



2019 DIVISION II WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2019-20 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2019-20 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three 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, six 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 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.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two 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 Sports 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 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 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

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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 and Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions II and III Manuals.]

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); 31.2.3 (Divisions II and 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/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 outline.

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 post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

Section 5 • Elite 90™ Award

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

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

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way 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 NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

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

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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 II

Section 9•1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. *(Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning, Service, Passion, Sportsmanship, Resourcefulness and

Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

- a. Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- b. That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- c. Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- d. That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- e. Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- f. Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- g. That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large; *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*
- h. Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; *(Revised: 1/14/97)*
- i. Recognizing the need to "Balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- j. Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*
- k. That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget, and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- l. That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

Section 9•2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the

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Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

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

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 defines misconduct as: “... **any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.**”

EXPECTATIONS

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

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

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

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

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

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

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved;
- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;

- g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
- h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

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

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

Section 9•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

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

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

Section 9•4 Religious Conflicts

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 prior to Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (*Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01*)

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

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Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

Regional advisory committees act in an advisory capacity for the national committee to assist with the evaluation of teams throughout the season. National committee members serve as chairs for their respective regional advisory committees. Each conference representing women's volleyball has equal representation on their respective regional advisory committees.

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC REGION		
Karen Hjerpe, chair	California (Pennsylvania)	PSAC
Jim Zuhlke	West Chester	PSAC
Amanda Walker	Virginia State	CIAA
Jolisa Williams	Shaw	CIAA
Christy Benner	Wheeling	MEC
Jenna Theden	Charleston (West Virginia)	MEC
CENTRAL REGION		
Josh Collins, chair	Southwestern Oklahoma State	GAC
Meredith Fear	Harding	GAC
Heather Weems	St. Cloud State	NSIC
Jim Boos	Minnesota Duluth	NSIC
Rick Squiers	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA
Lori Hopkins	Northwest Missouri State	MIAA
EAST REGION		
Kevin DesLauriers, chair	Molloy	ECC
Stephanie Albano	Daemen	ECC
Mike Brienza	Post	CACC
Dan Lauletta	Wilmington (Delaware)	CACC
Jessica Chapin	American International	NE-10
Joey Pacis	Bentley	NE-10
MIDWEST REGION		
Chris Gravel, chair	Hillsdale	G-MAC
Brandi Laurita	Findlay	G-MAC
JaeLynn Ellison	William Jewell	GLVC
Ryan Young	Missouri-St. Louis	GLVC
Matt Jennings	Michigan Tech	GLIAC
Wendy Wilson	Wisconsin-Parkside	GLIAC
SOUTH REGION		
Jill Stephens, chair	Florida Southern	Sunshine State
Mika Robinson	Rollins	Sunshine State
Janay Yancey	Tuskegee	SIAC
Tyler Williams	SIAC	SIAC
Cade Smith	Alabama Huntsville	Gulf South
Andrea Hudson	Lee	Gulf South

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION		
Melanie Robotham, chair	Lone Star	Lone Star
Curtis Janz	Arkansas-Fort Smith	Lone Star
Joel List	Regis (Colorado)	RMAC
Tiffany McCampbell	Colorado School of Mines	RMAC
SOUTHEAST REGION		
Dustin Fuls, chair	North Greenville	Conference Carolinas
Kelly Burdeau	Erskine	Conference Carolinas
Todd Hay	Anderson (South Carolina)	SAC
Cherie Swarthout	Queens (North Carolina)	SAC
Kaley Glover	Peach Belt	Peach Belt
Gretchen Krumdieck	Georgia College	Peach Belt
WEST REGION		
Mo Roberson, chair	Concordia (California)	PacWest
Chris Keife	Azusa Pacific	PacWest
Bethany Hobbs-Helmus	Cal State East Bay	CCAA
Andrea Leonard	Cal State San Marcos	CCAA
Gina Schmidt	Simon Fraser	GNAC
Shelby Stueve	Seattle Pacific	GNAC

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 28	Information and instructions for bidding to host regional competition will be distributed.
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Regional rankings published online.
Wednesday, Nov. 13	Regional rankings published online.
Friday, Nov. 15	Deadline for institutions to submit proposed bids to host regional competition.
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Regional rankings published online.
Monday, Nov. 25	Announcement and notification of selected teams and regional host sites. Selection show will air at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time on www.NCAA.com .
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Teleconference with eight regional hosts and NCAA committee and staff. Times and call-in information will be distributed once hosts are selected.
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Teleconference with regional hosts, participating teams and site representatives. Times and call-in information will be distributed once teams are selected.
Wednesday, Dec. 4/ Thursday, Dec. 5	Mandatory administrative meeting at the regional sites (the day before competition starts). Times and locations will be communicated in the participant manual.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 5-7/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8	Regional competition (dates and sites will be announced Nov. 25).
Monday, Dec. 9	Teleconference with host, final eight teams, and NCAA committee and staff. Times and call-in information will be distributed once teams are determined.
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Mandatory administrative meeting at the finals site. Time and location will be communicated in the participant manual.
Thursday, Dec. 12	Quarterfinal matches (noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.).
Friday, Dec. 13	Semifinal matches (5 and 7:30 p.m.)
Saturday, Dec. 14	Championship match (5 p.m.)

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

Regionals

Regional competition will take place Dec. 5-7 or Dec. 6-8 at the site of one of the competing institutions. Dates and locations for each regional site will be announced Nov. 25.

Finals

The championship quarterfinals, semifinals and final match will take place Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 12-14, at the Auraria Event Center in Denver, hosted by Metropolitan State University of Denver.

DATE FORMULA

Selections	Monday before Thanksgiving
Regionals	Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday after Thanksgiving weekend
Finals	Thursday-Saturday the week after regionals

NOTE: During years when the championship is part of the Division II National Championship Festival, the date formula will adjust based on the date of the festival.

FUTURE DATES

2020

Monday, Nov. 23	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

2021

Monday, Nov. 22	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 2-4/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 3-5	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in Tampa, Florida.

2022 (Fall Festival)

Sunday, Nov. 13	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19/ Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 1-3	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in TBD.

2023

Monday, Nov. 20	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec.2/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 7-9	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in TBD.

Section 1•5 Equipment

Fiskars, Molten, Sport Imports, Connor Sport Court and Spec Seats are the official equipment providers for NCAA volleyball.

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N (tri-colored) is the official volleyball for the 2019 championship.

Section 1•6 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 are 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, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The [2018 and 2019 Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations book](#) will be followed for the 2019 season. Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be referred to volleyball secretary-rules editor Anne Pufahl (email: anne.pufahl@marquette.edu).

MEDIA/STATISTICS

All host sites should use statistical software that can produce an XML file to submit statistics for the contests. The XML from each regional/championship contest must be either uploaded at <http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login> or sent to Jenn Rodgers (jroddgers@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office. These files can be sent immediately after each contest or after the day of competition is complete. Please contact Ms. Rodgers if you have any questions.

Section 1•7 Uniforms

Playing uniforms must be of the same style for each member of a team. 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 competitive uniforms. All uniforms must meet the specifications outlined in the [2018 and 2019 Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations book](#).

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 64 teams, eight from each region. Regional competition will be single-elimination, best three-of-five-set matches played on the campuses of participating institutions during a three-day period. Participating teams will be seeded according to their final regional rank. Match competition on the first day will occur between the No. 1 and No. 8 seeds, the No. 2 and No. 7 seeds, the No. 3 and No. 6 seeds and the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds. Match competition on the second day will occur between the winner of No. 1/No. 8 seeds vs. the winner of No. 4/No. 5 seeds and the winner of No. 2/No. 7 seeds vs. the winner of No. 3/No. 6 seeds. Regional finals will be on the last day. The higher-seeded team will be the home team and sit on the right side of the scorekeeper's table facing the first referee.

The winners of each of the eight regionals will advance to the finals site. Competition at the finals site will be single-elimination, best three-of-five-set matches during three days (quarterfinals on day one, semifinals on day two and finals on day three). Teams advancing to the finals site will be seeded after the completion of the regionals. The higher-seeded team will be the designated home team and will sit on the right side of the scorekeeper's table facing the first referee. See [Appendix A](#) for the championship bracket.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 12

Quarterfinal Match 1	Noon
Quarterfinal Match 2	2:30 p.m.
Quarterfinal Match 3	5 p.m.
Quarterfinal Match 4	7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

Semifinal Match 1	5 p.m.
Semifinal Match 2	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Championship Match	5 p.m.
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SQUAD SIZE AND TEAM BENCHES

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 25 individuals in the bench area, with a maximum of 17 players in uniform. Official roster forms from each team will be collected during the mandatory administrative meeting. The 17 players in uniform may be declared up to 10 minutes before the starting time of any match. After the match starts, no replacements will be permitted for any reason. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

TRAVEL PARTY

Reimbursement for teams will be provided for the official travel party of 20 people.

Section 2•2 Results

The score-reporting and stats-reporting processes are combined for Division II women's volleyball. Schools will submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site (<http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login>), and this information will then be transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sport committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines will be communicated to sports information directors in a memo from the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Jenn Rodgers at jrodgers@ncaa.org or 317-917-6109.

Institutions selected to the 2019 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship, whether by automatic qualification or at large, are required to provide video and scoresheet from their last regular-season match. The 2019-20 Video Exchange Guidelines will be posted on the [Division II women's volleyball landing page](#) on ncaa.org.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

REGIONALIZATION

Regionalization is a policy that requires governing sports committees to select a predetermined number of teams in each of the regions of the sports involved. It is based on the assumption that due to the regional nature of most Division II member institutions, governing sports committees should evaluate and select championship participants based on regional results as opposed to a national evaluation where head-to-head and common opponents results are less prevalent. Regionalization also encourages member institutions to compete against opponents within their regions instead of teams outside their region, which results in a cost savings in regular-season transportation expense.

The Division II regionalization philosophy provides access to national championships from every region of the country. Regionalization does not guarantee that the best eight programs in the country will compete for a national championship, but does guarantee that the different regions of the country will be represented at the championship by each region's best team.

For Division II women's volleyball, the top eight teams in each region are selected to the championship and will compete against each other at regional competition. One team from each region will advance to the national championship. The conferences and institutions that are part of each region are outlined in [Appendix B](#). An institution desiring to participate in the championship must complete all matches before the final selection of teams by the Women's Volleyball Committee.

PENALTIES FOR INELIGIBILITY

Refer to the General Administrative Guidelines for information on certification of eligibility/availability. Penalties for using an ineligible student-athlete are assessed to the ranking and selection criteria for that respective team. Guidelines for the nullification penalties are outlined below.

1. Opponents of an ineligible individual or team that competes with an ineligible player should not be adversely affected.
2. The ineligible student-athlete and the institution he or she represents will be penalized. As it relates to access to NCAA championships, a penalty will be assessed to the selection criteria, which may impact the individual's and/or team's opportunity for selection to postseason competition.
3. All contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competes will be nullified (win, lose or tie). The nullification of a contest will penalize only the individual and/or institution using an ineligible student-athlete.
4. The number of nullified contests is identified and the penalty is assessed for each nullified contest. If a student-athlete was deemed ineligible and then reinstated through the NCAA reinstatement process, only those contests in which the student-athlete competed while ineligible will be nullified. The competition before or after that time will not be nullified.
5. A penalty will be applied in two categories: the won-lost record percentage and the strength of schedule (overall and in-region, if applicable).
6. The penalty assessed will vary from sport to sport. It will be a mathematical calculation that is relevant to each sport and reduces the percentage of the won-lost record and the strength of schedule. The calculation will be determined in conjunction with the NCAA statistics department.
7. The value of the nullification will be consistent across sports; however, the actual mathematical calculation (number) could be different because of factors such as number of games played. (Example: The nullification may be worth 2 percentage points; however, that equates to .025 for one sport and .063 for another sport).
8. Information regarding the penalties for nullification will be part of the selection criteria for each sport.
9. In team sports, a team's won-lost record that falls below .500 after adjustments for nullification(s) will be ineligible for championships selections to fill at-large berths.
10. Nullifications do not carry over to the next academic year for eligibility violations detected after the season is complete.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences will receive one automatic qualification berth to the 2019 women's volleyball championship. The automatic qualifiers will be selected from their respective region.

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

AT-LARGE SELECTION

Once the automatic qualification berths have been designated for each region, the remaining regional spots will be selected at large. To be considered during the at-large selection process:

- Only the best three-of-five-set match format will be considered.
- A team must play a minimum of 60% of its matches against other Division II teams.
- A team must play a minimum of 15 matches against Division II opponents.
- A team must have a Division II won-lost record of .500 or better (except for automatic qualification).

COUNTABLE COMPETITION — BYLAW 31.3.1.

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada and the United States, its territories or possessions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Section 2•4 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 in Team Sports]

- a. Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships;
- b. Nullification;
- c. Following confirmation of the availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships and the application of any nullification, the following required selection criteria shall be applied in no particular order:

- (1) Division II in-region winning percentage;
 - (2) Division II winning percentage;
 - (3) Division II strength of schedule (opponents' average winning percentage and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage);
 - (4) Division II head-to-head competition; and
 - (5) Results versus Division II common opponents.
- d. The Division II Championships Committee approved the following three criteria for Division II women's volleyball:
- (1) In-region Rating Percentage Index.
 - (2) In-region non-conference won-lost record.
 - (3) Performance Indicator.

Teams advancing to the finals site will be seeded using the above selection criteria and the national Rating Percentage Index.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL SITES

The following criteria will be used in determining regional sites:

- Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
- Hotel availability, location and quality.
- Revenue potential.
- Preference shall be given to conducting competition on the grounds or in buildings of educational institutions unless there are compelling reasons to conduct the competition in an off-campus facility.
- An off-campus facility must be within 30 minutes of the main campus.
- Practice and match times must take priority over other scheduled activities during the tournament. When practice times and match times are prescribed by the committee, any deviations require committee approval.
- Attendance history and potential. Regional hosts must allocate at least 100 tickets to each participating team.
- History of hosting NCAA events.
- Live video streaming capabilities.
- Capability to video tape all matches (separate from live video streaming) and upload them for video exchange purposes. (See 2019-20 [host operations manual](#) for requirements.)

*Note: Beginning with the 2019 championship, regional hosts are permitted to use the Challenge Review System at their own cost. However, this is not a hosting requirement. (See 2019-20 [host operations manual](#) for requirements.)

BID MATERIALS

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2019 championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information, including the safety and security plan, are up to date via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "Championships Available for Bidding" and select "Start Bid."

Member institutions have regular and easy access to their profiles throughout the year by visiting championships.ncaa.org. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email championshipbid@ncaa.org or contact the respective championship manager.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND HOST PROFILE PORTAL

The Championships Bid and Host Profile portal can be accessed at championships.ncaa.org. The deadline to submit all bid materials for a regional championship is Friday, Nov. 15.

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

- Committee/site representative lodging.
- Game officials' lodging.
- State and city taxes/fees.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committee/site representative's per diem and mileage will be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials (excluding line judges) will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem and mileage.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting regional competition of the 2019 championship 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 its deliberations of prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added or removed via the Championships Bid and Host Profile 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 includes 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: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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 the championship manager at 317-917-6494 or email us at championshipbid@ncaa.org.

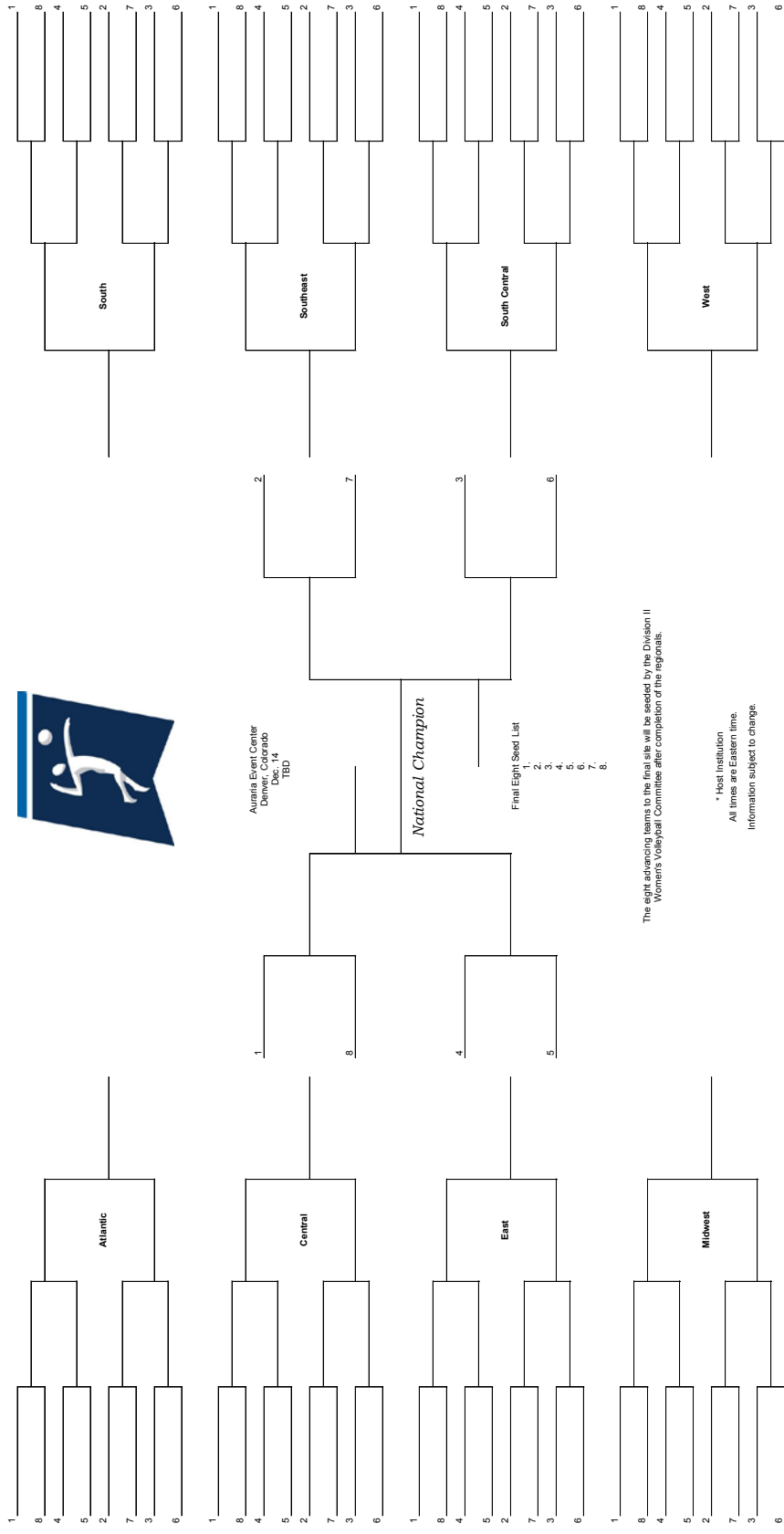
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Appendix A • Bracket

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (12)

Bowie State University
 Claflin University
 Elizabeth City State University
 Fayetteville State University
 Johnson C. Smith University
 Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)

Livingstone College
 Saint Augustine's University
 Shaw University
 Virginia State University
 Virginia Union University
 Winston-Salem State University

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (17)

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
 California University of Pennsylvania
 Clarion University of Pennsylvania
 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
 Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
 Gannon University
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
 Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Mercyhurst University
 Millersville University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
 Seton Hill University
 Shepherd University
 Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
 Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
 West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Mountain East Conference (12)

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

Notre Dame College (Ohio)
 Urbana University
 West Liberty University
 West Virginia State University
 West Virginia Wesleyan College
 Wheeling University

Independent (2)

Bluefield State College

Salem University (West Virginia)

* Not eligible for NCAA championship competition

CENTRAL REGION

Great American Conference (12)

Arkansas Tech University
University of Arkansas, Monticello
East Central University
Harding University
Henderson State University
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma Baptist University
Ouachita Baptist University
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southern Arkansas University
Southern Nazarene University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (11)

University of Central Missouri
University of Central Oklahoma
Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University
Missouri Southern State University
Missouri Western State University

University of Nebraska at Kearney
Newman University
Northwest Missouri State University
Pittsburg State University
Washburn University of Topeka

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (16)

Augustana University (South Dakota)
Bemidji State University
Concordia University, St. Paul
University of Mary
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University Moorhead
University of Minnesota, Crookston
University of Minnesota Duluth

Minot State University
Northern State University
University of Sioux Falls
Southwest Minnesota State University
St. Cloud State University
Upper Iowa University
Wayne State College (Nebraska)
Winona State University

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (14)

Bloomfield College
 Caldwell University
 Chestnut Hill College
 Concordia College (New York)
 Dominican College (New York)
 Felician University
 Georgian Court University

Goldey-Beacom College
 Holy Family University
 Nyack College
 Post University
 University of the Sciences
 Thomas Jefferson University
 Wilmington University (Delaware)

East Coast Conference (7)

University of Bridgeport
 Daemen College
 Mercy College

Molloy College
 Queens College (New York)
 Roberts Wesleyan College

Northeast-10 Conference (14)

Adelphi University
 American International College
 Assumption College
 Bentley University
 Franklin Pierce University
 Le Moyne College
 University of New Haven

Pace University
 Saint Anselm College
 Saint Michael's College
 The College of Saint Rose
 Southern Connecticut State University
 Southern New Hampshire University
 Stonehill College

MIDWEST REGION

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)

Ashland University	Northern Michigan University
Davenport University	Northwood University
Ferris State University	Purdue University Northwest
Grand Valley State University	Saginaw Valley State University
Lake Superior State University	Wayne State University (Michigan)
Michigan Technological University	University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Great Lakes Valley Conference (16)

Bellarmino University	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Drury University	University of Missouri-St. Louis
University of Illinois at Springfield	Quincy University
University of Indianapolis	Rockhurst University
Lewis University	University of Southern Indiana
Lindenwood University	Southwest Baptist University
Maryville University of Saint Louis	Truman State University
McKendree University	William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (13)

Alderson Broaddus University	Ohio Dominican University
Cedarville University	Ohio Valley University
University of Findlay	Tiffin University
Hillsdale College	Trevecca Nazarene University
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Ursuline College
Lake Erie College	Walsh University
Malone University	

Independent

Oakland City University	
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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Lone Star Conference (18)

Angelo State University
 University of Arkansas, Fort Smith
 Cameron University
 Dallas Baptist University
 Eastern New Mexico University
 Lubbock Christian University
 Midwestern State University
 St. Edward's University
 St. Mary's University (Texas)

Tarleton State University
 Texas A&M International University
 Texas A&M University-Commerce
 Texas A&M University-Kingsville
 *The University of Texas at Tyler
 University of Texas of the Permian Basin
 Texas Woman's University
 West Texas A&M University
 Western New Mexico University

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (16)

Adams State University
 Black Hills State University
 Chadron State College
 Colorado Christian University
 Colorado Mesa University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University-Pueblo
 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Dixie State University
 Fort Lewis College
 Metropolitan State University of Denver
 New Mexico Highlands University
 Regis University (Colorado)
 South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
 Western Colorado University
 Westminster College (Utah)

* Not eligible for NCAA championship competition

SOUTH REGION

Gulf South Conference (12)

University of Alabama in Huntsville
Auburn University at Montgomery
Christian Brothers University
Lee University
Mississippi College
University of Montevallo

Shorter University
Union University
Valdosta State University
University of West Alabama
University of West Florida
University of West Georgia

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (13)

Albany State University (Georgia)
Benedict College
Central State University
Clark Atlanta University
Fort Valley State University
Kentucky State University
Lane College

LeMoyne-Owen College
Miles College
Paine College
*Savannah State University
Spring Hill College
Tuskegee University

Sunshine State Conference (11)

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

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

Independent (3)

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

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

* Not eligible for NCAA championship competition

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (11)

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

King University
 Lees-McRae College
 Limestone College
 University of Mount Olive
 North Greenville University
 Southern Wesleyan University

Peach Belt Conference (7)

Augusta University
 Flagler College
 Francis Marion University
 Georgia College

Lander University
 University of North Carolina at Pembroke
 University of South Carolina Aiken

South Atlantic Conference (12)

Anderson University (South Carolina)
 Carson-Newman University
 Catawba College
 Coker University
 Lenoir-Rhyne University
 Lincoln Memorial University

Mars Hill University
 Newberry College
 Queens University of Charlotte
 Tusculum University
 The University of Virginia's College at Wise
 Wingate University

WEST REGION

California Collegiate Athletic Association (13)

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, San Bernardino

California State University, San Marcos
California State University, Stanislaus
University of California, San Diego
Humboldt State University
San Francisco State University
Sonoma State University

Great Northwest Athletic Conference (11)

University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Central Washington University
Concordia University Portland
Montana State University Billings
Northwest Nazarene University

Seattle Pacific University
Simon Fraser University
Saint Martin's University
Western Oregon University
Western Washington University

Pacific West Conference (12)

Academy of Art University
Azusa Pacific University
Biola Universitys
Chaminade University
Concordia University Irvine
Dominican University of California

Fresno Pacific University
University of Hawaii at Hilo
Hawaii Pacific University
Holy Names University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Point Loma Nazarene University