford Jonhson & Wales University (Providence) University of New England

Nichols College Roger Williams University Suffolk University Wentworth Institute of Technology Western New England University

AQ - Conference Championship

#### New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (9)

Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) **Emerson College** Massachusetts Institute of Technology Salve Regina University

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

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)

Anna Maria College **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

#### **University Athletic Association (1)**

**Brandeis University** 

#### **REGION III**

#### **Empire 8 (11)**

Alfred University State University of New York at Brockport Elmira College State University of New York at Geneseo

Hartwick College Houghton University Keuka College Nazareth University State University of New York Polytechnic Institute St. John Fisher University Utica University

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 University 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 University (Brooklyn) St. Joseph's University (Long Island) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Yeshiva University

AQ - Conference Championship

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

Buffalo State, State University of New York State University of New York at Canton State University of New York at Cortland The State University of New York at Fredonia State University of New York at Morrisville

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

#### **REGION IV**

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

Baruch College John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Brooklyn College Lehman College The City College of New York Medgar Evers College

Hunter College York College (New York)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)

Arcadia University King's College (Pennsylvania) Delaware Valley University Lebanon Valley College Misericordia University **DeSales University** 

Stevens Institute of Technology Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

AQ - Conference Championship

#### **New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)**

Kean University Rowan University

Montclair State University Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark New Jersey City University

The College of New Jersey Stockton University

Ramapo College William Paterson University of New Jersey

AQ - Conference Championship

#### United East (16)

Bryn Athyn College Penn State University, Abington

Cairn University Penn State University Brandywine (provisional)

Gallaudet University Pennsylvania College of Technology

Keystone College Rosemont College

Lancaster Bible College Saint Elizabeth University

Notre Dame of Maryland University St. Mary's College of Maryland Penn State Berks College

University of Valley Forge Penn State Harrisburg Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

#### University Athletic Association (1)

New York University

#### **REGION V**

#### Atlantic East (7)

Centenary University (New Jersey) Gwynedd Mercy University Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia)

Marywood University Neumann University **Pratt Institute** 

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

#### **Landmark Conference (10)**

Catholic University **Drew University** Elizabethtown College Goucher College Juniata College

Lycoming College Moravian College University of Scranton Susquehanna University Wilkes University

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (8)

Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University **Hood College** 

Messiah University Stevenson University Widener University York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Coast-to-Coast (1)

Salisbury University

#### **REGION VI**

#### Collegiate Conference of the South (7)

**Asbury University** Belhaven University Covenant College **Huntingdon College**  LaGrange College Maryville College (Tennessee)

Piedmont University

AQ - Conference Championship

#### **Old Dominion Athletic Conference (14)**

**Averett University** Bridgewater College (Virginia) Eastern Mennonite University **Guilford College** Hampden-Sydney College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

#### **USA South Athletic Conference (8)**

**Brevard College** Greensboro College Mary Baldwin University Methodist University

University of Lynchburg

North Carolina Wesleyan University Pfieffer University

Southern Virginia University William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Southern Athletic Association (8)

Berry College Centre College Hendrix College Millsaps College

Oglethorpe University **Rhodes College** Sewanee, The University of the South Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### **University Athletic Association (1)**

**Emory University** 

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

#### Coast-to-Coast (5)

Christopher Newport University Johnson & Wales Charlotte (provisional) University of Mary Washington

Regent University (provisional) Warren Wilson College

#### **REGION VII**

#### Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9)

Alfred State College

Carlow University (provisional)

Hilbert College La Roche University 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)

Berea College **Bluffton University** 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 (9)

**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 (11)**

Allegheny College

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

#### **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 Hope College Albion College Kalamazoo College Alma College The University of Olivet Calvin University 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 (10)

Blackburn College Eureka College Fontbonne University Greenville College Lyon College

Mississippi University for Women

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

#### Independent (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 (6)

#### Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University of Wisconsin-Platteville University of Wisconsin-River Falls University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Stout University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

#### **REGION X**

#### **American Southwest Conference (5)**

East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University

LeTourneau University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

AQ - Grace Period Year One - 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 (12)

Austin College Centenary College (Louisiana) Colorado College Concordia University Texas University of Dallas McMurry University

University of the Ozarks (Arkansas) Schreiner University Southwestern University (Texas) University of St. Thomas (Texas) Texas Lutheran University Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Coast-to-Coast (1)

University of California, Santa Cruz

# Appendix C • Women's Sponsorship

#### **REGION I**

## **Great Northeast Athletic Conference (14)**

Albertus Magnus College Colby Sawyer College

Dean College Elms College

Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)

Lasell University Mitchell College

New England College Norwich University

Regis College (Massachusetts)

Rivier University

Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

Simmons University

University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)

AQ - Conference Championship

## North Atlantic Conference (10)

State University of New York at Cobleskill State University of New York at Delhi

Husson University Lesley University

Maine Maritime Academy

University of Maine, Farmington University of Maine at Presque Isle

Thomas College

Vermont State University-Johnson Vermont State University Lyndon

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)

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 Vermont State University Castleton Western Connecticut State University

AQ - Conference Championship

### **REGION II**

## **Conference of New England (11)**

Curry College **Endicott College** Gordon College University of Hartford Johnson & Wales University (Providence) University of New England

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

Nichols College

AQ - Conference Championship

## New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (12)

Smith College Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Springfield College **Emerson College** U.S. Coast Guard Academy Massachusetts Institute of Technology Wellesley College Mount Holyoke College Wheaton College (Massachusetts) Salve Regina University Worcester Polytechnic Institute

AQ - Conference Championship

## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)

Anna Maria College 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

## **University Athletic Association (1)**

**Brandeis University** 

#### **REGION III**

### **Empire 8 (12)**

Alfred University State University of New York at Brockport

Elmira College

State University of New York at Geneseo

Hartwick College Houghton University Keuka College Nazareth University

State University of New York Polytechnic Institute

Russell Sage College St. John Fisher University

Utica University

AQ - Conference Championship

## Liberty League (10)

Bard College Clarkson University Ithaca College

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

William Smith College

AQ - Conference Championship

### Skyline Conference (12)

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

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

Buffalo State, State University of New York State University of New York at Canton State University of New York at Cortland The State University of New York at Fredonia State University of New York at Morrisville

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

#### **REGION IV**

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

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

AQ - Conference Championship

## Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)

Arcadia University King's College (Pennsylvania) Delaware Valley University Lebanon Valley College **DeSales University** Misericordia University

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Stevens Institute of Technology

AQ - Conference Championship

### **New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)**

Kean University Rowan University Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden Montclair State University

New Jersey City University Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark

The College of New Jersey Stockton University

Ramapo College William Paterson University of New Jersey

AQ - Conference Championship

## United East (14)

Cairn University Penn State Harrisburg Cedar Crest College Penn State University, Abington Pennsylvania College of Technology Keystone College Lancaster Bible College Rosemont College Notre Dame of Maryland University St. Mary's College of Maryland

University of Valley Forge Penn State Berks College

Penn State Brandywine (provisional) Wilson College AQ - Conference Championship

### **University Athletic Association (1)**

New York University

#### **REGION V**

## **Atlantic East (8)**

Centenary University (New Jersey) Gwynedd Mercy University Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia)

Marywood University Neumann University **Pratt Institute** 

Saint Elizabeth 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

### **Landmark Conference (10)**

Catholic University **Drew University** Elizabethtown College Goucher College Juniata College

Lycoming College Moravian College University of Scranton Susquehanna University Wilkes University

AQ - Conference Championship

## Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (8)

Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Hood College

Messiah University Stevenson University Widener University York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

## Coast-to-Coast (1)

Salisbury University

AQ - Grace Period Year One - Conference Championship

### Independent (1)

Trinity Washington University

AQ - Conference Championship

### **REGION VI**

## Collegiate Conference of the South (9)

Agnes Scott College Asbury University Belhaven University Covenant College **Huntingdon College** 

LaGrange College Maryville College (Tennessee) Piedmont University

Wesleyan College (Georgia)

AQ - Conference Championship

### Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)

Averett University Bridgewater College (Virginia) Eastern Mennonite University **Guilford College** Hollins University University of Lynchburg

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

AQ - Conference Championship

## **USA South Athletic Conference (10)**

**Brevard College** Greensboro College Mary Baldwin University Meredith College Methodist University

Randolph College

North Carolina Wesleyan College Pfieffer University Salem College (North Carolina) Southern Virginia University William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

### Southern Athletic Association (8)

**Berry College** Centre College Millsaps College Oglethorpe University

**Rhodes College** Sewanee, University of the South Southwestern University (Texas) Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship

## **University Athletic Association (1)**

**Emory University** 

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Coast-to-Coast (3)

Christopher Newport University Johnson & Wales University Charlotte (provisional) University of Mary Washington

Regent University (provisional) Warren Wilson College

AQ - Grace Period Year One -Conference Championship

#### **REGION VII**

## Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9)

Alfred State College

Carlow University (provisional)

Hilbert College La Roche University 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)

Berea College Bluffton University 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 (8)

**Denison University** DePauw University

John Carroll University Kenyon College

Oberlin College

Ohio Wesleyan University Wittenberg University The College of Wooster

AQ - Conference Championship

## Ohio Athletic Conference (9)

**Baldwin Wallace University** Capital University Heidelberg University Marietta College

University of Mount Union

Muskingum University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University Wilmington College (Ohio)

AQ - Conference Championship

### Presidents' Athletic Conference (12)

Allegheny College

Bethany College (West Virginia)

Chatham University

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Geneva College

Grove City College

Hiram 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

#### **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 (9)

Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin University Hope College

Kalamazoo College The University of Olivet Saint 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 (9)

Blackburn College Eureka College Greenville College Lyon College

Mississippi University for Women

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 (7)**

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

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 (4)

East Texas Baptist University Howard Payne University Hardin-Simmons University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

AQ - Grace Period Year Two - Conference Championship

### Northwest Conference (9)

George Fox University University of Puget Sound Lewis & Clark College Whitman College Whitworth University Linfield University Pacific Lutheran University Willamette University Pacific University (Oregon)

AQ - Regular-Season Champion

### Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)

California Institute of Technology Occidental College California Lutheran University Pomona-Pitzer Colleges Chapman University University of Redlands Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges Whittier College University of La Verne

AQ - Conference Championship

### Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (11)

Austin College McMurry University University of the Ozarks (Arkansas) Centenary College (Louisiana) Concordia University Texas Schreiner University University of St. Thomas (Texas) Hendrix College University of Dallas Texas Lutheran University LeTourneau University

AQ - Conference Championship

### Coast-to-Coast (1)

University of California, Santa Cruz

AQ - Grace Period Year One - Conference Championship

# Appendix D • NCAA Power Index (NPI) Guide

#### NCAA Power Index (NPI) – Guide

### Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule:

The two main "dials" are winning percentage and strength of schedule.

25/75 is the default starting value (win percentage / strength of schedule) and sport committees will discuss and set these dials.

- 1. Winning percentage: A team's number of wins divided by the number of that team's total contests.
- 2. Strength of Schedule: SOS is simply an average of a team's opponent's NPI.

Example: Team A plays contests against teams with NPIs of 52, 58 and 70. SOS is calculated as 52 + 58+70 = 180; 180 / 3 = 60. SOS = 60.

Quality Win Bonus: A bonus applied to wins/partial wins (e.g., overtime victory) against "quality" teams.

- 1. Quality Win Bonus Base Value:
  - a. The sport committee determines the base NPI value at which a QWB is applied.
  - b. The amount of bonus is determined by the difference between opponents NPI value and the QWB base value, multiplied by the QWB multiplier.

Example: Base value is set at 55.00. A bonus will be applied for all wins/partial wins against opponents with an NPI value of 55.00 of higher.

### 2. Quality Win Bonus - Multiplier:

Set the multiplier/magnitude of bonus awarded for wins against teams with an NPI above the QWB base. Values can range from 0.00 to 1.00. Default setting is .500.

Example: QWB base is set at 52.00. Multiplier is set at .500.

- NPI-QWB Base=X;  $X^*.500 = Bonus$ .
- Win over team with NPI of 56.00.
- 56.00 52.00 = 4.00; 4.00 \* .500 = 2.00 (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)
- Win over team with NPI of 61.00.
- 61.00 52.00 = 9.00; 9.00 \* .500 = 4.50 (4.50 is the Quality Win Bonus)

Example: QWB base is set at 51.00. Multiplier is set at .333.

- Win over team with NPI of 60.00.
- 60.00 51.00 = 9.00; 9.00 \* .333 = 3.00 (3.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)
- Win over team with NPI of 57.00.
- 57.00 51.00 = 6.00; 6.00 \* .333 = 2.00 (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)

## Home/Away Multiplier:

- 1. Allows for additional emphasis/weights to be placed on away wins and home losses, with less emphasis on home wins and away losses.
- 2. Different weights can be applied to non-conference, conference, and [conference] post-season contests.
- 3. This is an optional adjustment and can be set a 1.0/1.0 to weigh all wins and losses, at home or away, as equal.

Example: Weights set at 1.2/0.8

- Away wins/home losses weigh as 1.2 wins/losses.
- Home wins/away losses weigh as 0.8 wins/losses.

### **Overtime Win/Loss:**

- 1. Allows for an overtime win/loss to count as less than a full win/loss.
- 2. An example is in ice hockey. Overtime is played 3-on-3 versus 5-on-5 in regulation. Since a win in overtime required extra time and was played differently an OT win can be weighted at .75 win/.25 loss. The losing team would bet .25 wins/.75 losses.
- 3. Regular season and post-season can be weighted differently.
- 4. This is an optional adjustment and can be set at 1.00/0.00 meaning a win is a win, or a loss is a loss regardless of regulation or overtime.

Minimum Wins: The committee can elect to require a minimum number of wins to be retained in the NPI adjustment.