



NCAA Division II Softball Committee Annual Report - December 2018

1. 2018-19 National Governing Softball Committee Members.

Dean Johnson Head Softball Coach/Associate Director of Athletics Caldwell University Term expires September 2022	East Region	Patrick Peasant Head Softball Coach/Assistant AD Miles College Term expires September 2021	South Region
John Wilson, Jr. Assistant Athletics Director Virginia State University Term expires September 2019	Atlantic Region	Donna Fields Head Softball Coach/SWA St. Mary's University (TX) Term expires September 2022	South Central Region
Kristy Bayer Deputy Director of Athletics/SWA Emporia State University Term expires September 2020	Central Region	Stacey Vallee Head Softball Coach/SWA Francis Marion University Term expires September 2020	Southeast Region
Rob Fournier Director of Athletics Wayne State University (Michigan) Term expires September 2021	Midwest Region	Brandon Davis, chair Associate Director of Athletics San Francisco State University Term expires September 2019	West Region

2. 2018-19 Softball Sponsorship.

Division I – 295
Division II – 292
Division III – 415

Note: The above sponsorship numbers include provisional and reclassifying members.

3. **2018 Championship.** The NCAA Division II Softball Championship provided for a field of 64 teams. The championship was held in Salem, VA and was hosted by the Mountain East Conference and City of Salem. The 64 teams participated in regionals at 16 institutional sites and then super regionals at eight institutional sites in double-elimination tournaments to determine the final eight participants.

Congratulations to the University of Southern Indiana on winning the 2018 championship.

4. **Dates for 2019 Division II Softball Championship.** The 2019 championship will take place May 23-27 at the Regency Athletic Complex in Denver.

Selection Announcement:	Monday, May 6 (Time TBD)
Regionals:	May 9-11
Super Regionals:	May 16-17
Championship:	May 23-27

5. **Future Championship Dates and Sites.**

To access future dates and sites for the championship, please use this link to filter to the correct sport, year and division. This is the most up-to-date listing of dates and sites: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/ncaa-championships-schedule>.

6. **Selection Requirements.** The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championship competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]: A team must have a .500 overall Division II record or above to be selected. Selection of teams shall be completed by Sunday, May 5. The softball committee will select eight teams from each region to participate in the championship. The softball committee shall have full authority to select the teams to compete in the respective regional tournaments. Each conference shall appoint regional advisory committees (RACs) to assist in evaluating teams, but recommendations of the advisory committee members are not binding on the softball committee.

- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;
- Nullification;
- In-region winning percentage;
- Division II winning percentage;
- Division II strength of schedule;
- Division II head-to-head competition; and
- Results versus Division II common opponents.

The Division II Softball Committee has received approval from the Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II Softball Championship (not in priority order):

- Results vs. ranked Division II opponents;
- In-region Ratings Percentage Index (RPI); and
- Division II results vs. teams with a winning record.

All selection criteria are weighted equally. Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Softball Committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Division II Softball Committee for selection purposes. Additionally, conference standings are not used as part of the selection criteria.

7. **Annual Meeting.** The national softball committee's 2018 annual meeting will take place **June 18-19** in Indianapolis. If you have an issue you would like the national softball committee to discuss, please forward it in writing to Molly Simons at the NCAA National Office by **June 3, 2019**.

8. **The Championships Committee Took the Following Actions on 2018 Committee Recommendations:**

- Approved that the following 24 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2018 NCAA Division II Softball Championship: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Central Atlantic Collegiate, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Great Northwest Athletic, Gulf South Conference, Heartland Conference, Lone Star Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Mountain East Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Pacific West Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, South Atlantic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic, and Sunshine State Conference.
- Approved that beginning in 2018-19, selection criteria will include Division II results vs. teams with a winning record and remove in-region, non-conference won-lost record.

This annual report is provided by the NCAA Division II National Softball Committee to outline key actions taken by the softball committee and the Division II Championships Committee during the past year and to provide general information regarding the softball championship. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the softball committee or Molly Simons, NCAA Championships & Alliances, (317-917-6222; msimons@ncaa.org).