



**2021 DIVISION I  
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S**

**TENNIS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2020-21 MANUAL**

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

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.

## 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 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 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 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 31.2.1.5 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 4•2 Drug Testing

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division 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 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), 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, 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 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; 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.

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

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

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

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

## Section 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

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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 collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

### Section 9 • Division I

#### Section 9•1 Religious Conflicts

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

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (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 Important Dates

<b>Friday, March 19</b>	Information regarding hosting predetermined preliminary-round competition available on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> . Communication will be distributed via monthly online championships newsletters.
<b>Monday, April 5</b>	Deadline for submitting facility evaluation and key contacts forms if interested in hosting first- and second-round competition.
<b>Friday, April 16</b>	Announcement of first- and second-round hosts.
<b>Sunday, May 2</b>	Deadline for submitting score-reporting form(s) by 10 p.m. local time at <a href="http://wearecollegetennis.com">wearecollegetennis.com</a> . 5 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for online lineup form to be submitted (see Lineup Procedures).
<b>Sunday-Monday, May 2-3</b>	Tennis committee meets for team and individual selections.
<b>Monday, May 3</b>	Team bracket selection show on <a href="http://ncaa.com">ncaa.com</a> (women – 6 p.m. Eastern time; men – 6:30 p.m. Eastern time). Team lineups posted for review on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> immediately after selection show.
<b>Tuesday, May 4</b>	Single and doubles selections released on <a href="http://ncaa.com">ncaa.com</a> by 6 p.m. Eastern time. Deadline for challenging lineups, 5 p.m. Eastern time. Challenges to men's lineups must be submitted to Michelle Perry, NCAA championships manager ( <a href="mailto:meperry@ncaa.org">meperry@ncaa.org</a> ). Challenges to women's lineups must be submitted to John Bugner, NCAA championships manager ( <a href="mailto:jbugner@ncaa.org">jbugner@ncaa.org</a> ).
<b>Wednesday, May 5</b>	Deadline for institutions that are being challenged to submit written responses, 2 p.m. Eastern time. Written responses for men must be submitted to Michelle Perry, NCAA championships manager ( <a href="mailto:meperry@ncaa.org">meperry@ncaa.org</a> ). Written responses for women must be submitted to John Bugner, NCAA championships manager ( <a href="mailto:jbugner@ncaa.org">jbugner@ncaa.org</a> ). Tennis committee teleconference to review lineup changes and finalize lineups at 5 p.m. Eastern time. Note: Coaches may be asked to make themselves available during this teleconference if the committee has questions about their lineups being challenged.
<b>Thursday, May 6</b>	Final lineups posted on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> by noon Eastern time. Women's championships — Mandatory administrative meeting at first- and second-round sites.
<b>Thursday or Friday, May 6 or 7</b>	Men's championships — Mandatory administrative meeting at first- and second-round sites.
<b>Friday, May 7</b>	Women's championships — Play begins at first- and second-round sites.
<b>Friday or Saturday, May 7 or 8</b>	Men's championships — Play begins at first- and second-round sites.
<b>Sunday, May 9</b>	Women's championships — Second-round play must start by 9 a.m. local time.
<b>Monday, May 10</b>	Men's championships — Second-round play must start by 9 a.m. local time.

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The 2021 Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Championships will be held at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida.

#### Women's Championships

<b>Sunday-Saturday, May 16-22</b>	Team championship
<b>Sunday-Friday, May 23-28</b>	Singles and doubles championships

#### Men's Championships

<b>Monday-Saturday, May 17-22</b>	Team championship
<b>Sunday-Friday, May 23-28</b>	Singles and doubles championships

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One championship team round of 16 begins 15 days before Memorial Day, and the second championship team round of 16 begins Monday, 14 days before Memorial Day. One championship team quarterfinal round begins Wednesday, and the second championship team quarterfinal begins Thursday. Both semifinal matches will be Friday and the finals Saturday. The individual championships will begin Sunday, the day after the team finals.

Note: In even-numbered years, the men's championships events will begin first; and during odd-numbered years, the women's championships events will begin first.

First- and second-round play begins the weekend before the round of 16 (Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday).

### FUTURE DATES

#### 2022 First and Second Rounds

**Men's Championships** Friday-Saturday, May 6-7, sites to be determined

**Women's Championships** Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7 or 7-8, sites to be determined

#### 2022 Super Regionals

**Men's Championships** Friday or Saturday, May 13 or 14, sites to be determined

**Women's Championships** Friday or Saturday, May 13 or 14, sites to be determined

#### 2022 Finals

##### Men's Championships

**Thursday-Sunday, May 19-22** Team championship

**Monday-Saturday, May 23-28** Singles and doubles championships

##### Women's Championships

**Friday-Sunday, May 20-22** Team championship

**Monday-Saturday, May 23-28** Singles and doubles championships

The 2022 Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Championships will be hosted by the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in Urbana, Illinois.

## Section 1•4 Balls

Wilson is the official ball of the NCAA tennis championships. The Wilson U.S. Open Extra Duty ball will be used for the men's and women's championships and will be used during all rounds of team and individual competition. Three cases of Wilson balls (per gender if dual site) will be shipped to first- and second-round tournament directors immediately after the selection announcement. The championships site will receive 80 cases of Wilson balls. During championships competition, balls shall be changed at the start of each set. Each participating institution must provide its own practice balls.

## Section 1•5 Rules

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

The United States Tennis Association and Intercollegiate Tennis Association rules will be followed, unless superseded by modifications adopted by the NCAA Men's and Women's Tennis Rules Subcommittee. The following modifications have been adopted by the committee:

1. Changes in the lineup for reasons other than injury or illness should be requested two hours before the scheduled start of the match to the chair of the games committee. The games committee has the right to review and, if necessary, overrule a coach's decision regarding a lineup change based on the ability of the players and the matches during the last half of the season.

The ITA carry-over rule will be in effect for the entire championships period (both team and individual). Penalties may be carried over to the institution's next match. The ITA carry-over rule will commence with the first- and second-round tournaments. Penalties may be carried over from first- and second-round sites to the institution's or individual's next match, even if the next match is at the finals site.

2. The committee confirmed that if a postmatch code violation given after a match in the team competition cannot be applied during the team match, then the following applies:
  - Any postmatch code is carried over to the offending student-athlete's next opportunity during that championship.
  - If the offending student-athlete has completed play in the championships, any postmatch code will be assessed at the first opportunity to the offending student-athlete's teammate(s) playing/continuing in the championships.
  - The assessment will be applied at the start of the next game or, if in a tiebreaker, then immediately (per ITA Rules).
3. The committee confirmed that the following applies during the singles or doubles championships:
  - Any postmatch code is carried over to the offending student-athlete's next opportunity during that championship.
  - If the offending student-athlete has completed play in the championships, any postmatch code will be assessed at the first opportunity to the offending student-athlete's teammate(s) who is also in the singles/doubles draw.
  - The assessment will be applied at the start of the next game or, if in a tiebreaker, then immediately (per ITA Rules).

## Section 1•6 Uniforms

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*[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]*

All competitors should wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution during competition, warmup for competition, interviews and the awards ceremonies. All players on each team are expected to wear the same team uniform at the start of the match. Apparel bearing professional sports team logos cannot be worn.

### LOGOS

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

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championships Format

The men's and women's championships shall consist of team and individual championships. The tournaments shall be conducted according to the format approved by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. All matches shall be played outdoors, weather permitting. At all times, the referee, or a designated replacement, in consultation with the games committee, shall determine which matches shall be played indoors.

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**Bracket.** The Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Championships are conducted as 64-team, single-elimination tournaments.

**First- and Second-Round Dates.** First- and second-round competition will be conducted at a minimum of 16 sites with four teams per gender at each site, adhering to the following schedule:

#### Single-Gender (Women) Site Schedule

**First Round** Friday, May 7

**Second Round** Saturday, May 8

#### Single-Gender (Men) Site Schedule

**First Round** Friday, May 7 or Saturday, May 8

**Second Round** Saturday, May 8 or Sunday, May 9 (Note: Institutions interested in hosting the men's first- and second-round contests will list on their facility evaluation forms the institutional date preference.)

#### Dual-Gender (Men and Women) Site Schedule

**Women's First Round** Friday, May 7

**Women's Second Round** Saturday, May 8

**Men's First Round** Saturday, May 8

**Men's Second Round** Sunday, May 9

Institutions interested in hosting the men's and women's competition simultaneously must conduct the competition Friday-Saturday, May 7-8.

The NCAA will not reimburse expenses for teams competing in first- and second-round competition.

**First- and Second-Round Match Schedule.** The men's and women's team championships will adhere to the following competition schedule:

#### Single-Gender Site

If the host site has a minimum of three backup indoor courts within a 30-mile radius of the outdoor competition facility, match times must be determined using Option One below. Women must compete Friday-Saturday. Men may compete Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday.

If the host site does not have the minimum number of backup indoor courts, **it is required to submit a waiver request to the tennis committee before the bid deadline.** If the waiver request is approved, match times must be determined using Option Two below. Women must compete Friday-Saturday. Men must compete Friday-Saturday.

The host institution **MUST** play the second match on the first day of competition.

**OPTION ONE (MINIMUM OF THREE BACKUP INDOOR COURTS AVAILABLE):**

<b>Day 1</b>	<p>Match one should not start before 10 a.m. local time.                  Match two should be publicized as "not before (three hours after start of match one)."                  Potential match times:                  10 a.m. and 1 p.m.                  11 a.m. and 2 p.m.                  Noon and 3 p.m.                  1 and 4 p.m.                  2 and 5 p.m.                  3 and 6 p.m.                  4 and 7 p.m.</p>
<b>Day 2</b>	<p>If Day 2 is Saturday, potential match times are:                  If Day 1 matches started at:                      Then Saturday match will start at:                  10 a.m. and 1 p.m.                                      10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon or 1 p.m.                  11 a.m. and 2 p.m.                                      11 a.m., noon, 1 or 2 p.m.                  Noon and 3 p.m.    Noon, 1, 2 or 3 p.m.                  1 and 4 p.m.    1, 2, 3 or 4 p.m.                  2 and 5 p.m.    2, 3, 4 or 5 p.m.                  3 and 6 p.m.    3, 4, 5 or 6 p.m.                  4 and 7 p.m.    4, 5, 6 or 7 p.m.</p> <p>If Day 2 play is Sunday, the potential match times are:                  Noon                  1 p.m.                  2 p.m.</p> <p>A site may request an earlier start time Sunday due to heat-related conditions, subject to committee approval.</p>

**OPTION TWO (BACKUP INDOOR COURTS NOT AVAILABLE - WAIVER APPROVAL REQUIRED):**

<b>Friday</b>	<p>Match one should not start before 10 a.m. local time.                  Match two should be publicized as "not before (three hours after start of match one)."                  Potential match times:                  10 a.m. and 1 p.m.                  11 a.m. and 2 p.m.</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>Potential match times:                  10 a.m.                  11 a.m.                  Noon                  1 p.m.                  2 p.m.</p>

**Dual-Gender Site**

Women must compete Friday-Saturday and men must compete Saturday-Sunday.

If a host site has 12 courts, men's and women's matches may be played simultaneously Friday and Saturday only. Match times must be selected from Options One or Two under Single-Gender Site. If an institution wishes to schedule matches differently from what is prescribed, it must receive approval during the bid process from the Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. Please send these requests to Michelle Perry and/or John Bugner directly.

If the host site does not have the minimum number of backup indoor courts, it is required to submit a waiver request to the tennis committee before the bid deadline. If the waiver request is approved, match times must be determined using Option Two below.

The host institution **MUST** play the second match on the first day of competition.

## DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

### OPTION ONE (MINIMUM OF THREE BACKUP COURTS AVAILABLE)

<b>Friday</b>	Two women's matches. Match one should not start before 10 a.m. local time. Match two should be publicized as "not before (three hours after start of match one)." Potential match times: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Noon and 3 p.m. 1 and 4 p.m. 2 and 5 p.m. 3 and 6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Two men's matches followed by the women's match. Potential match times: 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	One men's match. Potential match times: Noon 1 p.m. 2 p.m.
A site may request an earlier start time due to heat-related conditions, subject to committee approval.	

### OPTION TWO (BACKUP INDOOR COURTS NOT AVAILABLE - WAIVER APPROVAL REQUIRED)

<b>Friday</b>	Two women's matches. Match one should not start before 10 a.m. local time. Match two should be publicized as "not before (three hours after start of match one)." Potential match times: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Two men's matches followed by the women's match. Potential match times: 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	One men's match. Potential match times: Noon 1 p.m. 2 p.m.
A site may request an earlier start time due to heat-related conditions, subject to committee approval.	

**Finals site schedule.** Second-round winners advance to the finals site at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida, adhering to the following schedule.

#### Women's Championships Site Schedule

<b>Round of 16</b>	Sunday, May 16
<b>Quarterfinals</b>	Wednesday, May 19
<b>Semifinals</b>	Friday, May 21
<b>Team Championship Final</b>	Saturday, May 22

### Men's Championships Site Schedule

Round of 16	Monday, May 17
Quarterfinals	Thursday, May 20
Semifinals	Friday, May 21
Team Championship Final	Saturday, May 22

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Brackets.** The Division I men's and women's tennis singles and doubles championships brackets consist of 64 singles players and 32 doubles teams per gender participating in the single-elimination tournaments at the site for the team championships. In the event that one or more of these selections declines an invitation, an alternate(s) will be selected at large. If one of the selections is a conference automatic qualifier, and there is a conference alternate that meets the selection criteria, that alternate will be invited.

**Parameters for the Singles and Doubles Draws.** The following parameters have been established for the singles and doubles championships draws:

1. Seed No. 1 is placed on the top line of the bracket.
2. Seed No. 2 is placed on the bottom line of the bracket.
3. Seed Nos. 3 and 4 are randomly drawn to determine placement in the top half or the bottom half of the bracket (and cannot be in the same half of a No. 1 or No. 2 teammate).
4. Seed Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 are randomly drawn (i.e., No. 1 seed could play the No. 5, 6, 7 or 8 seed in the quarterfinals).
5. Conference opponents do not play each other in the first round.
6. Two teammates – separated into opposite halves of the bracket.
7. Three or four teammates – the top two teammates (via seeding or ITA rankings) are separated into opposite halves, the other two placed in the remaining quarters randomly.
8. Five or more teammates – see item “6” above with the remaining teammate(s) placed as far away from their teammates as possible in a quadrant.

The draw for the individual championships will be announced at the administrative meeting Saturday, May 22.

### ANNUAL FORMS

**Results Reporting.** Any institution interested in entering a team or individuals in the championships must submit online at [wearecollegetennis.com](http://wearecollegetennis.com) results from all dual matches and collegiate tournaments in which they have competed. Results will only be accepted online. For questions regarding this process, please contact Cody Johnson (phone: 602-687-6382; email: [cody.johnson@itatennis.com](mailto:cody.johnson@itatennis.com)) at the ITA.

To be considered for selection, coaches must submit results online by 10 p.m. local time on Mondays and Sunday, May 2 at 10 p.m. local time.

Failure to follow these reporting procedures will jeopardize an institution's eligibility for championships selection.

**Lineup Form.** The tennis committee requires online submission of lineup forms for the championships. Hard copies of the lineup forms will not be sent to institutions. Access to the online lineup forms will be through the NCAA website ([web1.ncaa.org/tennis/exec/login](http://web1.ncaa.org/tennis/exec/login)). For password questions, users should contact Kerstin Hunter at the NCAA national office ([khunter@ncaa.org](mailto:khunter@ncaa.org)) or click on the Contact Us link in the lineup form application.

**All automatic-qualifying teams and any team desiring consideration for at-large selection to the championships are required to submit the official online NCAA lineup form to the NCAA not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time Sunday, May 2.** Any lineup form received after 5 p.m. Eastern time is subject to a fine of up to \$300 as determined by the tennis committee. The tennis committee may entertain appeals to the established lineup submission deadlines to review extenuating circumstances.



## DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

The lineup form includes space to list a maximum of 15 team members physically able and eligible to play. As such:

- When a coach lists their 15 student-athletes, they are confirming that all of the 15 student-athletes may have the opportunity to play in the NCAA championships.
- All 15 student-athletes may travel to the championships events.
- All 15 must be physically able and eligible to play. Student-athletes injured to the point of not being able to play (e.g., broken bones, etc.) or student-athletes who have been declared as redshirts or student-athletes who are not eligible for NCAA, conference or institutional reasons, cannot be listed on the lineup form and cannot travel to the championships events.
- Only nine of these 15 student-athletes may play in the first and second rounds of competition. These nine are designated at the administrative meeting the day before the start of competition.
- For first- and second-round competition, institutions are not reimbursed by the NCAA for any expenses.
- Teams that win second-round matches and advance to the championships site will designate, at the administrative meeting the day before the start of finals site competition, nine student-athletes who will play in the championships. These nine student-athletes can be different from the nine who played in the first and second rounds, as long as they were on the original list of 15 student-athletes on the team's lineup form.
- The NCAA will reimburse each institution advancing to the championships site for a maximum of nine student-athletes (and a total travel party of 13 individuals). The institution bears the cost if it decides to take any additional members of the original 15 members listed on the lineup form to the championships site.

Consistent with ITA rules, coaches must list student-athletes in order of singles-play strength, including any doubles specialists, on the lineup form. The lineup that is presented to the referee at the administrative meeting before the start of competition must consist of only nine players total (including doubles specialists).

The committee has established a fine of \$400 that may be assessed for failure of an institution to submit its lineup 30 minutes before the start of a dual match and/or for improperly submitting lineup changes that occur within the five minutes between doubles and singles competition.

**Entering the Individual Championships.** The tennis committee will review any singles players or doubles teams in the ITA rankings as possible at-large selections. There is no need for a coach to indicate on the team lineup form which individuals they would like the committee to consider. However, if a coach wishes to withdraw a player(s) or doubles team(s) from consideration, the championships administrators (Michelle Perry — men's, John Bugner — women's) must be notified before May 2.

**Expense Reimbursement Form.** Expense reimbursement for participation at the finals site will be filed through an online system. The Travel Expense System can be found online at [web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login?js=true](http://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login?js=true). All competing institutions must request reimbursement through the online system in order to receive the appropriate reimbursement.

If you need assistance or experience any technical difficulties, please contact the NCAA travel department at 317-917-6757 or [travel@ncaa.org](mailto:travel@ncaa.org).

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

**Facility Evaluation Form.** Each institution interested in hosting first- and second-round competition must complete and submit an online facility evaluation form not later than Monday, April 5. The form will be available on the NCAA website at [championships.ncaa.org/](http://championships.ncaa.org/). Only institutions that complete and submit the facility evaluation form (and contacts information) will be considered for first- and second-round host opportunities.

**Contacts Information.** Each institution interested in hosting first- and second-round competition must complete and submit their online contacts information not later than Monday, April 5. The contacts information may be submitted via the NCAA website beginning Friday, March 19, at [championships.ncaa.org/](http://championships.ncaa.org/). Only institutions that complete and submit the contacts information (and facility evaluation form) will be considered for first- and second-round host opportunities.

**Preliminary-Round Host Site Reimbursement.** Sites that host a single-gender first- and second-round competition will receive a \$5,100 stipend from the NCAA to cover the costs of the officials and the attending NCAA representative. Sites that host both genders in first- and second-round competition will receive \$9,200. In addition, COVID-19 related expenses may be invoiced to the NCAA, provided they were pre-approved by NCAA staff and are accompanied by receipts.

## CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 3.2.4 and 31.2.1.7 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before 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. [For the Division I men's championships, institutions must notify Michelle Perry, NCAA championships manager, before May 2 (phone: 317-917-6225; email: [meperry@ncaa.org](mailto:meperry@ncaa.org)). For the Division I women's championships, institutions must notify John Bugner, NCAA championships manager, before May 2 (phone: 317-917-6529; email: [jbugner@ncaa.org](mailto:jbugner@ncaa.org)).]

## TRAVEL PARTY/ SQUAD SIZE

**Squad Size.** The official squad size for the team championship shall be nine players. Transportation reimbursement and per diem will be provided for only nine student-athletes for teams advancing to the finals site. For first- and second-round play, institutions are responsible for their own expenses.

**Travel Party.** For the team portion of the 2021 tennis championships, the NCAA will reimburse for four non-athletes, bringing the official travel party total to 13 individuals (nine student-athletes and four non-athletes) who will be reimbursed by the NCAA for advancing to the finals site.

The official travel party for institutions with only individuals selected to the championships is determined as follows:

1-6 student-athletes selected	2 non-student-athletes included in travel party
7-9 student-athletes selected	3 non-student-athletes included in travel party
10 or more student-athletes selected	5 non-student-athletes included in travel party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]*

## Section 2•2 Scoring

**Individual Championships.** All matches shall be the best-of-three sets. No-ad scoring and a seven-point tiebreaker (first to seven points, must win by two points) at six-games-all will be used for all matches. In doubles, a 10-point match tiebreaker will be played in lieu of a third set.

**Team Championships.** The matches shall be regulation dual matches. Three doubles matches consisting of six-game sets will be played for one team point, followed by six singles matches, each valued at one team point; played the best of three sets. No-ad scoring will be used and a seven-point tiebreaker (first to seven points, must win by two points) will be played at six-games-all. The team winning four or more team points advances in the championship bracket.

During the championships, all matches will be stopped after the doubles point is decided. All remaining individual matches will be stopped once a team winner (four points won) has been determined. The score will only reflect completed matches.

## POSTMATCH CODE ASSESSMENT

See Section 1.5 for more information

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

The following 30 conferences for men and 31 conferences for women are granted automatic qualification for the 2021 championships:

American Athletic Conference	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
ASUN Conference	Missouri Valley Conference (Women's Only)
Atlantic 10 Conference	Mountain West Conference
Atlantic Coast Conference	Northeast Conference
Big 12 Conference	Ohio Valley Conference
Big East Conference	Pac-12 Conference
Big Sky Conference	Patriot League
Big South Conference	Southeastern Conference
Big Ten Conference	Southern Conference
Big West Conference	Southland Conference
Colonial Athletic Association	Southwestern Athletic Conference
Conference USA	The Summit League
Horizon League	Sun Belt Conference
The Ivy League	West Coast Conference
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference	Western Athletic Conference
Mid-American Conference	

### CHALLENGE PROCEDURES

**Men's and Women's Team Championship.** Coaches will have the opportunity to review other teams' lineups on the website and submit any challenges to the NCAA national office beginning 30 minutes after the completion of the selection show, Monday, May 3 until Tuesday, May 4, at 5 p.m. Eastern time (the deadline for submitting a lineup challenge). NCAA staff will notify institutions the evening of Tuesday, May 4 in the event their lineups have been challenged. Institutions that are being challenged are required to submit a written response to the national office (Michelle Perry — men; John Bugner — women) by 2 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, May 5. The subcommittees will conduct teleconferences at 5 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, May 5, to rule on any appeals and finalize the lineups. Coaches should note that they may be asked to make themselves available during this teleconference if the tennis committee has questions about their lineups. Final lineups will be posted on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) by noon Eastern time Thursday, May 6.

**Fines.** Failure to follow the results reporting or lineup form submission procedures could jeopardize a team or individual's eligibility for championships selection. Institutions failing to adhere to the procedures outlined above for the submission of regular-season results and lineup forms will be assessed a financial penalty. An institution assessed such a financial penalty must make payment to the national office before the institution's team or individual(s) will be allowed to compete.

The tennis committee will implement a \$300 fine in accordance with Bylaw 31.1.11 (failure to adhere to policies and procedures) for any institution that has its lineup challenged and overturned by the respective subcommittee.

### DRAWS

In the team championships, the teams will be seeded and placed in the bracket as indicated in [Appendix A](#) and [Appendix B](#). The team draws will be announced on [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com) Monday, May 3.

The draws for the singles and doubles championships will be announced at the combined administrative meeting Saturday, May 22.

### SEEDING/PAIRINGS

**Singles/Doubles Seeding.** The tennis committee seeds individuals using the selection criteria. The selection criteria include a review of individual results obtained beginning Sept. 7, 2020 (or the first day of classes, whichever is earliest) through May 2, 2021.

The tennis committee will seed the top eight singles players in order and place the next eight alphabetically. For the doubles championship, the tennis committee will seed the top four teams in order, based on the selection criteria, and place the next four teams alphabetically by institution. The seeding for the singles and doubles championships will be announced Tuesday, May 4, along with the announcement of the entire field.

**Team Seeding.** The tennis committee will seed teams using the selection criteria. The selection criteria include a review of team results obtained beginning Jan. 1 through May 2, 2021.

The tennis committee will seed teams 1-16 in order and place the remaining 48 teams into the bracket creating the fewest number of flights. Teams from the same conference shall not meet in the first and second rounds.

## LODGING INFORMATION

**Preliminary Rounds.** Information regarding the championships shall be sent by the host institution to the visiting teams immediately after the announcement of the sites. All reservations and arrangements, however, must be made by the participating institutions. Hotels secured for teams must be within 30 miles or 30 minutes of the competition site, whichever is less. Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the NCAA and host institutions. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, the institution must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, if the institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for the first night's room charges even if it fails to use those rooms. The tournament manager of the host institution is to be advised of the plans of each visiting institution before the first day of practice at the host site.

**Hotel Agreements.** Host institutions will be required to distribute the contract template provided in the bid checklist posted on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) to all hotels and receive signed agreements back as part of the bid process. Signed agreements must be submitted within the bid portal with the host's bid submission. Hotel agreements submitted should be within 30 miles of the competition site and be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate (at least 20% reduction from current online rate). Anthony Travel will finalize all contracts once the sites have been awarded with countersignature and communication with the hosts and hotels directly.

**Finals Site.** The 16 men's and 16 women's teams advancing to the finals site will be assigned lodging by the tennis committee. Institutions failing to stay at their assigned properties are financially responsible to the assigned property. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, the institution must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. Institutions failing to stay at their assigned hotels are financially responsible to the assigned facility for a minimum of three nights.

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

*Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

**Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – Countable Competition.** For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) 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.

**Selection Criteria.** The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; criteria for selection of participants]:

- Won-lost record.
- Strength of schedule.
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the tennis committee has received approval from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's and women's tennis championships (not necessarily in priority order):

### Primary Criteria

- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Strength of schedule.
- Wins versus teams (or individuals) already selected at time of consideration.

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### Tie-Breaking Procedures

- If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the tie-breaking procedures will be reviewed. The following criteria listed will be evaluated in priority order:
- Head-to-head competition.
- Strength of schedule.

### Primary Criteria Defined

- **Head-to-head competition.**

This is a one-on-one direct comparison between two teams (or individuals). The tennis committee will award a maximum of two points for defeating the same opponent one or more times.

- **Results versus common opponents.**

Other than in cases in which the common opponent analysis is unambiguous (each team or individual has played a common opponent with one team or individual winning and one team or individual losing), the tennis committee will look very closely at the comparison before deciding whether one team or individual has demonstrated a higher level of play versus a common opponent.

- **Strength of schedule.**

The Division I Competition Oversight Committee has approved the following strength-of-schedule definition for Division I tennis: The ITA rankings will be used to represent a combination of four categories (won-lost record or percentage, strength of schedule, significant wins and significant losses).

- **Wins versus teams (or individuals) already selected at time of consideration.**

A one-point margin is sufficient to win the category. The tennis committee will award a maximum of one point for defeating the same opponent multiple times.

Wins versus the top 50 teams in the ITA rankings.

Wins versus the top 60 singles players in the ITA rankings for eligible/entered singles players.

Wins versus the top 30 doubles teams in the ITA rankings for entered/eligible doubles teams.

*Note: The same criteria will be used for seeding, when seeding the top 16 teams, top 16 singles players and top eight doubles teams.*

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must complete a minimum of six matches. The .500 rule (won-lost record of .500 or better) has been suspended for the 2020-21 academic year.

In addition, for the singles and doubles championships, the tennis committee has established a minimum number of completed matches for selection. Student-athletes selected for the singles championships, both automatic and at-large selections, must have results for a minimum of six matches at the institution which the student-athlete will represent at the NCAA championships. Doubles teams selected for the doubles championships, both automatic and at-large selections, must have completed four doubles matches with the same partner during the year at the institution which the team will represent at the NCAA championships. The tennis committee may entertain appeals to the minimum match number to review extenuating circumstances. Coaches may submit a written waiver request to the championships administrators by 10 p.m. Eastern time Sunday before selection.

## SELECTION PROCEDURES

Teams or individuals from an institution that has failed to adhere to the lineup and results reporting procedures outlined in this manual may not be considered for selection to the championships.

**Team Championship.** Thirty conference champions for men and 31 conference champions for women will receive automatic qualification into the team championships. In the event that one or more teams decline an invitation, an alternate team(s) will be selected. Refer to [Appendix A](#) and [Appendix B](#) for the team championships brackets. The tennis committee will convene May 2-3 to select the at-large teams and seed and pair teams into the championships. The tennis committee compares team versus team using the selection criteria to make the selections and seeds. The data used during selections are provided through the institutional results-reporting process (see Results Reporting).

**Individual Championships.** Automatic qualifiers for singles and doubles will be awarded according to conference affiliation adhering to the following process:

**Singles.** Automatic qualification into the Division I singles championships will be awarded to any conference with one or more eligible singles players ranked in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Top 125 for eligible/entered singles players. For conferences with more than one singles player within the ITA Top 125 eligible/entered singles players, the tennis committee will apply the NCAA selection criteria to determine which student-athlete is the automatic qualifier from those conferences. The remaining singles participants will be selected on an at-large basis.

**Doubles.** Automatic qualification into the Division I doubles championships will be awarded to any conference with one or more eligible doubles teams ranked in the ITA Top 60 for entered/eligible doubles teams. For conferences with more than one doubles team within the ITA Top 60 entered/eligible doubles teams, the tennis committee will apply the NCAA selection criteria to determine which doubles team is the automatic qualifier from those conferences. The remaining doubles teams berths will be selected on an at-large basis. A student-athlete who is ranked in the ITA Top 60 for entered/eligible doubles teams with two different partners would have the ability to be selected in the doubles draw with the other partner as an alternate. ITA rankings will be used to make this determination based on all team results during the regular spring season and individual results (singles/doubles) in collegiate matches played from Sept. 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier, through the day of selections.

In the singles and doubles championships, in case of injury, illness or extenuating circumstances before the opening round, alternates selected by the tennis committee shall be substituted in numbered order if available. The substitution of alternates will be dictated by the maximum field size. According to the Competition Oversight Committee's 2021 replacement policy, individuals can only be replaced within 24 hours of the selection announcement. If the withdrawing student-athlete was selected by automatic qualification, the next eligible singles player or doubles team from that conference will be considered before substituting from the alternate list (provided the above criteria are met).

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

### PRELIMINARY-ROUND SITE SELECTIONS

With the adoption of Bylaw 31.1.3.2.5, each sports committee will comply with the bylaw to the greatest extent possible and in doing so, the following policies will be implemented.

- For 2021, all first- and second-round sites will be predetermined. The committee will evaluate team ranking and use the geographic consideration when selecting sites.
- The committee also will separate first- and second-round conference opponents when assigning teams to sites.

Each institution interested in hosting first- and second-round competition, regardless of potential seed, must complete and submit an online facility evaluation and contacts information not later than Monday, April 5. Instructions on how to access and submit the form will be distributed via the monthly championships newsletter. Only institutions that complete and submit the facility evaluation and contacts information will be considered for first- and second-round host opportunities.

It is not necessary to complete a proposed budget form for preliminary-round competition. Each first- and second-round host will receive a \$5,100 stipend if it hosts men's or women's competition, and a \$9,200 stipend if it hosts both the men's and women's tournaments. In addition, host sites that incur any expenses related to COVID-19 protocols may submit and invoice, accompanied by receipts, to the NCAA for reimbursement after the conclusion of competition. These expenses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must receive advance approval from NCAA staff in order to be reimbursed.

The tennis committee has adopted the following requirements for preliminary-round host sites:

- Minimum of six hard-surface, quality courts of similar speed and surface with umpires' chairs.
- Adequate number of practice courts of same or similar surface to the competition courts near the competition site.
- Availability of backup indoor site. Potential hosts may submit a waiver request to the committee if indoor courts are not available.
- Appropriate seating for estimated attendance.
- Minimum of six ITA-certified umpires plus one head referee.
- Adequate training facilities and medical personnel on-site at all times.

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- Tournament director (other than the institution's head coach) and appropriate game management personnel.
- Two squeegees and two blowers available at each competition court.
- Distribute the hotel contract template provided in the [bid checklist](#) to all hotels and receive signed agreements back as part of the bid process. Signed agreements must be submitted within the bid portal with the host's bid submission. Hotel agreements submitted should be within 30 miles of the competition site and be priced at a fair and reasonable market room rate (at least 20% reduction from current online rate). Anthony Travel will finalize all contracts once the sites have been awarded with countersignature and communication with host and hotels directly.

In an effort to enhance the student-athlete experience at the preliminary rounds of competition, the tennis committee has implemented the following additional requirements for hosting:

- Hosts shall provide grab-and-go single-serve hospitality.
- Hosts shall ensure that Event 1 merchandise is displayed appropriately, if applicable.
- Hosts shall ensure NCAA signage is displayed properly.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process for the men's championship, you may contact Michelle Perry, NCAA championships and alliances, (phone: 317-917-6225; email: [meperry@ncaa.org](mailto:meperry@ncaa.org)). For the women's championships, you may contact John Bugner, NCAA championships and alliances, (phone: 317-917-6529; email: [jbugner@ncaa.org](mailto:jbugner@ncaa.org)).

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution or conference interested in hosting a preliminary round of the 2021 tennis championships must submit a facility evaluation form, contacts information and hotel agreement to be considered to host.

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the following website: [championships.ncaa.org/](http://championships.ncaa.org/). The deadline to submit all materials for hosting first and second rounds is April 5.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

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

As part of your bid, please submit the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the [Best Practices document](#). These documents should be submitted using the document upload in the championships bid and host portal. Contact Kerstin Hunter ([khunter@ncaa.org](mailto:khunter@ncaa.org)) at the NCAA if you need assistance with this site.

# Appendixes

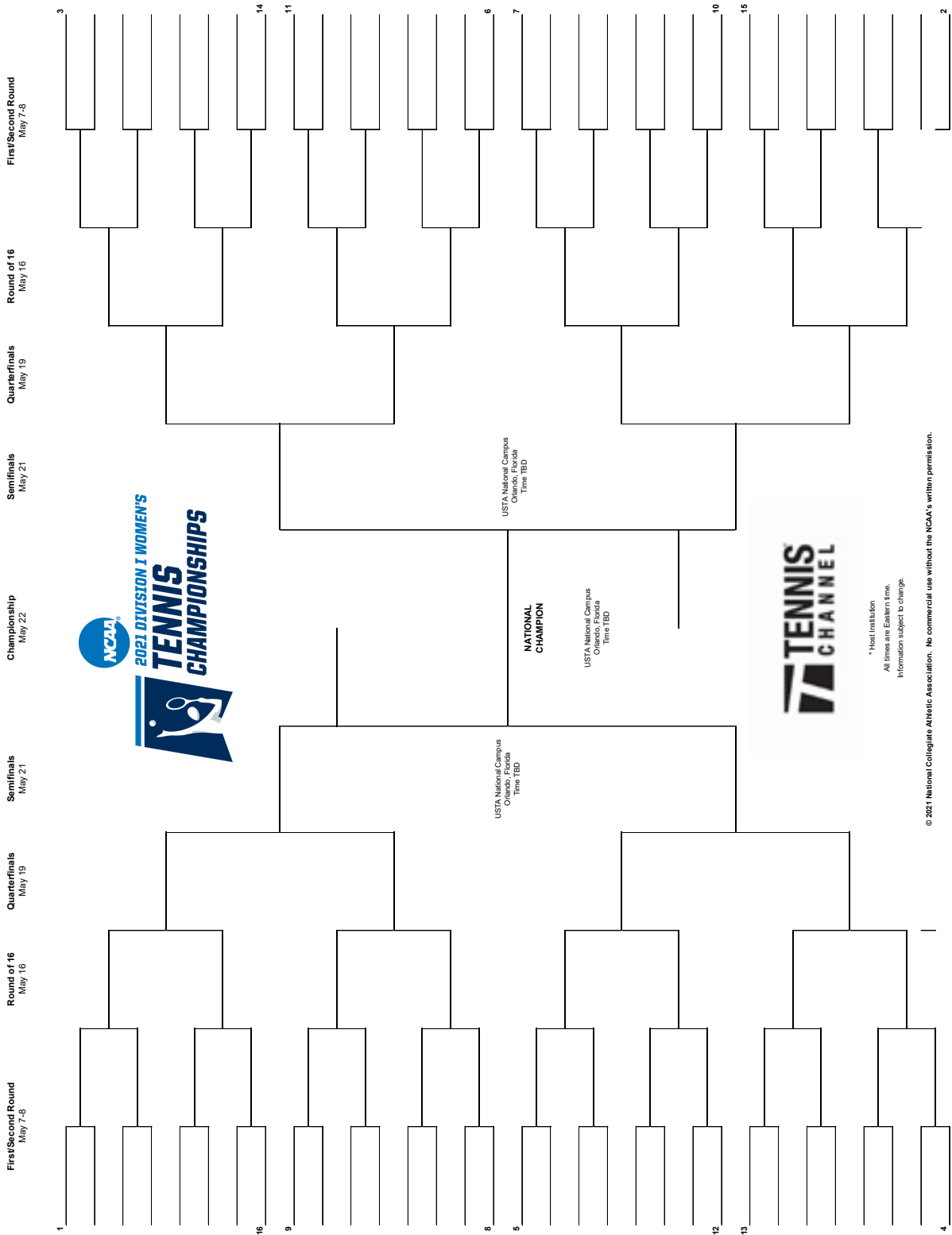
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# Appendix A • Women's Team Bracket

## 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship Event: Team Championship

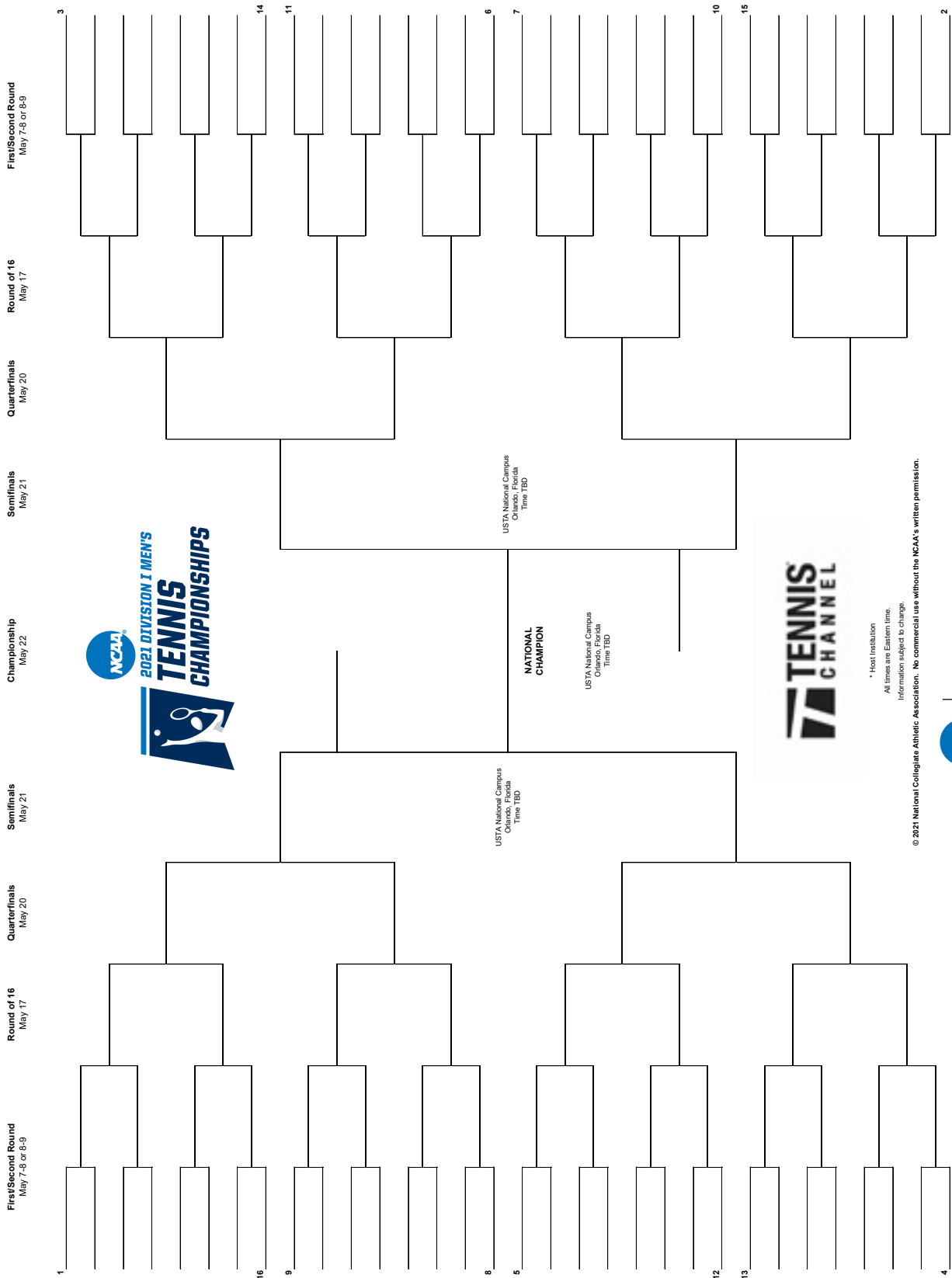


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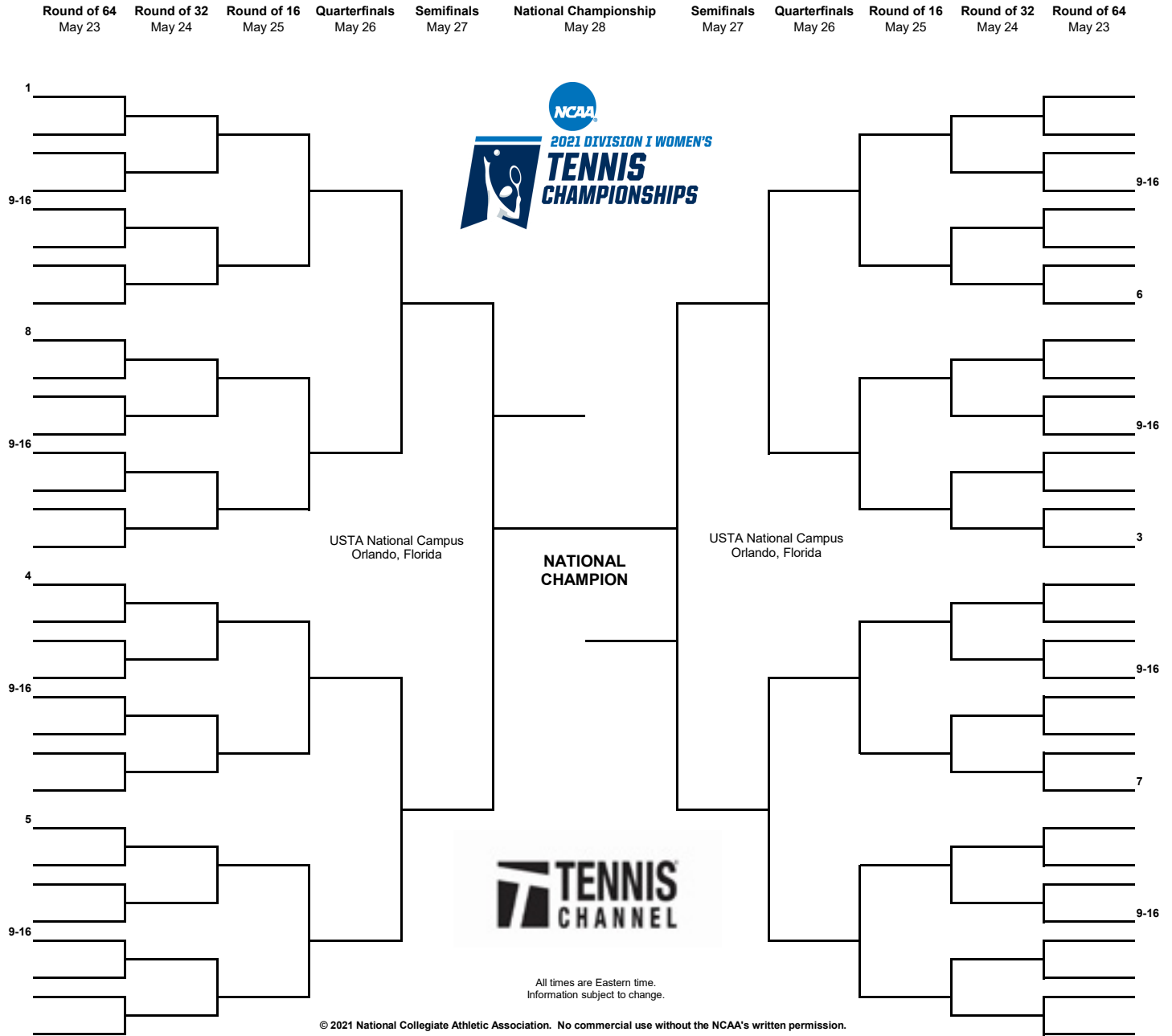
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## 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship Event: Team Championship



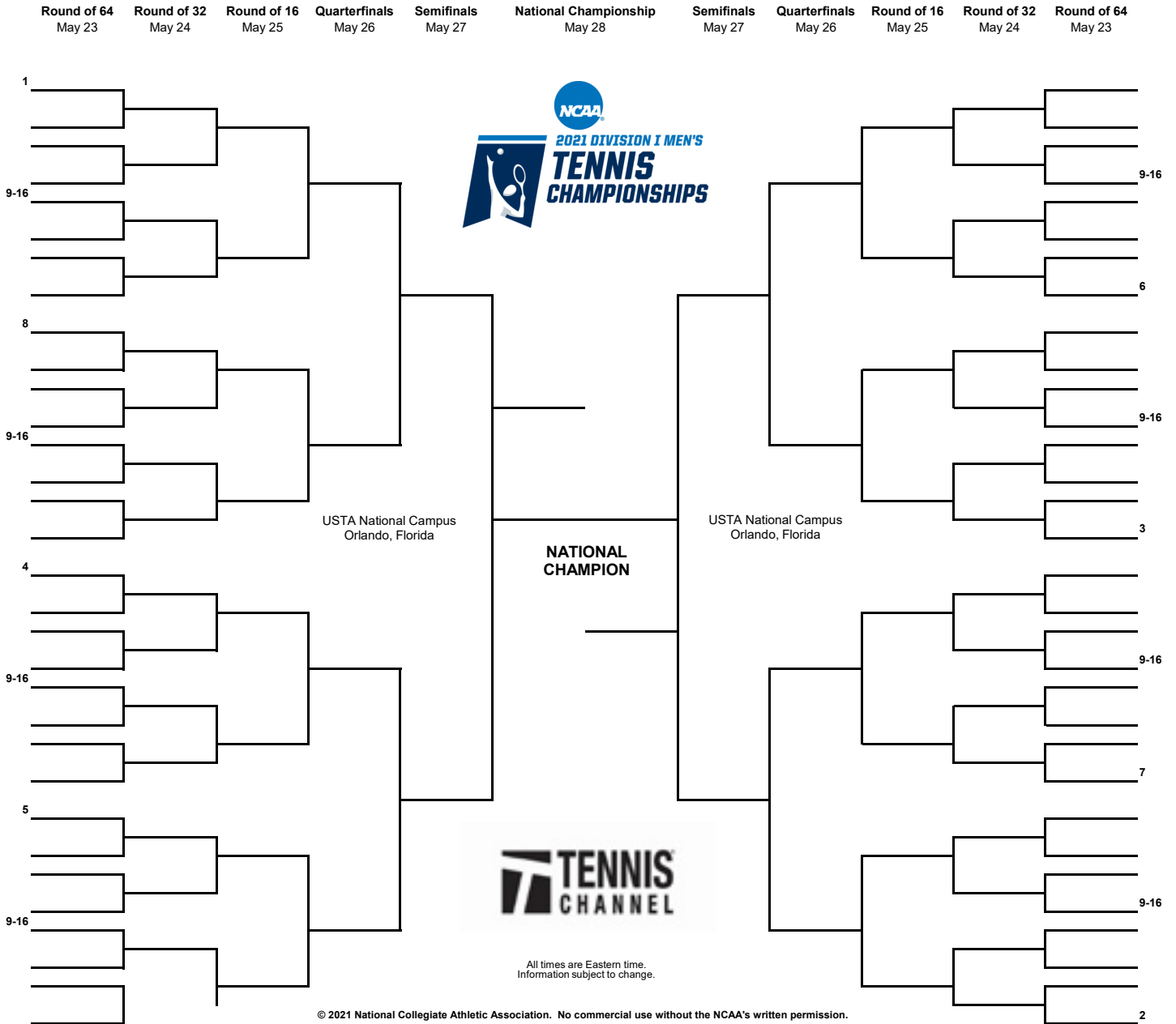
# Appendix C • Women's Singles Bracket

## 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship Event: Singles Championship



# Appendix D • Men's Singles Bracket

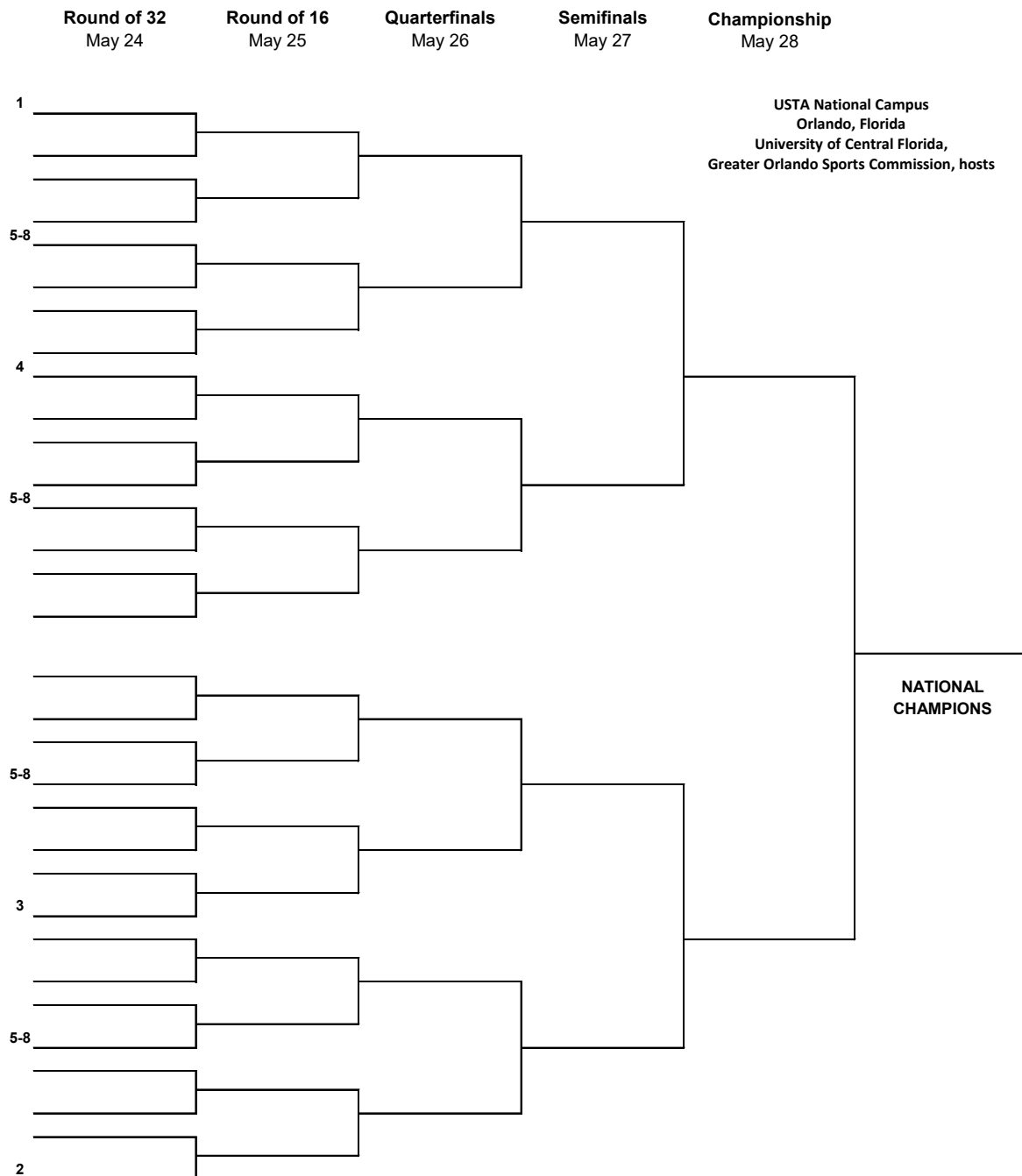
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## Appendix E • Women's Doubles Bracket



### 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Tennis Championship Event: Doubles Championship



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# Appendix F • Men's Doubles Bracket



## 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship Event: Doubles Championship



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## Appendix G • Men's Sport Sponsorship

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Big Sky Conference (9)

California State University, Sacramento  
 Eastern Washington University  
 Idaho State University  
 University of Idaho  
 Montana State University-Bozeman

University of Montana  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Portland State University  
 Weber State University

#### Conference USA (8)

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Middle Tennessee State University  
 The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Old Dominion University  
 Rice University  
 The University of Southern Mississippi  
 University of Texas at San Antonio

#### Mountain West Conference (8)

Boise State University  
 California State University, Fresno  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno

University of New Mexico  
 San Diego State University  
 U.S. Air Force Academy  
 Utah State University

#### Ohio Valley Conference (6)

Austin Peay State University  
 Belmont University  
 Eastern Illinois University

Jacksonville State University  
 Tennessee State University  
 Tennessee Technological University

#### The Summit League (6)

University of Denver  
 Drake University  
 Illinois State University

University of Nebraska Omaha  
 University of North Dakota  
 Oral Roberts University

**EAST REGION**

**Atlantic 10 Conference (12)**

Davidson College  
 University of Dayton  
 Duquesne University  
 Fordham University  
 George Mason University  
 George Washington University

La Salle University  
 University of Richmond  
 St. Bonaventure University  
 Saint Joseph's University  
 Saint Louis University  
 Virginia Commonwealth University

**Atlantic Coast Conference (13)**

Boston College  
 Clemson University  
 Duke University  
 Florida State University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 University of Louisville  
 University of Miami (Florida)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 North Carolina State University  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
 University of Virginia  
 Wake Forest University

**Colonial Athletic Association (8)**

College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
 University of Delaware  
 Drexel University  
 Elon University

Hofstra University  
 James Madison University  
 University of North Carolina Wilmington  
 College of William & Mary

**Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (7)**

Fairfield University  
 Marist College  
 Monmouth University  
 Niagara University

Quinnipiac University  
 Rider University  
 Siena College

**Northeast Conference (8)**

Bryant University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus  
 \*Merrimack College  
 Mount St. Mary's University

Sacred Heart University  
 St. Francis College Brooklyn  
 Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)  
 Wagner College

**Patriot League (9)**

Boston University  
 Bucknell University  
 Colgate University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Lafayette College

Lehigh University  
 Loyola University Maryland  
 U.S. Military Academy  
 U.S. Naval Academy

**The Ivy League (8)**

Brown University  
 Columbia University-Barnard College  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College

Harvard University  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 Princeton University  
 Yale University

**Independent (1)**

New Jersey Institute of Technology

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**MIDWEST REGION**

**Big East Conference (9)**

Butler University  
University of Connecticut  
Creighton University  
DePaul University  
Georgetown University

Marquette University  
St. John's University (New York)  
Villanova University  
Xavier University

**Big Ten Conference (12)**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
University of Iowa  
University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
Northwestern University  
The Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Purdue University  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Horizon League (5)**

Cleveland State University  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Northern Kentucky University  
Youngstown State University

**Mid-American Conference (6)**

Ball State University  
Binghamton University  
University at Buffalo, the State University of New York

Northern Illinois University  
University of Toledo  
Western Michigan University

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

**American Athletic Conference (8)**

University of Central Florida  
 University of Memphis  
 University of South Florida  
 Southern Methodist University

Temple University  
 Tulane University  
 The University of Tulsa  
 Wichita State University

**ASUN Conference (8)**

\*Bellarmine University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Kennesaw State University  
 Liberty University

Lipscomb University  
 \*University of North Alabama  
 University of North Florida  
 Stetson University

**Big South Conference (7)**

Campbell University  
 Gardner-Webb University  
 Hampton University  
 Longwood University

University of North Carolina Asheville  
 Presbyterian College  
 Radford University

**Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (8)**

Bethune-Cookman University  
 Coppin State University  
 Howard University  
 Morgan State University

Norfolk State University  
 North Carolina A&T State University  
 North Carolina Central University  
 South Carolina State University

**Southeastern Conference (13)**

University of Alabama  
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
 Auburn University  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Kentucky  
 Louisiana State University

Mississippi State University  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of South Carolina, Columbia  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 Texas A&M University, College Station  
 Vanderbilt University

**Southern Conference (8)**

The Citadel  
 East Tennessee State University  
 Furman University  
 Mercer University

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
 Samford University  
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
 Wofford College

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**SOUTHWEST REGION**

**Big 12 Conference (6)**

Baylor University  
Oklahoma State University  
University of Oklahoma

Texas Christian University  
Texas Tech University  
University of Texas at Austin

**Southland Conference (6)**

Abilene Christian University  
University of the Incarnate Word  
Lamar University

University of New Orleans  
Nicholls State University  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Southwestern Athletic Conference (6)**

Alabama A&M University  
Alabama State University  
Alcorn State University

Jackson State University  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Prairie View A&M University

**Sun Belt Conference (7)**

Coastal Carolina University  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia State University  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of South Alabama  
University of Texas at Arlington  
Troy University

**WEST REGION**

**Big West Conference (7)**

California Polytechnic State University  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of California, Riverside

\*University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa

**Pac-12 Conference (9)**

Arizona State University  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Oregon

University of Southern California  
 Stanford University  
 University of Utah  
 University of Washington

**West Coast Conference (10)**

Brigham Young University  
 Gonzaga University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 University of the Pacific  
 Pepperdine University

University of Portland  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 Santa Clara University

**Western Athletic Conference (6)**

Chicago State University  
 \*Dixie State University  
 Grand Canyon University

New Mexico State University  
 Seattle University  
 The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

## Appendix H • Women's Sport Sponsorship

### CENTRAL REGION

#### Big Sky Conference (9)

California State University, Sacramento  
 Eastern Washington University  
 Idaho State University  
 University of Idaho  
 Montana State University-Bozeman

University of Montana  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Portland State University  
 Weber State University

#### Conference USA (14)

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida International University  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 Marshall University  
 Middle Tennessee State University  
 The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

University of North Texas  
 Old Dominion University  
 Rice University  
 The University of Southern Mississippi  
 University of Texas at El Paso  
 University of Texas at San Antonio  
 Western Kentucky University

#### Mountain West Conference (11)

Boise State University  
 California State University, Fresno  
 Colorado State University  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of New Mexico

San Diego State University  
 San Jose State University  
 U.S. Air Force Academy  
 Utah State University  
 University of Wyoming

#### Ohio Valley Conference (9)

Austin Peay State University  
 Belmont University  
 Eastern Illinois University  
 Jacksonville State University  
 Murray State University

Southeast Missouri State University  
 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
 Tennessee State University  
 University of Tennessee at Martin

#### The Summit League (7)

University of Denver  
 University of Missouri-Kansas City  
 University of Nebraska Omaha  
 University of North Dakota

Oral Roberts University  
 University of South Dakota  
 Western Illinois University

**EAST REGION**

**Atlantic 10 Conference (14)**

Davidson College  
 University of Dayton  
 Duquesne University  
 Fordham University  
 George Mason University  
 George Washington University  
 La Salle University

University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of Richmond  
 St. Bonaventure University  
 Saint Joseph's University  
 Saint Louis University  
 Virginia Commonwealth University

**Atlantic Coast Conference (14)**

Boston College  
 Clemson University  
 Duke University  
 Florida State University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 University of Louisville  
 University of Miami (Florida)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 North Carolina State University  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Syracuse University  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
 University of Virginia  
 Wake Forest University

**Colonial Athletic Association (9)**

College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
 University of Delaware  
 Drexel University  
 Elon University  
 Hofstra University

James Madison University  
 University of North Carolina Wilmington  
 Towson University  
 College of William & Mary

**Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (7)**

Fairfield University  
 Marist College  
 Monmouth University  
 Niagara University

Quinnipiac University  
 Rider University  
 Siena College

**Northeast Conference (9)**

Bryant University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus  
 Long Island University  
 \*Merrimack College  
 Mount St. Mary's University

Sacred Heart University  
 St. Francis College Brooklyn  
 Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)  
 Wagner College

**Patriot League (9)**

Boston University  
 Bucknell University  
 Colgate University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Lafayette College

Lehigh University  
 Loyola University Maryland  
 U.S. Military Academy  
 U.S. Naval Academy

**The Ivy League (8)**

Brown University  
 Columbia University-Barnard College  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College

Harvard University  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 Princeton University  
 Yale University

**Independent (2)**

Binghamton University

New Jersey Institute of Technology

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**MIDWEST REGION**

**Big East Conference (11)**

Butler University  
University of Connecticut  
Creighton University  
DePaul University  
Georgetown University  
Marquette University

Providence College  
St. John's University (New York)  
Seton Hall University  
Villanova University  
Xavier University

**Big Ten Conference (14)**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
University of Iowa  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
Northwestern University  
The Ohio State University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Purdue University  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Horizon League (7)**

Cleveland State University  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Northern Kentucky University

Oakland University  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Youngstown State University

**Mid-American Conference (8)**

Ball State University  
Bowling Green State University  
University at Buffalo, the State University of New York  
Eastern Michigan University

Miami University (Ohio)  
Northern Illinois University  
University of Toledo  
Western Michigan University

**Missouri Valley Conference (7)**

Bradley University  
Drake University  
Illinois State University  
University of Northern Iowa

Missouri State University  
Stony Brook University  
Valparaiso University

**SOUTHEAST REGION**

**American Athletic Conference (10)**

University of Central Florida  
 University of Cincinnati  
 University of Houston  
 University of Memphis  
 University of South Florida

Southern Methodist University  
 Temple University  
 Tulane University  
 The University of Tulsa  
 Wichita State University

**ASUN Conference (8)**

\*Bellarmine University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Kennesaw State University  
 Liberty University

Lipscomb University  
 \*University of North Alabama  
 University of North Florida  
 Stetson University

**Big South Conference (8)**

Campbell University  
 Charleston Southern University  
 Gardner-Webb University  
 Hampton University

Longwood University  
 University of North Carolina Asheville  
 Presbyterian College  
 Radford University

**Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (10)**

Bethune-Cookman University  
 Coppin State University  
 Delaware State University  
 Florida A&M University  
 Howard University

Morgan State University  
 Norfolk State University  
 North Carolina A&T State University  
 North Carolina Central University  
 South Carolina State University

**Southeastern Conference (14)**

University of Alabama  
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
 Auburn University  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Kentucky  
 Louisiana State University

Mississippi State University  
 University of Mississippi  
 University of Missouri, Columbia  
 University of South Carolina, Columbia  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 Texas A&M University, College Station  
 Vanderbilt University

**Southern Conference (8)**

East Tennessee State University  
 Furman University  
 Mercer University  
 The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Samford University  
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
 Western Carolina University  
 Wofford College

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**SOUTHWEST REGION**

**Big 12 Conference (10)**

Baylor University  
Iowa State University  
Kansas State University  
University of Kansas  
Oklahoma State University

University of Oklahoma  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Tech University  
University of Texas at Austin  
West Virginia University

**Southland Conference (12)**

Abilene Christian University  
University of Central Arkansas  
University of the Incarnate Word  
Lamar University  
McNeese State University  
University of New Orleans

Nicholls State University  
Northwestern State University  
Sam Houston State University  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Southwestern Athletic Conference (8)**

Alabama A&M University  
Alabama State University  
Alcorn State University  
Grambling State University

Jackson State University  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Prairie View A&M University  
Southern University, Baton Rouge

**Sun Belt Conference (11)**

Appalachian State University  
Arkansas State University  
Coastal Carolina University  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia State University  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Louisiana Monroe  
University of South Alabama  
University of Texas at Arlington  
Texas State University  
Troy University

**WEST REGION**

**Big West Conference (10)**

California Polytechnic State University  
 California State University, Fullerton  
 California State University, Northridge  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Irvine

University of California, Riverside  
 \*University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa  
 Long Beach State University

**Pac-12 Conference (11)**

Arizona State University  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Oregon

University of Southern California  
 Stanford University  
 University of Utah  
 Washington State University  
 University of Washington

**West Coast Conference (10)**

Brigham Young University  
 Gonzaga University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 University of the Pacific  
 Pepperdine University

University of Portland  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 Santa Clara University

**Western Athletic Conference (7)**

Chicago State University  
 \*Dixie State University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 New Mexico State University

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
 Seattle University  
 \*Tarleton State University

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