

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 III

Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams within a regular-season philosophy that emphasizes regional competition and minimizes missed class time; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences and at-large teams.

Section 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.4.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

Section 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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

Section 10•4 Religious Conflicts

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

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

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

Division III Men's and Women's Tennis

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Section 1 • General Administration

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REGION VIII

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DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

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REGION VIII

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
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TBD	TBD	NEWMAC
TBD	TBD	CNE
TBD	TBD	Great Northeast
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Peter Fisher	Skidmore	Liberty League
TBD	TBD	Skyline
REGION III		
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Tim Mowrer	Centennial	Centennial
Nate Farlow	Catholic	Landmark
Sean Strehlow	Messiah	MAC Commonwealth
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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
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TBD	TBD	OAC
TBD	TBD	PAC
REGION VI		
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Scott Veith	Wilkes	Landmark
Miranda Brown	Albright	MAC Commonwealth
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REGION IV

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Holly Roepke	Grinnell	MWC
Joshua Schroeder	NACC	NACC
TBD	TBD	UMAC
Philip Kuenzi	Wis.-Stevens Point	WIAC

REGION VIII

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Traci Binder	Pacific (OR)	Northwest
Mike Morgan	Pomona Pitzer	SCIAC
Anthony Weber	Colorado Col.	SCAC

Section 1•5 Important Dates

Friday, March 27	Bid information for prospective first-, second- and third-round hosts posted on ncaa.org .
Monday, April 13	Official NCAA online entry and lineup form available.
Monday-Tuesday, April 13-14	Regional advisory committee to conduct first ranking call.
Wednesday, April 15	First published ranking posted on ncaa.com and ncaa.org .
Monday-Tuesday, April 20-21	Regional advisory committee to conduct second ranking call.
Wednesday, April 22	Second published ranking posted on ncaa.com and ncaa.org .
Friday, April 24	Bids to host first-, second- and third-round competition are due to the NCAA national office.
Monday, April 27	Potential preliminary host call.
Monday-Tuesday, April 27-28	Regional advisory committee to conduct third ranking call.
Wednesday, April 29	Third published ranking posted on ncaa.com and ncaa.org .
Sunday, May 3	Official NCAA online entry form must be completed online to be considered for team and/or individual selection for the championships. Deadline for submitting team lineups is 9 p.m. Eastern time as well.
	Regional conference calls to determine final regional team rankings.
	National videoconference to select teams and determine regional sites.
Monday, May 4	Team selections posted on ncaa.org by noon Eastern time.
Tuesday, May 5	Lineup protests must be submitted along with rationale by 2 p.m. Eastern time to the NCAA national office, attention Victoria Lipscomb (men) and Raymon Gaddis (women). Separate videoconferences with preliminary-round hosts and participants: Women – 1 p.m. Eastern time, Men – 2 p.m. Eastern time.
Wednesday, May 6	Rebuttals to lineup protests due to the NCAA by 8 a.m. Eastern time. Committee will review protest information per ITA guidelines and respond by 2 p.m. Eastern time.
	Individual (singles and doubles) selections – teleconference with national committee.
	Individuals selected to the championships posted on ncaa.com at 7 p.m. Eastern time.
Friday-Sunday, May 8-10	First-, second- and third-round competition. <i>NOTE: Competition may occur Thursday-Saturday if an institution has a no-Sunday-play policy or host has facility accessibility issues.</i>
Tuesday, May 12	Videoconference with championship host, men's and women's committees, NCAA staff, and coaches and administrators of final 16 teams – 1 p.m. Eastern time.
Wednesday, May 20	Videoconference coaches meeting with championship host, men's and women's committees, NCAA staff, and coaches and administrators of individual participants – TBD.

DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Monday-Friday, May 18-22	Quarterfinals, semifinals and finals of the team championships. Men and Women: Champions Tennis Club
Thursday, May 21	Women's Draws for the individual championships announced.
Friday, May 22	Men's Draws for the individual championships announced.
Friday-Tuesday, May 22-26	All rounds of the singles and doubles championships. Men and Women: Champions Tennis Club.

DATE FORMULA

2026 Championships and beyond

The first, second and third rounds of competition will begin on the second Friday in May (Friday-Sunday). Competition may begin as early as Thursday if necessary). The team finals will begin Monday before Memorial Day (Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday, alternates by gender; men go first in odd numbered years and women go first in even numbered years). The singles and doubles competition will begin Friday before Memorial Day (Friday-Monday or Saturday-Tuesday, alternates by gender; men go first odd numbered years and women go first even numbered years).

FUTURE DATES

2027

First, Second and Third Rounds	May 14-16 on the campuses of participating institutions.
Finals	Biszant Family Tennis Center; hosted by Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.
May 24-27	Men's Quarterfinals, semifinals and finals of team championships.
May 25-28	Women's Quarterfinals, semifinals, and final of team championships.
May 28-31	Men's Singles and doubles championships.
May 29-June 1	Women's Singles and doubles championships.

Section 1•6 Division III Philosophy

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

Section 1•7 Equipment

The official ball of the NCAA championships is the Wilson US Open Extra Duty ball. Balls will be shipped directly to the tournament directors at each site immediately after the selection announcement.

During competition, the balls shall be changed after the second set in a match (Prelims).

Practice balls must be provided by the competing teams or individuals.

Section 1•8 Rules

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

The ITA rules will be followed, unless superseded by modifications adopted by the NCAA Men's and Women's Tennis Committees. The following modifications have been adopted by the committees:

CHANGES TO LINEUP

Coaches will have the opportunity to review other teams' lineups on the website and submit any challenges to the NCAA national office beginning Monday, May 4, after 1 p.m. Eastern time, until Tuesday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Eastern time (the deadline for submitting a lineup challenge). NCAA staff will notify institutions the evening of Tuesday, May 6, in the event their lineups have been challenged. Institutions that are being challenged are required to submit a written response to the championships managers (Raymon Gaddis - women's; Victoria Lipscomb - men's) by 8 a.m. Eastern time Wednesday, May 6.

CHALLENGE PROCEDURES

Men's and Women's Team Championship. Beginning in 2024, the challenge process has been incorporated into the Tennis Lineup application. Anyone wishing to challenge a lineup must access the system and submit the challenge by the prescribed deadline. Submitted challenges will be visible to the coach of the challenged team, NCAA staff and the Division III Tennis Committee. The coach of the challenged team will need to provide their written response within the lineup system, in the rebuttal section. This response will be visible to the challenging coach, NCAA staff and the tennis committee.

CARRY-OVER RULE

The ITA carry-over rule will be in effect for the championships period (both team and individual). Penalties may be carried over to the institution's next match. The carry-over rule will commence with the first-, second- and third-round competition and will carry over to the site of the finals. At the site of the finals, the team and individual championships shall be viewed as two separate events. Therefore, penalties received by a player during the team competition will be applied during team competition only. If a player has also qualified for the individual championships, a penalty received in the team portion of the championships will not carry over to the singles or doubles team events. Any penalty received by a player who competes in both singles and doubles team events may be assessed to either event in which the player advances.

REST PERIODS AND INJURY TIMEOUTS

After a two-set match, players will be provided a rest period of at least 45 minutes.

After a three-set match, players will be provided a one-hour rest period before resuming play. There is a two-minute rest period between all sets.

Team championship singles play will begin 10 minutes after all three doubles matches have been completed.

Please refer to the [ITA 2025-26 Rulebook](#) for medical timeouts, bleeding timeouts and concussion timeouts.

Section 1•9 Uniforms

All players must be in like (same color and style) institutional-issued warmups and/or team uniforms.

This policy is in effect throughout competition, warmup for competition, interviews and the awards ceremony after the matches. A fine will be assessed for institutions failing to adhere to this policy. Apparel bearing professional sports team logos cannot be worn, including all practice times.

LOGOS

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

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The Division III Men's Tennis Championships and Division III Women's Tennis Championships shall consist of team and individual championships, and shall be conducted according to the format approved by the Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees. All matches shall be played outdoors, weather permitting. At all times, the referee, or a designated replacement, in consultation with the games committee, shall determine which matches shall be played indoors. If a match is moved indoors, then the same umpire shall be assigned to the match. The decision to move a match indoors shall be made one hour before the original scheduled match time.

The team championship shall consist of 44 teams for the men's championships and 49 teams for the women's championships. Individual championships shall include 32 singles players and 16 doubles teams for both the men's and women's championships.

Team. The teams will play a single-elimination tournament with the first, second and third rounds played at non-predetermined sites. The quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds will be played at a predetermined site. All matches will use a 3-6 format – three doubles matches using an six-game pro-set (with a tie break at six-games-all).

Seven team points. The team that wins two of three doubles matches receives one point. Each singles match is worth one point. Four or more points is required to win the team match.

Individual. All matches shall be the best of three sets unless otherwise decided by the Men's and Women's Tennis Committees. No-ad scoring and a 7-point tiebreak at six-games-all will be used for all matches.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 8	First round, Team Competition. Men and Women.
Saturday, May 9	Second round, Team Competition. Men and Women.
Sunday, May 10	Third round, Team Competition. Men and Women.
Monday, May 18	Quarterfinals, Team Competition; Women.
Tuesday, May 19	Quarterfinals, Team Competition; Men. Semifinals, Team Competition; Women.
Wednesday, May 20	Semifinals, Team Competition; Men.
Thursday, May 21	Final, Team Competition; Women.
Friday, May 22	Final, Team Competition; Men. Women's Rounds of 32 and 16 in singles; round of 16 in doubles.
Saturday, May 23	Women's; Quarterfinals in singles and doubles. Men's Rounds of 32 and 16 in singles; round of 16 in doubles.
Sunday, May 24	Women's Semifinals in singles and doubles. Men's Quarterfinals in singles and doubles.
Monday, May 25	Women's Finals in singles and doubles. Men's Semifinals in singles and doubles.
Tuesday, May 26	Men's Finals in singles and doubles.

NOTE: Competition may occur Thursday-Saturday during the First, Second, or Third rounds if an institution has a no-Sunday-play policy or host has facility accessibility issues, or a if a site is hosting both gender.

START TIMES

The Division III Men's Tennis Committee will approve start times for men's preliminary-round sites, and the Division III Women's Tennis Committee will approve start times for women's preliminary-round sites.

TRAVEL PARTY

The squad size shall be limited to nine players. Transportation reimbursement and a \$135 per diem will be provided for two nonathletes for each team selected.

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

Section 2•2 Results

As in years past, any institution interested in entering a team or individual(s) in the 2026 championships must report results via the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) website (wearecollegetennis.com). It should be noted that ITA membership is not required in order to submit rosters and results, nor is there a fee charged in order to submit an institution's 2025-26 scores. ITA members may enter rosters and results by signing into their **Team Workspace** and clicking the crossed racquets icon on the left-hand side. For additional support with dual match entry, please see the guide [here](#). If you do not have an ITA membership, results can still be submitted to the ITA, utilizing this [form](#). Please contact Lizzie Conti (econti@itatennis.com) from the ITA staff to assist you with any questions, concerns or comments that you might have while entering results.

For results submission to the ITA, institutions must submit results from all dual matches and collegiate tournaments in which they have competed. Results will be accepted only via the internet. If you have not done so already, please take a look at the email and memo from Jan. 15 titled "Reminder - Submission of 2025-26 Online Rosters." For questions regarding the process, please contact Lizzie Conti (econti@itatennis.com) at the ITA.

You do not need to submit results throughout the season to the NCAA online score-reporting form. All results will be automatically transferred from the ITA website. Refer to [Page 13 "Important Dates"](#) for deadlines for schedule submission, score reporting and lineup entry.

Institutions failing to adhere to the procedures outlined above for the submission of schedules, results and lineup entry forms may not be considered for selection to the championships or may be assessed a financial penalty. If selected, an institution assessed such a financial penalty must submit payment to the NCAA championships manager before the institution's team or individual(s) will be allowed to compete in championships competition. Checks should be made payable to the NCAA.

SCORE REPORTING

All results must be submitted using the online entry system on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). This is the only tennis website that the NCAA has partnered with to receive this information. Submission of your complete results will allow your team(s) to receive full consideration for the ITA rankings (team, singles and doubles), NCAA regional rankings, and selection and seeding for the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.

It should be noted that ITA membership is not required to access the online results entry page, nor is there a fee charged in order to submit an institution's 2025-26 scores. Please contact Lizzie Conti (econti@itatennis.com) with questions.

Regional Rankings. The tennis committees will release regional rankings not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, April 15; Wednesday, April 22; Wednesday, April 29; and Thursday, May 7 at ncaa.com.

Section 2•3 Selections Information

SELECTION OF BERTHS

- After the determination of the automatic (Pool A) berths, the committee will determine the at-large selections.
- At-large will be composed of independent institutions, institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification, and institutions from automatic qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion.
- At-large berths will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for at-large selections.
- There will be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region.
- For the 2026 championships, no conference will receive more than one automatic berth.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The sports committee will select at-large teams and individuals based on the criteria below. The criteria of two or more teams will be compared to determine the higher-ranked team.

An attempt will be made to determine the ranking of two or more teams after consideration of the primary criteria. The **PRIMARY CRITERIA** emphasize Division III competition and all the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in preferential order).

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

PRIMARY CRITERIA – For ranking and selection (all contests leading up to NCAA championships). When selecting at-large and C teams and individuals, the tennis committees will evaluate the following criteria based on the primary criteria emphasizing Division III competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III strength of schedule.
- Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) (weighted 2/3).
- Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) (weighted 1/3).
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents. Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the rankings at the time of selection. Conference postseason contests are included.
- Won-lost percentage during the last 50% of the season.
- Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third year shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.

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

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Men's and Women's Tennis Committees. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the committees for selection purposes.

Men's and Women's Tennis – Additional Criteria:

- Doubles teams must have played a minimum of ten (10) matches (with a minimum of five (5) matches in the dual match season) as a doubles team to be considered for selection to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.
- Singles players must have played a minimum of ten (10) matches (with a minimum of five (5) matches in the dual match season) in order to be considered for the individuals portion of the Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.
- A minimum of five (5) dual matches must be played in the spring in order for a team to be considered for an at-large berth to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.

Regional Alignments. Per NCAA bylaw, all members of a conference will be placed in the same region for evaluation purposes, unless the Championships Committee has granted an exception. The Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference, New Jersey Athletic Conference, North Atlantic Conference and United East Conference have been granted exceptions. Members of these conferences shall be placed in their natural geographic regions for evaluation purposes.

Pairings and Site Selection.

- Once selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to geographic proximity. Eligible host sites should then be selected based on geographic proximity with a goal of reducing the number of total flights. The committee shall make every effort to balance the draw with a goal of achieving as much competitive equity as possible. A team may be moved to balance the bracket as long as geographic proximity is maintained and it does not result in more flights being added (within 500 miles).
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.
- Teams from the same conference shall not play one another in the first round.
- The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria will be selected as the host institution provided geographic proximity is maintained.

Conference Membership Deadline. To receive automatic qualification for the 2025-26 championships, conferences must have their membership established and defined by February of the preceding academic year.

Two-Year Waiting Period. The Championships Committee intends to decline requests for waivers of the two-year waiting period for new member conferences of the Association.

Single-Sport Conferences. To be eligible for automatic qualification, single-sport conferences in existence before Feb. 1, 1998, must maintain their membership (e.g., minimum of seven original members). All conferences must be elected to the NCAA Division III membership and must meet all other automatic-qualification requirements. A waiver process has been established that permits the NCAA Division III Championships Committee to award automatic qualification to single-sport conferences with seven active members that have participated together for two consecutive years based on the conference meeting at least one of the following criteria in Bylaw 31.3.4.3.2:

- The conference's members are geographically isolated in the sport;
- The conference's members do not belong to a multisport conference that has sponsored a championship in the sport within the previous 15 years;
- The conference was established before September 2007;
- The conference participates in a Division III championship established after September 2007 and within the first 10 years in which the championship is conducted; or
- The sport is sponsored by 100 or fewer Division III member institutions.

In-Region Competition. In-region competition is defined as:

1. All competition within an institution's membership geographical region as defined in Bylaw 4.13.1.1.
 - Region 1 – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont.
 - Region 2 – New York and Pennsylvania.
 - Region 3 – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

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- Region 4 – Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.
- 2. All competition within an institution's defined sport region or conference.
- 3. All competition within a 500-mile radius from one institution to another.

The mileage calculator within the Travel Expense System (TES) will be used to confirm distances from campus to campus. This program can be accessed on the NCAA website at web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/TES/exec/miles.

Scheduling Requirements. Institutions must play at least 50% of their scheduled competition against in-region, Division III institutions to be considered for selection to NCAA championships. Institutions unable to meet this requirement will be allowed an opportunity to request a waiver for selection consideration.

- Effective 2006-07, any contest against a school within an institution's defined membership region (NCAA Bylaw 4.12.1.1) shall count as an in-region game.
- Effective 2008-09, all conference games are considered in-region.
- In individual sports that select at-large championship participants as teams (e.g., tennis), an institution's team must play at least 50% of its scheduled competition against in-region opponents to be eligible for selection. The process for tracking in-region competition is to be based on the total of teams involved in overall regular-season competition. Opponents may be included multiple times if they are at multiple tournaments.
- All waiver requests will be reviewed by the Division III Championships Committee. Information required as part of the waiver process includes proposed schedules, schedules from the past two seasons, a summary of scheduling challenges the institution is facing and proposed solutions. In addition, an institution may include any other historical information illustrating difficulty in scheduling at least 50% of contests against in-region, Division III institutions.

Teams shall be selected for the championship by the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees. Each member of the committee serves as the chair of the advisory committee in his or her respective region. Regional advisory committees (RACs) assist the national committee by evaluating teams and sites within their regions through a series of teleconferences. Teleconferences will be conducted by the national committee to make the final determination of the participating teams. In order for the RACs to effectively evaluate each team and/or individuals under consideration in their regions, it is imperative that each institution submit the scores from each match via the ITA website (itatennis.com).

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

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

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS – POOL A AND AT-LARGE

1. Pool A will be composed of the conference champions from each conference that meets the requirements for automatic qualification (NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3). Conferences that meet automatic-qualification requirements are guaranteed only one Pool A berth. After the determination of the automatic berths (Pool A), the committee will determine the at-large selections. For the 2026 men's championships, 34 teams will be given a Pool A berth. For the 2026 women's championships, 38 teams will be given a Pool A berth.
2. At-large will be composed of independent institutions, institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification, and institutions from automatic qualifying conferences that are not their conference champion.
3. At-large berths will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for at-large selections.
4. There will be no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region.
5. For the 2026 championships, no conference will receive more than one automatic berth.

The NCAA Division III Championships Committee has clarified Bylaw 31.3.3 to reflect that institutions participating in conferences that meet the automatic-qualification requirements and are eligible to be selected to a championship via Pool A and/or Pool C may not elect instead to be selected via Pool B as an independent institution.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

MEN'S TENNIS

Division III institutions sponsoring men's tennis: 298

Provisional institutions (not eligible for the championship): 3

Institutions eligible for NCAA championship: 296

Conferences meeting automatic-qualifying requirements: 35

Eligible teams in automatic-qualifying conferences: 289

Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2026 championships (subject to change):

Bracket	44-team bracket (eligible institutions divided by 7.5 access ratio)
AQs	35 teams
At-Large	9 teams

Automatic Qualifiers. The 35 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2026 championships are:

American Rivers Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
American Southwest Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Atlantic East Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	Northwest Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	Ohio Athletic Conference
Conference of New England	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Collegiate Conference of the South	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Skyline Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Landmark Conference	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Liberty League	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	United East Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	University Athletic Association
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	USA South Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	

Individual. The singles championship will include a field of 32 individuals and the doubles championship will include a field of 16 teams. The Men's Tennis Committee, based on recommendations from the regional advisory committee, will select the top two singles players and top doubles team from each of the eight regions as automatic qualifiers. The remaining 16 singles and eight doubles teams will be selected as at-large bids.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Division III institutions sponsoring women's tennis: 320

Provisional institutions (not eligible for the championship): 3

Institutions eligible for NCAA championship: 312

Conferences meeting automatic-qualifying requirements: 37

Eligible teams in automatic-qualifying conferences: 320

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Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2026 championships (subject to change).

Bracket	49-team bracket (eligible institutions divided by 7.5 access ratio)
AQs	37 teams
At-Large	12 teams

Automatic Qualifiers. The 37 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2026 championships are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
American Rivers Conference	North Atlantic Conference
American Southwest Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	Northwest Conference
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	Ohio Athletic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Skyline Conference
Landmark Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Liberty League	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	United East Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	University Athletic Association
Midwest Conference	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	USA South Athletic Conference
New England Small College Athletic Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	

Individual. The tennis committees, based upon the recommendations of the regional advisory committees, will select the top two ranked singles players and top doubles team from each of the eight regions. Additionally, the national committees would then select the remaining 16 players and eight doubles teams berths from a national at-large pool. This would be for both the men's and women's tennis individual selections. The seedings for both the singles and doubles tournament will take into account all matches up until the semifinals of the team championship.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

Entry Procedures/Lineup Form. The 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.

Access to the online entry forms will begin on April 13 and the deadline for submission of the official NCAA entry form is no later than 9 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday, May 4.

The lineup form includes space to list a maximum of 15 student-athletes who must be physically able and eligible to play.

As such:

- When a coach lists their 15 student-athletes, the coach is confirming that all of the 15 student-athletes may have the opportunity to play in the NCAA championships. Coaches will also list four doubles teams on this form.
- All 15 must be physically able and eligible to play. Student-athletes injured to the point of not being able to play (e.g., broken bones) or student-athletes who have been declared as redshirts or student-athletes who are not eligible for NCAA, conference or institutional reasons, cannot be listed on the lineup form.
- Only nine of these 15 student-athletes may play in the first, second, and third rounds of competition. These nine are designated at the administrative meeting the day before the start of competition.
- Teams that win the third round matches and advance to the championships site will designate, at the administrative meeting the day before the start of finals site competition, nine student-athletes who will play in the championships. These nine student-athletes can be different from the nine who played in the third round as long as they were on the original list of 15 student-athletes on the team's lineup form.

NOTE: Each institution may request credentials for all rostered student-athletes and personnel affiliated with the team. Team personnel consists of coaches, athletic trainers and team managers.

The NCAA will reimburse each institution advancing championships site for a maximum of nine student-athletes (and a total travel party of 11 individuals).

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

The entry and lineup declaration procedures for the men's and women's tennis championships will allow an institution to enter a maximum of 15 eligible student-athletes for competition, submitted in order of strength. They will also list four doubles teams on this form. During the administrative meeting, coaches will identify which nine student-athletes (including doubles specialists) who will play. All lineups must remain in the order of strength as listed on the entry form for each round of the championships. This procedure also applies to the doubles portion of the team lineup.

The Men's and Women's Tennis Committees have the right to review and, if necessary, overrule a coach's decision regarding a lineup. The following will be taken into consideration: won-lost records at each position played, number of significant matches played at the proposed position, and other extenuating circumstances.

Challenge Procedures. Men's and Women's Team Championship. Beginning in 2024, the challenge process has been incorporated into the Tennis Lineup application. Anyone wishing to challenge a lineup must access the system and submit the challenge by the prescribed deadline. Submitted challenges will be visible to the coach of the challenged team, NCAA staff and the Division III Tennis Committee. The coach of the challenged team will need to provide their written response within the lineup system, in the rebuttal section. This response will be visible to the challenging coach, NCAA staff and the tennis committee.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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/sports/2013/11/7/championships-travel-information.aspx.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the at-large teams are selected, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams will then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.

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- Teams from the same conference shall not have to play one another in the first round.
- The highest-seeded team that meets all selection criteria (and after a review of the submitted host materials) will be considered as a host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained. It is the intent of the committee to create competition brackets of eight preliminary-round sites with five to seven teams competing at each site (for the women); and eight preliminary-round sites with four to six teams competing at each site (for the men). Flights will be kept to a minimum.

Criteria for Site Determination. The following prioritized criteria are to be used in the evaluation of sites for all competition in NCAA championships:

1. Protection of top eight ranked teams in the bracket. (Top eight will not be at the same sites.)
2. Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
3. Geographical location (including such factors as rotation of sites, weather conditions, accessibility and transportation costs).

Institutions with both men's and women's teams in the championships and with the opportunity to host both genders will follow these guidelines:

	First-Second-Third Rounds
Even years	Women would compete Thursday-Saturday / Men would compete Friday-Sunday
Odd years	Men would compete Thursday-Saturday / Women would compete Friday-Sunday

If conflicts prevent another institution from hosting while following these guidelines, the combined men's and women's committees will determine which gender will compete first at the same site.

The men's and women's committees are concerned with conflicts created when institutions attempt to host both the men's and women's championships events, and the impact those conflicts have on the committees during site selection, and on the institution during the administration of the events. The committees prefer that institutions not host both men's and women's events simultaneously in the preliminary rounds.

The committees also recognize that some institutions with both teams in the championships, while recognizing their limitations in hosting both events, may face administrative pressure having to choose to host one championships event over another. The committees believe these guidelines can alleviate this administrative pressure. The committees' primary concerns include the following:

- The institutional administrative pressure to host both championships events and/or to choose between which championships event it will host if it cannot host both events; and
- The condition and availability of practice facilities.
- The ability to host multiple events at once.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the NCAA Championships and Alliances staff at 317-917-6397 or championshipbid@ncaa.org.

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the 2026 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information are up to date via the NCAA Championships Big Portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "championships available for bid" and select "add bid."

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championships manager.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID PORTAL

The Championships Bid Portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for hosting preliminary rounds is April 24. There will be a conference call with all potential preliminary-round hosts on April 27 at 1 p.m. Eastern time on Microsoft Teams.

As a reminder, prospective hosts' budgets should include committee/site representative's lodging expense, game officials' lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution.

HOST REPORTING SYSTEM

An online proposed budget must be completed for each round of competition you wish to host. For those institutions submitting bids for multiple rounds, a "copy" function is available and will allow you to transfer budget information between rounds. The appropriate round and date of competition must be indicated on each budget.

As a result of the restructuring of the online budget system, there no longer is an "unbudgeted disbursements" section. Therefore, all lodging expenses for officials and site representatives (if needed) must be included in your budget. Officials' fees, per diem and travel expenses do not need to be included, nor do per diem and travel expenses for site representatives – the NCAA will pay those expenses directly.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of 2026 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at championships.ncaa.org. Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS FORM

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid Portal at championships.ncaa.org.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

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

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at: ncaa.org/documents/2021/2/9/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championships site must be submitted via the Championships Bid Portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Victoria Lipscomb (vlipscomb@ncaa.org) or Raymond Gaddis (rgaddis@ncaa.org).

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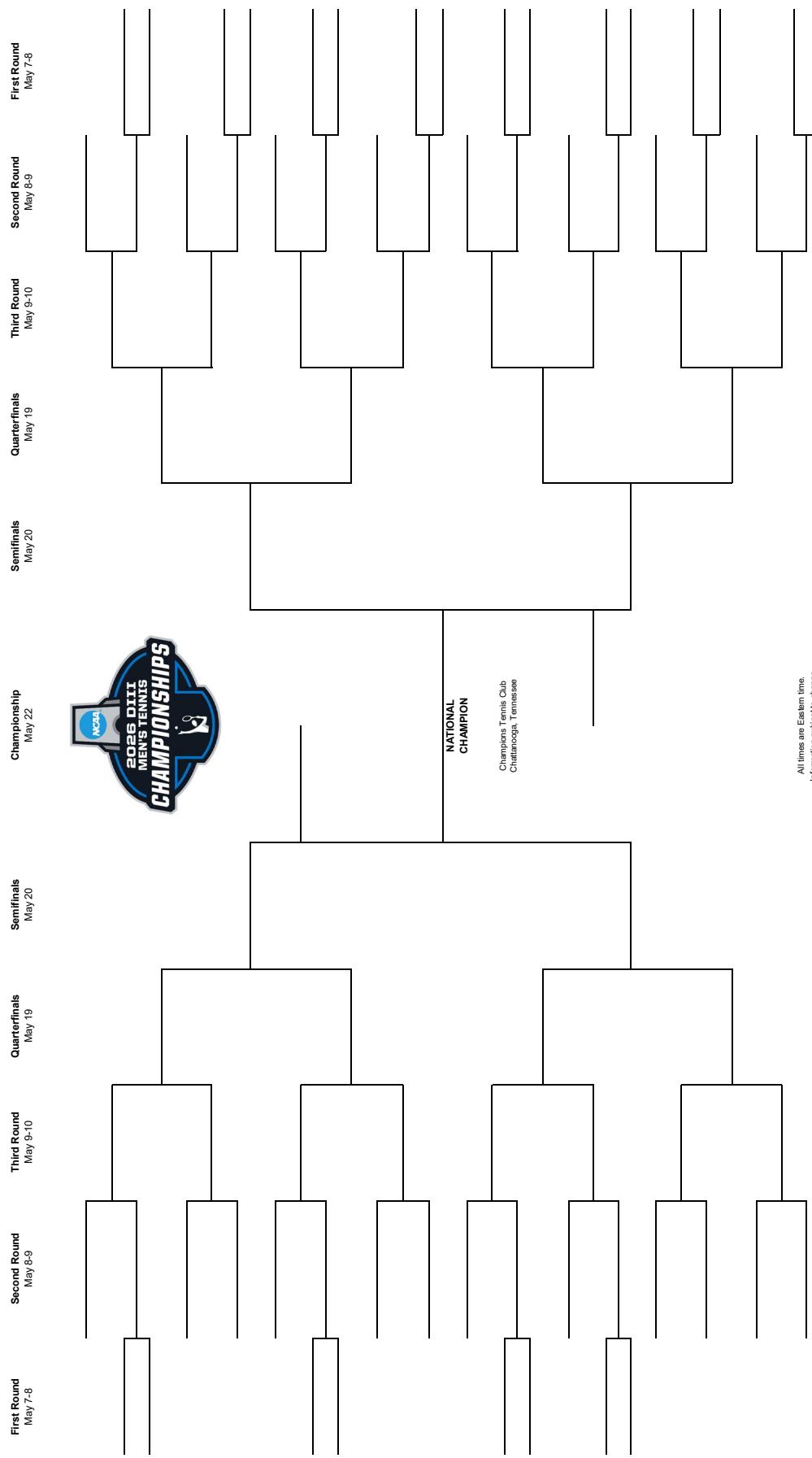
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* Indicated Friday- Sunday/First
** Indicates Thursday-Saturday/First

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2026 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championship

Host: Champions Tennis Club: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Event: Singles Championship

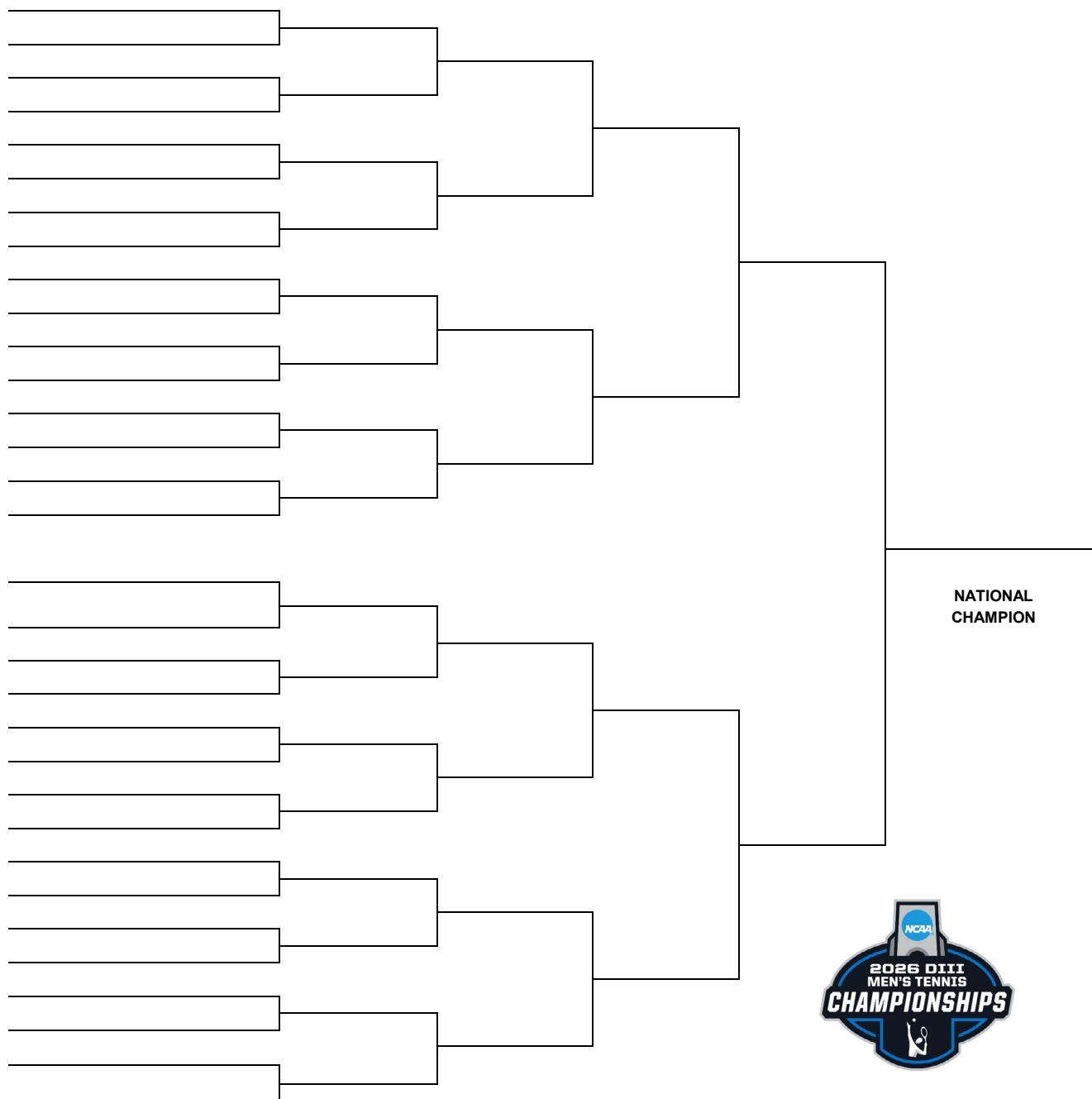
First Round
May 23

Second Round
May 23

Quarterfinals
May 24

Semifinals
May 25

Final
May 26



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2026 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championship

Host: Champions Tennis Club: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Event: Doubles Championship

First Round
May 23

Quarterfinals
May 24

Semifinals
May 25

Final
May 26



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2026 DIVISION III WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS





2026 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship

Host: Champions Tennis Club: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Event: Singles Championship

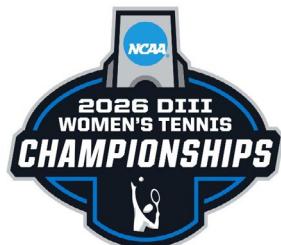
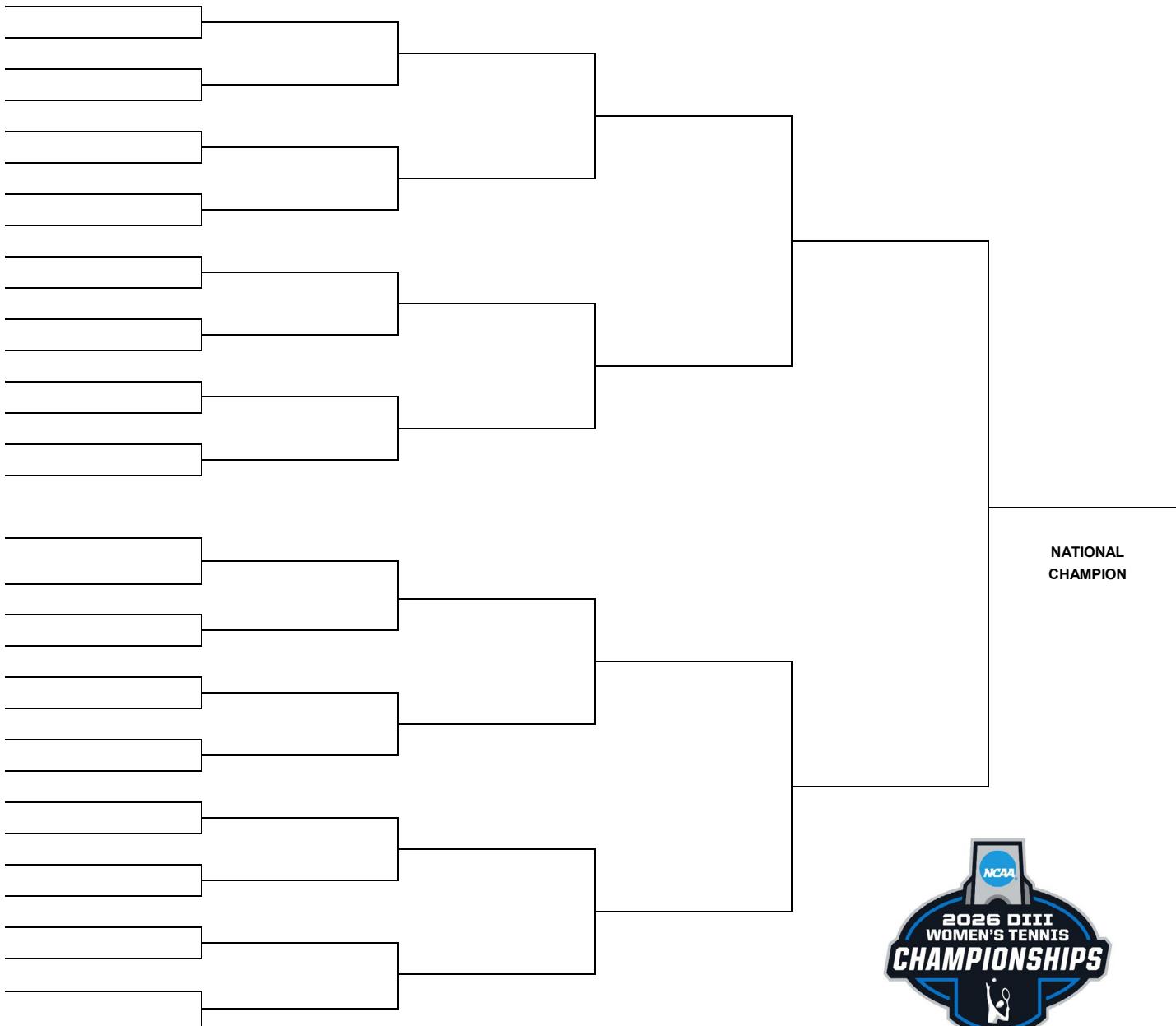
First Round
May 22

Second Round
May 22

Quarterfinals
May 23

Semifinals
May 24

Final
May 25



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2026 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship

Host: Champions Tennis Club: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Event: Doubles Championship

First Round
May 22

Quarterfinals
May 23

Semifinals
May 24

Final
May 25



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Appendix B • Men's Sport Sponsorship

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

REGION I

Conference of New England (12) Curry College Colby-Sawyer College Endicott College Gordon College Nichols College Roger Williams University Suffolk University University of St. Joseph (Connecticut) Wentworth Institute of Technology Western New England University University of New England University of Hartford	New England Small College Athletic Conf. (11) Amherst College Bates College Bowdoin College Colby College Connecticut College Hamilton College Middlebury College Trinity College (Connecticut) Tufts University Wesleyan University (Connecticut) Williams College
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Little East Conference (7) Bridgewater State University Rhode Island College Salem State University University of Massachusetts Boston University of Southern Maine Vermont State University Castleton Western Connecticut State University	Independent (1) Albertus Magnus College
AQ – Conference Championship	At-Large
New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (8) Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Salve Regina University Springfield College U.S. Coast Guard Academy Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	University Athletic Association (1 of 8) Brandeis University
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Total Number of Schools in Region – 40 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 40 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 39	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

REGION II

<p>City University of New York Athletic Conference (7)</p> <p>Baruch College Brooklyn College Hunter College John Jay College of Criminal Justice Lehman College York College (New York) Albertus Magnus College</p>	<p>Empire 8 (11)</p> <p>Alfred University Houghton College Nazareth College Norwich University Lesley University St. John Fisher College State University of New York at Delhi SUNY Oswego Thomas College Vermont State University-Johnson Vermont State University-Lyndon</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Liberty League (9)</p> <p>Bard College Hobart & William Smith College Ithaca College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rochester Institute of Technology Skidmore College St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Skyline Conference (9)</p> <p>Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College Mount Saint Mary College (New York) Purchase College, SUNY Sarah Lawrence College St. Joseph's University NY (Long Island) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Yeshiva University University of Mount Saint Vincent</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (3 of 8)</p> <p>Rutgers-Camden SUNY Oneonta The College of New Jersey</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>University Athletic Association (2 of 8)</p> <p>New York University University of Rochester</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>Total Number of Schools in Region – 41 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 41 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 41</p>	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION III**

Atlantic East Conference (9) Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia) Marywood University Neumann University Mount Aloysius College Penn State University, Altoona Pennsylvania State Univ. Erie, the Behrend College University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg Pratt Institute *Carlow University (Prov.)	Centennial Conference (8) Dickinson College Franklin & Marshall College Gettysburg College Haverford College Muhlenberg College Swarthmore College Ursinus College Washington College (Maryland)
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Landmark Conference (10) Catholic University Drew University Elizabethtown College Goucher College Juniata College Lycoming College Moravian University Susquehanna University University of Scranton Wilkes University	Middle Atlantic Conf. Commonwealth (6) Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Messiah University Stevenson University York College (Pennsylvania)
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (7) Arcadia University DeSales University Farleigh Dickinson University, Florham King's College (Pennsylvania) Lebanon Valley College Misericordia University Stevens Institute of Technology	United East (7) Cairn University Lancaster Bible College Penn State Berks College Penn State University, Abington Pennsylvania College of Technology Penn State Harrisburg St. Mary's College of Maryland *Penn State Brandywine (Prov.)
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Independents (2) McDaniel College Johns Hopkins University	
At-Large	
Total Number of Schools in Region – 49 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 49 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 47	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

REGION IV

<p>Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (3 of 5)</p> <p>Christopher Newport University Salisbury University University of Mary Washington *Johnson and Wales University Charlotte (Prov.)</p>	<p>Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)</p> <p>Averett University Bridgewater College (Virginia) Ferrum College Guilford College Hampden-Sydney College Randolph College Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University University of Lynchburg Virginia Wesleyan University Washington and Lee University</p>
At-Large	AQ – Conference Championship
<p>Southern Athletic Association (8)</p> <p>Berry College Centre College Millsaps College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College Southwestern University (Texas) Trinity (Texas) University of the South</p>	<p>USA South Athletic Conference (7)</p> <p>Brevard College Mary Baldwin University Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan University Pfeiffer University Southern Virginia University William Peace University</p>
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
<p>University Athletic Association (1 of 8)</p> <p>Emory University</p>	
AQ – Conference Championship	
<p>Collegiate Conference of the South (7)</p> <p>Asbury University Belhaven University Covenant College Huntingdon College LaGrange College Maryville College (Tennessee) Piedmont University</p>	
AQ – Conference Championship	
<p>Total Number of Schools in Region – 39 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 38 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 35</p>	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION V**

North Coast Athletic Conference (8) <p>Denison University DePauw University Kenyon College Oberlin College Ohio Wesleyan University The College of Wooster Wabash College John Carroll University</p>	Ohio Athletic Conference (5) <p>Baldwin Wallace University John Carroll University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University University of Mount Union</p>
AQ – Conference Championship	<i>(Grace Period Year 1 of 2)</i> AQ – Conference Championship
Presidents' Athletic Conference (9) <p>Allegheny College Franciscan University Steubenville Geneva College Grove City College Hiram College Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Waynesburg University Westminster College (Pennsylvania)</p>	University Athletic Association (2 of 8) <p>Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University</p>
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Total Number of Schools in Region – 24 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 24 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 24	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION VI**

College Conf. of Illinois & Wisconsin (8) Augustana College (Illinois) Carroll University (Wisconsin) Carthage College Elmhurst University Illinois Wesleyan University Millikin University North Central College Wheaton College (Illinois)	Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conf. (8) Anderson University (Indiana) Berea College Franklin College Hanover College Manchester University Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Transylvania University Earlham College
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Assn. (8) Adrian College Albion College Alma College Calvin University Hope College Kalamazoo College The University of Olivet Trine University	
AQ – Conference Championship	
University Athletic Association (2 of 8) University of Chicago Washington University in St. Louis	
AQ – Conference Championship	
Total Number of Schools in Region – 26 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 26 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 26	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION VII**

American Rivers Conference (9) Buena Vista University Central College (Iowa) Coe College Loras College Luther College Nebraska Wesleyan University Simpson College University of Dubuque Wartburg College	Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conf. (10) Bethel University (Minnesota) Carleton College Concordia College, Moorhead Gustavus Adolphus College Hamline University Macalester College Saint John's University (Minnesota) Saint Mary's University of Minnesota St. Olaf College The College of St. Scholastica
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Midwest Conference (7) Cornell College Grinnell College Illinois College Lake Forest College Lawrence University Monmouth College (Illinois) Ripon College	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conf. (8) Concordia University Chicago Concordia University of Wisconsin Edgewood College Illinois Institute of Technology Milwaukee School of Engineering St. Norbert College Wisconsin Lutheran College Lakeland University
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (10) Bethany Lutheran College Crown College (Minnesota) Greenville University Martin Luther College Mississippi Univ. for Women University of Northwestern-St. Paul University of Wisconsin-Superior Principia College Webster University Westminster College (Missouri)	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (4 of 8) University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University of Wisconsin-La Crosse University of Wisconsin-Whitewater University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Total Number of Schools in Region – 47 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 47 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 47	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION VIII**

American Southwest Conference (4) East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Northwest Conference (8) George Fox University Lewis & Clark College Linfield University Pacific University (Oregon) University of Puget Sound Whitman College Whitworth University Willamette University
<i>(Grace period Year 1 of 2)</i> AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Southern Collegiate Athletic Conf. (11) Austin College Colorado College Concordia University Texas University of Dallas Hendrix College LeTourneau University McMurry University University of the Ozarks (Arkansas) Schreiner University University of St. Thomas (Texas) Texas Lutheran University	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8) California Lutheran University California Institute of Technology Chapman University Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Occidental College Pomona-Pitzer Colleges University of Redlands Whittier College
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 5) University of California, Santa Cruz	
At-Large	
Total Number of Schools in Region – 32 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 32 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 31	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

35 AQ Conferences

298 Total Teams

296 Eligible Teams

289 Pool A Teams

35 – Pool A Berths

9 – At-Large

Number of teams to rate fixed number of 7

Appendix C • Women's Sport Sponsorship

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

REGION I

Conference of New England (11) Colby-Sawyer College Curry College Endicott College Gordon College Nichols College Roger Williams University Suffolk University University of Hartford University of New England University of Saint Joseph (Connecticut) Western New England University	Little East Conference (9) Bridgewater State University Plymouth State University Rhode Island College Salem State University University of Massachusetts Boston University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth University of Southern Maine Vermont State University Castleton Western Connecticut State University
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
New England Small College Athletic Conf. (11) Amherst College Bates College Bowdoin College Colby College Connecticut College Hamilton College Middlebury College Trinity College (Connecticut) Tufts University Wesleyan University (Connecticut) Williams College	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (9) Babson College Clark University (Massachusetts) Emerson College Massachusetts Institute of Technology Salve Regina University Smith College Springfield College Wellesley College Wheaton College (Massachusetts)
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
North Atlantic Conference (6) Husson University Lesley University SUNY Delhi Thomas Collage Vermont State University-Johnson Vermont State University-Lyndon	
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
University Athletic Association (1 of 8) Brandeis University	Independent Albertus Magnus college
AQ – Conference Championship	
Total Number of Schools in Region – 47 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 47 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 47	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION II**

City University of New York Athletic Conference (7) Baruch College Brooklyn College Hunter College John Jay College of Criminal Justice Lehman College York College (New York) Albertus Magnus College	Empire 8 (9) Alfred University Hartwick College Houghton College Nazareth College Russell Sage College St. John Fisher College SUNY Brockport SUNY Geneseo Utica College
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Liberty League (9) Bard College Hobart and William Smith College Ithaca College Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rochester Institute of Technology Skidmore College St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College	New Jersey Athletic Conference (5) Kean University Rutgers, The State Univ. of New Jersey, Camden Stockton University The College of New Jersey William Paterson University of New Jersey
AQ – Conference Championship	<i>Grace Period Year 2 of 2</i> AQ – Conference Championship
Skyline Conference (8) Farmingdale State College Manhattanville College Mount Saint Mary College (New York) Purchase College, SUNY Sarah Lawrence College St. Joseph's College (Long Island) University of Mount Saint Vincent Yeshiva University	State University of New York Athletic Conference (6) Plattsburgh State University of New York SUNY Cortland SUNY Fredonia SUNY New Paltz SUNY Oneonta SUNY Oswego
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
University Athletic Association (2 of 8) New York University University of Rochester	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

AQ – Conference Championship
Total Number of Schools in Region – 46
Total Eligible Schools in Region – 46
Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 46

REGION III

Atlantic East (5) Immaculata University Marymount University (Virginia) Marywood University Neumann University Pratt Institute	Centennial Conference (9) Bryn Mawr College Dickinson College Franklin & Marshall College Gettysburg College Haverford College Muhlenberg College Swarthmore College Ursinus College Washington College (Maryland)
<i>At-Large</i>	AQ – Conference Championship
Landmark Conference (10) Catholic University Drew University Elizabethtown College Goucher College Juniata College Lycoming College Moravian University Susquehanna University University of Scranton Wilkes University	Middle Atlantic Conf. Commonwealth (6) Albright College Alvernia University Eastern University Messiah University Stevenson University York College (Pennsylvania)
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
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AQ – Conference Championship	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

Independents (3) Trinity Washington University Johns Hopkins University McDaniel College	
	Total Number of Schools in Region – 48 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 43

REGION IV

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (3 of 4) Christopher Newport University Salisbury University University of Mary Washington	Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12) Averett University Bridgewater College (Virginia) Guilford College Hollins University Randolph College Randolph-Macon College Roanoke College Shenandoah University Sweet Briar College University of Lynchburg Virginia Wesleyan University Washington and Lee University
At-Large	AQ – Conference Championship
Southern Athletic Association (8) Berry College Centre College Millsaps College Oglethorpe University Rhodes College Southwestern University (Texas) Trinity University (Texas) University of the South	USA South Athletic Conference (9) Brevard College Mary Baldwin University Meredith College Methodist University North Carolina Wesleyan College Pfeiffer University Salem College North (North Carolina) Southern Virginia University William Peace University
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Collegiate Conference of the South (8) Agnes Scott College Asbury University	University Athletic Association (1 of 8) Emory University

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

<p>Belhaven University Covenant College Huntingdon College LaGrange College Maryville College (Tennessee) Piedmont University</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
	<p>Total Number of Schools in Region – 41 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 41 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 38</p>

REGION V

<p>North Coast Athletic Conference (7) Denison University DePauw University John Carroll University Kenyon College Oberlin College Ohio Wesleyan University The College of Wooster</p>	<p>Ohio Athletic Conference (5) Baldwin Wallace University Capital University Ohio Northern University Otterbein University University of Mount Union</p> <p><i>Grace Period Year 1 of 2</i></p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Presidents' Athletic Conference (9) Allegheny College Franciscan University Steubenville Geneva College Grove City College Saint Vincent College Thiel College Washington and Jefferson College Waynesburg University Westminster College (Pennsylvania)</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>University Athletic Association (2 of 8) Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
	<p>Total Number of Schools in Region – 23 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 23</p>

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AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
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AQ – Conference Championship	
Total Number of Schools in Region – 28 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 28 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 28	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

REGION VII

American Rivers Conference (9) Buena Vista University Central College (Iowa) Coe College Loras College Luther College Nebraska Wesleyan University Simpson College University of Dubuque Wartburg College	Minnesota Intercoll. Athletic Conf. (11) Bethel University (Minnesota) Carleton College College of Saint Benedict Concordia College, Moorhead Gustavus Adolphus College Hamline University Macalester College Saint Mary's University of Minnesota St. Catherine University St. Olaf College The College of St. Scholastica
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Midwest Conference (7) Cornell College Grinnell College Illinois College Lake Forest College Lawrence University Monmouth College (Illinois) Ripon College	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conf. (10) Alverno College Concordia University Chicago Concordia University of Wisconsin Edgewood College Illinois Institute of Technology Lakeland University Marian University (Wisconsin) Milwaukee School of Engineering St. Norbert College Wisconsin Lutheran College
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (11) Bethany Lutheran College Crown College (Minnesota) Greenville University Martin Luther College Mississippi Univ. for Women Principia College University of Minnesota, Morris University of Northwestern-St. Paul University of Wisconsin-Superior Webster University Westminster (Missouri)	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (7) University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University of Wisconsin-La Crosse University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh University of Wisconsin-River Falls University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Stout University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
AQ – Conference Championship	AQ – Conference Championship
Total Number of Schools in Region – 55 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 55 Eligible Pool A Teams in Region – 55	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference**REGION VIII**

<p>American Southwest Conference (4)</p> <p>East Texas Baptist University Hardin-Simmons University Howard Payne University University of Mary Hardin-Baylor</p> <p><i>(Grace Period Year 2 of 2)</i></p>	<p>Northwest Conference (8)</p> <p>George Fox University Lewis & Clark College Linfield University Pacific University (Oregon) University of Puget Sound Whitman College Whitworth University Willamette University</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Southern Collegiate Athletic Conf. (11)</p> <p>Austin College Colorado College Concordia University Hendrix University LeTourneau University McMurry University Schreiner University Texas Lutheran University University of Dallas University of St. Thomas (Texas) University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)</p> <p>California Institute of Technology California Lutheran University Chapman University Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Occidental College Pomona-Pitzer Colleges University of Redlands Whittier College</p>
<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p> <p>Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (1 of 4)</p> <p>University of California, Santa Cruz</p>	<p>AQ – Conference Championship</p>
<p>At-Large</p> <p>Total Number of Schools in Region – 32 Total Eligible Schools in Region – 32</p>	

2025-26 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Regional Alignment Summary by Conference

37 Collegiate AQ Conferences

320 Total Teams

312 Eligible Teams

37 Automatic Qualifiers

12 At-Large

Number of teams to rank no more than 7 in a Region

Region I: 7 Teams

Region II: 7 teams

Region III: 7 teams

Region IV: 7 teams

Region V: 6 teams

Region VI: 5 teams

Region VII: 7 teams

Region VIII: 7 teams