



***PRECHAMPIONSHIP
2025-26 MANUAL***

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Association will sponsor 92 national championships – 43 for men, 47 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four 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, eight 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 92 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 Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete 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.]

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

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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 Sept. 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

Division I 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 Men's Volleyball

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Section 1 • General Administration

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Section 1.3 Important Dates

Monday, Feb. 2	Proposed budget information will be available on the NCAA website for teams to submit a bid to host regional-round matches of the championship.
Monday, March 16	RPI published on ncaa.com .
Monday, March 23	RPI published on ncaa.com .
Monday, March 30	RPI published on ncaa.com .
Monday, April 6	RPI published on ncaa.com .
Monday, April 13	RPI published on ncaa.com .
Friday, April 17	Deadline for institutions to submit proposed budgets/bids to NCAA National Office for hosting regional-round matches of the championship.

Monday, April 20	RPI published on ncaa.com .
Saturday, April 25	Committee teleconference to consider teams.
Sunday, April 26	National committee selection announcement of teams.
Monday, April 27	Teleconference with participating teams and host sites (1 p.m. Eastern time).
Friday, May 1	Regional-round match; at non-predetermined sites hosted by participating institutions.
Saturday, May 2	Regional Final-round match; at non-predetermined sites hosted by participating institutions.
Saturday, May 9	Semifinal competition. Pauley Pavilion; University of California, Los Angeles, host.
Monday, May 11	Championship final. Pauley Pavilion; University of California, Los Angeles, host.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2026

Regional-Round Matches	May 1 - Non-predetermined sites hosted by participating institutions.
Regional Final-Round Matches	May 2 - Non-predetermined sites hosted by participating institutions.
Semifinals and Final	May 9 and 11 - Pauley Pavilion; University of California, Los Angeles, host.

DATE FORMULA

The National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship will take place the Saturday and Monday following the second Friday in May.

FUTURE DATES

2027

Regional-Round Matches	May 7 - Non-predetermined sites hosted by participating institutions.
Regional Final-Round Matches	May 8 - Non-predetermined sites hosted by participating institutions.
Semifinals and Final	May 15 and 17 - Orleans Arena; Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, hosts.

Section 1•4 Equipment

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

The use of electronic audio devices that transmit information from any location in the facility to the bench is not permitted (no audio-to-audio on the bench). It is permissible to gather statistical information from a designated area and to transmit statistical information to the bench. Computers may be used in the bench areas during the match for statistical and video-to-video (with no audio) purposes only.

ELECTRONIC SCORESHEETS

The NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee approved the use of electronic scoresheets, provided that it includes the following features: score tracking, libero tracking, rotations, substitutions, timeouts, sanctions and the ability to resolve scoring discrepancies.

GAME BALLS

Molten is the official volleyball for the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship. The National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship is played with the V5M5000.

Section 1•5 Rules

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 for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which 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 NCAA rules or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

All NCAA men's volleyball competitions will be governed by the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (USAV DCR) unless modified by this document. The following modifications have been approved by the NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee. All rules adopted by USA Volleyball prior to Aug. 1 of each year automatically will be adopted for use unless otherwise modified.

An updated rules book and approved rule modifications can be found on the [NCAA Men's Volleyball Rules of the Game](https://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/mens-volleyball-rules-game) website or [ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/mens-volleyball-rules-game](https://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/mens-volleyball-rules-game).

Section 1•6 Uniforms

Competing teams are required to bring both light and dark uniforms to the championship. The Men's Volleyball Committee will coordinate choice of uniforms for the championship matches. The higher-seeded team in each match will choose the color of their uniforms. The opposing team will wear jerseys of contrasting color.

Participants in the championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institution in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warmup uniforms and competitive uniforms.

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championship Format

For the 2026 Championship, there are seven (7) conferences eligible for automatic qualifiers: Big West Conference; Conference Carolinas; Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association; Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association; Mountain Pacific Sports Federation; Northeast Conference and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. This is the first year of the bracket expanding to a 12-team field and the remaining five (5) teams will be selected as at-large participants to the field.

The format will consist of four non-predetermined regional sites (May 1 & 2) with three teams competing at each site. Two teams will compete in a regional-round with the third team (the highest seed) receiving a bye and will compete against the winner in a regional final-round match. Winners from each of the regional final-round sites will advance to compete at the finals site at the University of California, Los Angeles (May 9 & 11). With having eight (8) teams at the finals site, a quarterfinal-round format will be used.

The Men's Volleyball Committee will separate the top four seeds in the field and those schools will have an opportunity to host, provided they submit a regional bid and meet the necessary requirements outlined in the regional bid checklist. These are non-predetermined sites meaning there is no set number of host sites per region, therefore dependent upon: 1) schools within the field; 2) seeding of the field; and 3) host facility availability/meets requirements. The remaining teams will be placed at sites geographically when possible, depending on the awarded regional sites.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOTE: All times listed are local (Los Angeles, California) and are subject to change.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, May 8

10:30 a.m. to noon	Semifinal No. 1 home practice.
12:10 to 1:40 p.m.	Semifinal No. 1 visitor practice.
1:50 to 3:20 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 home practice.
3:30 to 5 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 visitor practice.

Saturday, May 9

8:45 to 9:45 a.m.	Semifinal No. 1 home practice.
9:55 to 10:55 a.m.	Semifinal No. 1 visitor practice.
11:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 home practice.
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 visitor practice.
3:30 p.m.	Semifinal No. 1 (live on ESPN+).
6:30 p.m. (approx.)	Semifinal No. 2 (live on ESPN+).

Sunday, May 10

1 to 2:30 p.m.	Semifinal No. 1 winner practice.
2:40 to 4:10 p.m.	Semifinal No. 2 winner practice.

Monday, May 11

9 to 10 a.m.	Semifinal No. 1 winner practice.
10:10 to 11:10 a.m.	Semifinal No. 2 winner practice.
4 p.m.	Championship match (Live on ESPN2). Awards presentation immediately following.

START TIMES

Pairings and seedings for the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship will be established by the committee once the teams are selected. The committee will determine the order and time of matches in consultation with the NCAA broadcast partners. Any changes must first be approved by the NCAA Men's Volleyball Committee.

TRAVEL PARTY

The travel party for the National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship is 21 persons. The number of eligible players in uniform shall not exceed 18.

Section 2•2 Selection Information

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

The following conferences have been granted automatic qualification for the 2026 championship:

East	Conference Carolinas
	Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association
	Northeast Conference
Midwest	Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association
	Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
West	Big West Conference
	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Automatic qualifiers will be determined by a method of selection established by each of their respective conference offices.

AT-LARGE SELECTION

Five teams will be selected at-large using the criteria set forth in Section 2.3 of this manual.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located at ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information.

Section 2•3 Selection Criteria

The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; Criteria for Selection of Participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the Men's Volleyball Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the volleyball championship (not necessarily in priority order):

Primary Criteria

- Rating Percentage Index (25% the institution's winning percentage; 50% opponents' success; 25% opponents' strength of schedule);
- Results of the RPI;
- KPI;
- Head-to-head competition;
- Results versus nonconference opponents;

- Home and away results;
- Results versus common opponents; and
- Results versus teams already qualified and other teams under consideration.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

BID MATERIALS

Any institution interested in hosting regional-round competition 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. Each of the online forms may be accessed and submitted through the championships bid portal at championships.ncaa.org. The application is now part of My Apps and new users need to go through their SSO administrator to have it added to their My Apps account.

CHAMPIONSHIPS BID AND PROFILE SYSTEM

All bid-related forms can be accessed via the Championships Bid and Profile System at championships.ncaa.org.

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.
- Ticket and facility fees.

Committees/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will be paid by the NCAA, not the host institution. Game officials game fees, per diem mileage (if applicable) and luggage fees (if applicable) will be reimbursed by the NCAA via ArbiterPay.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting regional-round competition of the 2026 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 diagram, pictures – may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and its own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) 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, which would be inclusive of 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?division=d1.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the online host reporting system to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact Ethan Walker at 317-917-6476 or email at ewalker@ncaa.org.

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Appendix A • Bracket



2026 National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship

On-campus Pauley Pavilion
Los Angeles, California

Regional-Round
May 1

Regional Final-Round
May 2

Semifinal-Round
May 9

Final
May 11



*Regional Rounds will be hosted by one of the participating institutions. Semifinal and Championship-rounds will be held at Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles, California. All times are Eastern time. Information subject to change. For more details, visit NCAA.com.

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Don't Bet On It.

Appendix B • Sport Sponsorship

EAST REGION

Conference Carolinas (9) - AQ - Conference Championship

Barton College

Belmont Abbey College

Emmanuel College (Georgia)

Erskine College

King University

Lees-McRae College

University of Mount Olive

Newberry College

North Greenville University

Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (7) - AQ - Conference Championship

University of Charleston (West Virginia)

George Mason University

Harvard University

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Pennsylvania State University

Princeton University

Sacred Heart University

Northeast Conference (7) - AQ - Conference Championship

D'Youville University

Daemen College

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Long Island University

Manhattan University

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)

Independent (10)

American International College

Barry University

Catawba College

Dominican University New York

Merrimack College

University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon

University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

Roberts Wesleyan University

St. Thomas Aquinas College

MIDWEST REGION

Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (9) - AQ - Conference Championship

Ball State University

Lewis University

Lindenwood University

Loyola University Chicago

McKendree University

Northern Kentucky University

The Ohio State University

Purdue University Fort Wayne

Queens University of Charlotte

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (6) - AQ - Conference Championship

Benedict College

Central State University

Edward Waters University

Fort Valley State University

Kentucky State University

LeMoyne-Owen College

Independent (10)

University of Jamestown (provisional)

Lincoln Memorial University

Maryville University of Saint Louis

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Quincy University

Rockhurst University

Roosevelt University (provisional)

Southwest Baptist University

Thomas More University

Tusculum University

WEST REGION**Big West Conference (6) - AQ - Conference Championship**

California State University, Northridge

University of California, Irvine

University of California, San Diego

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of Hawaii, Manoa

Long Beach State University

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (8) - AQ - Conference Championship

Brigham Young University

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Merced (provisional)

Concordia University Irvine

Jessup University

Menlo College (provisional)

Pepperdine University

University of Southern California

Stanford University

Vanguard University