



## **Division III Preliminary Round Video Streaming Requirements**

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Starting with the 2024-25 academic year, video streaming is listed as a facility requirement in minimum bid specifications for prospective regional hosts and for preliminary-round contests in the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's volleyball and wrestling.

The division's minimum standards for video streaming of all preliminary-round contests are the following:

- At least one camera must be used. Institutions may produce a multi-camera video stream if technically possible. In addition, cell phones are not permitted as the camera source.
- Excluding wrestling, at least one broadcaster must be assigned for each contest to provide commentary in the live video stream.
- Personnel must be able to deliver neutral audio play-by-play and color commentary. (Host institutions may choose to use personnel who have announced the institution's regular-season broadcasts, but those personnel must deliver a neutral commentary during the video stream.)
- Game action must be visible when competition is in progress.
- Current score, time and applicable information must be onscreen if technically possible.
- NCAA public service announcements must be used during breaks if technically possible.
- Every effort should be made to ensure that graphics are neutral and include only NCAA and NCAA participating institutions' and conference marks.
- Contests must be recorded and shared with participating institutions as requested.

The NCAA will reimburse for staffing (for example, commentators and producers), equipment rental/purchase or production costs associated with video streaming in preliminary rounds up to \$1,000 per day.

*Note - NEW in 2024-25: Men's and women's basketball will also require video replay as a preliminary round hosting requirement.*