

# 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

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 <a href="mailto:ncaa.com/travel">ncaa.com/travel</a> 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.]

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

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

### Section 8 • Research

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

## Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. 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 • 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).

## Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

The Division I Competition Oversight Committee developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available **here** when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

## National Collegiate Beach Volleyball

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## **Section 1 • General Administration**

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## Section 1.3 Important Dates

Saturday, April 26	5 p.m. Eastern time - Deadline for submission of team lineup form to kfasbender@ncaa.org.
Sunday, April 27	Selection announcement.
Sunday, April 27	Participating teams call.
Friday-Sunday, May 2-4	First round, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.
CHAMPIONSHIP DATES	
Friday-Sunday, May 2-4	Gulf Place, Gulf Shores, Alabama; The City of Gulf Shores, Alabama Beaches Sports and Events and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, co-hosts.
DATE FORMULA	
Finals:	Currently first Friday-Sunday in May.

#### **FUTURE DATES**

#### 2026

Finals: Friday-Sunday, May 1-3

Gulf Place, Gulf Shores, Alabama; The City of Gulf Shores, Alabama Beaches Sports and Events 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 Molten NCAA official ball will be used for the 2025 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 2025 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 ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/beach-volleyball-rules-game.

Questions regarding the NCAA rules should be referred to Connor Lancashire (317-917-6025; clancashire@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 2½ 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 2½ 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.

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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 17 teams. A single-elimination tournament will be played at one site. Competition will consist of five pairs teams per institution. An opening round dual for seeds 16 and 17 will be played on Wednesday, April 30.

A championship bracket is located in Appendix A.

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (All times Central.)

Thursday, May 1	
8:30 a.m5 p.m.	Team practices/interviews/news conference
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Championship reception
Friday, May 2	
7 a.m.	Gates open
7 a.m.	Court available for warmup
8 a.m4 p.m.	First Round Duals
Saturday, May 3	
8 a.m.	Gates open
8 a.m.	Court available for warmup
9 a.m5 p.m.	Quarterfinal and Semifinal duals
Sunday, May 4	
8 a.m.	Gates open
8:30 a.m.	Court available for warmup
9:30 a.m.	Championship match (awards to follow)

#### **START TIMES**

11:30 a.m. (approx.)

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 19. Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at ncaa.org.

Postgame news conference (second-place team goes first)

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 14 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 to the travel party of 19 plus any additional rostered student-athletes that aren't on the squad list.

#### Section 2.2 Results

#### **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. To do so, please log on to web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login and enter your username (school code) and password and click on "Results" under beach volleyball to update your results. Click edit by each match to enter the score. Then click "Update Contest."

#### Section 2.3 Selection Information

[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.]

For the 2025 season, the tournament field is 16 teams. Those 16 teams will include eight automatic qualifiers and eight teams at-large. All 16 teams will be seeded for the championship.

The nine AQ conferences are:

ASUN Conference
Big West Conference
Conference USA
Ohio Valley Conference
Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Southland Conference
Sun Belt Conference
West Coast Conference

#### 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 ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

#### Section 2.4 Selection Criteria

[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

- Committee will select 16 teams.
  - a. Eight automatic bids.
  - b. Best remaining eight teams from either region at-large selections.
  - c. Teams will be seeded 1-16.
  - d. Committee will avoid 1st round conference match-ups.
- 2. Selection criteria for at-large bids 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.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, 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 championships competition.

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

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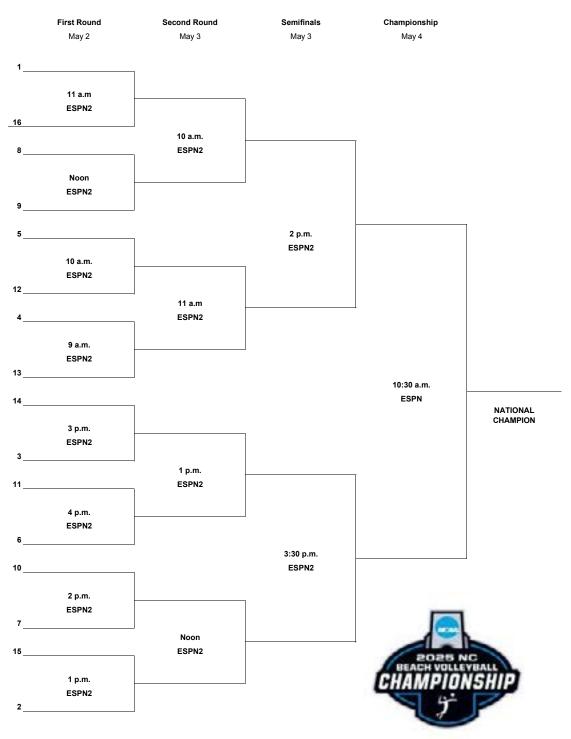
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## **Appendix A • Bracket**



#### 2025 National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship

**Gulf Place** Gulf Shores, Alabama May 2-4, 2025



All times are Eastern time. Information subject to change

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## Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

#### **EAST REGION (72)**

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Austin Peay State University

**Barry University** 

Berry College

Boise State University

Carson-Newman University

Catawba College

University of Central Arkansas

College of Charleston (South Carolina)

Coastal Carolina University

East Texas Baptist University

Eastern Illinois University

Eastern Kentucky University

**Eckerd College** 

Emmanuel University (Georgia)

**Erskine College** 

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida International University

Florida Southern College

Florida State University

Georgia State University

Hendrix College

Houston Christian University

Huntingdon College

Jacksonville State University

Jacksonville University

LaGrange College

Lindenwood University

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Louisiana State University

University of Lynchburg

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

McKendree University

McNeese 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

Saint Leo University

Salem College (North Carolina)

Sam Houston State University

San Jose State University

University of South Carolina, Columbia

Southeastern Louisiana University

The University of Southern Mississippi

Southern Virginia University

Southwest Baptist University

Spring Hill College

Stephen F. Austin State University

Stetson University

Stevenson University

University of Tampa

Tarleton State University

Tennessee Technological University

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

University of Tennessee at Martin

University of Texas at Austin

University of Texas at El Paso

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

**Tulane University** 

Tusculum University

Wesleyan College (Georgia)

Wingate University

#### **WEST REGION (32)**

University of Arizona

Arizona 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

Chaminade University

Colorado Mesa University

Concordia University Irvine

Grand Canyon University

University of Hawaii, Manoa

Hawaii Pacific University

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

Santa Clara University

University of Southern California

Stanford University

Texas Christian University

University of Utah

Vanguard University

University of Washington Wayne State College (NE)