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SOFTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2021-22 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

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

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 3.2 Drug Testing

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

Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience

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 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. However, we 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 90™ Award

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

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

Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

Section 6 • Health and Safety

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

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

Section 9 • Travel Party

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

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

Section 10 • Division III

Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

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

Section 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

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

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

Section 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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

Section 10•4 Religious Conflicts

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).

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Section 1 • General Administration

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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
REGION I		
Marie Curran-Headley, chair	Cobleskill State	North Atlantic
Olivia Berry	Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)	Great Northeast
Kris Herman	Williams College	NESCAC
Liz Slupinski	Cobleskill State	North Atlantic
REGION II		
Donna Koczajowski, chair	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	NEWMAC
Heather Stone	Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	MIAA
Lindsay Couturier	Bridgewater State	Little East
Brooke Kalman	MIT	NEWMAC
Katie Bettencourt	Endicott College	Commonwealth Coast
REGION III		
Courtney Wormuth , chair	SUNY Cortland	SUNYAC
Megan Cross	SUNYAC	SUNYAC
Melody Cope	St. Joseph-Long Island	Skyline
Erica Li	Sage	Empire 8
Kristen McGaughey	Clarkson University	Liberty League
REGION IV		
Rachel Turoscy, chair	DeSales University	MAC Freedom
Michael Sporton	CUNYAC	CUNYAC
Lindsay Couturier	Misericordia University	Mac Freedom
Mavreen Hering	Stockton	NJAC
Amanda Baer	Penn State Harrisburg	United East Conference
REGION V		
Wes Landrum, chair	Alvernia	MAC Commonwealth
Mike Wallace	Immaculata	Atlantic East
Shawn Carty	Franklin & Marshall	Centennial
Cheri Morin	Nortre Dame	Colonial States
Erica Mehalick	Drew University	Landmark
REGION VI		
Tim Sceggel, chair	Covenant	USA South
Dee Conway	University of Mary Washington	Coast-to-Coast
Brandon Elliot	University Wesleyan University	Old Dominion
Kim Scavone	Casey Chriezberg	USA South

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
REGION VII		
Denny Griffin, chair	Alma	Michigan Intercol.
Tina Phillips	Pitt.-Bradford	CCIW
Becky Hilgert	Calvin University	Heartland Collegiate
Erica Hannrahan	DePauw University	Northern Athletics
Karl Winters	Muskingum University	SLIAC
Marissa Rush	UW-Whitewater	University Athletic Association
REGION VIII		
Bradly Duckworth, chair	University of Wisconsin-Stevens	Midwest
Whitney Sowers	Millikin University	CCIW
Shawn Hendrickson	Transylvania	Heartland Collegiate
Jess Stanek	Rockford University	Northern Athletics
Casey Cromwell	Fontbonne University	SLIAC
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REGION IX		
Rilee Dawson, chair	The College of St. Scholastics	Upper Midwest
Diane Meyer	Coe College	American Rivers
Kim Zarling	Beloit College	Midwest
Colleen Powers	St. Catherine's	Minnesota Intercol.
REGION X		
Jessica Hollen, chair	George Fox University	Northwest
Joanne Ferguson	Pomona-Pitzer	SCIAC
Stan Wells	LeTourneau	American Southwest
Traci Barrett	Pacific Lutheran	Northwest
Angela Froboese	University of St. Thomas	SCAC

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Saturday, Jan. 15	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
Friday, April 15	Bid information for selection of regional and super regional sites available online at ncaa.org . Deadline to submit bids is April 29.
Thursdays, April 21, 28, May 5 and Monday, May 9	Published rankings.
Friday, April 29 5 p.m. Eastern time	Deadline for submitting bid materials to serve as a host institution for a 2022 regional or super regional tournament.
Sunday, May 8	Selection of teams.
Monday, May 9, 1 p.m. Eastern time	Online selection show to announce teams and regional sites selected for the championship.
Tuesday, May 10, 11 a.m. Eastern time	Regional teleconferences with respective regional host and participating teams.
Friday-Sunday, May 13-15	Regionals. (Note: Regionals that include a team with a no-Sunday play policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, May 12-14.)
Monday, May 16, noon Eastern time	Teleconferences with respective super regional host and participating teams.
Friday-Saturday, May 20-21	Super regionals.
Monday, May 23, 11 a.m. Eastern time	Teleconference with eight teams advancing to the finals.

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Thursday-Tuesday, May 26-31	Championship at Moyer Field, Salem, Virginia; host – Old Dominion Conference and City of Salem.
Monday-Wednesday, June 20-22	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
2023	May 19-21	May 26-27	June 1-6 / Marshall, Texas
2024	May 17-19	May 24-25	May 20- June 4 / 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 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 each will compete at 15 regional sites, and two teams will compete at one regional site 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.

Regionals will begin Friday, May 13. (Competition will begin Thursday 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.

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

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

Day 1: Game 1	No. 1 seed vs. No. 2 seed
Day 2: Game 2	No. 2 seed vs. No. 1 seed
Game 3	No. 1 seed vs. No. 2 seed
Day 3: Game 4 (if necessary)	No. 2 seed vs. No. 1 seed
Game 5 (if necessary)	No. 1 seed vs. No. 2 seed

Super Regionals. Super regionals will be conducted for a two-day period beginning Friday, May 20. 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.

Day 1: Game 1	Game 1
Day 2: Game 2	Game 2
Game 3	Game 3 (if necessary)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Regionals	Friday-Sunday, May 13-15, 2022. (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).
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Super Regionals	Friday-Saturday, May 20-21, 2022
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Championship	Thursday-Tuesday, May 26-31 2022
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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.

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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:

0 games played	Highest seed
1 game played	Highest seed
2 games played	Highest undefeated seed
3 games played	Highest undefeated seed
4 games played	Highest undefeated seed
5 games played	Highest undefeated seed
6 games played	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

Two-team Regional. 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:

0 games played	Higher seed
1 game played	Winner of Game 1
2 games played	If each team has one loss, the higher seed
3 games played	Team that won two games
4 games played	If each team has two losses, the higher 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:

0 games played	Higher seed
1 game played	Winner of Game 1
2 games played	If each team has one loss, the higher 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 32, and 33 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 20 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](https://www.ncaa.com) the last three weeks of the regular season (April 21, April 28 and May 5) and in conjunction with selections (May 8). 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. The initial ranking (April 21) will be published in alphabetical order.

SCORE REPORTING

Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (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 sports information directors in a preseason memorandum distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the score-reporting process, please contact Marcus Thatcher (mthatcher@ncaa.org or 317-917-6949).

Section 2•3 Selections Information

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2022 championship: Pool A – 43, Pool B – 0, Pool C – 19. (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 2022 championship are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
American Rivers Conference	Landmark Conference
American Southwest Conference	Liberty League
Atlantic East Conference	Little East Conference
Coast-To-Coast Conference	Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association
City University of New York Athletic Conference	Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom
Colonial States Athletic Conference	Midwest Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Empire 8	New England Collegiate Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference

(Conferences list continues on following page.)

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	Southern Athletic Association
New Jersey Athletic Conference	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
North Atlantic Conference	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
North Coast Athletic Conference	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Northwest Conference	United East Conference
Ohio Athletic Conference	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Old Dominion Athletic Conference	USA South Athletic Conference
Presidents' Athletic Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Skyline 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% 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) (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 Pools B and 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 600 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 2022 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. 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 29.

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 2022 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. 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 2022 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 29.

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 Sydney Klecka (sklecka@ncaa.org; 317-917-6222) or email championshipbid@ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

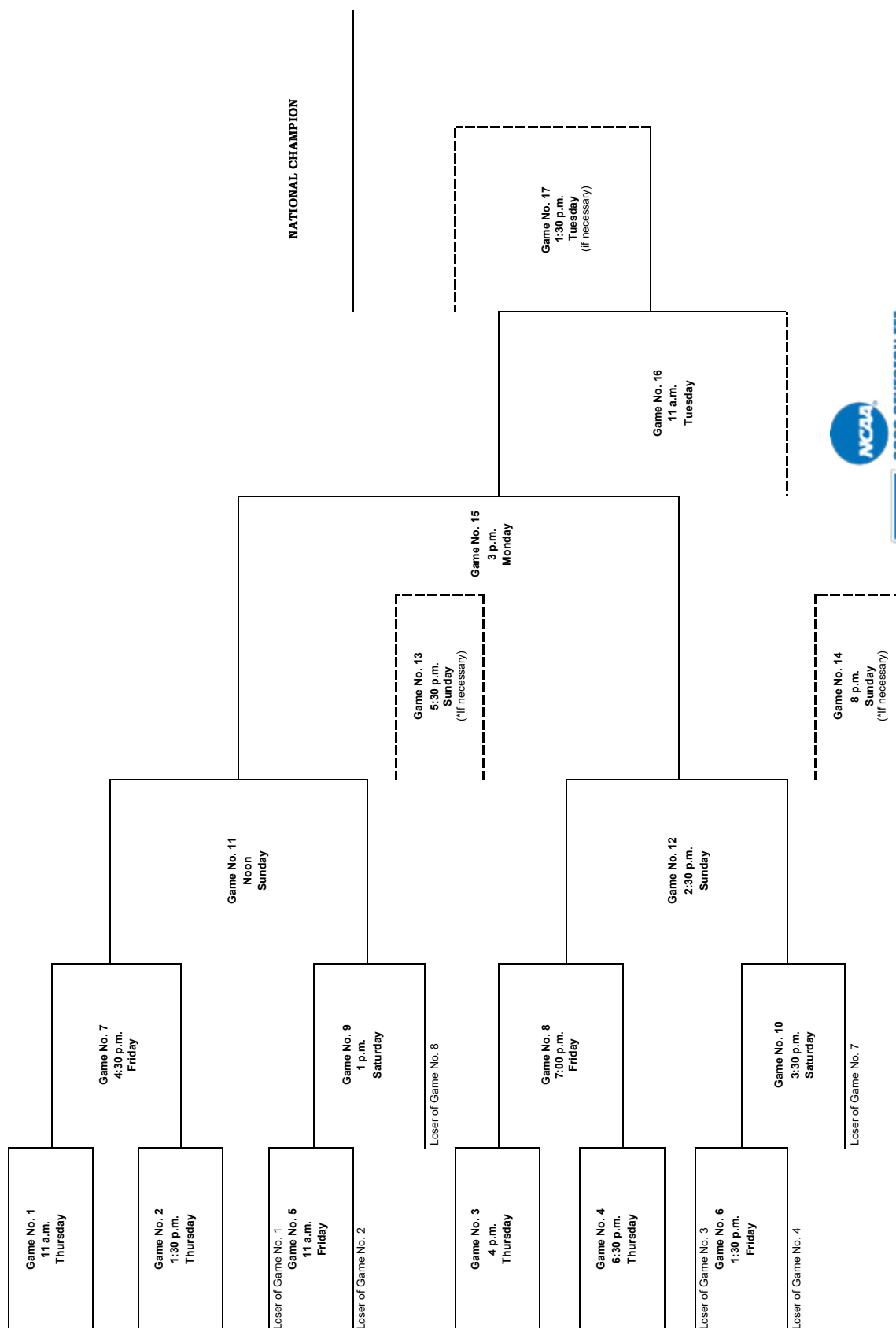
[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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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* If only one "if necessary" game is needed, it will be played 45 minutes following Game No. 12. All times are local time. Information subject to change.

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**2022 DIVISION III
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**
SALEM, VA • Old Dominion Athletic Conference and City of Salem, Hosts

2022 NCAA Division III Softball Championship Regional Bracket
City, State Regional Site
May 13-15



#2	<u>Game 1</u> Friday, May 13, 2 p.m.	<u>Game 3</u> Saturday, May 14, noon	<u>Game 6</u> Sunday, May 15, noon	<u>Game 7</u> (If necessary) Sunday, May 15, 2:30 p.m.	Advancing Team			
#3								
#1	<u>Game 2</u> Friday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.							
#4								

Game 4 Saturday, May 14, 2:30 p.m.	Game 5 Saturday, May 14 May 15, 4:30 p.m.
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* Host Institution
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2022 NCAA Division III Softball Championship
City, State Regional Site
May 13-15

#2

Game 1

TBD Friday, May 13

#1

#1

Game 2

TBD Saturday, May 14

#2

#2

Game 3

TBD Saturday, May 14

#1

#1

(If necessary)

Game 4

TBD Sunday, May 15

#2

#2

(If necessary)

Game 5

TBD Sunday, May 15

#1

*Denotes host institution

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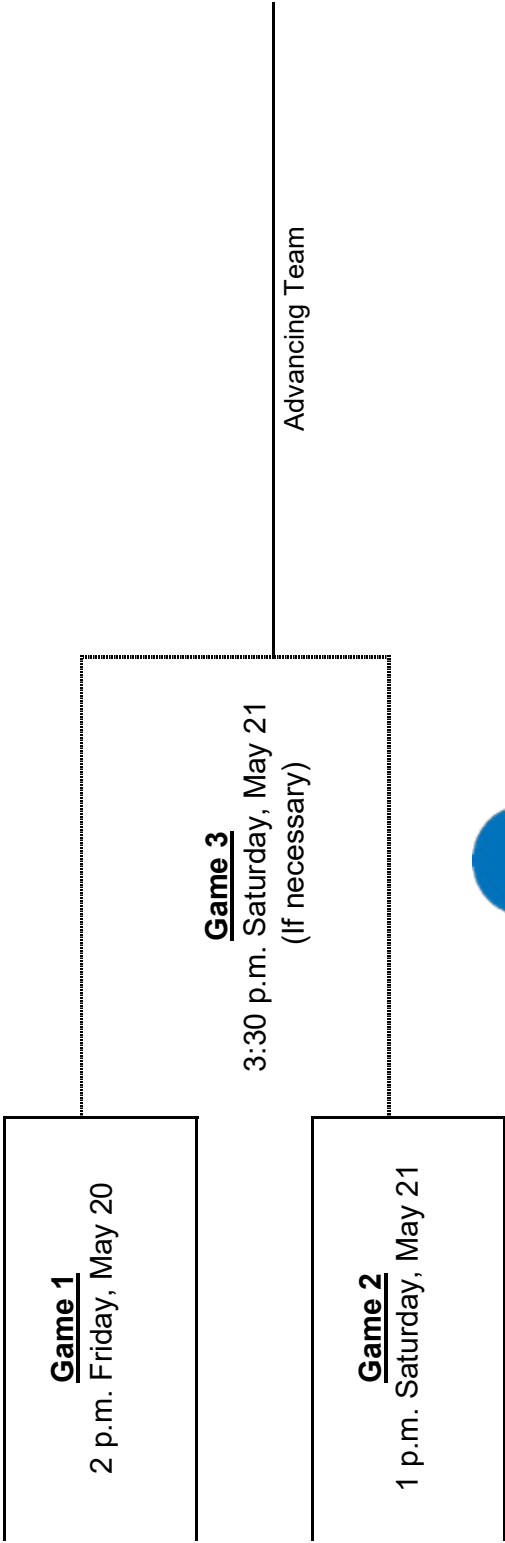
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2022 NCAA Division III Softball Championship
Super Regional
May 20 and 21



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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

REGION I

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)

Albertus Magnus College

Anna Maria College

Dean College

Elms College

Emmanuel College

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lasell University

Norwich University

Regis College

River University

Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

Simmons University

University of Saint Joseph (Connecticut)

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 Collegiate Conference (4)

Eastern Nazarene College

Lesley University

Mitchell College

New England College

North Atlantic Conference (11)

Cazenovia College

Husson University

University of Maine, Farmington

University of Maine, Presque Isle

Northern Vermont University-Johnson

Northern Vermont University-Lyndon

State University of New York at Canton

State University of New York at Cobleskill

State University of New York at Delphi

State University of New York Polytechnic Institute

Thomas College

REGION II

Commonwealth Coast Conference (10)

Curry College

Endicott College

Gordon College

Nichols College

Roger Williams University

Salve Regina University

Suffolk University

University of New England

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Western New England 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 South 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 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

Pool B Institutions/Non AQ (1)

Brandeis University

REGION III**Empire 8 (8)**

Alfred University
 Elmira College
 Houghton College
 Keuka College

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

Liberty League (8)

Clarkson University
 Ithaca College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 University of Rochester

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

Skyline Conference (10)

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

Sarah Lawrence College
 St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)
 St. Joseph's College (Long Island)
 State University College at Old Westbury
 Yeshiva University

State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)

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

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

Pool B Institutions/Non AQ (1)

University of Rochester

REGION IV

City University of New York Athletic Conference (6)

Baruch College
Brooklyn College
Hunter College

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

Middle Atlantic Conference - Freedom (9)

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

Lycoming College
Misericordia University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Wilkes University

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

United East (8)

Gallaudet University
Lancaster Bible College
Penn State University, Abington
Penn State Berks College

Pennsylvania College of Technology
Penn state Harrisburg
State University of New York-Morrisville
Wells College

Pool B Institutions/Non AQ (1)

New York University

REGION V

Atlantic East Conference (7)

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

Marymount University (Virginia)
Marywood University (Virginia)
Neumann University

Centennial Conference (9)

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

Muhlenberg College
Swarthmore College
Ursinus College
Washington College (Maryland)

Colonial States Athletic Conference (9)

Cairn University
Cedar Crest College
Clarks Summit University
Keystone College
Notre Dame of Maryland University

Rosemont College
Saint Elizabeth University
University of Valley Forge
Wilson College

Landmark Conference (7)

Catholic University
Drew University
Elizabethtown College
Juniata College

Moravian College
University of Scranton
Susquehanna University

Middle Atlantic Conference - Commonwealth (9)

Albright College
Alvernia University
Eastern University
Hood College
Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University
Stevenson University
Widener University
York College (Pennsylvania)

Coast-To-Coast Conference (1) (multi-region conference - VI, VIII and IX)

Salisbury University

REGION VI**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (10)**

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

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

USA South Athletic Conference (19)

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

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

Southern Athletic Association (7)

Berry College
Birmingham-Southern College
Centre College
Hendrix College

Millsaps College
Rhodes College
University of the South

Coast-To-Coast Conference (2) (multi-region conference - V, VIII and IX)

Christopher Newport University

University of Mary Washington

Pool B (1)

Emory University

REGION VII

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9)

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

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

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Calvin University
Hope College

Kalamazoo College
Olivet College
Saint Mary's College
Trine University

North Coast Athletic Conference (9)

Allegheny College
Denison University
DePauw University
Hiram College
Kenyon College

Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan University
The College of Wooster
Wittenberg University

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 (10)

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

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

Pool B (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)

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

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Blackburn College
 Eureka College
 Fontbonne University
 Greenville University

Principia College
 Spalding University
 Webster University
 Westminster College (Missouri)

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 Fall

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

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (13)

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 College
 St. Norbert
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

Coast-To-Coast Conference (1) (multi-region conference V, VI, IX)

Mount Mary University

Pool B/Non AQ (3 prov.)

University of Chicago
 Maranatha Baptist University

Washington University in St. Louis

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

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

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

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

Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (8)

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

North Central University
Northland College
University of Northwestern-St. Paul
University of Wisconsin-Superior

Midwest Conference (9)

Beloit College
Cornell College
Grinnell College
Illinois College
Knox College

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

Coast-To-Coast Conference (1) (multi-region conference - V, VI, and VIII)

Finlandia University

REGION X**American Southwest Conference (9)**

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

LeTourneau
 Russell Sage College
 St. John Fisher College
 Utica College

Northwest Conference (8)

George Fox University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Linfield University
 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-Scorpps Colleges
 University of La Verne

Occidental College
 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges
 University of Redlands
 Whittier College

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)

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

Southern University (Texas)
 University of St. Thomas (Texas)
 Texas Lutheran University
 Trinity University (Texas)

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
Totals:			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
Totals:	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
OWP	.561	.667	.374
OOWP	.505	.333	.168
Strength of Schedule			.542