



*2020 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE*  
**BEACH VOLLEYBALL**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP***  
***2019-20 MANUAL***

# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2019-20 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific.

## Section 1.1 Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

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

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes' optimal experience.

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

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

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

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

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

## Section 3 • Concussion Management

*[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.20 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.17 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.17 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA [Sports Sport Science Institute website](#) for additional guidance.

## Section 4 • Conduct

### Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 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 4•2 Drug Testing

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*[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Divisions II and III Manuals.]*

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.2 (Division I); 31.2.3 (Divisions II and III), 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 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

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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 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### MISCONDUCT

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

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

### Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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

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

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

## STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

## POSTSEASON

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

## HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

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

## Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, institutional administrators, coaches and student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes.

## Section 5 • 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. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org).

## Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way 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 NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](http://NCAA.com/travel) to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations

on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

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

## Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary rounds and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

## Section 9 • Religious Conflicts

*[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I 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 on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

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

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# Section 1 • General Administration

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## Section 1•3 Important Dates

<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	Noon Eastern time – Deadline for submission of team lineup form to <a href="mailto:kfasbender@ncaa.org">kfasbender@ncaa.org</a> .
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	Selection announcement.
<b>Monday, April 27</b>	2 p.m. Eastern time – Participating teams call.
<b>Friday-Sunday, May 1-3</b>	Final site.

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

**Finals – Friday-Sunday, May 1-3:** Gulf Place, Gulf Shores, Alabama. The City of Gulf Shores, Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, co-hosts.

### DATE FORMULA

**Finals:** Currently first Friday-Sunday in May.

### FUTURE DATES

#### 2020-2022

**Finals:** Gulf Place, Gulf Shores, Alabama. The City of Gulf Shores, Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, co-hosts.

## Section 1•4 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

*[Reference: Bylaw 20.8 in the NCAA Manual.]*

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

## Section 1•5 Equipment

The Wilson NCAA official ball will be used for the 2020 championship.

## Section 1•6 Rules

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports that the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports that the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules books, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The 2020 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship will be conducted according to the USA Volleyball Beach Rules and the NCAA Beach Volleyball Rules Modifications. Beach Volleyball Rules of the Game can be found at: <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/beach-volleyball-rules-game>.

Questions regarding the NCAA rules should be referred to Rachel Seewald (317-917-6222; [rseewald@ncaa.org](mailto:rseewald@ncaa.org)).

## Section 1•7 Uniforms

*[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]*

**Please refer to page 4 of the NCAA rules modifications for specific information.**

Playing uniforms must be in accordance with NCAA rules. 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, and competitive uniforms.

An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square or parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies another entity other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, which includes any prematch or postmatch activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaws 12.5.4 and 31.1.8 shall apply during the NCAA championship to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before Aug. 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in Bylaws 12.5.4 and 31.1.8 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during the NCAA championship events.

### 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 eight teams. A double-elimination tournament (until the final match) will be played at one site. Competition will consist of five pairs teams per institution.

A championship bracket is located in [Appendix A](#).

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *(tentative) All times Central*

#### Thursday, April 30

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Administrative meeting
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8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Team practices/interviews/news conference
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6 - 7:30 p.m.	Championship banquet
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#### Friday, May 1

8 a.m.	Gates open
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8 a.m.	Court available for warmup
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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Matches
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#### Saturday, May 2

Noon	Gates open
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Noon	Court available for warmup
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1 - 7 p.m.	Team matches
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#### Sunday, May 3

8 a.m.	Gates open
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8:30 a.m.	Court available for warmup
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9:30 a.m.	Semifinal match
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1 p.m.	Championship match (awards to follow)
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5:30 p.m. (approx.)	Postgame news conference (second-place team goes first)
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### START TIMES

Match start times will be established in conjunction with the NCAA committee and television.

### TRAVEL PARTY/SQUAD SIZE/TEAM BENCHES

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]*

Transportation expenses and per diem will be provided for the official travel party of 17. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [www.NCAA.org](http://www.NCAA.org).

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 12 players in uniform. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

Participant passes will be provided for a maximum of 17 institutional representatives.

## Section 2•2 Results

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### SCORE REPORTING

NC Beach Volleyball requires that all scores are reported for statistical purposes following each match. You must enter the score for all of your matches. Your opponents will not be able to enter scores on your schedule and BOTH institutions will need to report scores. Please log on to <http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login> and enter your username (school code) and password and click on “Game Results” under beach volleyball to update your results. If the line says “Complete” next to it, please still check the link. The most recent scores may not be included even though the link says complete.

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

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*[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

The tournament will consist of eight teams. The committee will select three teams from the East Region and three teams from the West Region. The final two teams will be selected at large. All eight teams will be seeded for the championship.

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manual.]*

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

## Section 2•4 Selection Criteria

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*[Reference: Selection of Participants in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manual.]*

### SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or better.

### BYLAW 31.3.3.1 – COUNTABLE COMPETITION

For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) 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.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Committee will select eight teams.
  - a. No automatic bids.
  - b. Best three teams from the East.
  - c. Best three teams from the West.
  - d. Best remaining two teams from either region -- at-large selections.
  - e. Teams will be seeded 1-8.
2. Selection criteria for regional bids into the championship.
  - a. Record versus regional opponents.
  - b. Head-to-head competition.
  - c. Results versus common opponents.
  - d. Strength of schedule.
  - e. Overall record (must be .500 or above).

3. Selection criteria for at-large bid into the championship.
  - a. Head-to-head competition.
  - b. Results versus common opponents.
  - c. Strength of schedule.
  - d. Overall record (must be .500 or above).

### **CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY**

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 3.2.4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the NCAA Manual.]*

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For the beach volleyball championship, the championship manager must be notified before April 26.

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## **Appendix A • Bracket**

**Updated bracket to be uploaded soon**



## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

### EAST REGION (54)

Abilene Christian University  
 University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 Austin Peay State University  
 Carson-Newman University  
 Catawba College  
 University of Central Arkansas  
 College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Eckerd College  
 Erskine College  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida International University  
 Florida Southern College  
 Florida State University  
 Georgia State University  
 Hendrix College  
 Houston Baptist University  
 Huntingdon College  
 Jacksonville State University  
 Jacksonville University  
 LaGrange College  
 Lincoln Memorial University  
 University of Louisiana at Monroe  
 Louisiana State University  
 Mercer University

Mississippi State University  
 Missouri State University  
 Morehead State University  
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
 University of New Orleans  
 Nicholls State University  
 University of North Alabama  
 University of North Carolina Wilmington  
 University of North Florida  
 Palm Beach Atlantic University  
 Principia College  
 Saint Leo University  
 Sam Houston State University  
 University of South Carolina, Columbia  
 Southeastern Louisiana University  
 University of Southern Mississippi  
 Spring Hill College  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 Stetson University  
 Stevenson University  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Tennessee at Martin  
 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
 Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
 Texas Christian University  
 Tulane University  
 Tusculum University

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University of Arizona  
 Arizona State University  
 Boise State University  
 California Polytechnic State University  
 California State University, Bakersfield  
 California State University, Los Angeles  
 California State University, Northridge  
 California State University, Sacramento  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 Colorado Mesa University  
 Concordia University Irvine  
 Grand Canyon University  
 University of Hawaii, Manoa

Long Beach State University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 University of Oregon  
 University of the Pacific  
 Pepperdine University  
 University of Portland  
 University of San Francisco  
 Saint Mary's College of California  
 San Jose State University  
 Santa Clara University  
 University of Southern California  
 Stanford University  
 University of Utah  
 University of Washington  
 Wayne State College (NE)