

Waiver Process for Minimum Contest Requirement for Division III Spring Championships Eligibility

Championships Policy

An institution must meet the minimum number of contests to be eligible for at-large selection to Division III spring championships. Institutions may count conference tournament games in which they participate toward the minimum contest requirement.

Minimum contests requirements for spring championships are as follows:

Sport	Contest Minimum
Baseball	13
Men's Golf	3
Women's Golf	3
Men's Lacrosse	5
Women's Lacrosse	5
Rowing	4
Softball	12
Men's Tennis	5
Women's Tennis	5
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	3
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	3
Men's Volleyball	9

Introduction

The Division III Championships Committee has the authority to waive the minimum contest requirement for teams to be eligible to compete in NCAA spring championships when an institution is unable to meet the championship eligibility minimum. This waiver process is effective for the 2021 Division III spring championships. The decision to approve any waivers will be based on objective evidence that the team's inability to meet the minimum contest requirements was outside of the institution's/team's control.

All requests will be reviewed by the Championships Committee with feedback from the sport committee, as necessary.

Application Procedures

An institution seeking a waiver of the minimum contest requirement for spring championships eligibility will submit a request in writing to the Championships Committee. A conference may submit the request on behalf of their member institution. The request should include the following:

- a. Documentation of a schedule that would have allowed the institution/team to meet the minimum contest requirements.
- b. Documentation that cancelled contests occurred due to COVID-19 related circumstances.
- c. Documentation that despite a good-faith effort, the team was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate minimum number of contests.

All such requests must provide written documentation and be signed by the institution's director of athletics and include a letter of support from the conference office.

Review Procedures

Upon receipt of the waiver request, NCAA staff will review the information to ensure it is complete. Sport committees will be consulted if necessary. After reviewing all information, the committee will approve or deny the waiver.

Approval: If the waiver is approved it demonstrates that the inability to meet the minimum contest requirements were outside of the institution's/team's control.

Denial: If the waiver is denied it demonstrates that the inability to meet the minimum contests requirements could have been mitigated by the institution/team.

Appeals

The Championships Committee's decision is final and will not be subject to further review. An appeal may only be submitted for reconsideration if the requestor submits new or additional relevant information.

Deadline

Waiver deadlines are as follows:

Sport	Waiver Deadline
Baseball	Friday, May 14
Men's Golf	Friday, April 23
Women's Golf	Friday, April 23
Men's Lacrosse	Friday, April 30
Women's Lacrosse	Friday, April 23
Rowing	Friday, April 30
Softball	Friday, May 7
Men's Tennis	Friday, April 30
Women's Tennis	Friday, April 30
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	Friday, May 14
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	Friday, May 14
Men's Volleyball	Friday, April 2

If there are any cancellations the week of selections, emergency waivers will be accepted up to three days prior to selections.

Waivers should be addressed to the attention of Kiki Jacobs, chair of the Division III Championships Committee, and submitted via email to Laura Peterson-Mlynski (lpeterson@ncaa.org) by the deadlines outlined above.