



*2019 DIVISION III*  
**SOFTBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2018-19 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

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

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific.

## Section 1.1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Section 3 • Concussion Management

*[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the [NCAA Sports Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

## Section 4 • Conduct

### Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 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 4•2 Drug Testing

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions I and II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Divisions I and II), 18.4.1.5 (Division III) and 31.2.3, 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 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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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 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, which 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 outline.

### Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

## STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

## POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions when 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 when 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

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

## Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

## Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

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

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

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way 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 NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](https://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

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

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) 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

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA

from people for other purposes; any systematic collect data from the membership or other entities; etc.

## Section 9 • Division III

### Section 9•1 Division III Philosophy

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

### Section 9•2 Commencement Conflicts

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



The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

## Section 9•3 Religious Conflicts

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

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



# Division III Softball

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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### EAST REGION

#### Kim Wilson

Head Softball Coach  
Rowan University

### MIDWEST REGION

#### George Wares

Head Softball Coach  
Central College (Iowa)

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### Marie Curran-Headley

Director of Athletics  
State University of New York at Cobleskill

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Denny Griffin

Head Softball Coach  
Alma College

### GREAT LAKES REGION

#### Kim Tatro, chair

Associate Director of Athletics/Head Softball Coach  
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## Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Bylaw 21.4.1.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual]

An advisory committee in each of the eight sport regions shall assist the Division III Softball Committee in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Conference commissioners shall appoint conference representatives on the regional advisory committees.

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>ATLANTIC REGION</b>		
Renee Hellert, chair	Moravian College	Landmark
Tommy Forrester	Emory & Henry College	ODAC
Lacey Lister	Washington College (Maryland)	Centennial
Jen Petteys	York College (Pennsylvania)	Capital
Kim Scavone	Meredith College	USA South
Kathy Staib	Elizabethtown College	Landmark
Merritt Yackett	University of the South	SAA
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>		
Denny Griffin, chair	Alma College	MIAA
Penny Allen-Cook	Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	MIAA
Shawn Hendrickson	Transylvania University	Heartland
Erin O'Neill	Kenyon College	North Coast
Tina Phillips	University of Pittsburgh, Bradford	AMCC
Deanna Tritinger	Chatham University	Presidents'
Kelli Williams	Heidelberg University	OAC
<b>EAST REGION</b>		
Kim Wilson, chair	Rowan University	NJAC
Terry Burdette	Hood College	MAC Commonwealth
Mavreen Hering	Stockton University	NJAC
Cheri Jones	Notre Dame of Maryland University	Colonial States
Sarah Maulorico	Wilkes University	MAC Freedom
Laura Patton	Cabrini University	Atlantic East
Erin Van Nostrand	College of Staten Island	CUNYAC
<b>GREAT LAKES REGION</b>		
Kim Tatro, chair	Lawrence University	Midwest
Katie Anderson	North Park University	CCIW
Amber Dohlman	University of Wisconsin-River Falls	WIAC
Joe Kinsella	Lake Forest College	Midwest
Cristina Lukas	Dominican University	Northern Athletics
<b>MIDWEST REGION</b>		
George Wares, chair	Central College (Iowa)	American Rivers
Mandie Berneking	Buena Vista University	American Rivers
Rilee Dawson	The College of St. Scholastica	UMAC
Buddy Foster	Greenville University	SLIAC
Colleen Powers	St. Catherine University	MIAC

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>NEW ENGLAND REGION</b>		
Diana Pepin, chair	Eastern Connecticut State University	Little East
TBD	TBD	North Atlantic
Natalia Ardagna	University of Massachusetts Boston	Little East
Kelly Bevere	Middlebury College	NESCAC
Dave Canan	Babson College	NEWMAC
Brook Capello	Simmons College	GNAC
Merry MacDonald	Fitchburg State University	MASCAC
Lori Mayhew	Western New England University	Commonwealth Coast
Heather Ross	Lesley University	NECC
<b>NORTHEAST REGION</b>		
Marie Curran-Headley, chair	State University of New York at Cobleskill	NEAC
Danielle DeStaso	Yeshiva University	Skyline
Dave Fontaine	Utica College	Empire 8
Now-Allah James	New York University	UAA
Jackie Klahold	Pennsylvania College of Technology	NEAC
Abby Martin	State University of New York at Oswego	SUNYAC
Margaret Yerdon-Grange	University of Rochester	Liberty League
<b>WEST REGION</b>		
Janae Shirley, chair	East Texas Baptist University	American Southwest
Larry Hennig	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	American Southwest
Jessica Hollen	George Fox University	Northwest
Trisha Senyo	Whittier College	SCIAC
Wade Wilson	Texas Lutheran University	SCAC

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Wednesday, Jan. 16</b>	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	Bid information for selection of regional and super regional sites available online at <a href="http://www.ncaa.org">www.ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Thursdays, April 18, April 25, May 2 and Monday, May 6</b>	Published rankings.
<b>Friday, April 26, 5 p.m. Eastern time</b>	Deadline for submitting bid materials to serve as a host institution for a 2019 regional or super regional tournament.
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	Selection of teams.
<b>Monday, May 6, 1 p.m. Eastern time</b>	Online selection show to announce teams and regional sites selected for the championship.
<b>Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m. Eastern time</b>	Regional teleconferences with respective regional host and participating teams.
<b>Friday-Sunday, May 10-12</b>	Regionals. (Note: Regionals that include a team with a no-Sunday play policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11.)
<b>Monday, May 13, noon Eastern time</b>	Teleconferences with respective super regional host and participating teams.
<b>Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18</b>	Super regionals.
<b>Monday, May 20, 11 a.m. Eastern time</b>	Teleconference with eight teams advancing to the finals.

## DIVISION III SOFTBALL

**Thursday-Tuesday, May 23-28**

Championship at Suddenlink Field, Tyler, Texas;  
host — The University of Texas at Tyler.

**Monday-Wednesday, June 18-20**

Committee annual meeting (Indianapolis).

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATE FORMULA

**Regionals (16):**

One week before the super regionals (Friday-Sunday)

**Super Regionals (8):**

One week before the finals (Friday-Saturday)

**Finals:**

Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Tuesday)

### FUTURE DATES

Year	Regionals	Super Regionals	Championship/Site
2020	May 8-10	May 15 and 16	May 21-26/Tyler, Texas
2021	May 14-16	May 21 and 22	May 27-June 1/Salem, Virginia

Sites for regionals and super regionals are determined by the Division III Softball Committee. Finals sites are recommended by the Division III Softball Committee, with final approval from the Division III Championships Committee. (See [Appendix A](#) for brackets.)

## Section 1•5 Division III Commencement Conflict Policy

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 sports committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

- Applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee, in consultation with participating institutions, would reschedule the game on the nearest possible date if a participating school has a conflict.
- Does not apply to predetermined finals sites.

The governing sports 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 1•6 Division III Philosophy

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

## Section 1•7 Equipment

### BALLS

The Rawlings NC12L is the official softball for the championship. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc. will supply softballs for all championship rounds; no other softball shall be used.

### BATS

Bats used in competition MUST appear on the current NCAA Approved Softball Bat List, which is posted on [www.sup.arbitersports.com](http://www.sup.arbitersports.com). The bat list will be updated the second Monday of January, March, April and July. Additional lists will be posted when a manufacturer withdraws a bat model or the results of bat testing dictate assessing strikes against and/

or removing a model. When reviewing the bat list, please note that a bat on the list with a strike(s) may be used in competition. Also, a summary of changes to the listing appears in a separate document. DEL means that model was deleted from the list.

Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for legally equipping their team. They are to provide umpires with a current bat list and highlight and indicate the number of each model of bats their team will be using during each game. Bats are to be checked before every game.

## BAT TESTING

Bat testing will be conducted daily before competition at all Division III regionals and super regionals and at the finals.

## Section 1•8 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The NCAA softball rules shall be followed, including the rules and changes/modifications below:

1. The complex must be enclosed so that admission can be charged.
2. It is highly recommended that a facility have a skinned infield and a natural grass outfield. However, the softball committee will consider facilities with artificial surfaces when selecting sites.
3. The backstop must be at least 25 feet (maximum 30 feet) from home plate. When the backstop is wood, cement or brick, padding is required from dugout to dugout beginning not higher than 1 foot off the ground and extending to the top of the wood, cement or brick or 6 feet from the ground, whichever is shorter.
4. It is highly recommended that the playing field be enclosed completely by sideline fences and a permanent home-run fence in a smooth arc of not more than 235 feet from home plate.

Institutional fields with a 6-foot or taller fence shall be a minimum of 190 feet in left and right fields and 220 feet in center field. Institutional fields with a 4-foot fence shall be a minimum of 210 feet in left and right fields and 230 feet in center field. It is highly recommended that municipal fields meet these same requirements.

For all new construction, it is required that the fence be six feet or higher and be a minimum of 190 feet in left and right fields and 220 feet in center field.

If a temporary home-run fence is used, it must be secured so as not to collapse on and displace the foul pole and to prevent balls from rolling under.

5. The international tiebreaker will not be used in championship play.

## Section 1•9 Uniforms

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

Each competing team selected for the NCAA championship must bring two sets of uniforms of different colors. The home team shall select its desired uniform color, and the visiting team must wear a contrasting color jersey from the home team. Determination of uniform jersey colors must be approved by the NCAA site representative. As a reminder, when teams play back-to-back games, they must be prepared to change uniforms, if necessary. Noncompliance with this policy may result in misconduct as outlined in this manual. On the field, including the practice areas and the bench and dugout, each team is limited to eligible players in uniform and coaches, athletic trainers and managers, all of whom shall be in appropriate team colors and within the allotted bench size.

## LOGOS

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

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

The championship provides for a field of 62 teams. Four teams will compete at 14 regional sites, and three teams will compete at two regional sites in a double-elimination tournament. The 16 teams advancing from regionals will compete in a two-team, best-of-three tournament at eight super regional sites.

The eight teams advancing from super regionals will compete at the finals site in a double-elimination tournament. The final two teams will compete in a best-of-three series to determine the national champion.

Regionals. The procedures outlined below shall be used in the conduct of all regional tournaments.

All regional tournaments will be conducted for a three-day period. Regionals will begin Friday, May 10. (Competition will be conducted Thursday-Saturday at regional sites with a team that has a no-Sunday play policy and the inclement weather formula will be adjusted accordingly.) Every attempt should be made to complete regional competition by the Sunday before super regionals. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day.) A team may be required to play three games in one day on the rain date (Monday) to complete competition. If exceptions (e.g., weather) preclude the completion of competition by Monday, the advancing team will be determined based on the inclement weather formula in this section.

**Four-Team Regionals.** Games 1 and 2 will be played on the first day; Games 3, 4 and 5 will be played on the second day; and Game 6 (and Game 7, if necessary) will be played on the third day. The procedure below will be observed. Games follow in chronological order. No exceptions to game order will be permitted.

<b>Day 1: Game 1</b>	No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed
<b>Game 2</b>	No. 1 seed vs. No. 4 seed
<b>Day 2: Game 3</b>	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
<b>Game 4</b>	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
<b>Game 5</b>	Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3
<b>Day 3: Game 6</b>	Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 5
<b>Game 7</b>	Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6 (if necessary)

**Three-Team Regionals.** Games 1 and 2 will be played on the first day; Games 3 and 4 will be played on the second day; and Game 5, if necessary, will be played on the third day. Games follow in chronological order. No exceptions to game order will be permitted.

<b>Day 1: Game 1</b>	No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed
<b>Game 2</b>	No. 1 seed vs. No. 3 seed
<b>Day 2: Game 3</b>	No. 1 seed vs. No. 2 seed
<b>Game 4</b>	See scenarios below
<b>Day 3: Game 5 (if necessary)</b>	See scenarios below

<b>Scenario 1</b>	<b>If two teams remain:</b> Game 4 – Two remaining teams play. If the undefeated team wins, that team wins the regional tournament and advances to the super regional tournament. If the 1-1 team wins, then Game 5 is played and the winner advances to the super regional tournament.
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**Scenario 2****If three teams remain (i.e., all three teams have one loss):**

Game 4 – No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed

Game 5 – No. 1 seed vs. winner of Game 4. Winner of Game 5 advances to the super regional tournament.

**Super Regionals.** Super regionals will be conducted for a two-day period beginning Friday, May 17. Game 1 will be played on the first day; Game 2 (and Game 3, if necessary) will be played on the second day. Every attempt should be made to complete super regional competition by the Saturday before the NCAA Division III Softball Championship. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; or (2) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day. Teams may be required to play three games in one day on the rain date to complete competition.) If exceptions (e.g., weather) preclude the completion of competition by Sunday, the advancing team will be determined based on the inclement weather formula in this section.

<b>Day 1: Game 1</b>	Game 1
<b>Day 2: Game 2</b>	Game 2
<b>Game 3</b>	Game 3 (if necessary)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>Regionals</b>	Friday-Sunday, May 10-12, 2019. (Regional competition will be conducted Thursday-Saturday for those regionals with a team that has a no-Sunday play policy. The host must be prepared to host Thursday if necessary).
<b>Super Regionals</b>	Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, 2019
<b>Championship</b>	Thursday-Tuesday, May 23-28, 2019

**STARTING TIMES**

Recommended starting times for regional and super regional games are included on the brackets in [Appendix A](#). Prospective host institutions may request alternate starting times for regional and super regional games in their bid materials for approval by the NCAA Division III Softball Committee. Games times should be scheduled a minimum of two hours apart and must follow the championship format below.

**Regional and super regional start times:**

- Thursday or Friday games shall be scheduled between noon and 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday games shall be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday games shall be scheduled between noon and 8:30 p.m.

The committee shall determine game times for the finals.

**LENGTH AND SCHEDULE OF GAMES**

All games shall be seven innings, except that a five-inning, eight-run rule will be used in all rounds of the championship. If play is stopped before a seven-inning game is completed and the eight-run rule is not in effect, the game shall resume from the point of interruption. Every attempt should be made to complete regional competition by Sunday and super regional competition by Saturday. Competition may be scheduled one additional day if: (1) weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of competition on the originally scheduled final day of competition; (2) in order to complete competition, it would be necessary to begin a game after 11 p.m.; or (3) completing competition would require a team to play three games in one day. (Note: A team may be required to complete a halted game and play up to two additional games in the same day. On the rain date, a team may be required to play three games in one day.)

If competition has to be extended to the additional day, it must be completed without starting a game after 11 p.m. that day. (If the regional or super regional final begins before 11 p.m. that day and an “if necessary” game becomes necessary to determine the champion, that game will immediately follow.)

If play is suspended before the regional or super regional championship game and competition at that round ceases, see the inclement weather advancement formula outlined below.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

The committee reserves the right to revise the game schedule because of inclement weather or unforeseen consequences.

**Four-team Regionals.** If inclement weather limits play, every effort has been made to complete competition by Sunday and competition cannot be completed by Monday, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on the following:

<b>0 games played</b>	Highest seed
<b>1 game played</b>	Highest seed
<b>2 games played</b>	Highest undefeated seed
<b>3 games played</b>	Highest undefeated seed
<b>4 games played</b>	Highest undefeated seed
<b>5 games played</b>	Highest undefeated seed
<b>6 games played</b>	Winner of Game 6 unless each team has one loss (i.e., the teams are tied), then: 1) Head-to-head competition 2) Highest remaining seed

**Three-team Regionals.** If inclement weather limits play, and every effort has been made to complete competition by Sunday and competition cannot be completed by Monday, the team that will advance to the super regional will be based on the following:

<b>0 games played</b>	Highest seed
<b>1 game played</b>	Highest seed
<b>2 games played</b>	Highest undefeated seed
<b>3 games played</b>	Highest undefeated seed
<b>4 games played</b>	Winner of Game 4 unless each team has one loss (i.e., the teams are tied), then: 1) Head-to-head competition 2) Highest remaining seed

**Super Regional.** If inclement weather limits play, and every effort has been made to complete competition Saturday and if competition cannot be completed by Sunday, the team that will advance to the finals will be based on the following:

<b>0 games played</b>	Highest seed
<b>1 game played</b>	Winner of Game 1
<b>2 games played</b>	If each team has a loss, the highest seed

## SQUAD SIZE

Each team is limited to 20 eligible players in uniform and an official travel party of 25. In addition, each team may request a maximum of five bench passes (two of which may be utilized by medical personnel only). Bench passes provide free admission to the competition venue and access to the dugout. Each team will submit a credential list and may request a maximum of 25 participant credentials and a maximum of five bench passes. Any individuals not included on the credential list must purchase a ticket for admission to the venue. A participating institution's sports information director will receive a separate media credential and is not included in the allotment of participant credentials or bench passes.

Teams will submit a roster for each round of competition (i.e., regionals, super regionals and the finals). Once competition begins at each round, no changes may be made to a team roster for any reason. Coaches may include different individuals for each round (e.g., do not need to designate the same student-athletes on the super regional roster as for the regional roster).

The number of people allowed in the dugout shall not exceed 30, and 31 if the host provides a bat handler. A bat handler must be at least 10 years of age. 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 contest to allow a competing institution to conform to the rule.

There will be no exceptions regarding this section.

## TRAVEL PARTY

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division III General Section.]

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for an official travel party of 25 persons.

## Section 2•2 Results

### REGIONAL RANKINGS

Each regional advisory committee shall conduct a teleconference each Wednesday beginning April 3 to rank the designated number of teams in the respective sport region and submit its recommendation to the Division III Softball Committee for review and final determination of rank order.

Regional rankings will be published on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com) the last three weeks of the regular season (April 18, April 25 and May 2) and in conjunction with selections (May 5). The primary criteria for each institution, listed alphabetically by region, will be included as part of the published rankings via links for each region included at the bottom of the rankings page. Note that score-reporting deadlines will begin several weeks before the published rankings.

### SCORE REPORTING

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (<http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login>), and this information will be transferred to the score-reporting system for use by the Softball Committee. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to SIDs in a preseason memorandum distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the score-reporting process, please contact Michelle Forkner ([mforkner@ncaa.org](mailto:mforkner@ncaa.org) or 317-917-6775).

## Section 2•3 Selections Information

### ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2019 championship: Pool A — 42, Pool B — 2, Pool C — 18. (Note: The number of pools may be adjusted based on sponsorship numbers at the time of selections.)

Pool A includes the conferences that have been awarded automatic qualification. Pool B includes independent institutions and institutions from conferences that do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria. Pool C includes those Pool A institutions that do not receive their conference's automatic bid and the remaining teams in Pool B. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pool B or Pool C and no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region. A regional summary of the institutions in each pool is included in [Appendix B](#).

The Division III Softball Committee will select teams from Pools B and C on a national basis using primary and secondary selection criteria. The committee will select teams in Pools B and C based on the criteria listed in this section.

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2019 championship are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New England Collegiate Conference
American Rivers Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
American Southwest Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Capital Athletic Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	North Atlantic Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	North Eastern Athletic Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Northwest Conference

(Conferences list continues on following page.)

Empire 8	Ohio Athletic Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Landmark Conference	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Liberty League	Skyline Conference
Little East Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	USA South Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

## COUNTABLE COMPETITION

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 NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

## IN-REGION COMPETITION

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

### In-region competition is defined as follows:

1. Contests against Division III opponents within an institution's defined sport region.
2. Contests against Division III opponents within an institution's geographical region. (Constitution 4.13.1.1)
3. Contests against Division III institutions within a 500-mile radius. The NCAA Travel Expense System (TES) (<https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles>) will be utilized to confirm the distance from campus to campus.
4. Contests against conference opponents.
5. Contests against institutions in any year of the provisional or reclassifying process into Division III (within the same geographical region).

*Bylaw 31.3.2.3 Exception. For sports with a spring NCAA championship, an institution may exempt out-of-region contests conducted during one institutional vacation period (e.g., Spring Break). (Adopted: 4/15/14, effective 8/1/14.)*

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.4.2 – Selection Criteria.]

### PRIMARY CRITERIA

The primary criteria emphasize Division III competition (all contests leading up to the NCAA championships). All criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents.

- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the final ranking and the ranking preceding the final ranking.
  - Conference postseason contests are included.
  - Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).
  - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).
    - See [Appendix C](#) for explanation of OWP and OOWP calculations. Strength of schedule is weighted at 2/3 OWP and 1/3 OOWP.

## SECONDARY CRITERIA

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

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

Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Softball Committee for selection purposes.

## PAIRINGS

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.5.1 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the teams from Pool B and Pool C are selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity and assigned to a regional site. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained (within 500 miles). Flights shall be minimized. Teams from the same conference will not be paired to play one another in the first game of regionals as long as geographic proximity is maintained.

The final eight teams shall be seeded after the conclusion of super regional competition and paired according to traditional bracketing principles (i.e., #1 vs. #8, #2 vs. #7, etc.).

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting a regional or super regional of the 2019 NCAA Division III Softball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions (if applicable) and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System. Please note that in order to submit a bid, you must first locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid." The highest-ranked teams will be given consideration as regional and super regional sites, assuming they meet the requirements of Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). The deadline to submit all bid materials for hosting a regional or super regional round for this championship is 5 p.m. Eastern time Friday, April 26.

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

- Lodging for committee members and site representatives.
- Lodging for umpires.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

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Per diem, mileage and baggage fees for committee members and site representatives will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Umpires will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and baggage fees.

### FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2019 NCAA Division III Softball Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](http://championships.ncaa.org). Supporting information (e.g., facility diagram or pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations regarding prospective host sites.

### KEY CONTACTS

Institutions interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2019 NCAA Division III Softball Championship must submit a key contacts form via the Championships Bid and Profile System by 5 p.m. Eastern time Friday, April 26.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, in addition to the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, which is located in Appendix A of the [Best Practices document](#).

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Trina Simerly ([tsimerly@ncaa.org](mailto:tsimerly@ncaa.org); 317-917-6516) or email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days of the conclusion of competition.

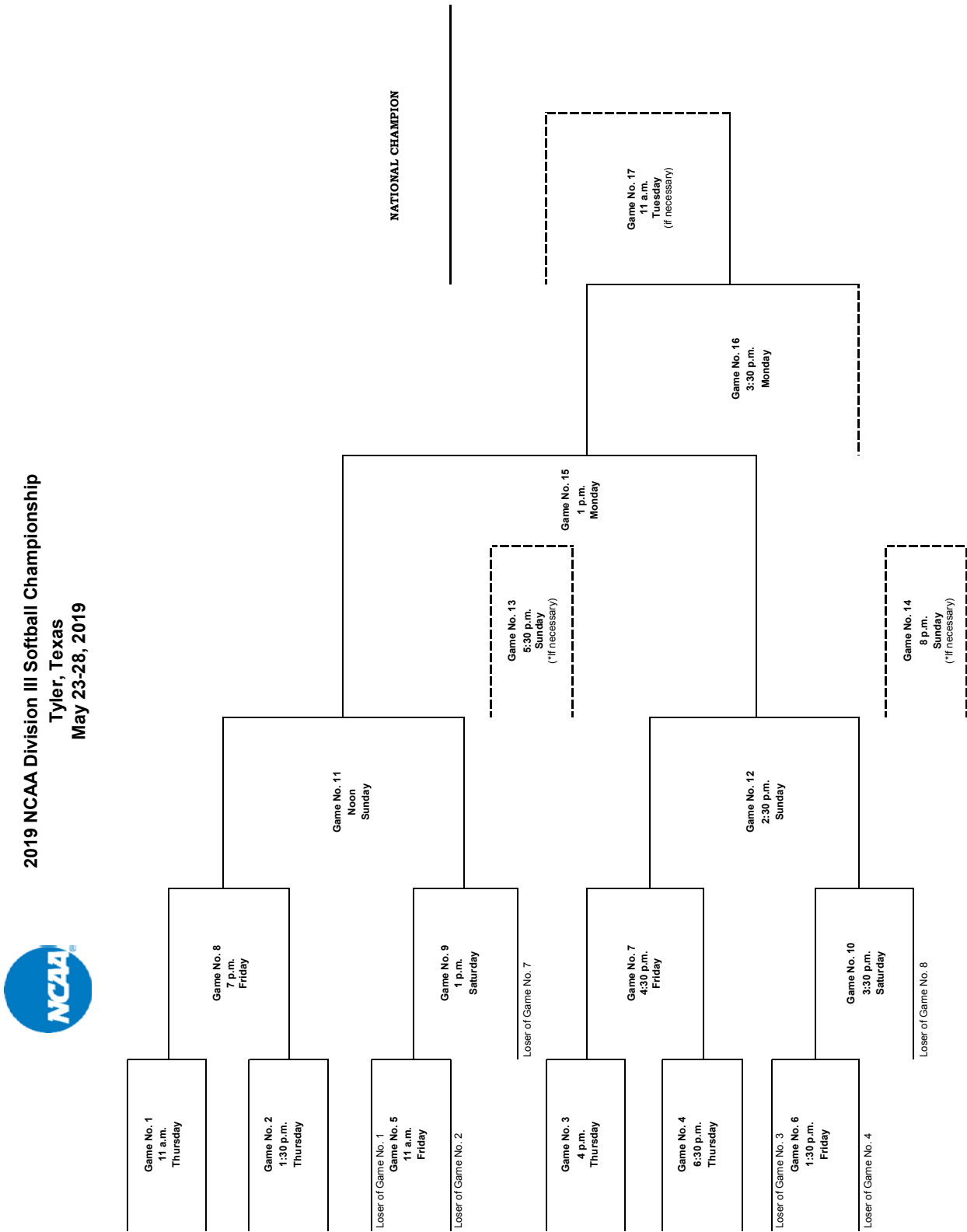
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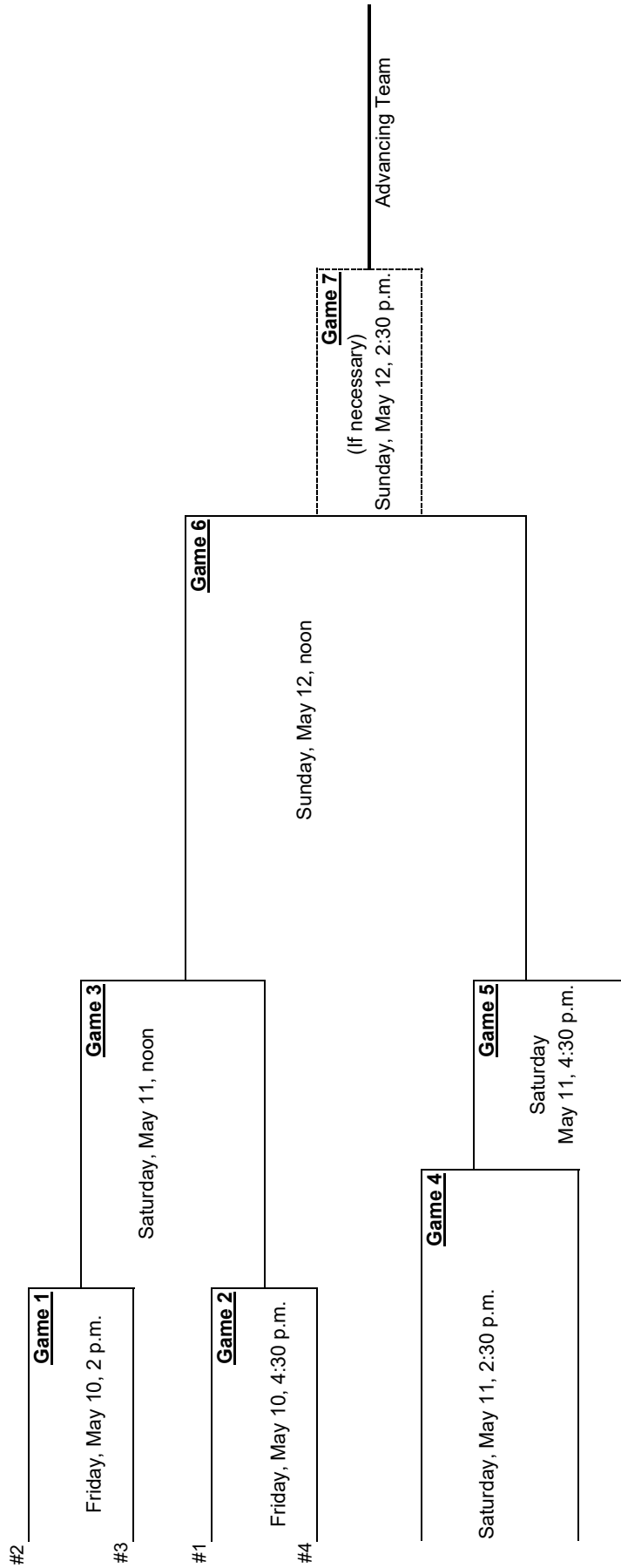
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**2019 NCAA Division III Softball Championship Regional Bracket**  
**Regional Site**  
**May 10-12**



\* Host Institution  
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**2019 NCAA Division III Softball Championship Regional Bracket  
Regional Site  
May 10-12**

Day 1

Game 1: 1 p.m. - No. 2 vs. No. 3

Game 2: 3:30 p.m. - No. 1 vs. No. 3

Day 2

Game 3: 2 p.m. - No. 1 vs. No. 2

Game 4: 4:30 p.m. - See scenarios below

Day 3

Game 5 (if necessary): noon - See scenarios below

**Scenario 1**

**If two teams remain after Game 3:**

Game 4 - Two remaining teams play. If the undefeated team wins, that team wins the regional tournament and advances to the super regional tournament; if the 1-1 team wins, then Game 5 is played on Day 3 and the winner advances to the super regional tournament.

**Scenario 2**

**If three teams remain after Game 3 (i.e., all three teams have one loss):**

Game 4 - No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed

Game 5 - No. 1 seed vs. winner of Game 4; winner of Game 5 advances to the super regional tournament.

\* Host Institution

All times are local time.

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**2019 NCAA Division III Softball Championship**  
**Super Regional**  
**May 17 and 18**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Game 1</u></b> 4 p.m. Friday, May 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Game 3</u></b> 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 (If necessary)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Advancing Team</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Game 2</u></b> 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19</p>		



\*Denotes host institution  
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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### ATLANTIC REGION

#### Capital Athletic Conference (7)

Christopher Newport University  
Frostburg State University  
University of Mary Washington  
Penn State Harrisburg

Salisbury University  
Southern Virginia University  
York College (Pennsylvania)

#### Centennial Conference (9)

Dickinson College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Gettysburg College  
Haverford College  
McDaniel College

Muhlenberg College  
Swarthmore College  
Ursinus College  
Washington College (Maryland)

#### Landmark Conference (7)

Catholic University  
Drew University  
Elizabethtown College  
Juniata College

Moravian College  
University of Scranton  
Susquehanna University

#### Old Dominion Athletic Conference (11)

Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Emory & Henry College  
Ferrum College  
Guilford College  
Lynchburg College

Randolph College  
Randolph-Macon College  
Roanoke College  
Shenandoah University  
Virginia Wesleyan University

#### Southern Athletic Conference (7)

Berry College  
Birmingham-Southern College  
Centre College  
Hendrix College

Millsaps College  
Rhodes College  
University of the South

#### USA South Athletic Conference (16)

Agnes Scott College  
Averett University  
Berea College  
#Brevard College (active 2021-22)  
Covenant College  
Greensboro College  
Huntingdon College  
LaGrange College  
Mary Baldwin University

Maryville College (Tennessee)  
Meredith College  
Methodist University  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
#Pfeiffer University (active 2021-22)  
Piedmont College  
Salem College (North Carolina)  
Wesleyan College (Georgia)  
William Peace University

#### Pool B (3)

Emory University (UAA)  
Pine Manor College (ACAA)

Trinity Washington University

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**CENTRAL REGION****Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (10)**

D'Youville College  
 Franciscan University of Steubenville  
 Hilbert College  
 La Roche College  
 Medaille College

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

**Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)**

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

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

**Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)**

Adrian College  
 Albion College  
 Alma College  
 Calvin College  
 Hope College

Kalamazoo College  
 Olivet College  
 Saint Mary's College (Indiana)  
 Trine University

**North Coast Athletic Conference (9)**

Allegheny College  
 Denison University  
 DePauw University  
 Hiram College  
 Kenyon College

Oberlin College  
 Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Wittenberg University  
 The College of Wooster

**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)

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (9)**

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

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

**Pool B (3)**

Carnegie Mellon University (UAA)  
 Case Western Reserve University (UAA)

Thomas More College (ACAA)

## EAST REGION

### City University of New York Athletic Conference (7)

Baruch College  
Brooklyn College  
Hunter College  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Lehman College  
College of Staten Island  
York College (New York)

### Colonial States Athletic Conference (8)

Cairn University  
Cedar Crest College  
Centenary College (New Jersey)  
Clarks Summit University

Keystone College  
Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Rosemont College  
Wilson College

### Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Arcadia University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College

Lycoming College  
Messiah College  
Stevenson University  
Widener University

### Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (8)

Delaware Valley University  
DeSales University  
Eastern University  
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

King's College (Pennsylvania)  
Manhattanville College  
Misericordia University  
Wilkes University

### New Jersey Athletic Conference (10)

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

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

### Pool B (7)

Cabrini University (AEC)  
Gwynedd Mercy University (AEC)  
Immaculata University (AEC)  
Marywood University (AEC)

Neumann University (AEC)  
University of Valley Forge (ACAA)  
Wesley College (AEC)



**GREAT LAKES REGION****College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)**

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

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

**Midwest Conference (10)**

Beloit College  
 Cornell College  
 Grinnell College  
 Illinois College  
 Knox College

Lake Forest College  
 Lawrence University  
 Monmouth College (Illinois)  
 Ripon College  
 St. Norbert College

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (12)**

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

Edgewood College  
 Lakeland University  
 Marian University (Wisconsin)  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Rockford University  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

**Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic 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

**Pool B (4)**

University of Chicago (UAA)  
 Finlandia University (ACAA)

Maranatha Baptist University  
 Mount Mary University (ACAA)

## MIDWEST REGION

### 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

### Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

Augsburg University  
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  
University of St. Thomas (Minnesota)

### St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Blackburn College  
Eureka College  
Fontbonne University  
Greenville University  
Iowa Wesleyan University

MacMurray College  
Principia College  
Spalding University  
Webster University  
Westminster College (Missouri)

### Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (9)

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

Northland College  
University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
The College of St. Scholastica  
University of Wisconsin-Superior

### Pool B (1)

Washington University in St. Louis (UAA)

**NEW ENGLAND REGION****Commonwealth Coast Conference (9)**

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

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

**Great Northeast Athletic Conference (12)**

Albertus Magnus College  
 Anna Maria College  
 Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)  
 Johnson & Wales University (Providence)  
 Lasell College  
 Norwich University

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

**Little East Conference (9)**

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

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

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

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

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

**New England Collegiate Conference (9)**

Bay Path University  
 Becker College  
 \*Dean College (active 2021-22)  
 Eastern Nazarene College  
 Elms College

Lesley University  
 Mitchell College  
 Newbury College  
 Southern Vermont College  
 Wheelock College

**New England Small College Athletic Conference (10)**

Amherst College  
 Bates College  
 Bowdoin College  
 Colby College  
 Hamilton College

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

**New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (10)**

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

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

## DIVISION III SOFTBALL

### North Atlantic Conference (7)

Husson University  
Northern Vermont University-Johnson  
Northern Vermont University-Lyndon  
University of Maine, Farmington

University of Maine at Presque Isle  
State University of New York at Canton  
Thomas College

### Pool B (1)

Brandeis University (UAA)

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## NORTHEAST REGION

### Empire 8 (8)

Alfred University  
Elmira College  
Houghton College  
Nazareth College

The Sage Colleges  
St. John Fisher College  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Utica College

### Liberty League (8)

Clarkson University  
Ithaca College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
University of Rochester (Liberty/UAA)

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

### North Eastern Athletic Conference (12)

Cazenovia College  
State University of New York at Cobleskill  
Gallaudet University  
Keuka College  
Lancaster Bible College  
Morrisville State College

State University of New York Polytechnic Institute  
Penn State Berks College  
Penn State University, Abington  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
College of Saint Elizabeth  
Wells College

### Skyline Conference (9)

Farmingdale State College  
Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
College of Mount St. Vincent  
State University College at Old Westbury  
Purchase College, State University of New York

St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)  
St. Joseph's College (Long Island)  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Yeshiva University

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

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

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

### Pool B (3)

Alfred State College (ACAA)  
College of New Rochelle

New York University (UAA)  
\*State University of New York at Delhi (2022-23)

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**WEST REGION****American Southwest Conference (11)**

\*Belhaven University (active 2019-20)  
 Concordia University Texas  
 East Texas Baptist University  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Howard Payne University  
 LeTourneau University  
 Louisiana College

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 #McMurry University (active 2018-19)  
 Sul Ross State University  
 University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)  
 University of Texas at Dallas  
 The University of Texas at Tyler

**Northwest Conference (8)**

George Fox University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield College  
 Pacific Lutheran University

Pacific University (Oregon)  
 University of Puget Sound  
 Whitworth University  
 Willamette University

**Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

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

**Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (7)**

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

Southwestern University (Texas)  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Trinity University (Texas)

**Pool B (1)**

##The University of Texas at Tyler  
 (reclassifying to Division II)

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#Reclassifying to Division III.

##Reclassifying to Division II - not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

## Appendix C • Strength of Schedule Calculation

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

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

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

Opponent	Record	vs. Team A	Wins	Losses
Team B	21-7	1-0	20	7
Team C	14-11	0-1	14	10
Team D	9-14	0-1	9	13
Team E	8-17	0-1	8	16
Team F	19-8	1-0	18	8
<b>Totals:</b>			69	54

$$69 \div (69 + 54) = .561 \text{ (OWP)}$$

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

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

	Opponents' Wins	Opponents' Losses
Team B	35	75
Team C	63	40
Team D	55	55
Team E	75	37
Team F	44	60
<b>Totals:</b>	272	267

$$272 \div (272 + 267) = .505 \text{ (OOWP)}$$

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

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

	Value	Weight	SOS Value
<b>OWP</b>	.561	.667	.374
<b>OOWP</b>	.505	.333	.168
<b>Strength of Schedule</b>			<b>.542</b>