



2021 DIVISION III WOMEN'S  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**2021-22 MANUAL**

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2021-22 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 eight apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

## Section 1•1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

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

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

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

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

### Section 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

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### 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

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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 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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After each championship, institutional administrators and coaches 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 forward the survey to student-athletes.

## 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 on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

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

## 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](http://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 Sports Science Institute website](http://ncaa.org). 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](http://ncaa.org).

## 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. Travel policies can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers.

Please reference the NCAA travel policies as they are updated annually [here](#), and the travel policies supersede all other documents.

### Section 10 • Division III

#### Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

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

#### Section 10•2 Commencement Conflicts

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

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

#### Section 10•3 Gameday the DIII Way

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

## Section 10.4 Religious Conflicts

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

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



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Current members of the committee are as follows:

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Volleyball Coach  
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### REGION II

**Marni Friedman**  
Associate Athletics Director  
Wellesley College

### REGION III

**Johan Dulfer**  
Head Women's Volleyball Coach  
Ithaca College

### REGION IV

**Sam Atkinson**  
Associate Athletics Director for Communications  
Gallaudet University

### REGION V

**Kim Kelly**  
Assistant Director of Athletics/SWA  
Carnegie Mellon University

### REGION VI

**Danny Miller**  
Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance Officer/Head  
Women's Volleyball Coach  
Averett University

### REGION VII

**Sue Hozak**  
Associate Director of Athletics/SWA/Head Women's  
Volleyball Coach  
Saint Vincent College

### REGION VIII

**Paul Schlomer**  
Head Women's Volleyball Coach  
Edgewood College

### REGION IX

**Gretchen Hunt**  
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Volleyball Coach  
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### REGION X

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## Section 1•3 Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Bylaw 21.4.1.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual]

An advisory committee in each of the 10 sport regions shall assist the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Conference commissioners shall appoint conference representatives on the regional advisory committees.

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>REGION I</b>		
Nancy Somera, chair	Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	GNAC
Jen Bowman	Trinity College (Connecticut)	NESCAC
Ashlyn Nuckols	Norwich University	GNAC
Pat DeBeck	Husson University	North Atlantic
Bob Weiner	Keene State College	Little East
<b>REGION II</b>		
Marni Friedman, chair	Wellesley College	NEWMAC
Barb Bolich	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	NEWMAC
Michael Gallagher	Roger Williams University	Commonwealth Coast
Joe Maklin	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	MASCAC
Kirsten Morrison	New England College	NECC
<b>REGION III</b>		
Johan Dulfer, chair	Ithaca College	Liberty League
Laura Falkowitz	Union College (New York)	Liberty League
Carly Moss	Yeshiva University	Skyline
Brian Savard	Plattsburgh State University of New York	SUNYAC
Joe Venniro	Empire 8	Empire 8
<b>REGION IV</b>		
Sam Atkinson, chair	Gallaudet University	United East
Andrijana Todorovic	CCNY	CUNYAC
Angela Burkett	Penn State Harrisburg	United East
Max Berkowitz	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham	MAC Freedom
Shannon Howley	Montclair State University	NJAC
<b>REGION V</b>		
Kim Kelly, chair	Carnegie Mellon University	UAA
Drew Hargrave	Haverford College	Centennial
Holly Motheral	Messiah University	MAC Commonwealth
Jamie Spangler	University of Scranton	Landmark
TBD	TBD	Colonial States
Beth Ann Wilson	Marymount University	Atlantic East

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NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE
<b>REGION VI</b>		
Danny Miller, chair	Averett University	USA South
Kent Clayberg	Shenandoah University	ODAC
Alex Hinsey	University of Mary Washington	Coast-To-Coast
Melissa Ferris	Pfeiffer University	USA South
Haven O'Quinn	Birmingham-Southern College	SAA
<b>REGION VII</b>		
Sue Hozak, chair	Saint Vincent College	Presidents'
Tom Roof	University of Pittsburg, Bradford	AMCC
Sarah Davis	The College of Wooster	NCAC
Sarah Dehring	Alma College	MIAA
Tyler North	Thiel College	Presidents'
Melissa Mehnke-Morrison	Mount Union College	OAC
Karen Farrell	Case Western Reserve University	UAA
<b>REGION VIII</b>		
Paul Schlomer, chair	Edgewood College	Northern Athletics
Ryan LeGrand	Fontbonne University	SLIAC
Debbie Kiik	Millikin University	CCIW
Kim Sorensen	Marian University (Wisconsin)	Northern Athletics
Brie Brenner	Defiance College	HCAC
Kim Wudi	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	WIAC
<b>REGION IX</b>		
Gretchen Hunt, chair	Bethel University (Minnesota)	MIAC
Jeanne Czipri	Central College (Iowa)	American Rivers
Kim Falkenhagen	Lawrence University	Midwest
Emily Foster	St. Olaf College	MIAC
Beth Wilmeth	University of Northwestern-St. Paul	Upper Midwest
<b>REGION X</b>		
Chris Duarte-McDermott, chair	Whittier College	SCIAC
Julie Jenkins	Trinity University (Texas)	SCAC
Nicole McCoy-Dalby	Concordia University Texas	ASC
Kellee Roesel	California Lutheran University	SCIAC
Leslie Shevlin	Willamette University	NWC

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

<b>Thursday, Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. Eastern</b>	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
<b>Friday, Oct. 8</b>	Bid materials and template for participant manual for regionals available on <a href="http://ncaa.org">ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Wednesdays, Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 3</b>	Published rankings.
<b>Thursday, Oct. 28 at noon Eastern</b>	Site Representative 101 teleconference.
<b>Friday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. Eastern</b>	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and bid materials for regional tournaments.
<b>Monday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. Eastern</b>	Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors.

<b>Sunday, Nov. 7</b>	Selection of teams and regional sites.
<b>Monday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. Eastern</b>	Teleconference with confirmed site representatives.
<b>Monday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. Eastern</b>	Teleconference with confirmed regional host tournament directors and site representatives.
<b>Monday, Nov. 8 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern</b>	Online selection show to announce teams selected to the championship.
<b>Monday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Eastern</b>	Regional teleconferences with assigned teams.
<b>Monday, Nov. 8 by 5 p.m. Eastern</b>	Final published ranking.
<b>Friday-Sunday, Nov. 12-14</b>	Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13.)
<b>Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20</b>	Eight-team finals at Francis Fieldhouse in St. Louis, Missouri hosted by Washington University in St. Louis.
<b>Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 15-18</b>	AVCA Convention (Columbus, Ohio).
<b>Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1</b>	Annual committee meeting.

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<b>Friday-Sunday, Nov. 12-14</b>	Regionals. (Note: Regional sites that include a team with a no-play Sunday policy will be conducted Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 11-13.)
<b>Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20</b>	Championship at Francis Fieldhouse in St. Louis, Missouri, hosted by Washington University in St. Louis.

### DATE FORMULA

<b>Regionals (8)</b>	One week before finals (Friday-Sunday).
<b>Finals</b>	Weekend before Thanksgiving (Thursday-Saturday).

### FUTURE DATES

<b>2022 Regionals (eight sites)</b>	Friday-Sunday, Nov. 11-13; on the campuses of competing institutions.
<b>2022 Finals</b>	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19; UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, hosted by College of Mount Saint Vincent.
<b>2023 Regionals (eight sites)</b>	Friday-Sunday, Nov. 10-12; on the campuses of competing institutions.
<b>2023 Finals</b>	Thursday-Saturday, 16-18; Roberts Pavilion in Claremont, California, hosted by Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.
<b>2024 Regionals (eight sites)</b>	Friday-Sunday, Nov. 15-17; on the campuses of competing institutions.
<b>2024 Finals</b>	Thursday-Saturday, 21-23; Cregger Center in Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
<b>2025 Regionals (eight sites)</b>	Friday-Sunday, 14-16; on the campuses of competing institutions.
<b>2025 Finals</b>	Thursday-Saturday, 20-22; Shirk Arena in Bloomington, Illinois, hosted by Illinois Wesleyan University.

Sites for regionals are determined by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Finals sites are recommended by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee and are subject to approval by the Division III Championships Committee.

### Section 1•5 Rules

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*[Reference Bylaws 17.30, 18.6 and 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division III Manual]*

Per Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports in which the NCAA develops playing rules. The Division III Women's Volleyball Committee will not consider any results for rankings and selections that are not conducted in accordance with the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. Contests against NAIA institutions using NAIA rules (e.g., unlimited substitutions) do not count toward selections or statistics but do count as dates of competition.

The 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. Questions regarding the interpretation of NCAA women's volleyball rules should be directed to NCAA secretary-rules editor Anne Pufahl (phone: 414-430-0111; email: [anne.pufahl@marquette.edu](mailto:anne.pufahl@marquette.edu)).

#### EQUIPMENT

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N is the official volleyball for the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship. Each participating team will receive two volleyballs following its final match at the regional championship and at the championship finals, if applicable.

### Section 1•6 Uniforms

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*[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

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 warm-up shirts and uniforms, as well as to competitive uniforms.

Each team must bring two sets of jerseys of different colors to the championship site. It is suggested that institutions bring an extra uniform jersey to the competition site in the event that the blood rule is applied.

#### 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 sites will be selected to host regional tournaments. The winner of each regional tournament will advance to the championship site and compete in a single-elimination format according to the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. (See [Appendix A](#) for the championship bracket.)

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Practice Day</b>	55-minute practices.
<b>Day 1</b>	25-minute practices/four matches.
<b>Day 2</b>	55-minute practices/two matches.
<b>Day 3</b>	55-minute practices/one match.

### START TIMES

Recommended match times for regionals are:

	<b>Friday-Sunday format</b>	<b>Thursday-Saturday format</b>
<b>Day 1</b>	12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.	12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.
<b>Day 2</b>	2:30/5 p.m., +/- one hour	4:30/7 p.m. or 5:30/8 p.m.
<b>Day 3</b>	Not later than 2 p.m.	7 p.m.

There will be a minimum of 45 minutes between matches. Matches will not start before the scheduled time. Any match times different from the times listed above must be submitted to the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee for approval. The Thursday-Saturday format will be followed at regionals only if a team with a no-play Sunday policy is participating at the site.

### TRAVEL PARTY

The squad size for championship competition is 17. Not more than 17 student-athletes may be in uniform on the bench.

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of 22. Please refer to the [NCAA travel policies](#) that are available online for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses.

## Section 2•2 Results

### REGIONAL RANKINGS

Published rankings will be released on [ncaa.com](#) each of the last three weeks of the regular season (Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3) and in conjunction with selections (Nov. 9). The rankings will be recommended by the regional advisory committees and may be adjusted by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. The primary criteria for each institution, listed alphabetically by region, will be included as part of the published rankings.

### SCORE-REPORTING

Institutions submit all schedule and results information to the NCAA statistics site ([web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login](#)), and this information is transferred into the score-reporting system for use by the sport committees. Specific instructions and reporting deadlines are communicated to SIDs in a preseason memo distributed by the media coordination and statistics staff. For questions regarding the reporting process, please contact Michelle Forkner ([mforkner@ncaa.org](#) or 317-917-6775).

## Section 2•3 Selections Information

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

### ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

As required by the selection principles, the following berths have been allocated for the 2021 championship: Pool A - 44, Pool B - 0 and Pool C - 20. (Note: The number of berths for Pools B and C may be adjusted based on sponsorship numbers at the time of selections.) Pool A includes the conferences that have been awarded automatic qualification. Pool B includes independent institutions and institutions from conferences that do not meet the automatic-qualification criteria. Pool C includes those Pool A institutions that do not receive their conference's automatic bid and the remaining teams in Pool B. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pool B or Pool C and no maximum or minimum number of berths from one region. A regional summary of the institutions in each pool is included in [Appendix B](#).

The Division III Women's Volleyball Committee will select teams from Pools B and C on a national basis using regional selection criteria. The committee will select teams in Pools B and C based on the criteria listed in this section.

### AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.3.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The 44 conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2021 championship are:	
Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	New England Collegiate Conference
American Rivers Conference	New England Small College Athletic Conference
American Southwest Conference	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference
Atlantic East Conference	New Jersey Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference	North Atlantic Conference
City University of New York Athletic Conference	North Coast Athletic Conference
Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin	Northwest Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference	Ohio Athletic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference	Old Dominion Athletic Conference
Empire 8	Presidents' Athletic Conference
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Skyline Conference
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Southern Athletic Association
Landmark Conference	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Liberty League	Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference
Little East Conference	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	State University of New York Athletic Conference
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	United East Conference
Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth	University Athletic Association
Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom	Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Midwest Conference	USA South Athletic Conference
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

### REGIONAL COMPETITION

Per Bylaw 31.3.4.3, all members of a conference will be placed in the same region for evaluation purposes, unless the Championships Committee has granted an exception. For the exceptions, members of these conferences shall be placed in their natural geographic regions for evaluation purposes.

### SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS

Institutions must play at least 70% of their scheduled competition against in-region, Division III institutions to be considered for selection to NCAA championships. Institutions unable to meet this requirement may request a waiver for selection consideration.

The Division III Championships Committee will review all waiver requests. Information required as part of the waiver process includes proposed schedules, schedules from the past two seasons, a summary of scheduling challenges the institution is facing and proposed solutions. In addition, an institution may include any other historical information illustrating difficulty in scheduling at least 70% of its contests against in-region Division III institutions.



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 United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

### PRIMARY CRITERIA

The primary criteria emphasize Division III competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Won-lost percentage against Division III opponents.
- Division III head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common Division III opponents.
- Results versus ranked Division III teams as established by the final ranking and the ranking preceding the final ranking.
  - Conference postseason contests are included.
  - Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.
- Division III strength of schedule.
  - Opponents' Winning Percentage (OWP).
  - Opponents' Opponents' Winning Percentage (OOWP).
    - See [Appendix C](#) for an explanation of OWP and OOWP calculations. Strength of schedule will be weighted 2/3 OWP and 1/3 OOWP.

### SECONDARY CRITERIA

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against opponents from other classifications (i.e., NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Non-Division III won-lost percentage.
- Results versus common non-Division III opponents.
- Won-lost percentage during the last 25% of the season.
- Division III nonconference strength of schedule.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used by the Women's Volleyball Committee for ranking or selection purposes.

### PAIRINGS

After all 64 teams have been selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. A team may be moved to balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).

Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.

Teams from the same conference will not be paired to play each other in the first contest of the regional tournament as long as geographic proximity is maintained.

After regional competition concludes, results from regionals will be added to the score-reporting system, and the committee will use the updated information to evaluate and rank the eight teams advancing to the finals site. The committee will then pair the teams according to traditional bracketing principles (No. 1 vs. No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, etc.).

## Section 2•5 Site Selection

### PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions (if applicable) and ensure that the institution's key contacts and facility information are complete and current in the Championships Bid and Profile System.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

The Championships Bid and Profile System can be accessed at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). In order to submit a bid, locate the desired championship in the "Championships Available for Bidding" section and select "Start Bid." The deadline to submit all bid materials for hosting preliminary rounds for this championship is 5 p.m. Eastern time Oct. 29.

In addition to projected ticket sales (if applicable) 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; and
- Ticket and facility fees.

Per diem, mileage and baggage fees for committee members and site representatives will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Referees and line judges will be reimbursed via the ArbiterPay system for their game fees, per diem, mileage and baggage fees.

### FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting regional competition of the Division III Women's Volleyball Championship must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagrams or 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 regarding prospective host sites.

### KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Contact information can be updated via the Championships Bid and Profile System at [championships.ncaa.org](https://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 their 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 that 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/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf](https://ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please email Linda Godby at [lgodby@ncaa.org](mailto:lgodby@ncaa.org) or [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

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

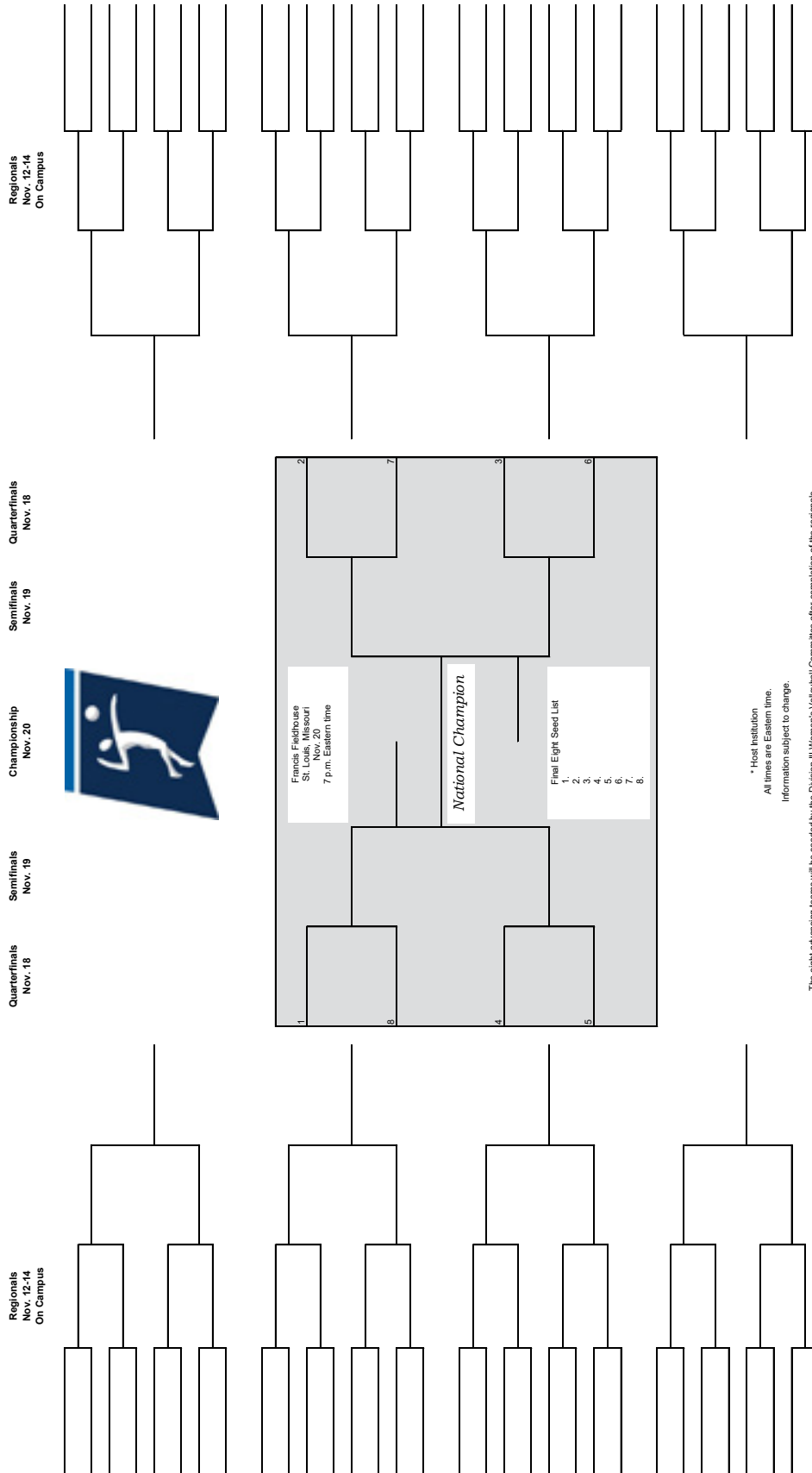
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# Appendix A • Bracket

## 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship



\* Host Institution  
 All times are Eastern time.  
 Information subject to change.

The eight advancing teams will be seeded by the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee after completion of the regionals.  
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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### REGION I

#### Great Northeast Athletic Conference (13)

Albertus Magnus College

Anna Maria College

Colby-Sawyer College

Dean College

Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lasell University

Norwich University

Regis College (Massachusetts)

Rivier University

Simmons University

University of St. Joseph (Connecticut)

Saint Joseph's College (Maine)

AQ - Conference Championship

#### Little East Conference (9)

Castleton University

Eastern Connecticut State University

Keene State College

University of Massachusetts Boston

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Plymouth State University

Rhode Island College

University of Southern Maine

Western Connecticut State University

AQ - Conference Championship

#### New England Small College Athletic Conference (11)

Amherst College

Bates College

Bowdoin College

Colby College

Connecticut College

Hamilton College

Middlebury College

Trinity College (Connecticut)

Tufts University

Wesleyan University (Connecticut)

Williams College

AQ - Conference Championship

#### North Atlantic Conference (10)

Cazenovia College

Husson University

Maine Maritime Academy

University of Maine at Presque Isle

State University of New York at Canton

State University of New York at Cobleskill

State University of New York at Delhi

State University of New York Polytechnic Institute

Northern Vermont University-Johnson

Northern Vermont University-Lyndon

AQ - Conference Championship

### REGION II

#### Commonwealth Coast Conference (10)

Curry College

Endicott College

Gordon College

University of New England

Nichols College

Roger Williams University

Salve Regina University

Suffolk University

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Western New England University

AQ - Conference Championship

## DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Bridgewater State University  
Fitchburg State University  
Framingham State University  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
Salem State University  
Westfield State University  
Worcester State University

AQ - Conference Championship

### New England Collegiate Conference (5)

Eastern Nazarene College  
Elms College  
Lesley University

Mitchell College  
New England College

AQ - Conference Championship

### New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (11)

Babson College  
Clark University (Massachusetts)  
Emerson College  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Mount Holyoke College  
Smith College

Springfield College  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
Wellesley College  
Wheaton College (Massachusetts)  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

AQ - Conference Championship

### University Athletic Association (1)

Brandeis University

AQ - Conference Championship

## REGION III

### Empire 8 (9)

Alfred University  
Elmira College  
Hartwick College  
Houghton College  
Keuka College

Nazareth College  
Russell Sage College  
St. John Fisher College  
Utica College

AQ - Conference Championship

### Liberty League (8)

Bard College  
Clarkson University  
Ithaca College  
Rochester Institute of Technology

Skidmore College  
St. Lawrence University  
Union College (New York)  
Vassar College

AQ - Conference Championship

### Skyline Conference (12)

Farmingdale State College  
Manhattanville College  
State University of New York Maritime College  
Mount Saint Mary College (New York)  
College of Mount St. Vincent  
State University College at Old Westbury

Purchase College, State University of New York  
St. Joseph's College (Brooklyn)  
St. Joseph's College (Long Island)  
Sarah Lawrence College  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
Yeshiva University

AQ - Conference Championship

**State University of New York Athletic Conference (10)**

State University of New York at Brockport  
 Buffalo State, State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Cortland  
 The State University of New York at Fredonia  
 State University of New York at Geneseo

State University of New York at New Paltz  
 State University of New York at Oneonta  
 State University of New York at Oswego  
 Plattsburgh State University of New York  
 State University of New York at Potsdam

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

University of Rochester

AQ - Conference Championship

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**REGION IV**

**City University of New York Athletic Conference (8)**

Baruch College  
 Brooklyn College  
 The City College of New York  
 Hunter College

John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
 Lehman College  
 Medgar Evers College  
 York College (New York)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (9)**

Arcadia University  
 Delaware Valley University  
 DeSales University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham  
 King's College (Pennsylvania)

Lycoming College  
 Misericordia University  
 Stevens Institute of Technology  
 Wilkes University

AQ - Conference Championship

**New Jersey Athletic Conference (9)**

Kean University  
 Montclair State University  
 New Jersey City University  
 Ramapo College  
 Rowan University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden  
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark  
 Stockton University  
 William Paterson University of New Jersey

AQ - Conference Championship

**United East Conference (9)**

Gallaudet University  
 Lancaster Bible College  
 Morrisville State College  
 Penn State Berks College  
 Penn State Harrisburg

Penn State University, Abington  
 Pennsylvania College of Technology  
 St. Mary's College of Maryland  
 Wells College

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

New York University

AQ - Conference Championship

**REGION V**

**Atlantic East Conference (7)**

Cabrini University  
Centenary University (New Jersey)  
Gwynedd Mercy College  
Immaculata University

Marymount University (Virginia)  
Marywood University  
Neumann University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Centennial Conference (11)**

Bryn Mawr College  
Dickinson College  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Gettysburg College  
Haverford College  
Johns Hopkins University

McDaniel College  
Muhlenberg College  
Swarthmore College  
Ursinus College  
Washington College (Maryland)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (10)**

Bryn Athyn College  
Cairn University  
Cedar Crest College  
Clarks Summit University  
Keystone College

Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Rosemont College  
Saint Elizabeth University  
University of Valley Forge  
Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Landmark Conference (8)**

Catholic University  
Drew University  
Elizabethtown College  
Goucher College

Juniata College  
Moravian College  
University of Scranton  
Susquehanna University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (9)**

Albright College  
Alvernia University  
Eastern University  
Hood College  
Lebanon Valley College

Messiah University  
Stevenson University  
Widener University  
York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (0)**

AQ - Conference Championship

**Pool B (1)**

Trinity Washington University



**REGION VI**

**Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (8)**

University of California-Santa Cruz  
 Christopher Newport University  
 Finlandia University  
 University of Mary Washington

Mills College  
 Mount Mary University  
 \*Pratt Institute (active 2022-23)  
 Salisbury University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (12)**

Bridgewater College (Virginia)  
 Eastern Mennonite University  
 Ferrum College  
 Guilford College  
 Hollins University  
 University of Lynchburg

Randolph College  
 Randolph-Macon College  
 Roanoke College  
 Shenandoah University  
 Virginia Wesleyan University  
 Washington and Lee University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Athletic Association (8)**

Berry College  
 Birmingham-Southern College  
 Centre College  
 Hendrix College

Millsaps College  
 Oglethorpe University  
 Rhodes College  
 University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

**USA South Athletic Conference (19)**

Agnes Scott College  
 Averett University  
 Berea College  
 Brevard College  
 Covenant College  
 Greensboro College  
 Huntingdon College  
 LaGrange College  
 Mary Baldwin University  
 Maryville College (Tennessee)

Meredith College  
 Methodist University  
 North Carolina Wesleyan College  
 Pfeiffer University  
 Piedmont College  
 Salem College (North Carolina)  
 Southern Virginia University  
 Wesleyan College (Georgia)  
 William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (1)**

Emory University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Pool B (1)**

\*Mississippi University for Women (active 2023-24)

\*Bob Jones University (active 2023-24)

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**REGION VII**

**Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (9)**

Alfred State College  
Hilbert College  
La Roche University  
Medaille College

Mount Aloysius College  
Penn State University, Altoona  
Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College  
University of Pittsburgh, Bradford  
University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg

AQ - Conference Championship

**Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (9)**

Adrian College  
Albion College  
Alma College  
Calvin University  
Hope College

Kalamazoo College  
Olivet College  
Saint Mary's College (Indiana)  
Trine University

AQ - Conference Championship

**North Coast Athletic Conference (9)**

Allegheny College  
Denison University  
DePauw University  
Hiram College  
Kenyon College

Oberlin College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Wittenberg University  
The College of Wooster

AQ - Conference Championship

**Ohio Athletic Conference (10)**

Baldwin Wallace University  
Capital University  
Heidelberg University  
John Carroll University  
Marietta College

University of Mount Union  
Muskingum University  
Ohio Northern University  
Otterbein University  
Wilmington College (Ohio)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Presidents' Athletic Conference (10)**

Bethany College (West Virginia)  
Chatham University  
Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Geneva College  
Grove City College

Saint Vincent College  
Thiel College  
Washington and Jefferson College  
Waynesburg University  
Westminster College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (2)**

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

AQ - Conference Championship

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**REGION VIII**

**College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (9)**

Augustana College (Illinois)  
 Carroll University (Wisconsin)  
 Carthage College  
 Elmhurst University  
 Illinois Wesleyan University

Millikin University  
 North Central College  
 North Park University  
 Wheaton College (Illinois)

AQ - Conference Championship

**Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (10)**

Anderson University (Indiana)  
 Bluffton University  
 Defiance College  
 Earlham College  
 Franklin College

Hanover College  
 Manchester University  
 Mount St. Joseph University  
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Transylvania University

AQ - Conference Championship

**Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (14)**

Alverno College  
 Aurora University  
 Benedictine University (Illinois)  
 Concordia University Chicago  
 Concordia University Wisconsin  
 Dominican University (Illinois)  
 Edgewood College

Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Lakeland University  
 Marian University (Wisconsin)  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Rockford University  
 St. Norbert College  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ - Conference Championship

**St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

Blackburn College  
 Eureka College  
 Fontbonne University  
 Greenville University

Principia College  
 Spalding University  
 Webster University  
 Westminster College (Missouri)

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (2)**

University of Chicago

Washington University in St. Louis

AQ - Conference Championship

**Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (8)**

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
 University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
 University of Wisconsin-Platteville

University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
 University of Wisconsin-Stout  
 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

AQ - Conference Championship

**Pool B (1)**

Maranatha Baptist University

**REGION IX**

**American Rivers Conference (9)**

Buena Vista University  
Central College (Iowa)  
Coe College  
University of Dubuque  
Loras College

Luther College  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Simpson College  
Wartburg College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (12)**

Augsburg University  
Bethel University (Minnesota)  
Carleton College  
Concordia College, Moorhead  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University  
Macalester College

College of Saint Benedict  
St. Catherine University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
St. Olaf College  
The College of St. Scholastica

AQ - Conference Championship

**Midwest Conference (9)**

Beloit College  
Cornell College  
Grinnell College  
Illinois College  
Knox College

Lake Forest College  
Lawrence University  
Monmouth College (Illinois)  
Ripon College

AQ - Conference Championship

**University Athletic Association (0)**

AQ - Conference Championship

**Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (8)**

Bethany Lutheran College  
Crown College (Minnesota)  
Martin Luther College  
University of Minnesota, Morris

North Central University  
Northland College  
University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
University of Wisconsin-Superior

AQ - Conference Championship

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

**REGION X**

**American Southwest Conference (10)**

Belhaven University  
 Concordia University Texas  
 East Texas Baptist University  
 Hardin-Simmons University  
 Howard Payne University

LeTourneau University  
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 McMurry University  
 Sul Ross State University  
 University of Texas at Dallas

AQ - Conference Championship

**Northwest Conference (9)**

George Fox University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield University  
 Pacific Lutheran University  
 Pacific University (Oregon)

University of Puget Sound  
 Whitman College  
 Whitworth University  
 Willamette University

AQ - Regular Season Championship

**Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (9)**

California Institute of Technology  
 California Lutheran University  
 Chapman University  
 Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
 University of La Verne

Occidental College  
 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges  
 University of Redlands  
 Whittier College

AQ - Conference Championship

**Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (9)**

Austin College  
 Centenary College (Louisiana)  
 Colorado College  
 University of Dallas  
 Schreiner University

Southwestern University (Texas)  
 \*University of St. Thomas (Texas) (active 2022-23)  
 Texas Lutheran University  
 Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

## Appendix C • OWP and OOWP Calculation Explanation

### Strength of Schedule Calculation

The strength of schedule is made up of two factors: the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and the opponents' opponents' winning percentage (OOWP).

**Opponents' Winning Percentage.** Take each opponent's won-lost record against other Division III teams (excluding the results against the team in question); add all wins and all losses to get the cumulative won-lost record that is used to determine the opponents' winning percentage.

**To Calculate.** Team A's schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Record	vs. Team A	Wins	Losses
Team B	21-7	1-0	20	7
Team C	14-11	0-1	14	10
Team D	9-14	0-1	9	13
Team E	8-17	0-1	8	16
Team F	19-8	1-0	18	8
<b>Totals:</b>			69	54

$69 \div (69 + 54) = .561$  (OWP)

**Opponents' Opponents' Winning Percentage (OOWP).** The strength of each opponent's schedule is measured by taking all of their opponents' won-lost records and finding the winning percentage based on the total opponents' opponents' won-lost record. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

**To Calculate.** Using the total opponents' won-lost record for Teams B, C, D, E and F (Team A's opponents), perform the same calculation as the OWP.

	Opponents' Wins	Opponents' Losses
Team B	35	75
Team C	63	40
Team D	55	55
Team E	75	37
Team F	44	60
<b>Totals:</b>	272	267

$272 \div (272 + 267) = .505$  (OOWP)

It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and C have the same OWP of .561; Team A has an OOWP of .505 and Team C has an OOWP of .456; it would indicate Team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

**Strength of Schedule Calculation.** To calculate the strength of schedule, add two-thirds of the OWP to one-third of the OOWP. Team A's strength of schedule calculation is as follows:

	Value	Weight	SOS Value
<b>OWP</b>	.561	.667	.374
<b>OOWP</b>	.505	.333	.168
<b>Strength of Schedule</b>			<b>.542</b>