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Division III April Webinar

Championships Bid Cycle

Russ Yurk and Laura Peterson

WELCOME

- **86 of 90 Championships**
 - Includes preliminary and final sites
 - ≈125 sites annually
- **2026-27 through 2029-30 academic years**
- **Excludes:**
 - Men's College World Series
 - Women's College World Series
 - DIII Women's Ice Hockey
 - FCS Football



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LOOKING BACK

- 3,000+ bids submitted
- 46 states + Washington D.C.
- Approximately 460 sites awarded
 - DI & DIII cross country regionals not awarded



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TIMELINE

- **July 19**
Bids portal opens
Bid specs published
- **August 29**
Host symposium at NCAA
- **February 7**
Bid portal closes
- **October 2**
Host sites announced



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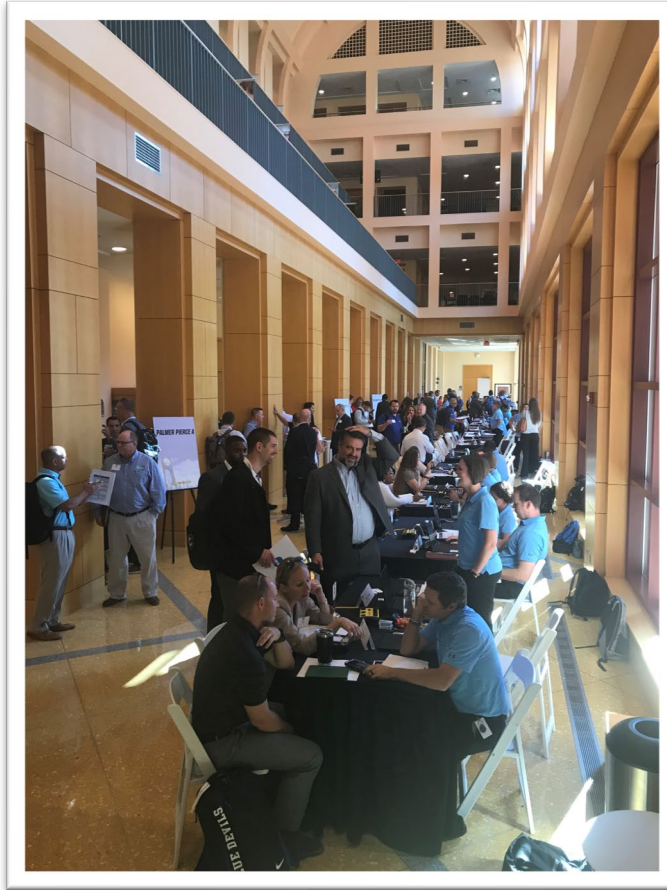
- **August 29 NCAA, Indianapolis**
 - **Morning** **General & breakout sessions**
 - **Afternoon** **Breakout sessions**
 - **All day** **Champ manager availability**

You must register to attend

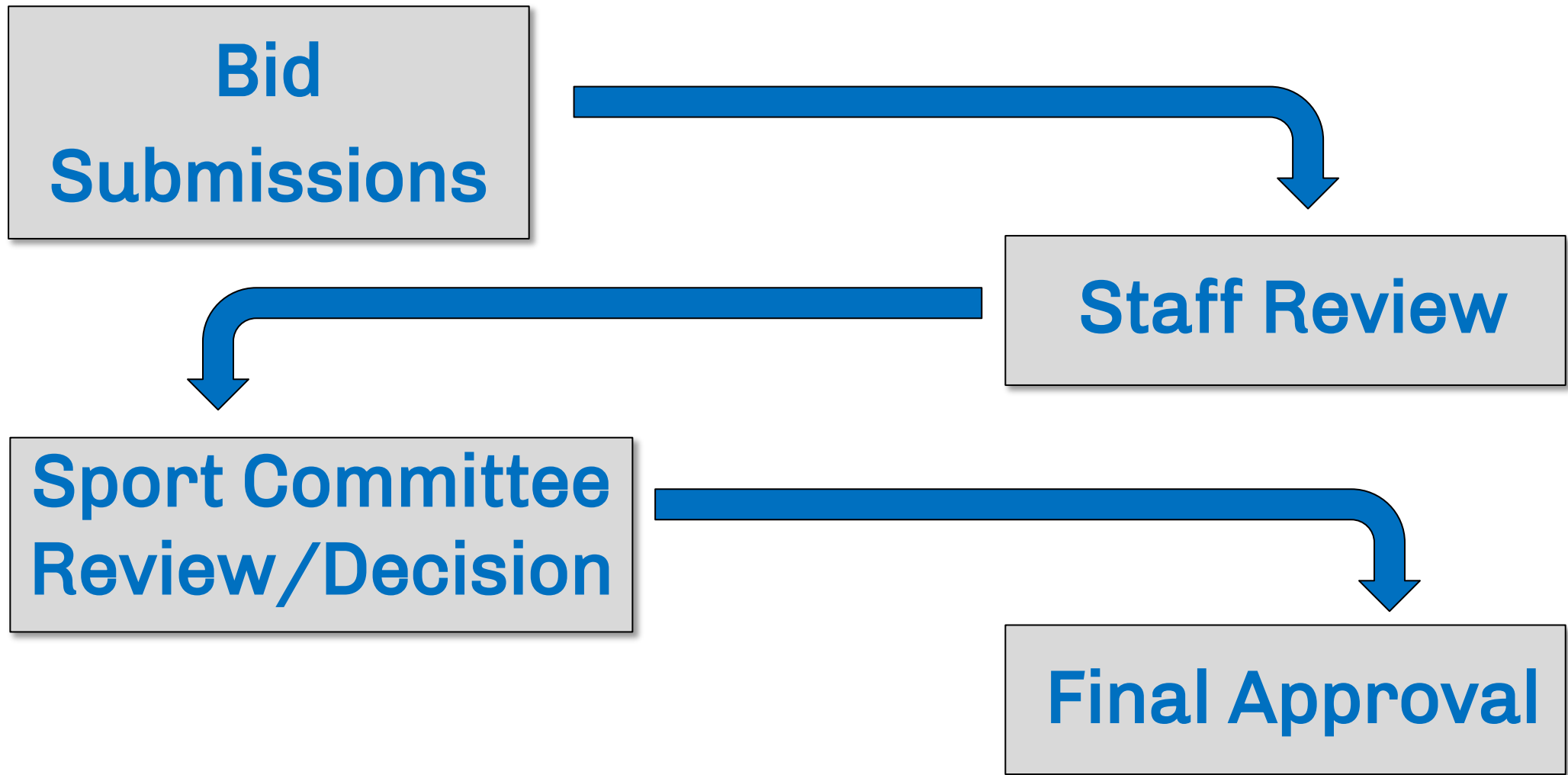


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KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL BID



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KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL BID

- Creation of meaningful student-athlete experience
- Adherence to bid specifications
- Proposed facilities
- Competitive budget/grants



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KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL BID

- Adherence to NCAA core values and principles
- Commitment from host(s)
- Competitive pricing – facilities, travel and lodging
- Geographic location
 - Proximity to traditional participants
 - Climate (fall)



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TEAM LODGING

- Team friendly
- High need for doubles
- Proximity to venue
- Competitive rates



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NEXT STEPS



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NEXT STEPS

- Develop hosting strategy
- Inventory of facilities and schedules
 - Any in the pipeline?
- Connect with local sports commission/CVB
- Update/create profile on championships.ncaa.org
- Research/attend current championships

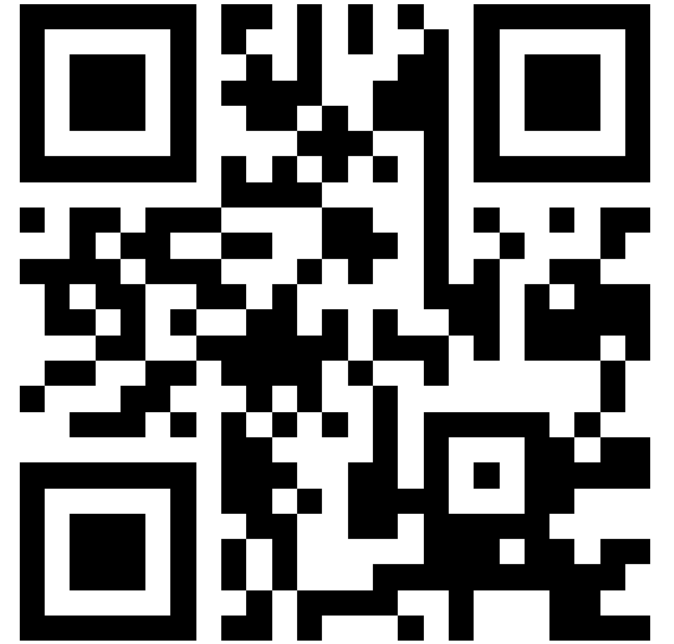


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RESOURCES

- NCAA websites

- www.ncaa.org/bids
- championships.ncaa.org
- www.ncaa.org/championships
- www.ncaapublications.com



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HOSTING MYTHS



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- “We’ll lose money”
- “It’s too much work”
- “Too much competition”



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“WE’LL LOSE MONEY”

- Proposed budget submitted with bid.

	Budget	Actuals
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receipts	\$16,625.00	\$38,705.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditures	\$68,906.48	\$65,426.35

SUMMARY CALCULATION SUPPLEMENT			
LOC pays school honorarium? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
1.	Gross receipts		\$ 38,705.00
2.	Actual Disbursements		\$ 65,426.35
3.	Approved BUDGETED Disbursements		\$ 68,906.48
4.	Disbursements absorbed by sponsors		\$ 0.00
5.	Total APPROVED disbursements		\$ 65,426.35
6.	NET RECEIPTS or DEFICIT		\$ (-26,721.35)
7.	Funds already submitted by host		0.00
8.	Funds collected directly by NCAA		0.00
9.	Honorarium Honorarium Calculation Details		\$ 2,900.00
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	Days Past Due: Penalty: 0.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorarium Penalty Override 0.00		\$ 2,900.00
10.	Amount to be sent to host agency		\$ 29,621.35



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“IT’S TOO MUCH WORK”

NCAA Provides:

- Host manual
 - Checklists
- Hotels
 - Via On Location
- Equipment
 - Sports & Sideline
- Awards
- Signage
- Marketing support
 - Graphics
 - :30 video spots
- Game scripts



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“TOO MUCH COMPETITION”

21 championships averaged five bids or fewer per year.

- DIII men's basketball
3 in 2024
- DIII M/W cross country regionals
Averaged 5, need 8 sites per year
- DIII men's ice hockey
2 each in '24 & '25



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REASONS TO HOST

- Promote campus/city
- Showcase facilities
- Service to fellow NCAA members
- Support the sport
- Competitive advantage
- Fill hotel rooms



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Questions?



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