

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP 2020-21 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

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

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

Section 1.1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA Sport Science Institute website for additional guidance.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 4.2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I), 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division II) and 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 (Division III), and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 4.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 4.4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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/marchin forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. Click here to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 4.5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 4.6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a postevent survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

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

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

Section 6 • Fan Travel

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

Section 7 • Logo Policy

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

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

- 1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
- 2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a

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

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Division I

Section 9.1 Religious Conflicts

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

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

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

Division I Women's Volleyball

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Section 1.3 Regional Advisory Committees

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|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
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| Sherene Brantley, chair | Duquesne University | Atlantic 10 Conference | |
| Holly Strauss-O'Brien | Loyola University Chicago | Missouri Valley Conference | |
| Kristin Belzung | Stony Brook University | America East Conference | |
| Michelle Collier | Georgia Institute of Technology | Atlantic Coast Conference | |
| Steve Opperman | Duquesne University | Atlantic 10 Conference | |
| Sara Matthews | University of Delaware | Colonial Athletic Association | |
| Trudy Vande Berg | Cornell University | The Ivy League | |
| Sean Byron | Marist College | Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference | |
| Sara McMullen | Saint Francis University | Northeast Conference | |
| Alexas Keckler | Lehigh University | Patriot League | |
| MIDWEST REGION | | | |
| Janine Oman, chair | The Ohio State University | Big Ten Conference | |
| Karin Lee | Ball State University | Mid-American Conference | |
| Josh Steinbach | Villanova University | Big East Conference | |
| Kelly Sheffield | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Big Ten Conference | |
| Abby Sutherland | University of Wisconsin-Green Bay | Horizon League | |
| Deane Webb | Ohio University | Mid-American Conference | |
| Amanda Berkley | Loyola University Chicago | Missouri Valley Conference | |
| Tom Hogan | University of Denver | The Summit League | |
| SOUTH REGION | | | |
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| John McCammon | Western Kentucky University | Conference USA | |
| Tony Graystone | Texas Tech University | Big 12 Conference | |
| Karen Weatherington | University of North Carolina at Charlotte | Conference USA | |
| Taylor Mott | Austin Peay State University | Ohio Valley Conference | |
| Sean Kiracofe | Northwestern State University | Southland Conference | |
| Demetria Keys-Johnson | Grambling State University | Southwestern Athletic Conference | |
| Sally Polhamus | Georgia State University | Sun Belt Conference | |
| SOUTHEAST REGION | | | |
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| Ryan Meek | High Point University | Big South Conference | |
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| Fran Flory | Louisiana State University | Southeastern Conference | |
| Travis Filar | University of Tennessee at Chattanooga | Southern Conference | |
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| NAME | INSTITUTION | CONFERENCE |
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| WEST REGION | | |
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| Pauline Thiros | Idaho State University | Big Sky Conference |
| Allison Lawrence | University of Montana | Big Sky Conference |
| Michelle Patton-Coleman | University of California, Riverside | Big West Conference |
| Shawn Garus | Boise State University | Mountain West Conference |
| Jen Greeny | Washington State University | Pac-12 Conference |
| Todd Lowery | The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley | Western Athletic Conference |
| Erin Lindsey | Santa Clara University | West Coast Conference |

Section 1.4 Important Dates

| Saturday, April 3 | Deadline for notification of conference automatic qualifier for 2020 championship. | |
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| Sunday, April 4 | Selection show - 4 p.m. ET ESPNU. | |
| Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 | First- and second-round matches - CHI Health Convention Center | |
| Friday-Saturday, April 18-19 | CHI Health Convention Center and Arena | |
| Thursday and Saturday, April 22 and 24 | Semifinals and final, CHI Health Center, Omaha, Nebraska. | |
| Dates TBD | NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Committee virtual annual meeting. | |

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

| First and Second Rounds (8 sites) | Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at CHI Health Convention Center. | | |
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| Regionals (four sites) | Friday-Saturday, April 18-19, at CHI Health Convention Center and Arena. | | |
| Semifinals and Final | Thursday and Saturday, April 22 and 24: CHI Health Center University of Nebraska, Lincoln and MECA, hosts. | | |

FUTURE DATES

2021

Semifinals and Final Nationwide Arena

(Dec. 16 and 18): The Ohio State University and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, hosts.

2022

Semifinals and Final CHI Health Center Omaha

(Dec. 15 and 17): University of Nebraska, Lincoln and MECA, hosts.

2023

Semifinals and Final Amalie Arena

(Dec. 14 and 16): University of South Florida and Tampa Bay Sports Commission, hosts.

2024

KFC Yum! Center **Semifinals and Final**

(Dec. 19 and 21): University of Louisville, host.

2025

Semifinals and Final T-Mobile Center

(Dec. 18 and 20): University of Kansas and Kansas City Sports Commission, hosts.

Section 1.5 Equipment

The Molten IV58X-N Soft Touch (tri-colored) is the official volleyball for the 2020 championship.

Section 1.6 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

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 that 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 2020 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to 2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations.

Questions regarding the interpretation of NCAA rules should be referred to Anne Pufahl (414-430-0111; anne.pufahl@marquette.edu).

ELECTRONIC TIMEOUTS

Electronic timeouts will be used for tournament matches regardless of television coverage (live or tape-delayed). In all matches, in a non-deciding set (sets 1 through 4), the media timeout is called when the leading team reaches 15 points (if no timeout has been called by a team before that point). In the deciding set (set 5), the media timeout is called at eight (8) points. Once one timeout has been called in a set, no other electronic timeouts may be requested. Each coach will be permitted to call two timeouts per set. All timeouts (electronic or coach-called) will be 75 seconds.

Section 1.7 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

Playing uniforms must be in accordance with NCAA rules. Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warmup shirts and uniforms, and competitive uniforms.

The host team, or the higher-seeded (i.e., lower-numbered) team when the host is not playing, is designated the home team and will wear light-colored uniforms in the first- and second-round and regional matches. For all sessions of the tournament, teams must bring light and dark uniforms. Failure to comply may result in a \$200 fine. It is suggested that institutions bring an extra uniform in the event the blood rule is applied.

An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2\% square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square or parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 21/4 square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies another entity other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, which includes any prematch or postmatch activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaws 12.5.4 and 31.1.8 shall apply during the NCAA championship to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before Aug. 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in Bylaws 12.5.4 and 31.1.8 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during the NCAA championship events.

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

Section 2 • Determination of **Championship Participation**

Section 2.1 Championship Format

The championship provides for a field of 48 teams. All rounds of competition will occur at the CHI Health Convention Center and Arnea in Omaha, NE

A championship bracket is located in Appendix A.

Start times for regional rounds will be determined by the committee and NCAA staff.

TRAVEL PARTY/SQUAD SIZE/TEAM BENCHES

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of 22. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at ncaa.org. For 2020, each team will be allowed a total of 27 people in their party.

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 15 players in uniform. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it shall automatically forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

The event manager may provide additional chairs for the tournament doctor and a security representative.

Participant passes will be provided for a maximum of 27 institutional representatives. Three all-access credentials will be provided for the institution's administration.

Section 2.2 Results

THE RATING PERCENTAGE INDEX (RPI)

Access to the RPI can be found at: ncaa.com/rankings/volleyball-women/d1/ncaa womens volleyball rpi. Past RPIs can be found at the RPI archive: rpiarchive.ncaa.org.

- Factor I: Division I winning percentage, 25%
- Factor II: Opponents' winning percentage, 50%
- Factor III: Opponents' opponents' winning percentage, 25% plus/minus
- Factor IV: Bonus: For wins against teams ranked 1 through 25 in the original RPI, teams receive a bonus that is approximately two positions in the RPI. For wins against teams ranked 26 through 50 in the original RPI, teams receive a bonus of approximately one position in the RPI.

Bonus: Teams receive a bonus of approximately two positions in the RPI for playing 50% of their nonconference schedule against teams ranked 1 through 75 in the original RPI.

Penalty: For losses against teams ranked 288 through 312 in the original RPI, teams receive a penalty of approximately one position in the RPI. For losses against teams ranked 313 through the remainder of the original RPI, and against non-Division I teams, teams receive a penalty of approximately two positions in the RPI.

Penalty: Teams receive a penalty of approximately two positions in the RPI for playing 50% of their nonconference schedule against teams ranked 263 through the remainder of the teams, and against non-NCAA opponents.

EVALUATIVE TOOLS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

Among the other tools the committee uses:

- Regional advisory committee rankings
- Division I record
- Overall RPI
- Non-conference record
- Non-conference RPI
- Conference record
- Conference RPI
- Road record
- Record in last 10 matches
- Record against teams ranked 1-50 by RPI
- Record against teams ranked 51-100 by RPI
- Record against teams ranked 101-200 by RPI
- Record against teams ranked below 200 by RPI
- Record against other teams under consideration
- Head-to-head
- · Significant wins and losses
- Results against common opponents
- Results against teams already receiving at-large bids
- Site of match
- Other circumstances that could affect results (e.g., injuries)

Section 2.3 Selection Information

[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2020 championship are:

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

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information?division=d1.

Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

BYLAW 31.3.3.1 – COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Women's Volleyball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the volleyball championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Primary Criteria

- Rating Percentage Index.
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Significant wins and losses.

Secondary Criteria

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated.

- Late-season performance (last 10 matches).
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.
- Location of contest.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Women's Volleyball Committee.

Unless the committee gives prior approval for an experimental format, only three-of-five-set matches played to conclusion, using rally scoring, will be considered.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

The timetable for the selection of at-large teams in 2020 shall be:

September-April — Regional advisory committees and the Women's Volleyball Committee conduct telephone conferences to discuss teams in each region.

April 2-4 — Women's Volleyball Committee meets to review all at-large teams and establish the bracket. The committee will assume all members will participate in the tournament, if selected, unless the NCAA is notified to the contrary before the selection of teams.

Sunday, April 4 — Selection/notification date at 4 p.m. ET on ESPNU.

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 3.2.4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the NCAA Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition. 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 championships competition.

For the volleyball championship, the championship manager must be notified before April 1.

Section 2.5 Site Selection

[Reference: Site Selection in the General Section and Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manual.]

For this year's championship, all rounds of competition will be conducted at CHI Convention Center and Arena in Omaha, Nebraska.

With the adoption of proposal 2010-108, each committee will comply with the bylaw to the greatest extent possible and in doing so, the following policies will be implemented:

- For non-revenue generating championships that seed a guarter of the bracket, sites will be awarded to the seeded teams that submit a bid that meets the requirements for hosting. In the event that a seeded team doesn't submit a bid that meets the requirements, the sport committee will maintain the current policy of geographic consideration when assigning the host sites;
- The committee also will separate first- and second-round conference opponents when assigning teams to sites.

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, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at: ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best Practices for Venue Safety and Security.pdf?division=d1.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION

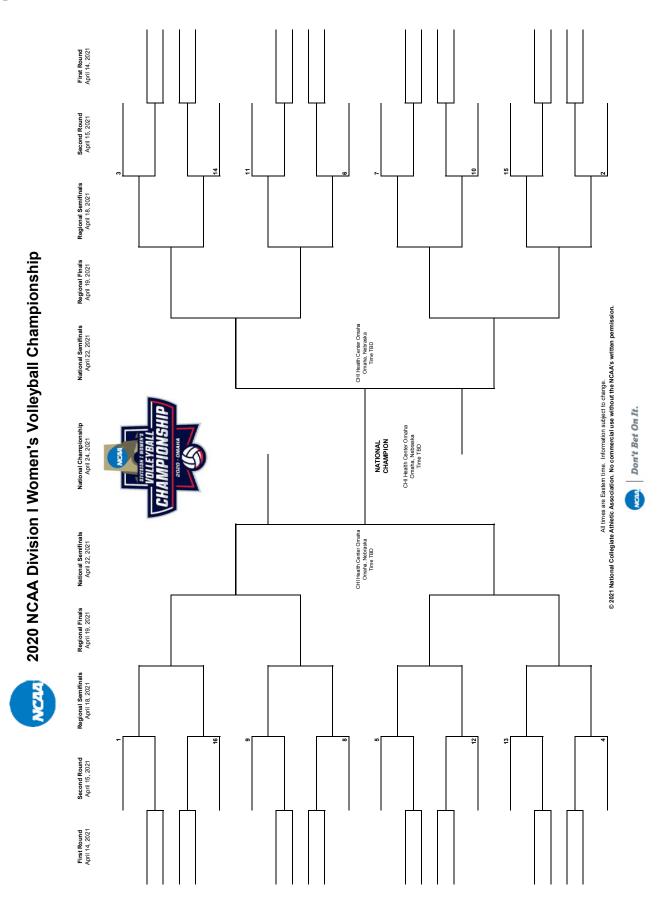
If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Kristin Fasbender at 317-917-6520 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

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Appendix A • Bracket



Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

EAST REGION

America East Conference (7)

University at Albany Binghamton University University of Hartford

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

University of New Hampshire New Jersey Institute of Technology Stony Brook University

Atlantic Coast Conference (15)

Boston College Clemson University **Duke University** Florida State University Georgia Institute of Technology University of Louisville

University of Miami (Florida) North Carolina State University University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame University of Pittsburgh Syracuse University University of Virginia

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Wake Forest University

Atlantic 10 Conference (10)

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

James Madison University

George Washington University

La Salle University University of Rhode Island Saint Louis University

Virginia Commonwealth University

University of North Carolina Wilmington

Colonial Athletic Association (9)

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

Northeastern University **Towson University** College of William & Mary

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (10)

Canisius College Fairfield University Iona College Manhattan College Marist College

Niagara University Quinnipiac University Rider University Saint Peter's University Siena College

Northeast Conference (8)

Bryant University Central Connecticut State University Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus

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

Patriot League (9)

American University **Bucknell University** Colgate University College of the Holy Cross Lafayette College

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

MIDWEST REGION

Big East Conference (11)

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

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

Big Ten Conference (14)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Indiana University, Bloomington University of Iowa University of Maryland, College Park University of Michigan Michigan State University University of Minnesota, Twin Cities University of Nebraska, Lincoln Northwestern University The Ohio State University Pennsylvania State University Purdue University Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick University of Wisconsin-Madison

Horizon League (11)

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

Robert Morris University University of Wisconsin-Green Bay University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Wright State University Youngstown State University

Mid-American Conference (12)

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

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

Missouri Valley Conference (10)

Bradley University Drake University University of Evansville Illinois State University Indiana State University Loyola University Chicago Missouri State University University of Northern Iowa Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Valparaiso University

The Summit League (9)

University of Denver University of Missouri-Kansas City University of Nebraska Omaha University of North Dakota North Dakota State University Oral Roberts University University of South Dakota South Dakota State University Western Illinois University

SOUTH REGION

Big 12 Conference (9)

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

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

Conference USA (14)

University of Alabama at Birmingham Florida Atlantic University Florida International University Louisiana Tech University Marshall University Middle Tennessee State University The University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Texas Old Dominion University Rice University University of Southern Mississippi University of Texas at El Paso University of Texas at San Antonio Western Kentucky University

Ohio Valley Conference (12)

Austin Peay State University Belmont University Eastern Illinois University Eastern Kentucky University Jacksonville State University Morehead State University

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

Southland Conference (13)

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

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

Southwestern Athletic Conference (10)

Alabama A&M University Alabama State University Alcorn State University University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff **Grambling State University**

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

Sun Belt Conference (12)

Appalachian State University Arkansas State University University of Arkansas. Little Rock Coastal Carolina University Georgia Southern University Georgia State University

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

SOUTHEAST REGION

American Athletic Conference (11)

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

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

ASUN Conference (8)

Florida Gulf Coast University Jacksonville University Kennesaw State University Liberty University

Lipscomb University University of North Alabama (Reclass.) University of North Florida Stetson University

Big South Conference (10)

Campbell University Charleston Southern University Gardner-Webb University Hampton University **High Point University**

University of North Carolina Asheville Presbyterian College Radford University University of South Carolina Upstate Winthrop University

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (11)

Bethune-Cookman University Coppin State University **Delaware State University** Florida A&M University **Howard University** University of Maryland Eastern Shore Morgan State University Norfolk State University North Carolina A&T State University North Carolina Central University South Carolina State University

Southeastern Conference (13)

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

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

Southern Conference (9)

The Citadel East Tennessee State University **Furman University** Mercer University The University of North Carolina at Greensboro Samford University University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Western Carolina University Wofford College

WEST REGION

Big Sky Conference (11)

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

Northern Arizona University University of Northern Colorado Portland State University Southern Utah University Weber State University

Mountain West Conference (11)

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

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

Pac-12 Conference (12)

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

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

West Coast Conference (10)

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

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

Western Athletic Conference (7)

California Baptist University (Reclass.) Chicago State University **Grand Canyon University** New Mexico State University

Seattle University The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley **Utah Valley University**

Appendix C • Championship Match Protocol

SINGLE MATCH

| Time Allotted | Actual Time | Visible Clock | Protocol |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| 41 minutes | 6:30-7:11 p.m. | :60-:19 | Court available for shared warmup |
| | 7 p.m. | :30 | Coin toss |
| 4 minutes | 7:11-7:15 p.m. | :19-:15 | Visiting team court |
| 4 minutes | 7:15-7:19 p.m. | :15-:11 | Home team court |
| 5 minutes | 7:19-7:24 p.m. | :11-:06 | Visiting team court |
| 5 minutes | 7:24-7:29 p.m. | :06-:01 | Home team court |
| 1 minute | 7:29-7:30 p.m. | :01-:00 | Team huddle/announcements |
| | 7:30 p.m. | :00 | National anthem/player introductions. Match begins |
| Match begins at | conclusion of introd | ductions | |

DOUBLE MATCH

| Time Allotted | Actual Time | Visible Clock | Protocol |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 41 minutes | 4:30-5:11 p.m. | :60-:19 | Court available for shared warmup |
| | 5 p.m. | :30 | Coin toss |
| 4 minutes | 5:11-5:15 p.m. | :19-:15 | Visiting team court |
| 4 minutes | 5:15-5:19 p.m. | :15-:11 | Home team court |
| 5 minutes | 5:19-5:24 p.m. | :11-:06 | Visiting team court |
| 5 minutes | 5:24-5:29 p.m. | :06-:01 | Home team court |
| 1 minute | 5:29-5:30 p.m. | :01-:00 | Team huddle/announcements |
| | 5:30 p.m. | :00 | National anthem/player introductions. Match begins |
| 30 minutes betw | een matches | k | |

| Time Allotted | Actual Time | Visible Clock | Protocol |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| 11 minutes | 7-7:11 p.m. | :30-:19 | Court available for shared warmup |
| | 7:04 p.m. | :26 | Coin toss |
| 4 minutes | 7:11-7:15 p.m. | :19-:15 | Visiting team court |
| 4 minutes | 7:15-7:19 p.m. | :15-:11 | Home team court |
| 5 minutes | 7:19-7:24 p.m. | :11-:06 | Visiting team court |
| 5 minutes | 7:24-7:29 p.m. | :06-:01 | Home team court |
| 1 minute | 7:29-7:30 p.m. | :01-:00 | Team huddle/announcements Player introductions Match begins |

Appendix D • Court Layout

NCAA Volleyball Court Layout

