

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP 2022-23 MANUAL

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2022-23 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 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, 31.2.1.7, 31.2.1.7.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division II Manual 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. However, we 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 onsite.

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 to access the online form and submit a nomination, click here.

Section 5 • Fan Travel

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

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the 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:

 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

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

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

The following guidelines apply to commencement requests:

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

Section 10.3 Gameday the DIII Way

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

Section 10.4 Religious Conflicts

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

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

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

Division III Women's Volleyball

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Section 1 • General Administration

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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	
REGION I			
TBD, chair			
Jen Bowman	Trinity College (Connecticut)	NESCAC	
Ashlynn Nuckols	Norwich University	GNAC	
TBD		North Atlantic	
Stephanie Dollar	University of Massachusetts Boston	Little East	
REGION II			
TBD, chair			
Barb Bolich	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	NEWMAC	
Scott Blanchard	Suffolk University	Commonwealth Coast	
Joe Maklin	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	MASCAC	
TBD		NECC	
REGION III			
Kristin Maile, chair	Sarah Lawrence	Liberty League	
Derryk Williams	William Smith College	Liberty League	
Carly Moss	Yeshiva University	Skyline	
Matt Giufre	SUNY New Paltz	SUNYAC	
Joe Venniro	Empire 8	Empire 8	
REGION IV			
Sam Atkinson, chair	Gallaudet University	United East	
TBD		CUNYAC	
Angela Burkett	Penn State Harrisburg	United East	
Max Berkowitz	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham	MAC Freedom	
Shannon Howley	Montclair State University	NJAC	
REGION V			
Drew Hargrave, chair	Haverford College	Centennial	
Cecily Scavicchio Tomeo	Ursinus	Centennial	
TBD		MAC Commonwealth	
Jamie Spangler	University of Scranton	Landmark	
Christian Kiselica	Cedar Crest	Colonial States	
Beth Ann Wilson	Marymount University	Atlantic East	

NAME	INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	
REGION VI			
Caitlyn Moriarty, chair	Berry College	SAA	
Kent Clayberg	Shenandoah University	ODAC	
Alex Hinsey	University of Mary Washington	Coast-To-Coast	
Danielle Lafferty	Pfeiffer University	USA South	
Patrick Robidoux	Centre College	SAA	
Latonia Brady	Huntingdon	CCS	
REGION VII			
Sarah Dehring, chair	Alma College	MIAA	
Phil Pisano	Penn State Behrend	AMCC	
Brittany Dye	Hiram	NCAC	
Kristen Slamer-de St. Aubin	Albion	MIAA	
Tyler North	Thiel College	Presidents'	
Monica Wright	Otterbein	OAC	
Karen Farrell	Case Western Reserve University	UAA	
REGION VIII			
Paul Schlomer, chair	Edgewood College	Northern Athletics	
Dalton Tucker	Westminster	SLIAC	
Debbie Kiik	Millikin University	CCIW	
Kim Sorensen	Marian University (Wisconsin)	Northern Athletics	
John Spinney	Mount St. Joseph	HCAC	
Amber Dunn	University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse	WIAC	
REGION IX			
Gretchen Hunt, chair	Bethel University (Minnesota)	MIAC	
Kristy Duncan	Loras	American Rivers	
Kim Falkenhagen	Lawrence University	Midwest	
Emily Foster	St. Olaf College	MIAC	
Beth Wilmeth	University of Northwestern-St. Paul	Upper Midwest	
REGION X			
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 Shelvin	Willamette University	NWC	

Section 1.4 Important Dates

Thursday, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. Eastern	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
Friday, Oct. 7	Bid materials and template for participant manual for regionals available on ncaa.org.
Wednesdays, Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2	Published rankings.
Friday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Eastern	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and bid materials for regional tournaments.
Monday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. Eastern	Teleconference with potential regional host tournament directors and site reps.

Sunday, Nov. 6	Selection of teams and regional sites.	
Monday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. Eastern	Teleconference with confirmed regional host tournament directors and site representatives.	
Monday, Nov. 7 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern	Online selection show to announce teams selected to the championship.	
Monday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. Eastern	Regional teleconferences with assigned teams.	
Monday, Nov. 7 by 5 p.m. Eastern	Final published ranking.	
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 10-12	Regionals.	
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19	Eight-team finals at UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, hosted by Saint Vincent College.	
Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 14-17	AVCA Convention (Omaha, Nebraska).	
Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 6 -7	Annual committee meeting.	
CHAMPIONSHIP DATES		
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 10-12	Regionals.	
Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 16-19	Championship at UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, hosted by Saint Vincent College.	
DATE FORMULA		
Regionals (8)	Two weeks before finals (Thursday-Saturday).	
Finals	Weekend after Thanksgiving (First weekend of December) (Wednesday-Saturday).	
FUTURE DATES		
2023 Regionals (eight sites)	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18; on the campuses of competing institutions.	
2023 Finals	Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2; Roberts Pavilion in Claremont, California, hosted by Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.	
2024 Regionals (eight sites)	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23; on the campuses of competing institutions.	
2024 Finals	Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 4-7; Cregger Center in Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
2025 Regionals (eight sites)	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-22; on the campuses of competing institutions.	
2025 Finals	Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 3-6; 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

[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 2022 and 2023 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 2022 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the 2022 and 2023 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).

EQUIPMENT

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N is the official volleyball for the 2022 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship. Each participating team will receive two volleyballs after its final match at the regional championship and at the championship finals, if applicable.

Section 1.6 Uniforms

[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 2022 and 2023 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules and Interpretations. (See Appendix A for the championship bracket.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

START TIMES

Recommended match times for regionals are:

	Thursday-Saturday format
Day 1	12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m.
Day 2	4:30/7 p.m. or 5:30/8 p.m.
Day 3	5 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. All student-athletes on the bench may be in uniform, not to exceed the bench size.

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. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2) and in conjunction with selections (Nov. 7). 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 Watsky (mwatsky@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 2022 championship: Pool A - 44, Pool B - 1 and Pool C - 19. (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 2022 championship are:

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference

American Rivers Conference

American Southwest Conference

Atlantic East Conference

Centennial Conference

City University of New York Athletic Conference

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference

College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

Colonial States Athletic Conference

Commonwealth Coast Conference

Empire 8

Great Northeast Athletic Conference

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

Landmark Conference

Liberty League

Little East Conference

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth

Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom

Midwest Conference

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

New England Collegiate Conference

New England Small College Athletic Conference

New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference

New Jersey Athletic Conference

North Atlantic Conference

North Coast Athletic Conference

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Old Dominion Athletic Conference

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Skyline Conference

Southern Athletic Association

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

State University of New York Athletic Conference

United East Conference

University Athletic Association

Upper Midwest Athletic Conference

USA South 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 2022 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. 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. 28.

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. 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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please email Linda Godby at Igodby@ncaa.org or championshipbid@ncaa.org.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

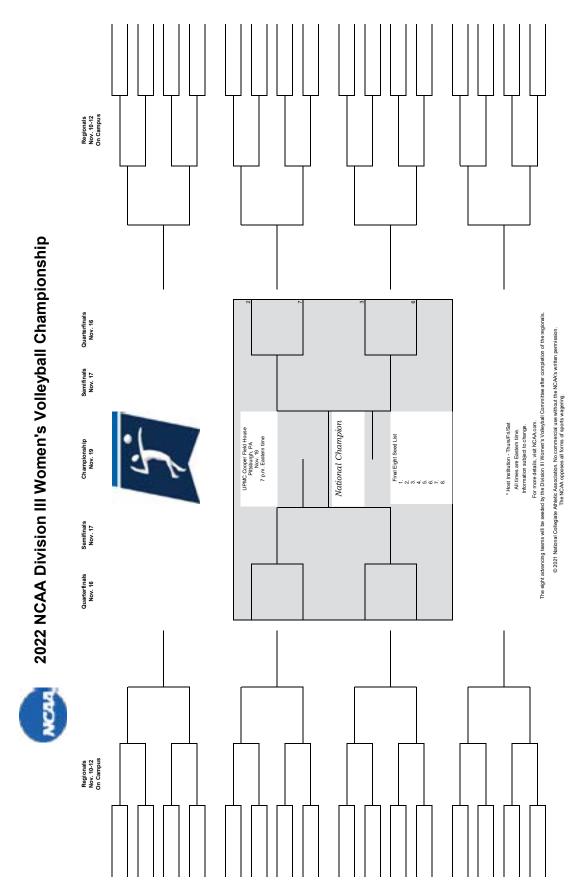
A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Profile System under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

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Appendix A • Bracket



Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

REGION I

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (14)

Albertus Magnus College Anna Maria College Colby-Sawyer College

Dean College

Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)

Elms College

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Norwich University

Lasell 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

REGION II

Commonwealth Coast Conference (10)

Curry College Roger Williams University **Endicott College** Salve Regina University Gordon College Suffolk University

University of New England Wentworth Institute of Technology Nichols College Western New England University

AQ - Conference Championship

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (8)

Bridgewater State University Massachusetts Maritime Academy Fitchburg State University Salem State University Framingham State University Westfield State University Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Worcester State University

AQ - Conference Championship

New England Collegiate Conference (4)

Eastern Nazarene College Mitchell College Lesley University New England College

AQ - Conference Championship

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

Babson College Springfield College Clark University (Massachusetts) U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Emerson College Wellesley College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Wheaton College (Massachusetts) Worcester Polytechnic Institute Mount Holyoke College

Smith College

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Brandeis University

REGION III

Empire 8 (10)

Alfred University Elmira College Hartwick College Houghton University Keuka College

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

AQ - Conference Championship

Liberty League (9)

Bard College Clarkson University Ithaca College Rochester Institute of Technology Skidmore College

St. Lawrence University Union College (New York) Vassar College William & Smith Colleges

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

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)

AO - Conference Championship

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (1)

Pratt Institute

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

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

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (1)

Salisbury University

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

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

Pool B (1)

Trinity Washington University

REGION VI

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (2)

Christopher Newport University University of Mary Washington

AQ - Conference Championship

Collegiate Conference of the South (9)

Agnes Scott College LaGrange College

Belhaven University Maryville College (Tennessee)

Piedmont College Berea College

Wesleyan College (Georgia) Covenant College

Huntingdon College Pool B

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)

Averett University Randolph College

Bridgewater College (Virginia) Randolph-Macon College

Eastern Mennonite University Roanoke College

Ferrum College Shenandoah University

Guilford College Virginia Wesleyan University

Hollins University Washington and Lee University University of Lynchburg

AQ - Conference Championship

Southern Athletic Association (8)

Berry College Millsaps College

Birmingham-Southern College Oglethorpe University Centre College **Rhodes College**

Hendrix College University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

USA South Athletic Conference (10)

Brevard College North Carolina Wesleyan College

Greensboro College Pfeiffer University

Mary Baldwin University Salem College (North Carolina) Southern Virginia University Meredith College

Methodist University William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Emory University

AQ - Conference Championship

Pool B (1)

*Bob Jones

^{*}Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

REGION VII

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (8)

Alfred State College Hilbert College La Roche University 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 (8)

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 (11)

Allegheny College 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

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) Hanover College Bluffton University Manchester University **Defiance College** Mount St. Joseph University

Earlham College Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Franklin College Transylvania University

AQ - Conference Championship

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (14)

Alverno College Illinois Institute of Technology

Lakeland University Aurora University Benedictine University (Illinois) Marian University (Wisconsin)

Concordia University Chicago Milwaukee School of Engineering Concordia University Wisconsin Rockford University

Dominican University (Illinois) St. Norbert College

Edgewood College Wisconsin Lutheran College

AQ - Conference Championship

St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (10)

Blackburn College *Mississippi University for Women

Eureka College Principia College Fontbonne University **Spalding University** Greenville University Webster University

*Lyon College 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-River Falls University of Wisconsin-La Crosse University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh University of Wisconsin-Stout University of Wisconsin-Whitewater University of Wisconsin-Platteville

AQ - Conference Championship

Pool B (2)

*Asbury University Maranatha Baptist University

*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

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

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (2)

Finlandia University Mount Mary University

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

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

^{*}Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

REGION X

American Southwest Conference (9)

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

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (1)

University of California Santa Cruz

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) Texas Lutheran University Trinity University (Texas)

^{*}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	$69 \div (69 + 54) =$
		Totals:	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'	Opponents'	
	Wins	Losses	
Team B	35	75	
Team C	63	40	
Team D	55	55	
Team E	75	37	
Team F	44	60	$272 \div (272 + 267) =$
Totals:	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 onethird of the OOWP. Team A's strength of schedule calculation is as follows:

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