

2026 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar?

The Regional Rules Seminar is a comprehensive, education-focused event allowing NCAA staff and others supporting collegiate athletics to deliver information to attendees. The seminar is designed for collegiate athletics administrators, institutional staff supporting athletics and others involved or affiliated with these groups.

2. What is objective of the Regional Rules Seminar?

The Regional Rules Seminar provides an opportunity for the NCAA membership and others across all three divisions to learn and discuss NCAA rules, policies and procedures, share best practices and connect with peers.

3. Who may attend the Regional Rules Seminar?

Participation in the 2026 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar is open to all NCAA member schools, conference offices and others affiliated with these groups. Sponsorship opportunities are available for any outside groups interested in attending the seminar. Interested sponsors may contact NCAARegionalRulesSeminars@ncaa.org.

4. When and where will the 2026 Regional Rules Seminar be located?

The seminar will be held May 13-15 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta.

5. When will the Regional Rules Seminar registration open?

Registration for the seminar opens in mid-March. [Here](#) is a link to the registration platform.

6. What is the cost to attend the seminar?

Registration to attend the seminar is free to those attending from an NCAA member school or conference. The costs associated with the seminar include individual transportation, lodging and meals; however, there will be a continental breakfast available each morning of the seminar for attendees on a first-come, first-served basis, and there will be an evening Welcome Reception Thursday, May 14 with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drink tickets. Seminar attendees that are not from an NCAA member school or conference are considered nonmembers and are required to pay a fee during the registration process.

7. How does the registration process work?

To register for the event, click [here](#). Step-by-step instructions are outlined within the registration platform. Registrants will be asked if they want to secure a hotel with their event registration.

8. How does a registrant secure a hotel room during the dates of the seminar?

During the event registration process, there will be a section that outlines an option for attendees to stay at the host hotel. All hotel rooms reserved through the seminar registration process are on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended that attendees book their hotel through the online registration process. If the host hotel is full at the time of registration, registrants will be placed on a waiting list and notified when/if a room becomes available.

9. Is there only one seminar offered this spring/summer 2026?

Yes.

10. What should attendees expect to learn as a first-time attendee?

First-time attendees should expect a wide variety of educational programming options on various topics designated as Association-wide, Division I, Division II or Division III. Several sessions will begin on the morning of May 13 and sessions will conclude May 15. Sessions will be offered in ballrooms throughout the duration of the seminar. Continental breakfast will be offered on first-come, first-served basis, and a Welcome Reception will occur the evening of May 14.

11. Will the Regional Rules Seminar be offered online?

No. All seminar sessions will be conducted in-person. There is not a separate virtual seminar; however, a livestream option is available for all Division III programming. For details regarding the livestream option, please reach out to [Eric Hartung](#).

12. Are there grants or scholarships available for attendees to attend the seminar?

No. There are no specific NCAA grants or scholarships available to attend the in-person seminar.

13. Will materials from in-person sessions be available in the NCAA Learning Portal after the seminar?

Yes. Select session materials from the seminar will be available to the membership in the NCAA Learning Portal as soon as possible after the seminar. Only individuals with access to the Learning Portal will be able to access the materials.

14. Will materials uploaded to the Learning Portal be available to be downloaded?

Yes. All materials uploaded to the Learning Portal will be available to download.



15. Will attendees have access to the materials in the Learning Portal that are specific to the division for which they registered (e.g., registered as a Division I attendee)?

Yes. However, all attendees will have access to any materials uploaded from the seminar regardless of if they attended that particular session during the event.

16. Where is a listing of all seminar sessions located?

All seminar sessions are outlined in the registration portal or on the event webpage [here](#).

17. Will attendees have to submit a change request to attend a different session than what they initially registered for during the registration process?

No. However, registrants are strongly encouraged to select the sessions they believe they will attend during the event.

18. When do sessions start and end on each day of the seminar?

There are several sessions scheduled during the seminar. Some sessions are intended for a specific division and the remaining sessions are designated as Association-wide. The earliest sessions may begin is 8:15 a.m. local time. The latest any session may end is 5:30 p.m. local time. Atlanta is in the Eastern time zone.

19. Are there seminar sessions focused on a particular individual's role or is there a track of sessions dedicated to a particular position (e.g., financial aid administrator)?

Seminar sessions are not designated to align with a particular role (e.g., financial aid administrator) as all sessions are designed for anyone to attend/participate; however, individuals in a particular role may find certain sessions more aligned with their work responsibilities. Each attendee has the opportunity to select the session(s) that best align with their work and interests.

20. What is the format of the Regional Rules Seminar?

The seminar is a three-day educational event offering nearly 100 in-person sessions broken out into segments of 30, 45, 60 or 90 minutes. Some sessions are designed to occur over several hours with designated breaks while covering a variety of topics. Sessions dedicated to Divisions II and III incorporate an all-day format with breaks between topics to meet specific needs of their membership. All sessions will take place in ballrooms and set up in a classroom or roundtable arrangement.



21. What is the format for Division II and III specific sessions?

Division II sessions will be conducted over a one and one-half day period beginning at 9 a.m. local time Thursday, May 14. Division II sessions will conclude at 11:30 a.m. local time Friday, May 15.

Division III sessions will be conducted over a one and one-half day period beginning at 10:45 a.m. local time Thursday, May 14. Division III sessions will conclude at 5 p.m. local time Friday, May 15.

22. How do seminar participants choose the sessions they wish to attend?

Seminar participants will choose the sessions they wish to attend during the registration process. If participants are members of multiple divisions, they should select the sessions that best meet their individual needs.

23. Will any sessions be repeated during the three-day seminar?

Yes. However, not every session will be repeated, and it is the responsibility of the participant to review the sessions they wish to attend. Please refer to the seminar daily schedule on the [NCAA Regional Rules Seminar webpage](#).

24. Will there be designated topical tracks for Division I administrators (e.g., Welcome to the World or Advanced Track) or designated sessions for new compliance administrators only?

No. The seminar agenda does not specify specific topical tracks for Division I attendees; however, there are several sessions that may be beneficial for new and veteran Division I compliance administrators. Further, all Division I sessions are designed to assist new and veteran compliance administrators and nonathletics staff who support college athletics (e.g., financial aid, registrar, admissions). Session descriptions highlight pertinent information for attendees and help explain the type of content and discussion to occur during each session.

25. For those divisions that have required attendance at regional rules, will there be a virtual option that satisfies that requirement?

Yes. Division III member schools required to attend the May 13-15 Regional Rules Seminar **may** complete the requirement via the livestream option this year. Viewing the Division III Regional Rules Seminar sessions via livestream will reset the once-in-three-year attendance requirement

The list of schools required to attend in 2026 can be found on the [NCAA Regional Rules Seminar webpage](#).

Registration and livestream access information will be distributed in March.



Please contact [Eric Hartung](#) if you have any questions.

26. What are the ways in which Division III member institutions may attend the seminar?

Division III attendees may attend in two ways:

1. Register for and attend in-person the Regional Rules Seminar in Atlanta; or
2. Register, log in and view the Division III Regional Rules Seminar sessions via livestream.

Note: Viewing the Division III Regional Rules Seminar sessions via livestream will reset the once-in-three-year's attendance requirement.

27. What NCAA Division III schools are required to attend the seminar in 2026?

The list of schools required to attend the seminar in 2026 can be found [NCAA Regional Rules Seminar webpage](#).

28. When will registration open for Division III schools to register for the livestream option?

Registration for the Division III livestream will open in mid-March when registration is open for all registrants. All schools attending the event in person or via the livestream option (Division III only) are required to register for the seminar and there will be a designated option for livestream access.

Division III members will have a livestream option available Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15.

29. How will Division III schools log into the livestream option?

All registrants that register for the livestream option will receive an email from the seminar registration platform that includes a link to access the Division III sessions. Note that if registrants do not register under the livestream option, they will not receive an email with a link to attend the livestream sessions.

30. When will Division III schools receive a link to access the livestream sessions?

One day prior to the seminar, all livestream registrants will receive a link to access the Division III sessions. The link will be sent again the morning Division III sessions begin Thursday, May 14. Only individuals registered under the Division III livestream option will receive access to join via the livestream.

