



2023 DIVISION II WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP
2023-24 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2023-24 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.

Sections one through nine 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. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of competition.

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 3.2 Drug Testing

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

Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

[Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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

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

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

Section 4 • Elite 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 competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

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

Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 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

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

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

Section 10 • Division II

Section 10.1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the 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 10•2 Division II Code of Conduct

CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

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

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

MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: “... **any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.**”

EXPECTATIONS

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

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

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

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

POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, 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(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;

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

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

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

Section 10•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences/videoconferences, 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 chancellor/president university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

Section 10•4 Make Game Day Yours

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

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

Section 10•5 Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before 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. *(Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)*

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

Division II Women's Volleyball

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Head Women's Volleyball Coach
Bentley University

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Assistant Athletic Director
University of Montevallo

SOUTHEAST REGION**Brian Reese**

Director of Athletics
Lander University

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Head Women's Volleyball Coach
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Head Women's Volleyball Coach
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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		
Leanne Piscotty, chair	Shippensburg	PSAC
Jennifer Herron	Clarion	PSAC
Reeshemah Johnson	Fayetteville State	CIAA
Oralia Washington	Johnson C. Smith	CIAA
Nancy Wheeler	West Virginia Wesleyan	MEC
Travis Hinkle	Fairmont State	MEC
CENTRAL REGION		
Jim Boos, chair	Minnesota Duluth	NSIC
Allison Cordes	NSIC	NSIC
Anna Howle	Oklahoma Baptist	GAC
Phil McDaniel	Henderson State	GAC
Caitlin Peterson	Central Missouri	MIAA
Joanna Pryor	Newman	MIAA
EAST REGION		
Joey Pacis, chair	Bentley	NE10
Eric Gobiel	Assumption	NE10
Kim Habbert	Wilmington	CACC
Dan Sempkowski	Georgian Court	CACC
Briana Falese	Molloy	ECC
Stefan Leger	Queens (New York)	ECC
MIDWEST REGION		
Matt Jennings, chair	Michigan Tech	GLIAC
Mike Lozier	Northern Michigan	GLIAC
Melissa Ringhausen	Missouri S&T	GLVC
Lorelee Smith	Lewis	GLVC
Amy Bambenek	Ohio Dominican	G-MAC
Emily Moore	Trevecca	G-MAC
SOUTH REGION		
Katie O'Brien, chair	Montevallo	Sunshine State
Joslynn Gallop	Embry-Riddle	Sunshine State
Verniece Graham	Albany State (Georgia)	SIAC
TBD	TBD	SIAC
Brad Bee	Florida Southern	Gulf South
Melissa Wolter	West Florida	Gulf South

DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION		
Joel List, chair	Regis (Colorado)	RMAC
John Kietzmann	MSU Denver	RMAC
James Reid	Angelo State	LSC
Lyndsay Mashe	UT-Tyler	LSC
SOUTHEAST REGION		
Brian Reese, chair	Lander	PBC
Skylar Lopas	Flagler	PBC
Ashley Tiernan	Carson-Newman	SAC
Dr. Aleasha McNeal	Lincoln Memorial	SAC
Jenn Michael	Young Harris	Conference Carolinas
David Hicks	King	Conference Carolinas
WEST REGION		
Laura Dahlby Nicolai, chair	San Francisco State	CCAA
Danny Barnts	CCAA	CCAA
Kahala Kabalis-Hoke	Chaminade	PacWest
Trevor Bostelaar	Point Lima	PacWest
Lauren Flowers	Stanislaus State	GNAC
Brian Scott	Alaska Fairbanks	GNAC

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 23	Information and instructions for bidding to host regional competition will be distributed.
Wednesday, Nov. 1	Regional rankings published online (in alphabetical order).
Wednesday, Nov. 8	Regional rankings published online (in rank order).
Friday, Nov. 10	Deadline for institutions to submit proposed bids to host regional competition.
Wednesday, Nov. 15	Regional rankings published online (in rank order).
Monday, Nov. 20	Announcement and notification of selected teams and regional host sites. Selection show will air at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time on NCAA.com .
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Conference call with eight regional hosts and NCAA committee and staff. Times and call information will be distributed once hosts are selected.
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Conference call with regional hosts, participating teams and site representatives. Times and call information will be distributed once teams are selected.
Wednesday, Nov. 29/ Thursday, Nov. 30	Mandatory administrative meeting at the regional sites (the day before competition starts). Times and locations will be communicated in the participant manual.
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3	Regional competition (dates and sites will be announced Nov. 20).
Monday, Dec. 4	Conference call with host, final eight teams, and NCAA committee and staff. Times and call information will be distributed once teams are determined.
Thursday, Dec. 7	Quarterfinal matches (noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m.).
Friday, Dec. 8	Semifinal matches (5 and 7:30 p.m.).
Saturday, Dec. 9	Championship match (5 p.m.).

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

Regionals

Regional competition will take place Nov. 30-Dec. 2 or Dec. 1-3 at the site of one of the competing institutions. Dates and locations for each regional site will be announced Nov. 20.

Finals

The championship quarterfinals, semifinals and final match will take place Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 7-9, at the UPMC Events Center in Moon Township, PA hosted by Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion and SportsPITTSBURGH.

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

2024

Monday, Nov. 25	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 5-7/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 12-14	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

2025

Monday, Nov. 24	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6/ Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 11-13	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in TBD.

2026 (Fall Festival)

Sunday, Nov. 15	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21/ Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22	Regional competition.
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5	Quarterfinals, semifinals and final in TBD.

2027

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 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 2023 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 **2022 and 2023 Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations book** will be followed for the 2023 season. Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be referred to volleyball secretary-rules editor Julie Voeck (email: ncaavbrules@gmail.com).

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 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 **2022 and 2023 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.

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. See [Appendix A](#) for the championship bracket.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, Dec. 7

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. 8

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

Saturday, Dec. 9

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

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 30 individuals in the bench area. The 17 players on the roster 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 21 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 (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 2023 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 2023-24 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/NULLIFICATION

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 they represent 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 a two-for-one 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 prior to 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 specific 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. However, the application of NCAA Bylaw 31.2.1.7 (notification of ineligibility) and its subsections could impact future championships.
11. Appeals of nullification decisions must be submitted as soon as possible, but not more than 72 hours after electronic notification of the decision from enforcement. Appeals made within 48 hours of selections will not be heard prior to selections.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences will receive one automatic qualification berth to the 2023 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.
 - (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) Late-season performance (last 10 matches).

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.
- Attendance history and 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.
- 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 2023-24 [host operations manual](#) for requirements.)

*Note: Regional hosts are permitted to use the Challenge Review System at their own cost. However, this is not a hosting requirement. Regional hosts that use the Challenge Review System must meet minimum camera requirements and placements as set forth by the Women's Volleyball Rules Committee. (See 2023-24 [host operations manual](#) for additional requirements.)

BID MATERIALS

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2023 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. 10.

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 RefQuest for their game fees, per diem and mileage.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting regional competition of the 2023 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 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 ncaa.org/documents/2021/2/9/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf.

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

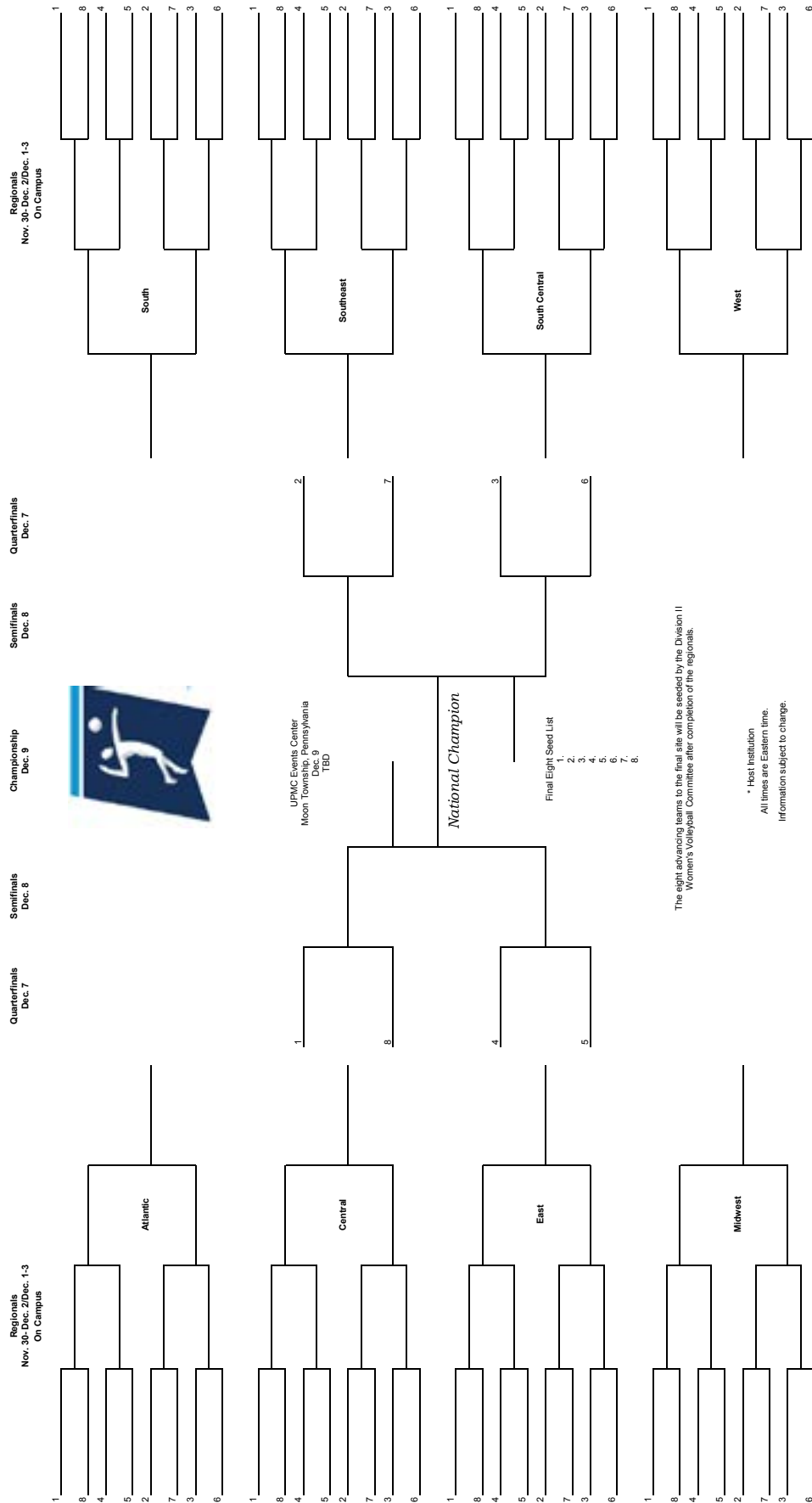
If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Donisha Carter, Division II women's volleyball championship manager at dcarter@ncaa.org or 317-917-6652.

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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (13)

Bluefield State University
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
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Gannon University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Mercyhurst University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Western University, California

Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion
Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro
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)

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

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

Independent (1)

Salem University (West Virginia)

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

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (15)

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
 Wayne State College (Nebraska)
 Winona State University

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (12)

Bloomfield College	Georgian Court University
University of Bridgeport	Goldey-Beacom College
Caldwell University	Holy Family University
Chestnut Hill College	Post University
Dominican College (New York)	Thomas Jefferson University
Felician University	Wilmington University (Delaware)

East Coast Conference (7)

D'Youville College	Queens College (New York)
Daemen College	Roberts Wesleyan College
Mercy College	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Molloy College	

Northeast-10 Conference (12)

Adelphi University	Pace University
American International College	Saint Anselm College
Assumption University	Saint Michael's College
Bentley University	The College of Saint Rose
Franklin Pierce University	Southern Connecticut State University
University of New Haven	Southern New Hampshire University

MIDWEST REGION**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (11)**

Davenport University
 Ferris State University
 Grand Valley State University
 Lake Superior State University
 Michigan Technological University
 Northern Michigan University

Purdue University Northwest
 *Roosevelt University
 Saginaw Valley State University
 Wayne State University (Michigan)
 University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Great Lakes Valley Conference (14)

Drury University
 University of Illinois at Springfield
 University of Indianapolis
 Lewis University
 Maryville University of Saint Louis
 McKendree University
 Missouri University of Science and Technology

University of Missouri-St. Louis
 Quincy University
 Rockhurst University
 Southwest Baptist University
 Truman State University
 Upper Iowa University
 William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference (14)

Ashland University
 Cedarville University
 University of Findlay
 Hillsdale College
 Kentucky Wesleyan College
 Lake Erie College
 Malone University

Northwood University
 Ohio Dominican University
 *Thomas More University
 Tiffin University
 Trevecca Nazarene University
 Ursuline College
 Walsh University

* Not eligible for NCAA championship competition

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
Oklahoma Christian University
St. Edward's University

St. Mary's University (Texas)
*Sul Ross State University
Texas A&M International University
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
The University of Texas at Tyler
University of Texas Permian Basin
Texas Woman's University
West Texas A&M University
Western New Mexico University

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (15)

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

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)

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 (14)

Albany State University (Georgia)
 *Allen University
 Benedict College
 Central State University
 Clark Atlanta University
 *Edward Waters College
 Fort Valley State University

Kentucky State University
 Lane College
 LeMoyne-Owen College
 Miles 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 (14)

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

King University
Lees-McRae College
University of Mount Olive
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
North Greenville University
Southern Wesleyan University
Young Harris College

Peach Belt Conference (6)

Augusta University
Flagler College
Georgia College

Lander University
University of South Carolina Aiken
*University of South Carolina Beaufort

South Atlantic Conference (13)

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

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

* Not eligible for NCAA championship competition

WEST REGION**California Collegiate Athletic Association (12)**

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
 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
 San Francisco State University
 Sonoma State University

Great Northwest Athletic Conference (10)

University of Alaska Anchorage
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 Central Washington University
 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 (14)

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

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

* Not eligible for NCAA championship competition