



***PRECHAMPIONSHIP
2024-25 MANUAL***

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2024-25 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 Prechampionship 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

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship 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).

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 eligible to participate at the start of competition.

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

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

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

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

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

Section 3•2 Drug Testing

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

Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that

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intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

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

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

POSTSEASON

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

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

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

Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

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

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

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to ncaa.com/travel 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 [Health, Safety & Performance 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 17.1.10 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

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

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

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

Section 9 • Travel Party

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

Section 10 • Division III

Section 10•1 Division III Philosophy

The Division III championships philosophy is to field the most competitive teams within a regular-season philosophy that emphasizes regional competition and minimizes missed class time; and to provide representation in NCAA championship competition by allocating berths to eligible conferences and at-large 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).

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Section 1•3 Important Dates

Friday, Aug. 2 at 5 p.m. Eastern	Deadline for institutions to submit their complete schedules online.
Friday, Oct. 11	Bid materials and template for participant manual for regionals available on ncaa.org .
Wednesdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 & 13	Published rankings.
Monday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. Eastern	Videoconference with potential regional host tournament directors and site reps.
Friday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. Eastern	Deadline for submitting proposed budgets and bid materials for regional tournaments.
Sunday, Nov. 17	Selection of teams and regional sites.
Monday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. Eastern	Videoconference with confirmed regional host tournament directors and site representatives.
Monday, Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern	Online selection show to announce teams selected to the championship.
Monday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. Eastern	Final published ranking.
Monday, Nov. 18 by 5 p.m. Eastern	Regional videoconferences with assigned teams.
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23	Regionals.
Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 4-7	Eight-team finals at Cregger Center in Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem and Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 18-21	AVCA Convention (Louisville, Kentucky).
Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 3-4	Annual committee meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23	Regionals.
Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 4-7	Championship at Cregger Center in Salem, Virginia, hosted by the City of Salem and Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (8)	Two weeks before finals (Thursday-Saturday).
Finals	Weekend after Thanksgiving (First weekend of December) (Wednesday-Saturday).

FUTURE DATES

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.
2026 Regionals (eight sites)	Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 19-21; on the campuses of competing institutions.
2026 Finals	Site will be announced in October 2024.

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•4 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 2024 and 2025 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 2024 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the 2024 and 2025 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 Julie Voeck (414-305-7454; ncaavbrules@gmail.com).

EQUIPMENT

The Molten Super Touch IV58L-N is the official volleyball for the 2024 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•5 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 2024 and 2025 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	11:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 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. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13) and in conjunction with selections (Nov. 17). 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 2024 championship: Pool A - 43 and at-large - 20. (Note: The number of at-large berths may be adjusted based on sponsorship numbers at the time of selections.) Pool A includes the conferences that have been awarded automatic qualification. At-large includes independent institutions, institutions from conferences that do not meet the automatic-qualification criteria and institutions that do not receive their conference's automatic bid. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for at-large berths 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 at-large teams based on a national basis using regional selection criteria. The committee will select at-large teams based on the criteria listed in this section.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

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

The 43 conferences that have been granted automatic-qualification privileges for the 2024 championship are:

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

DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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 Procedures

At-large teams will be selected using the NCAA Power Index (NPI), the system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when applicable). Teams will be selected not later than Sunday, Nov. 17.

NPI will determine the at-large teams selected to the championship after the Automatic Qualifiers (AQ) have been designated. See [Appendix C](#) for the NPI weights and data procedures.

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

The 64-team field will consist of two selection pools: AQs and at-large berths. AQ berths will be allocated to automatic qualifying conferences. The criteria for receiving automatic qualification are outlined in Bylaw 31.3.4 of the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual. At-large berths will be reserved for all remaining institutions not receiving an AQ.

DIVISION III SITE-SELECTION CRITERIA

The Division III Championships Committee has prioritized the site-selection criteria in the following order for Division III championships:

1. Protection of the top eight ranked teams in the bracket.
2. Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations.
3. Geographical location (including such factors as rotation of sites, weather conditions, accessibility and transportation costs).
4. Attendance history and revenue potential, which shall be considered necessary to assure fiscal responsibility.

Section 2•5 Site Selection

PROSPECTIVE HOSTS

Any institution interested in hosting regional competition of the 2024 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 Nov. 8.

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 RefQuest 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 Ryan Richardson at rrichardson@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.

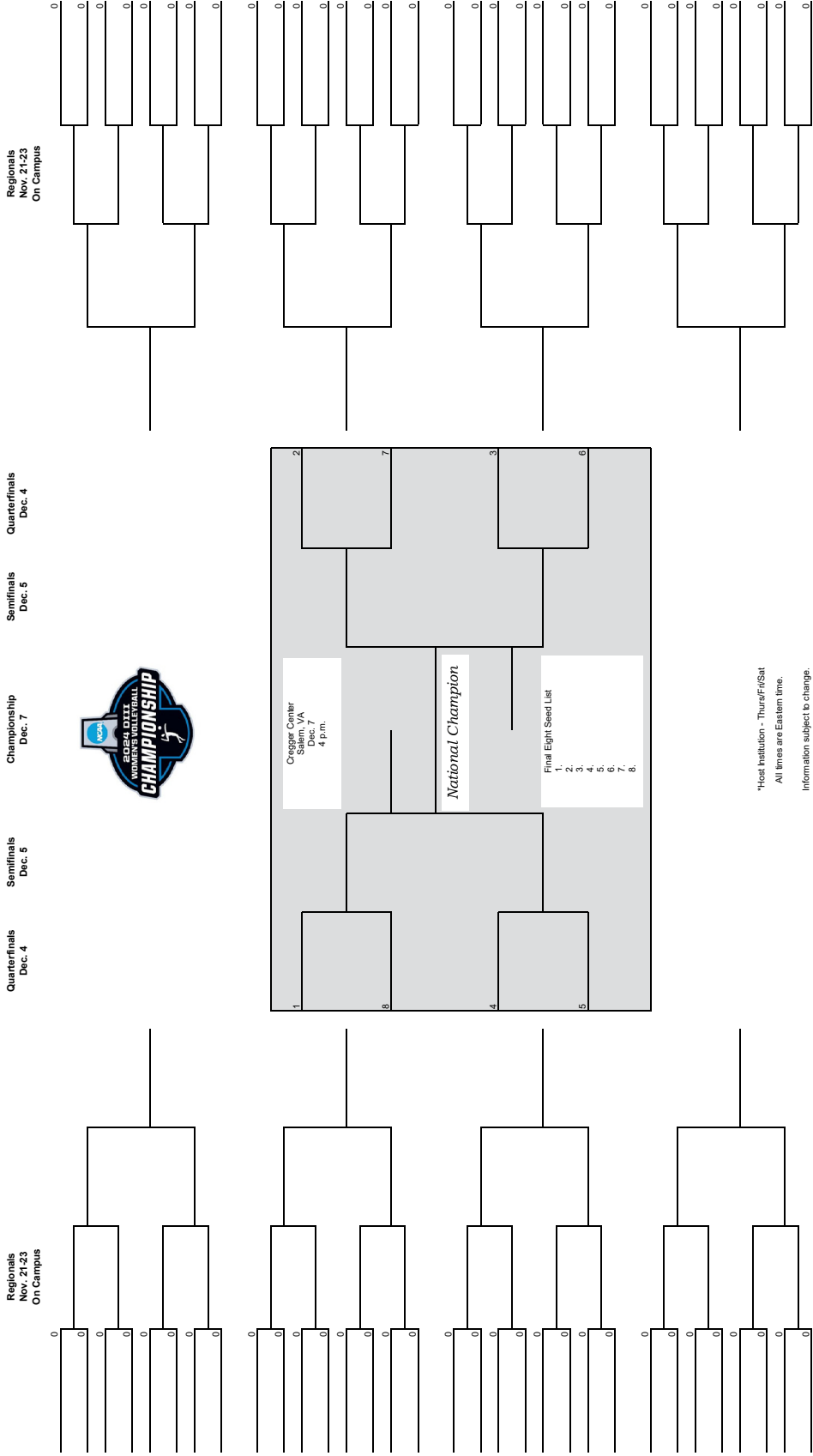
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Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

REGION I

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (16)

Albertus Magnus College

Anna Maria College

Colby-Sawyer College

Dean College

Elms College

Emmanuel College (Massachusetts)

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Lasell University

Mitchell College

New England College

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)

Vermont State University Castleton

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 (9)

Husson University

Lesley University

Maine Maritime Academy

University of Maine at Presque Isle

State University of New York at Cobleskill

State University of New York at Delhi

Thomas College

Vermont State University-Johnson

Vermont State University-Lyndon

AQ - Conference Championship

REGION II

Conference of New England (9)

Curry College
 Endicott College
 Gordon College
 *University of Hartford
 University of New England

Nichols College
 Roger Williams University
 Suffolk University
 Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Western New England University

AQ - Conference Championship

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 Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (12)

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

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

*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition.

REGION III

Empire 8 (12)

Alfred University
State University of New York at Brockport
Elmira College
State University of New York at Geneseo
Hartwick College
Houghton University

Keuka College
Nazareth College
State University of New York Polytechnic Institute
Russell Sage College
St. John Fisher University
Utica University

AQ - Conference Championship

Liberty League (9)

Bard College
Clarkson University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
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)

Buffalo State, State University of New York
State University of New York at Canton
State University of New York at Cortland
The State University of New York at Fredonia
State University of New York Morrisville

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

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 (8)

Arcadia University
 Delaware Valley University
 DeSales University
 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham

King's College (Pennsylvania)
 Lebanon Valley College
 Misericordia University
 Stevens Institute of Technology

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 (16)

Bryn Athyn College
 Cairn University
 Cedar Crest College
 Gallaudet University
 Keystone College
 Lancaster Bible College
 Notre Dame of Maryland University
 Penn State Berks College

Penn State Harrisburg
 Penn State University, Abington
 Pennsylvania College of Technology
 Rosemont College
 Saint Elizabeth University
 St. Mary's College of Maryland
 University of Valley Forge
 Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

New York University

AQ - Conference Championship

REGION V

Atlantic East Conference (7)

Centenary University (New Jersey)
Gwynedd Mercy College
Immaculata University
Marymount University (Virginia)

Marywood University
Neumann University
Pratt Institute

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

Landmark Conference (10)

Catholic University
Drew University
Elizabethtown College
Goucher College
Juniata College

Lycoming College
Moravian College
University of Scranton
Susquehanna University
Wilkes University

AQ - Conference Championship

Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth (8)

Albright College
Alvernia University
Eastern University
Hood College

Messiah University
Stevenson University
Widener University
York College (Pennsylvania)

AQ - Conference Championship

At-Large (1)

Trinity Washington University

REGION VI

Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference (3)

Christopher Newport University
University of Mary Washington

Warren Wilson College

AQ - Conference Championship

Collegiate Conference of the South (9)

Agnes Scott College
Asbury University
Belhaven University
Covenant College
Huntingdon College

LaGrange College
Maryville College (Tennessee)
Piedmont College
Wesleyan College (Georgia)

AQ - Conference Championship

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (13)

Averett University
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 (7)

Berry College
Centre College
Hendrix College
Millsaps College

Oglethorpe University
Rhodes College
University of the South

AQ - Conference Championship

USA South Athletic Conference (10)

Brevard College
Greensboro College
Mary Baldwin University
Meredith College
Methodist University

North Carolina Wesleyan College
Pfeiffer University
Salem College (North Carolina)
Southern Virginia University
William Peace University

AQ - Conference Championship

University Athletic Association (1)

Emory University

AQ - Conference Championship

REGION VII

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (8)

Alfred State College
*Carlow University
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
The University of Olivet
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

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)
 Berea College
 Bluffton University
 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 (9)

Blackburn College
 Eureka College
 Fontbonne University
 Greenville University
 *Lyon College

Mississippi University for Women
 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

At-Large (1)

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 (1)

Mount Mary University

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

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

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

REGION X

American Southwest Conference (6)

East Texas Baptist University
 Hardin-Simmons University
 Howard Payne University

LeTourneau University
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
 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 (11)

Austin College
 Centenary College (Louisiana)
 Colorado College
 Concordia University Texas
 University of Dallas
 McMurry University

Schreiner University
 Southwestern University (Texas)
 University of St. Thomas (Texas)
 Texas Lutheran University
 Trinity University (Texas)

AQ - Conference Championship

Appendix C • NPI Weights



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NPI WEIGHTS						
Sport	Win%/SOS	Home/Away Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
FALL SPORTS						
Field Hockey	20/80	1.1/0.9	52.5	.500	100/0	6.5
Football	40/60	1.1/0.9	54.0	.250	100/0	5.0
Men's Soccer	15/85	1.0/1.0	54.0	.750	100/0	10.0
Women's Soccer	20/80	1.0/1.0	54.0	.500	100/0	8.0
Women's Volleyball	20/80	1.0/1.0	55.5	.600	100/0	10.0
WINTER SPORTS						
Men's Basketball	25/75	1.2/0.8 (NC) 1.1/0.9 (CF)	53.0	.667	100/0	12.5
Women's Basketball	20/80	1.0/1.0	54.0	.667	100/0	15
Men's Ice Hockey	25/75	1.1/0.9	53.00	.500	67/33 (RS) 100/0 (PS)	9
Women's Ice Hockey	25/75	1.1/0.9	53.0	.500	67/33 (RS) 100/0 (PS)	9
SPRING SPORTS						
Baseball	25/75	1.0/1.0	53.5	.700	100/0	12
Men's Lacrosse	25/75	1.0/1.0	52	.500	100/0	7
Women's Lacrosse	25/75	1.0/1.0	57	.500	100/0	8.0
Softball	25/75	1.0/1.0	54	.500	100/0	12
Men's Volleyball	20/80	1.1/0.9	54	.500	100/0	13

**Click the linked sport for sport specific rationale for the established NPI weights.*

NC = non-conference; CF = conference; RS = regular season; PS = postseason

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the NPI?

A: The NPI is a system that houses the division's statistical data and objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on the sport committee's established weighted criteria. NPI is a combination of the following: winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant).

The weight of winning percentage versus strength of schedule is often referred to as one of the "dials" that a sport committee can adjust, placing any subjectivity within the criteria themselves. For example, a sport committee could set the dials to 30/70; 25/75, etc. Other "dials" a sport committee can also choose to apply are home and away multiplier, quality win bonus (QWB), and overtime win/loss weights.

Q: Why update the current championship selection process?

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A: The Championships Committee has been reviewing the current team at-large selection process to ensure that selection criteria is applied consistently to teams during selections. The change from the current championships selection process to the NPI will take the data analysis from a subjective application, varying by sport committee, to an objective computer data analysis based on the weights established by each sport committee.

Q: Does this mean our current selection criteria goes away?

A: Most of the current selection criteria will no longer be used. The following criteria will no longer be used: head-to-head competition; results versus common Division III opponents; results versus ranked Division III teams; and secondary criteria. However, winning percentage and strength of schedule will continue to be used.

Q: Will any new selection criteria be adopted?

A: The NPI will continue to use winning percentage and strength of schedule along with a home/away multiplier, quality win bonus (QWB) and overtime results (in applicable sports).

The home/away multiplier can be used to increase the weight of away wins and home losses while decreasing the weight of home wins and away losses. The QWB provides a bonus for wins against top-level teams, the degree of which is determined by the sport committee. Overtime win/loss weights may be applicable in some sports to reflect results that are less than full wins/losses. For example, in ice hockey a win that comes in 3-on-3 overtime is treated as two-thirds of a win and one-third of a loss, with the opponent receiving one-third of a win and two-thirds of a loss.

The criteria are explained in the NPI cheat sheet document included at the end of the FAQ.

Q: What are the benefits of the NPI?

A: One benefit of the NPI is that all data will be analyzed, and the criteria will be applied objectively to establish the championships field (the at-large berths remaining after AOs are awarded). Additionally, based on this objective analysis teams will know how they compare against other teams in their region and nationally.

Another benefit of the database is that teams are not penalized for winning a contest that it should win. For example, in the current system if a strong team plays a weaker team its strength-of-schedule will be negatively impacted even though it won the contest – as it should. In the selection criteria database, the team that wins a contest against a lesser opponent will not be statistically impacted by winning a contest it should win. This will greatly benefit stronger teams in weaker conferences.

Q: Will the formula/weights be consistent across all sports? If not, why would one sport committee weight one criterion differently than another sport committee?

A: Each sport will use the same NPI criteria framework (winning percentage, strength of schedule, home-away multiplier, quality win bonus, overtime) but each committee will have the ability to determine

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the weights/values for each. This allows each sport committee to develop the criteria that is appropriate for its sport. The first dial of winning percentage versus strength of schedule can be set at any two values equaling 100. Home-away multiplier and QWB values may differ from sport to sport if a sport committee elects to use those criteria. Sports with overtime can choose to weight an overtime victory or loss different than a regulation win or loss.

Factors affecting the appropriate values from sport to sport may include the degree of intra-conference vs inter-conference play, the observed home field/court/ice advantage, and playing rules which may dictate overtime play that is conducted in a manner that is different from regulation play.

Q: What will happen to regional advisory committees?

A: Regional Advisory Committees will still be called upon to ensure that results are populating correctly into the database. RACs will also be asked to spend some time during the season being trained as site representatives to serve during the preliminary rounds of the championship.

Q: Do regional rankings go away?

A: Regional rankings will still be published. The top teams from each region will be taken from the database and published by region based on the selection criteria database descending order list. For example, to establish Region I rankings, the Region I teams will be extracted from the list in the order they appear to fill the established number of ranked teams (i.e., maximum of seven per region).

Q: When in the governance cycle would committees adjust dials/weights?

A: Sport committees will use their annual meeting to review the championship rankings and selection. Any changes to the weights will be communicated to the membership via the annual meeting report, direct communication to the coaching body and posted on the sport committee's landing page on NCAA.org. Once the weights are established, they cannot be changed for a minimum of two seasons. Dials will not be changed weekly during the season.

Q: How has this been tested?

A: Sport committees have reviewed sport specific data for at least three championship seasons (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24). Committees were able to see the selected championship field versus teams that would have been selected based on the NPI and saw only slight variances between the two fields, almost regardless of the dial settings which have not yet been reviewed by sport committees.

Q: What will the education for committees be on adjusting the dials/weights?

A: NCAA sport liaisons will incorporate a selection criteria training into the already established committee orientation to onboard each committee member.

Q: How long is the commitment from NCAA with the new NPI software?

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A: NPI will move forward as the established selection metric for team sports effective September 1, 2024. Any future changes would need to be brought forth from the sport committees through the governance structure.

Q: What is the process for adopting a new selection metric?

A: Changes to selection criteria can be accomplished through a legislative vote at convention or through an administrative regulation adopted through the governance structure (e.g., recommendation from the Championships Committee to Management and Presidents Council).

Q: If/when changes are made how is the membership going to be made aware of the changes?

A: Changes to the NPI weights/dials will be communicated to the membership through the sport committee's annual meeting report, published on its NCAA.org landing page, and through various membership communications including the Championships Newsletter, the Division III Monthly Update, a direct email communication etc. The established values (e.g., how the dials are set) will also be published in each sport's pre-championship manual annually.

Q: Will individual-team sports be included in the selection criteria database transition?

A: Currently, only team sports are being considered for the transition to the selection criteria database. Individual-team sports will continue to be vetted to bring them into the database if it makes sense to do so.

Q: Will the selection criteria database rankings be publicly available?

A: Yes, the rankings will be posted to each sports landing page on NCAA.com in the same way they are currently published.

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Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule:

The two main "dials" are winning percentage and strength of schedule.

25/75 is the default starting value (win percentage / strength of schedule) and sport committees will discuss and set these dials.

- 1) Winning percentage: A team's number of wins divided by the number of that team's total contests.
- 2) Strength of Schedule: SOS is simply an average of a team's opponent's NPI.

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Example: Team A plays contests against teams with NPIs of 52, 58 and 70. SOS is calculated as $52 + 58 + 70 = 180$; $180 / 3 = 60$. $SOS = 60$.

Quality Win Bonus: A bonus applied to wins/partial wins (e.g., overtime victory) against “quality” teams.

1) Quality Win Bonus – Base Value:

- a. The sport committee determines the base NPI value at which a QWB is applied.
- b. The amount of bonus is determined by the difference between opponents NPI value and the QWB base value, multiplied by the QWB multiplier.

Example: Base value is set at 55.00. A bonus will be applied for all wins/partial wins against opponents with an NPI value of 55.00 or higher.

2) Quality Win Bonus – Multiplier:

- Set the multiplier/magnitude of bonus awarded for wins against teams with an NPI above the QWB base. Values can range from 0.00 to 1.00. Default setting is .500.

Example: QWB base is set at 52.00. Multiplier is set at .500.

- $NPI - QWB\ Base = X$; $X * .500 = Bonus$.
- Win over team with NPI of 56.00.
- $56.00 - 52.00 = 4.00$; $4.00 * .500 = 2.00$ (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)

- Win over team with NPI of 61.00.
- $61.00 - 52.00 = 9.00$; $9.00 * .500 = 4.50$ (4.50 is the Quality Win Bonus)

Example: QWB base is set at 51.00. Multiplier is set at .333.

- Win over team with NPI of 60.00.
- $60.00 - 51.00 = 9.00$; $9.00 * .333 = 3.00$ (3.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)

- Win over team with NPI of 57.00.
- $57.00 - 51.00 = 6.00$; $6.00 * .333 = 2.00$ (2.00 is the Quality Win Bonus)

Home/Away Multiplier:

- 1) Allows for additional emphasis/weights to be placed on away wins and home losses, with less emphasis on home wins and away losses.
- 2) Different weights can be applied to non-conference, conference, and [conference] post-season contests.
- 3) This is an optional adjustment and can be set a 1.0/1.0 to weigh all wins and losses, at home or away, as equal.

Example: Weights set at 1.2/0.8

- Away wins/home losses weigh as 1.2 wins/losses.
- Home wins/away losses weigh as 0.8 wins/losses.

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Overtime Win/Loss:

- 1) Allows for an overtime win/loss to count as less than a full win/loss.
- 2) An example is in ice hockey. Overtime is played 3-on-3 versus 5-on-5 in regulation. Since a win in overtime required extra time and was played differently an OT win can be weighted at .75 win/.25 loss. The losing team would bet .25 wins/.75 losses.
- 3) Regular season and post-season can be weighted differently.
- 4) This is an optional adjustment and can be set at 1.00/0.00 meaning a win is a win, or a loss is a loss regardless of regulation or overtime.

Minimum Wins: The committee can elect to require a minimum number of wins to be retained in the NPI adjustment.

To ask additional questions or to provide feedback, please contact Laura Peterson-Mlynski (lpeterson@ncaa.org) or JP Williams (jpwilliams@ncaa.org).