

PRECHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-26 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

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

Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes’ optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 3•2 Drug Testing

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

Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

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

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

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

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

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

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to 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 [Health, Safety & Performance website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

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. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • Division II

Section 10•1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the constitution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern.

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate. Division II members abide by the following principles that help define and distinguish the division: *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution's educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(b) Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution's budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a "partial scholarship" model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well; *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(c) Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This "Life in the Balance" emphasis facilitates learning through: *(Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22)*

(1) **Academics.** Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(2) **Athletics.** Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division's 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA's three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(3) **Community Engagement.** Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(4) **Postgraduation Success.** Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation; (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(d) Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a "game environment" initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

(e) Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division's governance structure. (*Adopted: 1/31/22, Revised: 7/19/22 effective 8/1/22*)

Section 10•2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit the online form required for the sport administrator and have a complete and accurate signature page on file at the institution before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, institutional chancellor/president, institutional athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: "... 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."

EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship(s) packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship(s) events.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Have on file at the institution an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct signature page before the start of the first competition of the championship(s).
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship competition.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel traveling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in a honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship(s) site.
- Abide by federal, state and local laws and regulations and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, enroute to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more
- g. NCAA championships;
- h. Cancelation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship(s); and
- i. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the chancellor/president of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

Section 10•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences/videoconferences, prechampionship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university chancellor/president university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

This policy applies to the following sports: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Section 10•4 Make Game Day Yours

Division II promotes a game environment that is respectful and engaging for everyone through the Make Game Day Yours initiative. The initiative aims to create a positive game environment at Division II contests and promotes excellent customer service among hosts to both teams' fans, student-athletes, coaches and game officials.

Championship hosts should keep in mind the importance of safety, responsiveness and dignity in order to achieve a positive experience. We ask that each participant and fan be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Make Game Day Yours.

Section 10•5 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]

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 Sept. 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. (Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)

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

Division II Men's and Women's Tennis

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| Matt Helsel | Millersville | PSAC |
| CENTRAL REGION | | |
| John Blackburn | Emporia St. | MIAA |
| Mike Racy | MIAA | MIAA |
| EAST REGION | | |
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| Catie Noons | Bentley | NE10 |
| Greg Coache | Southern N.H. | NE10 |
| MIDWEST REGION | | |
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| Chance Joost | McKendree | GLVC |
| Sam Barr | GVSU | GLIAC |
| Natalie Jarrett | Purdue Northwest | GLIAC |
| Phil Conley | Tiffin | G-MAC |
| Nicole Walbright | Hillsdale | G-MAC |
| SOUTH REGION | | |
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| Michael Ward | Mississippi Col. | Gulf South |
| Gary Taylor | Benedict | SIAC |
| Greg Green | Tuskegee | SIAC |
| Sarah Fraska | Lynn | Sunshine State |
| Rhett Rollyson | Fla. Southern | Sunshine State |
| SOUTHEAST REGION | | |
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| Mic Moore | Catawba | SAC |
| Daijah Freeman | North Georgia | Peach Belt |
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| Kristina Kish | St. Mary's | Lone Star |
| WEST REGION | | |
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Section 1•4 Women's Regional Advisory Committees

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| Kirby Ronning | Washburn | MIAA |
| Marc Kurtz | Augustana (SD) | NSIC |
| Taytum Rhoades | NSIC | NSIC |
| Brian Nelson | Southeast Okla. St. | GAC |
| Annabel Harvey | Henderson St. | GAC |
| EAST REGION | | |
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| Fred Perin | Jefferson | CACC |
| Nikki Philpot | ECC | ECC |
| Suzie Yormick-DeNillo | Daemen | ECC |
| Molly Belden | NE10 | NE10 |
| Rebecca Fakas | Adelphi | NE10 |
| MIDWEST REGION | | |
| Jon Coles | GVSU | GLIAC |
| Marc Doren | Ferris St. | GLIAC |
| Brent Blazek | Rockhurst | GLVC |
| Malik Tabet | Ulndy | GLVC |
| Elizabeth Hoge | Ashland | G-MAC |
| Raul Quevedo | Northwood | G-MAC |
| SOUTH REGION | | |
| Patrick Hynes | Lee | Gulf South |
| Wyatt Hall | Montevallo | Gulf South |
| Chuck Keenan | Savannah St. | SIAC |
| John Dotson | Spring Hill | SIAC |
| Dawn Boltin | Saint Leo | Sunshine State |
| Chad Berryhill | Embry-Riddle | Sunshine State |
| SOUTHEAST REGION | | |
| Blake Smith | Lees-McRae | Conference Carolinas |
| Jake McCartney | Mount Olive | Conference Carolinas |
| Stacey Lampkin | Georgia College | Peach Belt |
| Kent Norsworthy | North Georgia | Peach Belt |
| Sam Clarke | Lenoir-Rhyne | SAC |
| Emily Richards | Anderson | SAC |

DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

| NAME | INSTITUTION | CONFERENCE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| SOUTH CENTRAL REGION | | |
| Chris Bizot | UT-Tyler | Lone Star |
| Bill Macom | St. Mary's | Lone Star |
| WEST REGION | | |
| Spencer Shamo | Dominican (CA) | PacWest |
| Kula ODA | Hawaii Hilo | PacWest |

National committee members in bold.

Section 1•5 Division II Code of Conduct

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should manifest not only in athletics participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship events. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and misconduct incident to the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit a complete and accurate Division II Code of Conduct form before the start of the first competition of the championships will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.

Misconduct

The prechampionships manual and NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 define misconduct as: "...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."

Expectations

Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting before the start of the championships with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championships packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championships events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championships (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament), or when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championships. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee.

Expectations for Student-Athletes, Coaches and Administrators

- Submit an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct form before the start of the first competition of the championships.
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championships events.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.

- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championships-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championships site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championships event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

Possible Penalties for Misconduct

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the championships event. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- Public or private reprimand of the individual.
- Financial penalty.
- Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved and/or banishment of the individual from participating in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved.
- Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individuals involved.
- Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution.
- Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more subsequent championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate.
- Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships.
- Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.

All correspondence regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the president/chancellor of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment, and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championships events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such. Again, congratulations to you and your team. We hope this year's championships experience is one that you will cherish for years to come.

Section 1•6 Important Dates

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| Monday, Feb. 23 | Preliminary Round Bid Portal opens up |
| Wednesday, April 15 | National committee first ranking. |
| Wednesday, April 22 | National committee second ranking. |
| Monday, April 27 | Deadline to submit preliminary-round host material. |
| Wednesday, April 29 | National committee third ranking. |
| Sunday, May 3 | Notifications of AQs due by 5 p.m. Eastern time. Lineups submission deadline - 9 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Monday, May 4 | National committee selections call - 10 a.m. Eastern time. Selections announcement - 8 p.m. (men) / 8:30 p.m. (women) Eastern time. Lineups posted immediately after selection - 9 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Tuesday, May 5 | Deadline for challenging lineups - 5 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Wednesday, May 6 | Written responses due from challenged coaches noon Eastern time. National Committee videoconference regarding regional lineup challenges - 1 p.m. Eastern time. Code of Conduct form deadline - 5 p.m. Eastern time. |

DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

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| Thursday, May 7 | Final Lineups posted - 9 a.m. Eastern time. |
| Friday-Saturday, May 8-9 | Regional Round Competition Start (women). |
| Monday-Tuesday, May 11-12 | Regional Round Competition Start (men). |
| Wednesday, May 13 | Regional Round lineups made unavailable - 11 a.m. Eastern time. Lineups available for changes - noon Eastern time. Advancing Teams Participant Call - 1 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Thursday, May 14 | Deadline for challenging lineups - 11 a.m. Eastern time. Lineups posted - 12:15 p.m. Eastern time. Written responses due from challenged coaches - 11 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Friday, May 15 | Committee videoconference - Challenge Review - 2 p.m. Eastern time. Final lineups posted - 6 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Tuesday, May 19 | National Championship competition starts. |

CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

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| Friday-Saturday, May 8-9 | Women's Preliminary-Round Tournaments (campus sites). |
| Monday-Tuesday, May 11-12 | Men's Preliminary-Round Tournaments (campus sites). |
| Tuesday-Saturday, May 19-23 | NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Championship. |
| Wednesday-Sunday, May 20-24 | NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship. |

DATE FORMULA

Preliminary-round play begins Friday-Saturday prior to the finals.

FUTURE DATES - 2027

Preliminary Rounds

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Friday-Saturday, May 7-8 | Men's Preliminary-Round Tournaments (campus sites). |
| Monday-Tuesday, May 9-10 | Women's Preliminary-Round Tournaments (campus sites). |

Finals

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday-Saturday, May 18-22 | NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship. (Surprise, Arizona hosted by Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex) |
| Wednesday-Sunday, May 19-23 | NCAA Division II Women's Tennis Championship. (Located in Surprise, Arizona hosted by Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex). |

Section 1•7 Equipment

Wilson is the official ball of the NCAA tennis championships and will be used during all rounds of competition. Balls will be shipped directly to the tournament directors at each site immediately after the selection announcement.

During competition, four balls per doubles match and one new can for each set of singles will be provided. Practice balls must be provided by the competing teams or individuals.

Section 1•8 Rules

[Reference: Bylaws 18.6.1 and 18.6.2 in the NCAA Manual.]

In those men's and women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6): (Revised: 1/23/19).

The United States Tennis Association and Intercollegiate Tennis Association rules will be followed, unless superseded by modifications adopted by the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. The committee has adopted the following modifications:

1. Changes in the lineup for reasons other than injury or illness must be requested 30 minutes 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.
2. The ITA carry-over rules 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 preliminary-round tournaments. Penalties may be carried over from preliminary-round sites to the institution's or individual's next match at the finals site.
3. 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 immediately (per ITA Rules).
 - The use of tobacco by student-athletes, or team or game personnel (e.g., coaches, athletic trainers, managers and game officials), is prohibited during competition. Any student-athlete, or team or game personnel, who uses tobacco during competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that competition.

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Determination of Championships Participation

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY

[Reference: *Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division II General Section and Bylaws 31.2.1.7 and 3.2.4 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 the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

The penalties for using an ineligible student-athlete during the 2025-26 season are as follows:

| Spring Sports | DII W/L | DII Avg Opp W/L | DII Avg Opp/Opp W/L | In Region W/L |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Men's Tennis | 0.054 | 0.016 | 0.007 | 0.059 |
| Women's Tennis | 0.039 | 0.012 | 0.004 | 0.042 |

CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

The championships shall consist of team-only championships. Tournaments shall be conducted according to the formats approved by the committee. All matches shall be played outdoors, weather permitting, as determined by the head referee and games committee.

The team championships shall comprise a maximum of 48 teams per gender. The teams will play a single-elimination tournament at 16 (men and women) regional sites (two to five teams at each site) and the finals site (16-team bracket) to determine the national champion.

Dual-Match Format:

- Three doubles followed by six singles (3-6 Format). The format is three six-game pro set doubles matches with a seven-point tiebreak at 6-all. Doubles will be followed by six best-of-three-set singles matches.
- Seven team points. The team that wins two of the three doubles matches receives one point. Each singles match is worth one point. Four or more points are required to win the team match.
 - After the doubles point has been decided, any remaining doubles match shall be abandoned.
 - Once the outcome of the team match has been decided, a shortened format shall be played unless both coaches agree otherwise or conference rules supersede. Matches still in the second set shall play a 10-point tiebreak in lieu of the third set. Any match already in the third set shall be played to completion. A match that has not started shall consist of two sets with a 10-point tiebreak played at one set all.
- Scoring. No-ad scoring will be used for both doubles and singles matches.
- Incomplete Match Policy. In the event a site is unable to complete competition by the designated days, the following procedures shall be in place:
 - If no indoor backup is available at the regional host site and inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances have made it impossible to complete a regional round match that play Friday-Saturday, can move their match/matches to Sunday, and play must start by 9 a.m. local time. The matches that play on Monday-Tuesday can move their matches to Wednesday and play must start by 9 a.m. local time. The host must do everything possible, including moving to an alternate site, to complete the match. If the match still cannot be completed Sunday/Wednesday, the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee is authorized to advance the higher seeded team to the final site after reviewing all actions attempted by the host to complete the match. Failure to provide documentation or demonstrate due diligence in securing an alternate site may result in revocation of hosting privileges in future years.

The championships will use the following schedule of competition:

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| Tuesday, May 19 | Eight matches (Women) |
| Wednesday, May 20 | Eight Matches (Men) Quarterfinals (Women) |
| Thursday, May 21 | Quarterfinals (Men) |
| Friday, May 22 | Semifinals (Women) |
| Saturday, May 23 | Semifinals (Men) Final (Women) |
| Sunday, May 24 | Final (Men) |

START TIMES

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|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Women's First Round | Tuesday, May 19 | 8 a.m. and noon Eastern time. |
| Men's First Round | Wednesday, May 20 | 8 a.m. and noon Eastern time. |
| Women's Quarterfinals | Wednesday, May 20 | 4 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Men's Quarterfinals | Thursday, May 21 | 9 a.m. Eastern time. |
| Women's Semifinals | Friday, May 22 | 9 a.m. Eastern time. |
| Men's Semifinals | Saturday, May 23 | 9 a.m. Eastern time. |
| Women's Final | Saturday, May 23 | 1 p.m. Eastern time. |
| Men's Final | Sunday, May 24 | 9 a.m. Eastern time. |

NOTE: In the event of severe inclement weather, the tennis committee reserves the right to alter match formats in order to conduct and complete the championships (i.e., warmups, scoring format, match times, no-ad scoring, third set super tiebreak). Match times will take precedence over practice time.

TRAVEL PARTY

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

Transportation reimbursement and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of nine student-athletes and two additional nonathletes for each institution represented.

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located on the NCAA website at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

LODGING

The tournament director of the host site will provide hotel information to participating teams. All teams must stay at the designated hotel unless you receive a written release from the hotel manager. Otherwise, you will be financially responsible for the rooms.

RESULTS

The official results of all championships competition, including preliminary-round regional tournaments, are to be filed with Lindsey Eldred at the NCAA national office (leldred@ncaa.org). The sports information director of the host institution is responsible for forwarding the above official results of all championships competition immediately after the competition.

SCORE REPORTING

The NCAA is requiring institutions to enter schedules and results on the NCAA statistics site (web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login) for eligibility into the national championships. The NCAA requires only team scores to be entered.

Section 2•2 Selection Information

LINEUPS/REPLACEMENTS/SUBSTITUTIONS

The Division II Tennis committee requires online submission of lineup forms for the championships. The online lineup forms must be accessed via the NCAA Single-Source Sign-on system. Each user must have an individual account created by their school's single-source sign-on administrator to access the site. The SSO administrator also must assign the "Tennis Lineup" application to the user before the lineup form can be completed.

Once access to SSO has been established and privileges to the lineup application have been granted, users can log on by going to ncaa.org and clicking on the **My Apps** link in the Membership drop-down menu. Clicking on the "Tennis Lineup" link will open the 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 9 p.m. Eastern time Sunday, May 3. Any lineup form received after 9 p.m. Eastern time is subject to a fine of up to \$750 as determined by the tennis committee. The tennis committee may entertain appeals to the established lineup submission deadlines to review extenuating circumstances.

After the initial lineup submission, coaches will have the opportunity to make adjustments to their lineups for each subsequent weekend of competition in accordance with ITA rules. Unchanged lineups will carry forward from round to round and will remain subject to being challenged. See Challenge Procedures section of this manual for a detailed timeline.

The lineup form includes space to list a maximum of 12 team members who must be physically able and eligible to play.

As such:

- When a coach lists their 12 student-athletes, the coach is confirming that all 12 student-athletes may have the opportunity to play in the NCAA championships.
- All 12 student-athletes may travel to the championship events, but not all will be reimbursed by the NCAA. Only the travel party (nine participants and two non-athletes) will be reimbursed.
- All 12 must be physically able and eligible to play. Student-athletes injured to the point of not being able to play (e.g., broken bones), who have been declared redshirts or who are ineligible for NCAA, conference or institutional reasons cannot be listed on the lineup form.
- Teams that advance to the championship will be allowed to change their lineup. Their nine student-athletes can be different from the nine who played in the regionals, as long as they are part of the 12 student-athletes listed on the team's original lineup form from regionals.
- If a player/doubles team does not possess match history, they can only be inserted at the bottom of the lineup. Only student-athletes listed on the lineup form are eligible to compete.
- The NCAA will reimburse each institution for regionals and the championships site for a maximum of nine student-athletes (and a total travel party of 11 individuals). The institution bears the cost if the decision is made to take any additional members of the original 12 members listed on the lineup form to the finals site.

Consistent with ITA rules, coaches must list all 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).

Replacement/Substitutions

Each round, the team's lineup is as listed in its master lineup. The referee must be notified of any changes to this master lineup before the start of play for the affected match(es). If the referee has not been informed of the lineup change, the affected match(es) are defaulted.

Head coaches are required to inform the referee of any changes in the lineups at the required time under ITA rules. A substitution can only be made in the lineup following ITA rules. In such cases, the lineup must remain consistent with ITA rules in order of strength, with student-athletes moving up in singles according to the team's approved lineup. For doubles competition, any replacement is a straight-line substitution. The three doubles teams must remain in order of strength consistent with ITA rules.

The opposing coach may protest a doubles lineup if they feel the teams are not in order before the start of the match. The on-site games committee which consist of Head Official, Tournament Director and Regional National Committee member (on call), in consultation with the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee, will have final ruling on all on-site protests.

Direct-Line Substitution Rule. A direct-line substitution is the removal of ONE of the two players on a doubles team. That player is replaced by a player NOT in the top three positions of the doubles lineup. Once the new player has been inserted, per above, the teams MAY be reordered to reflect the new order of strength. Removal of two players from the same doubles position in a doubles lineup (regardless of timing) DOES NOT allow for a direct-line substitution of both players on the same doubles position/team.

Instead, that team is removed, and the doubles teams listed below that team would move up (much like when a singles player is removed). If there is no #4 team listed, that team would forfeit the #3 position. 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 matches during the season.

In team competition, if a player is injured during the pro-set doubles and that player is in the singles lineup, substitutions may be made for singles play but the lineup must remain consistent with ITA rules and follow the order of strength submitted on the lineup.

In the team competition, a match is considered underway once the first ball has been struck in that match.

SEEDING

The host site for preliminary-round competition will be determined by the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. Priority is given to the two top-seeded teams, provided the minimum site selection criteria is met.

The draw for preliminary rounds will consist of single-elimination intra-regional competition. The two committee-selected sites for each region will host the remaining seeds, which are determined and distributed by the NCAA selection committee. The winner of each regional site will advance to the round of 16.

Following preliminary rounds, the committee will seed all 16 teams advancing to the final site.

In the three- to four-team preliminary-round tournaments, matches will take place over two days: Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, for women and Monday-Tuesday, May 11-12, for men. In the two-team tournaments, a single match will be contested to determine the team that will advance to the national championships. The tournament director, in conjunction with the regional chair, shall determine the day and time of the match to take place.

The preliminary-round tournament director must have approval from the regional chair on all match times. The committee reserves the right to set match times, if necessary. (See [Appendix A](#) for tournament brackets.)

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

Teams from institutions that have failed to adhere to the entry/lineup and result-reporting procedures outlined in this handbook may not be considered for selection to the championships.

Men

A maximum of 48 teams will play a single-elimination tournament at 16 preliminary-round tournaments to determine the 16-team field. There will be 14 conferences that will receive automatic qualification. The remaining 34 teams will be selected on an at-large basis.

For the 2026 championship, bid allocations are as follows:

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| Atlantic | 7 | South | 8 |
| Central | 5 | South Central | 4 |
| East | 4 | Southeast | 8 |
| Midwest | 8 | West | 4 |

Two teams will advance to the finals site from each region.

The committee will consider only team results in collegiate play from Aug. 31, 2025 (or the first day of classes at the institution, whichever is earlier), through May 3, 2026. Any results from matches conducted after score-reporting information has been submitted must be reported to the regional chair via telephone or email on or before May 3, 2026.

DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women

A maximum of 48 teams will play a single-elimination tournament at 16 preliminary-round tournaments to determine the 16-team field. There will be 20 conferences that will receive automatic qualification. The remaining 28 teams will be selected on an at-large basis.

For the 2026 championship, bid allocations are as follows:

| | | | |
|----------|---|---------------|---|
| Atlantic | 7 | South | 7 |
| Central | 6 | South Central | 4 |
| East | 5 | Southeast | 8 |
| Midwest | 7 | West | 4 |

Two teams will advance to the finals site from each region.

The committee will consider only team results in collegiate play from Sept. 1, 2025 (or the first day of classes at the institution, whichever is earlier), through May 3, 2026. Any results from matches conducted after score-reporting information has been submitted must be reported to the regional chair via telephone or email on or before May 3, 2026.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Men

Conference Carolinas
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Great Lakes Valley Conference
Great Midwest Conference
Gulf South Conference
Lone Star Conference
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Mountain East Conference
Northeast-10 Conference
Pacific West Conference
Peach Belt Conference
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
South Atlantic Conference
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Sunshine State Conference

Women

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Conference Carolinas
East Coast Conference
Great American Conference
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Great Lakes Valley Conference
Great Midwest Athletic Conference
Gulf South Conference
Lone Star Conference
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Mountain East Conference
Northeast-10 Conference
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Pacific West Conference
Peach Belt Conference
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
South Atlantic Conference
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Sunshine State Conference

Section 2•3 Selection Criteria

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3, 31.02.4 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must play seven Division II contests and have an overall Division II won-lost record of .500 or better and at least four available competing student-athletes.

Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – 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 Constitution 3.2.4.4) of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded. The minimum number of contests for selection is 10.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following required 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]:

Required Criteria

- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.
- Application of nullification.
- Division II In-region winning percentage.
- Division II winning percentage.
- Division II strength of schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage). See Appendix D for an explanation.
- Division II head-to-head competition.
- Results versus Division II common opponents.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee has received approval from the Division II Championships Committee to consider the following sport-specific criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships (not necessarily in priority order):

Sport-Specific Criteria

- Division II results vs. teams with a winning record.
- In-region strength of schedule.
- Results versus Division II in-region common opponents.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. Division II sports committees are no longer required to conduct a follow-up call with all respective regional advisory committee members in a given region before making a final decision during the selection call. The national committee must notify the respective regional advisory committee members of the changes before public release. Notification may be sent via email. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the tennis committee for selection purposes.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2026 championships 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 deadline to submit all materials for hosting preliminary rounds is Monday, April 27.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the online host reporting system to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the NCAA Championships and Alliances staff at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

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 is Monday, April 27.

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

- Game officials' lodging, per diem and fees.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committees' per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution.

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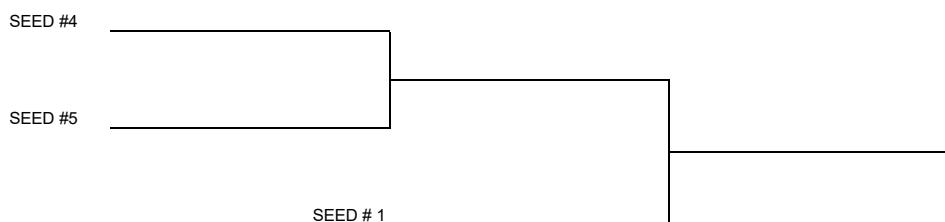


2026 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship

Atlantic Region #1

Day One
May 11

Day Two
May 12



Host designated by *

All times are Eastern time.

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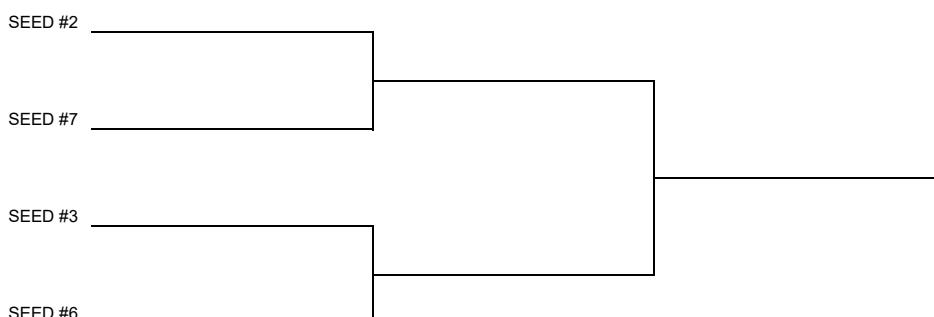


2026 NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship

Atlantic Region #2

Day One
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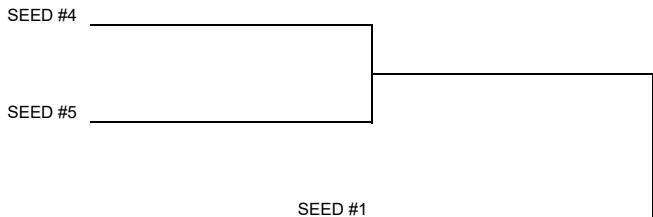


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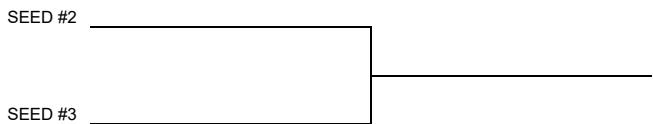
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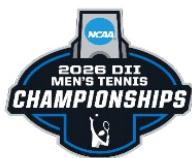
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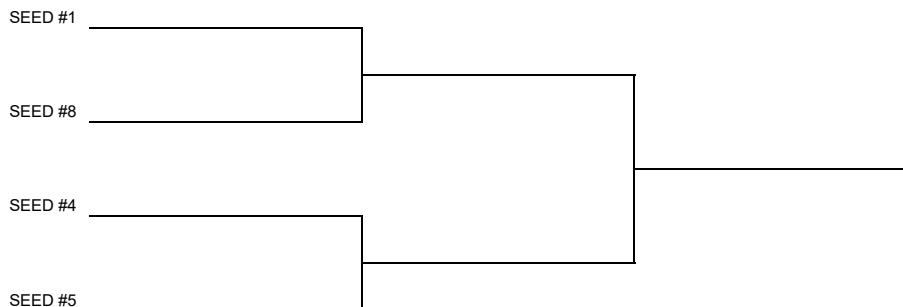


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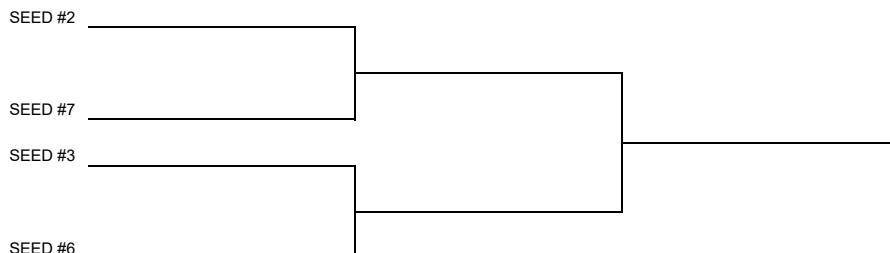


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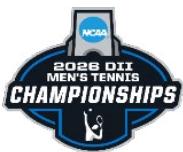
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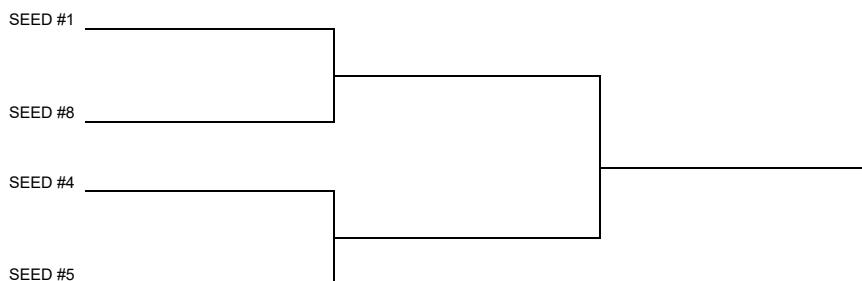


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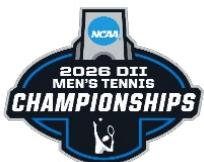
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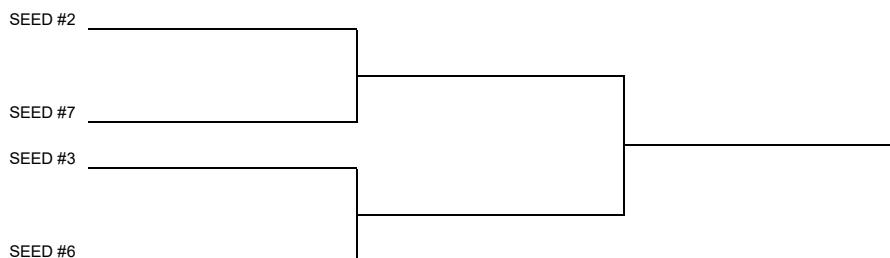


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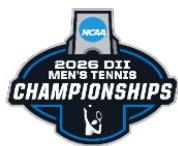
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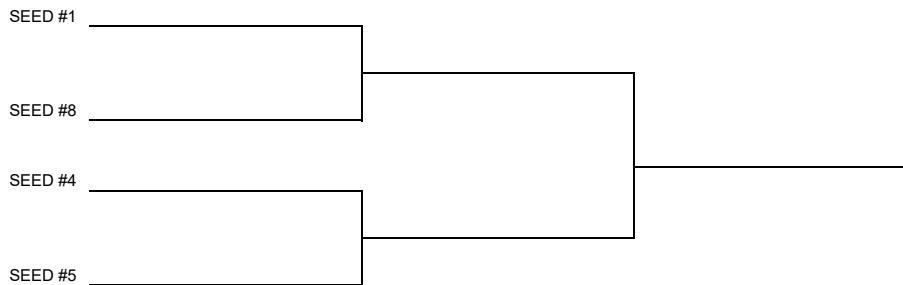


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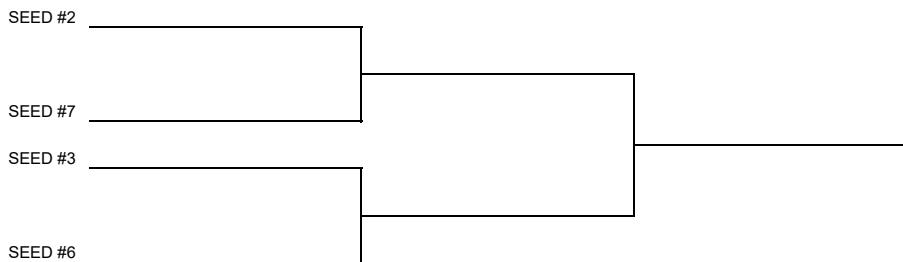


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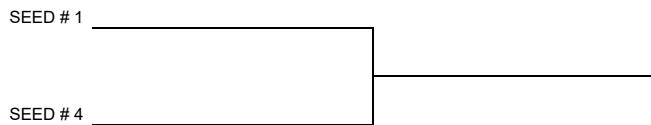
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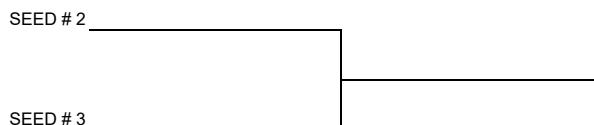
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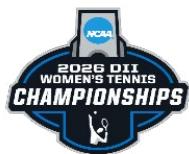
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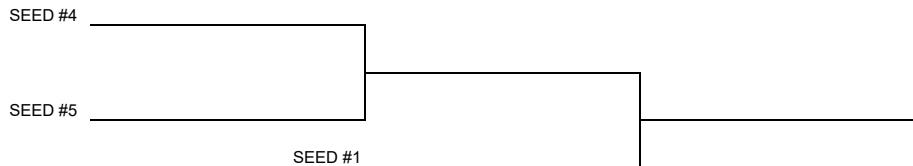


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Atlantic Region #1

Day One
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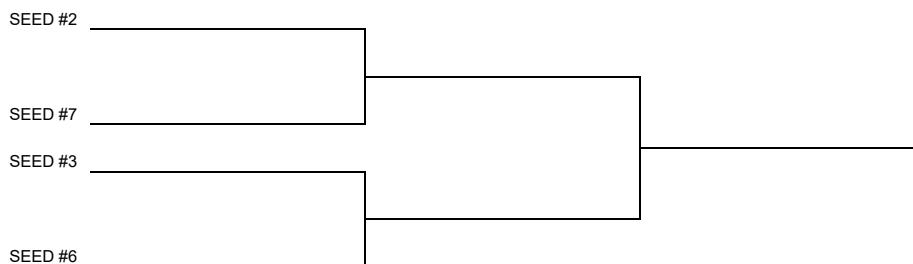


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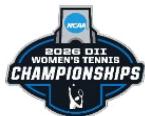
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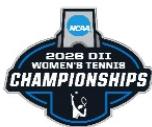
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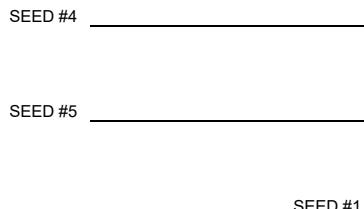


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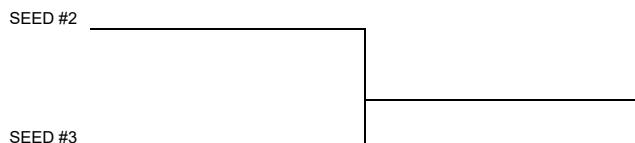
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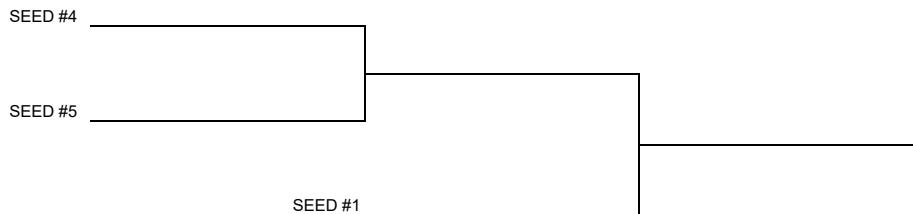


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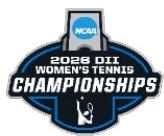
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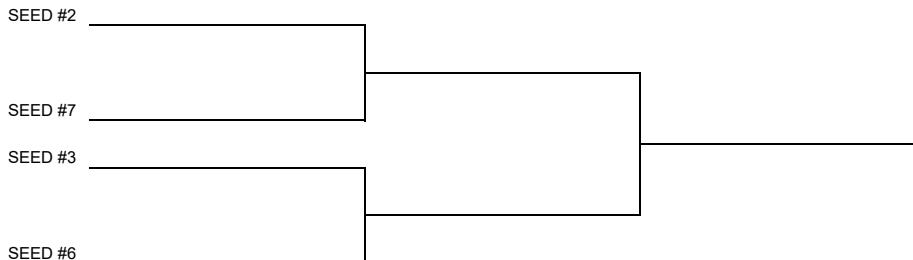


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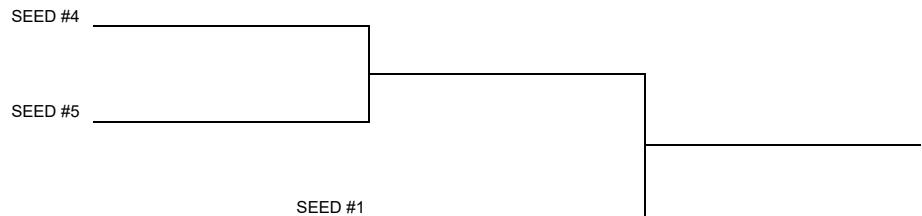


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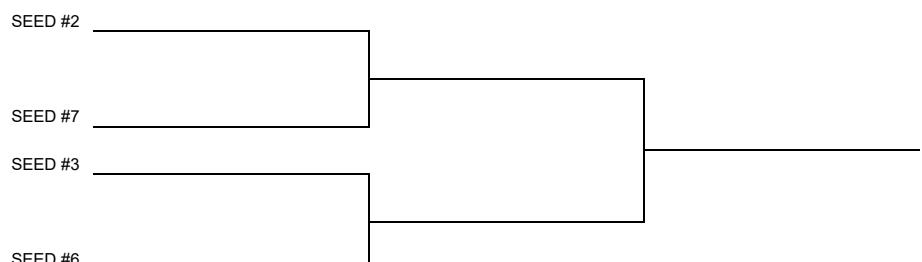


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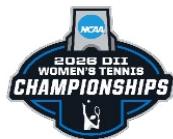
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Southeast Region #1

Day One
May 8

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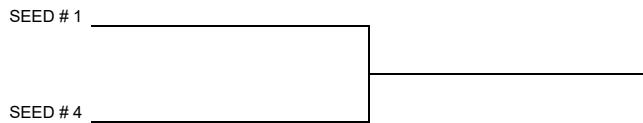
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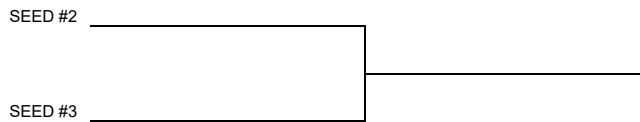
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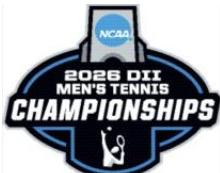
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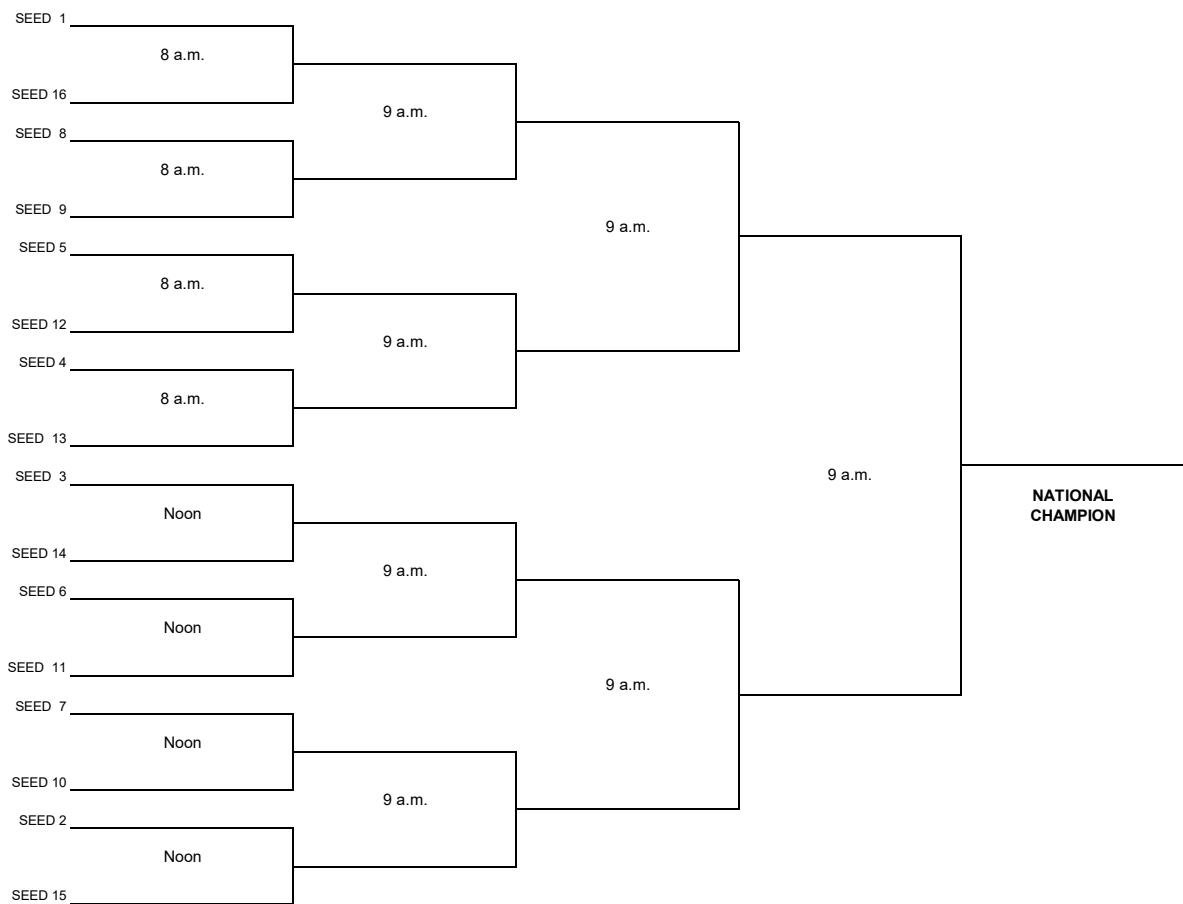
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First Round
May 20

Quarterfinals
May 21

Semifinals
May 23

Championship
May 24



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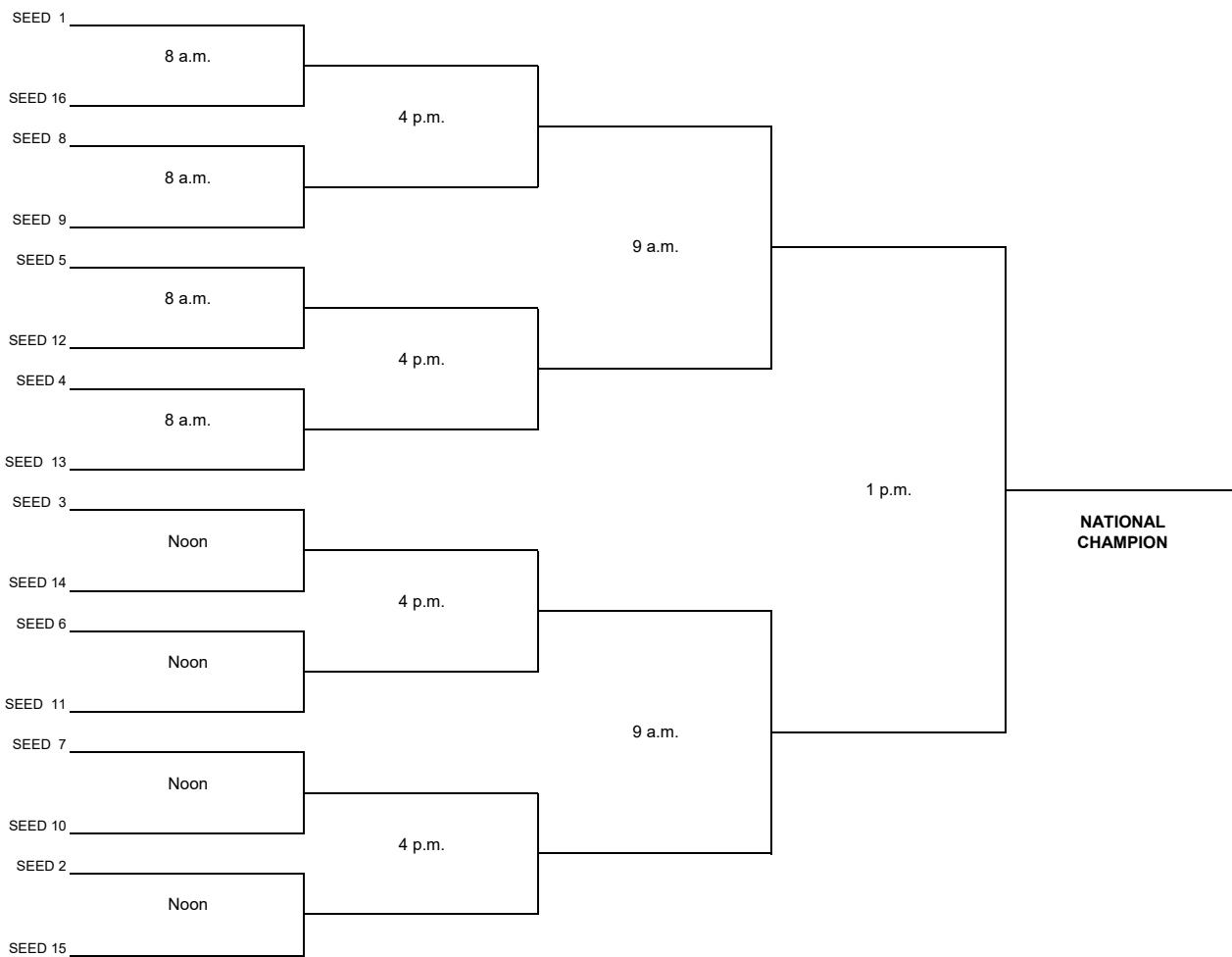
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First Round
May 19

Quarterfinals
May 20

Semifinals
May 22

Championship
May 23



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Appendix B • Men's Sport Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (7)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Chestnut Hill College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro
Thomas Jefferson
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Mountain East Conference (7)

University of Charleston (West Virginia)
Davis & Elkins College
Fairmont State University
Frostburg State University

West Liberty University
West Virginia State University
West Virginia Wesleyan College

Independent (5)

Bluefield State College
Johnson C. Smith University
Salem University

Shaw University
Virginia State University

CENTRAL REGION

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (12)

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
Augustana University (South Dakota)
Emporia State University
Harding University
University of Nebraska at Kearney
Newman University

Northeastern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Ouachita Baptist University
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southern Arkansas University
Washburn University

EAST REGION

East Coast Conference (4)

Daemen University
University of District of Columbia

Queens College (NY)
Saint Thomas Aquinas College

Conference is not eligible for competition.

Northeast 10 Conference (6)

Adelphi University
Assumption University
Bentley University

Franklin Pierce University
Southern New Hampshire University
Saint Michael's College

MIDWEST REGION**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (6)**

Davenport University
 Ferris State University
 Grand Valley State University
 Michigan Technological University

Purdue University Northwest
 Roosevelt University (*provisional*)
 Wayne State University (Michigan)

Great Lakes Valley Conference (10)

Drury University
 University of Illinois-Springfield
 University of Indianapolis
 Maryville University of Saint Louis
 McKendree University

University of Missouri-St. Louis
 Quincy University
 Rockhurst University
 Southwest Baptist University
 William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (9)

Ashland University
 Cedarville University
 University of Findlay
 Hillsdale College
 Kentucky Wesleyan College

Northwood University
 Tiffin University
 Thomas More University
 Walsh University

SOUTH REGION**Gulf South Conference (9)**

Auburn University at Montgomery
 Christian Brothers University
 Delta State University
 Lee University
 Mississippi College

University of Montevallo
 Valdosta State University
 University of West Alabama
 University of West Florida

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (4)

Benedict College
 LeMoyne-Owen College

Spring Hill College
 Tuskegee University

Conference granted 1-year waiver and is eligible for AQ for 2026 season.

Sunshine State Conference (8)

Barry University
 Eckerd College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)
 Florida Southern College

Lynn University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Rollins College
 Saint Leo University

Independent (3)

University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon
 University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Lone Star Conference (9)

Cameron University
Lubbock Christian University
Midwestern State University
Sul Ross State University
St. Mary's University (Texas)

The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at Tyler
University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Western New Mexico University

Independent (1)

Colorado Mesa University

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (13)

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Chowan University
Converse University
Emmanuel University (Georgia)
Francis Marion University
Ferrum College

King University
Lees-McRae College
University of Mount Olive
North Greenville University
Shorter University
Young Harris College

Peach Belt Conference (6)

Augusta University
Columbus State University
Flagler College
Georgia College

Lander University
Middle Georgia State University (*provisional*)
University of North Georgia

South Atlantic Conference (12)

Anderson University (South Carolina)
Carson-Newman University
Catawba College
Coker University
Emory & Henry University
Lenoir-Rhyne University

Lincoln Memorial University
Mars Hill College
Newberry College
Tusculum University
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Wingate University

WEST REGION

Pacific West Conference (8)

Azusa Pacific University
Biola University
Fresno Pacific University
University of Hawaii at Hilo
Hawaii Pacific University

Jessup University
Menlo College (*provisional*)
Point Loma Nazarene University
Westmont College

Appendix C • Women's Sport Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)

Bluefield State University
 Bowie State University
 Elizabeth City State University
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Livingstone College

Shaw University
 Virginia State University
 Virginia Union University
 Winston-Salem University

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (13)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
 Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania Western University, California

Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion
 Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro
 Seton Hill University
 Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
 Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Mountain East Conference (7)

University of Charleston (West Virginia)
 Davis & Elkins College
 Fairmont State University
 Frostburg State University

West Liberty University
 West Virginia State University
 West Virginia Wesleyan College

Independent (1)

Salem University (West Virginia)

CENTRAL REGION

Great American Conference (6)

Arkansas Tech University
 Harding University
 Henderson State University

Ouachita Baptist University
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 Southern Arkansas University

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (10)

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
 University of Central Oklahoma
 Emporia State University
 Fort Hays State University
 Missouri Western State University

University of Nebraska at Kearney
 Newman University
 Northeastern State University
 Northwest Missouri State University
 Washburn University

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (10)

Augustana University (South Dakota)
 Bemidji State University
 University of Jamestown (*provisional*)
 University of Mary
 University of Minnesota, Crookston
 University of Minnesota Duluth

Minnesota State University, Mankato
 Minnesota State University Moorhead
 University of Sioux Falls
 St. Cloud State University
 Winona State University

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (6)

Chestnut Hill College
Dominican College (New York)
Goldey-Beacom College

Post University
Thomas Jefferson University
Wilmington University (Delaware)

East Coast Conference (5)

Daemen College
D'Youville University
University of the District of Columbia

Queens College (New York)
St. Thomas Aquinas College

Conference grace period year 1 of 3.

Northeast 10 Conference (7)

Adelphi University
Assumption University
Bentley University
Franklin Pierce University

Saint Anselm College
Saint Michael's College
Southern New Hampshire University

MIDWEST REGION

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7)

Davenport University
Ferris State University
Grand Valley State University
Michigan Technological University

Purdue University Northwest
Roosevelt University (*provisional*)
Saginaw Valley State University
Wayne State University (Michigan)

Great Lakes Valley Conference (11)

Drury University
University of Illinois at Springfield
University of Indianapolis
Maryville University of Saint Louis
McKendree University
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Quincy University
Rockhurst University
Southwest Baptist University
Truman State University
William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (10)

Ashland University
Cedarville University
University of Findlay
Hillsdale College
Kentucky Wesleyan College

Northwood University (Michigan)
Thomas More University
Tiffin University
Ursuline College
Walsh University

SOUTH REGION**Gulf South Conference (9)**

Auburn University at Montgomery
 Christian Brothers University
 Delta State University
 Lee University
 Mississippi College

University of Montevallo
 Valdosta State University
 University of West Alabama
 University of West Florida

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Albany State University (Georgia)
 Benedict College
 Clark Atlanta University
 Edward Waters University

LeMoyne-Owen College
 Savannah State University
 Spring Hill College
 Tuskegee University

Sunshine State Conference (10)

Barry University
 Eckerd College
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)
 Florida Southern College
 Lynn University

Nova Southeastern University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Rollins College
 Saint Leo University
 University of Tampa

Independent (3)

University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon
 University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**Lone Star Conference (11)**

Angelo State University
 Cameron University
 Lubbock Christian University
 Midwestern State University
 St. Mary's University (Texas)
 Sul Ross State University

Texas A&M University-Kingsville
 The University of Texas at Dallas
 The University of Texas at Tyler
 University of Texas of the Permian Basin
 Western New Mexico University

Independent (2)

Colorado Mesa University

Colorado State University, Pueblo

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (14)

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Chowan University
Converse College
Emmanuel University (Georgia)
Erskine College
Francis Marion University

Ferrum College
King University
Lees-McRae College
University of Mount Olive
North Greenville University
Shorter College
Young Harris College

South Atlantic Conference (12)

Anderson University (South Carolina)
Carson-Newman University
Catawba College
Coker University
Emory & Henry College
Lenoir-Rhyne University

Lincoln Memorial University
Mars Hill College
Newberry College
The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Tusculum University
Wingate University

Peach Belt Conference (7)

Augusta University
Columbus State University
Flagler College
Georgia College

Georgia Southwestern State University
Lander University
*Middle Georgia State University
University of North Georgia

WEST REGION

Pacific West Conference (12)

Azusa Pacific University
Biola University
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Stanislaus
Chaminade University
Dominican University of California
Fresno Pacific University

University of Hawaii at Hilo
Hawaii Pacific University
Jessup University
*Menlo College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Westmont College

**Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.*

Appendix D • OWP and OOWP Calculation

Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) and Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) Calculation Explanation

Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP). Take each opponent's regular won-lost percentage against other Division II teams (excluding the results against the team in question) and average the percentages.

To Calculate. Team A Schedule is as follows:

| Opponent | Record | vs. Team A | Revised Record | Revised W-L Percentage |
|----------|--------|------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Team B | 21-7 | 0-1 | 21-6 | .7778 |
| Team C | 11-15 | 0-1 | 11-14 | .4400 |
| Team D | 7-20 | 0-1 | 7-19 | .2692 |
| Team E | 13-13 | 0-1 | 13-12 | .5200 |
| Team F | 23-6 | 1-0 | 22-6 | .7857 |
| Total | | | 74-57 (.5649) | .5585 (OWP) |

Team A's Opponents' Average Winning Percentage = .5585

Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponents' schedule is measured by computing the opponents' winning percentage for each opponent, then averaging the percentages. 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. Take Teams B, C, D, E and F schedules and perform the same calculation as above (OWP). It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and B have the same OWP of .5649, Team A has a OOWP of .6125 and Team B has a OOWP of .4567, it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).