



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS COMMITTEE  
JULY 30, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Tennis championship format – reduction to men's field and adjustments to championship formats.**

a. Recommendation. That the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Championships be amended as follows: (1) reduce the men's bracket from 48 to 34 teams; (2) reduce both men's and women's tennis championships to eight teams per gender at the finals site; and (3) implement eight regional sites per gender, with additional officials and a site representative at each site. (See the Attachment.)

b. Effective Date. 2027-28 academic year.

c. Rationale. The committee recommends adopting an eight-regional site format for both men's and women's tennis championships, with eight teams advancing to the finals site for each championship. While the committee did not initially support reducing the men's bracket as requested by the Championships Committee, it recognizes that this new structure is necessary to meet the access ratio for championship selection and provides consistency by applying the same format to both championships.

To support the preliminary rounds with the increased number of teams at each regional, the committee recommends assigning a site representative to each location and providing additional officials to manage the larger volume of matches. These recommendations are intended to enhance championship administration, ensure competitive equity, and maintain the overall quality of competition.

With the reduction of the men's bracket, the committee also intends to explore proposing the reinstatement of an individual championship for both men's and women's singles and doubles to provide additional competitive opportunities for tennis student-athletes.

d. Estimated budget impact. Projected savings of \$342,000 (\$63,000 women's tennis, \$279,000 men's tennis).

- e. Student-athlete impact. These changes will ensure tennis student-athletes have similar access to the championship and final site as other Division II team sports.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **None.**

*Committee Chair:* Josh Cobble, Cameron University, Lone Star Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances

Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee July 30, 2025, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Jaime Browne, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Jon Coles, Grand Valley State University.	
Josh Cobble, Cameron University.	
Spencer Shamo, Dominican University of California.	
Madeline Simmons, Missouri Western State University.	
Adrienne Singletary, Coker University.	
Christi Wade, University of West Alabama.	
Stefanie Whitby, Wilmington University (Delaware).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.	
Micaela Kapsalis, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Dallas Woods, Championships and Alliances.	

# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9
	Selections			M Reg W Reg	M Reg M Reg
11	12	13	14	15	16
	W Reg W Reg	W Reg W Reg	W Reg		
18	19	20	21	22	23
		M 1st Rd	M Qtrs W 1st Rd	W Qtrs	M Semis
25	26	27	28	29	30
W Champ					
1	2	Notes Current Potential 8-site regional model (no 1st round at final site).			

MEN'S TENNIS			
Championship Bracket	Field size	Reduction of teams	Access ratio
Current Format	48	-	2.98
Recommended Future Format	34	14	4.18

WOMEN'S TENNIS			
Championship Bracket	Field size	Reduction of teams	Access ratio
Current Format	48	-	4.15
Recommended Future Format	48	-	4.15
Option 2 - Recommended Future Format	46	2	4.33

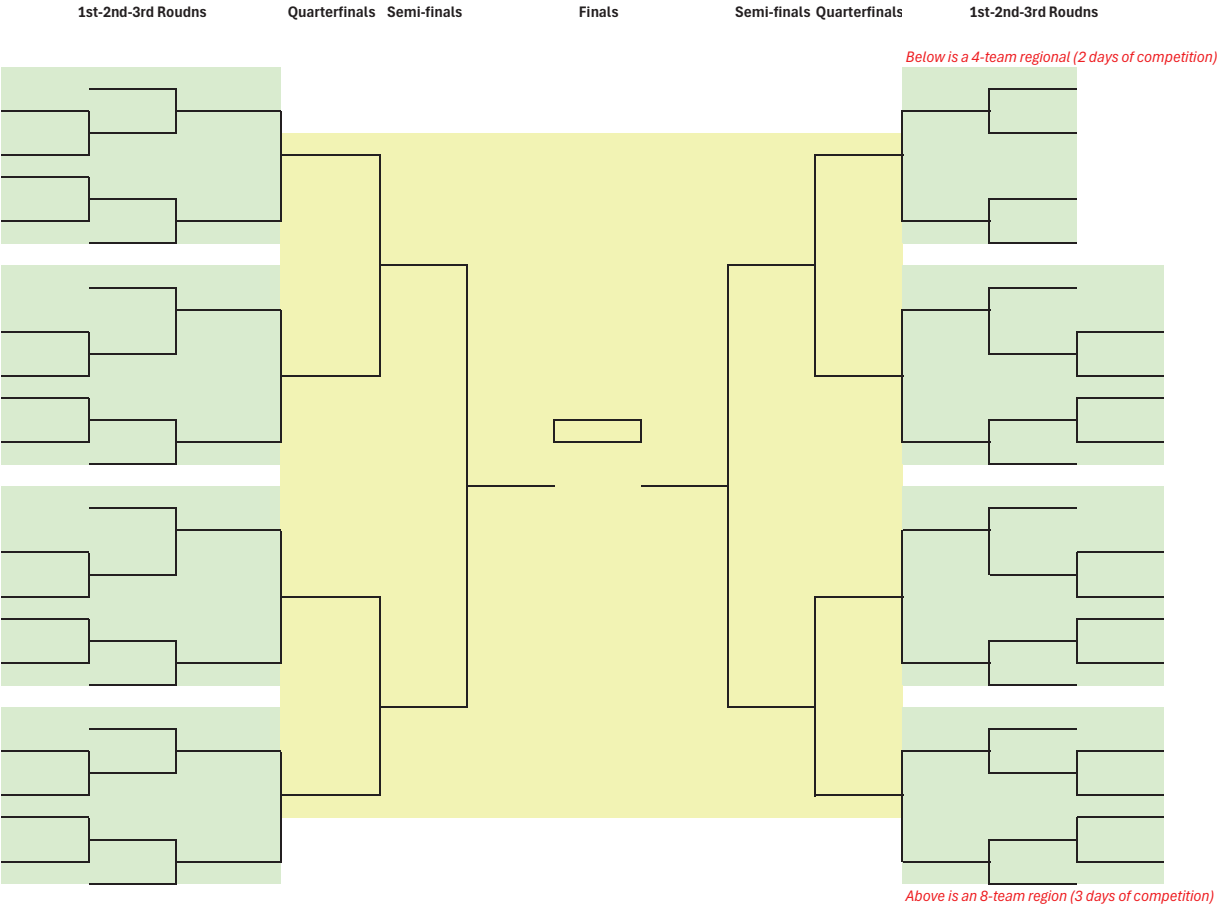
Preliminary Round Structure								
	Number of rounds	Number of sites	Regional allocation (cap/min) Based on current sport sponsorship and access ratios	Teams per site	Dates of competition*	Days between prelim to final	Officials	Site Rep
Current Format	1 or 2 rounds per gender	16	8 (cap), 4 (min)	2 - 4 per gender	1 or 2 Friday/Saturday OR Monday/Tuesday	Finish on Saturday, arrive Sunday, practice Monday = 7 days in between OR Finish on Tuesday, arrive on Monday, practice Tuesday = 5 days in between	Minimum 2 per site (reimbursed through host budget) 32 total for prelim rounds	No. Tennis does not currently have site reps.
Recommended Future Format	2 or 3 rounds per gender 3 team - 2 rounds 4 team - 2 rounds 5 team - 3 rounds 6 team - 3 rounds	8	Men's: 6 (cap), 3 (min) Women's: 8 (cap), 4 (min)	Men's: 3-6 Women's: 4-8	2 or 3 Thursday/Friday/Saturday OR Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday	Finish on Saturday, arrive on Monday, practice on Tuesday = 8 days in between OR Finish on Wednesday, arrive on Tuesday, practice on Wednesday = 5 days in between <i>*noting the arrival of one gender early if both qualify - tight turnaround</i>	4 per site (reimbursed through host budget) 32 total for prelim rounds	Yes. One per site.

Note: Regional champions would be awarded a regional championship trophy in proposed format.

Final Site Structure				
	Field size	Dates of competition*	Day off	Officials
Current Format	16 teams per gender	Monday-Saturday	Between quarterfinals & semi finals (Thursday or Friday)	28-30 officials
Recommended Future Format	8 teams per gender	Tuesday-Saturday (1 day of practice, 4 days of competition, including day off) OR Wednesday-Sunday (1 day of practice, 4 days of competition, including day off)	Between quarterfinals & semi finals (Thursday or Friday)	20 officials

\*Competition days flip annually between the genders

WOMEN'S REGIONAL FORMAT BRACKET



MEN'S REGIONAL FORMAT BRACKET

