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NCAA POWER INDEX (NPI)

2026 Championship Updates

Educational Materials and Training Video Production

Phase One: Educational materials being created for distribution in September 2026

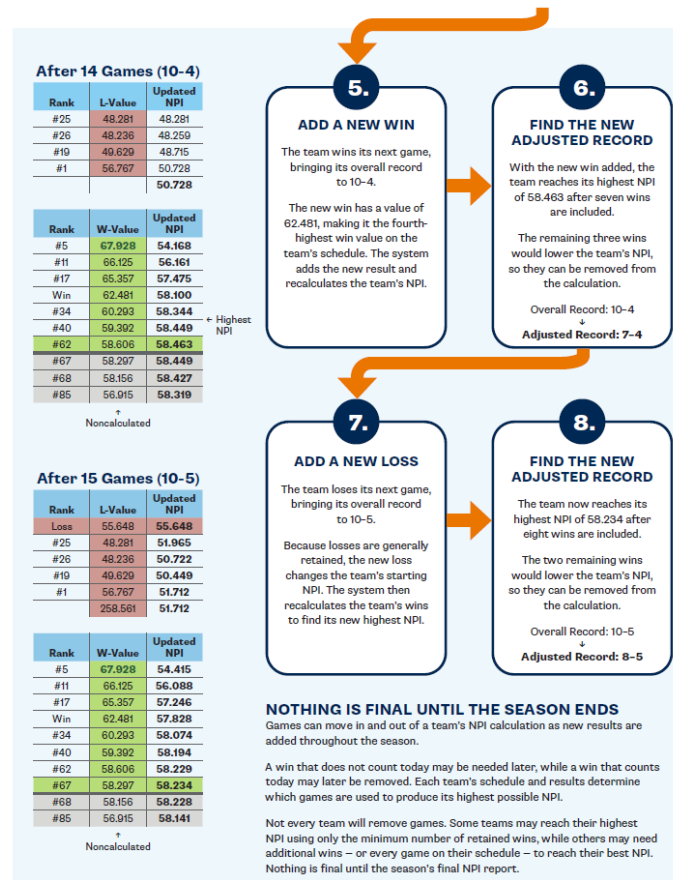
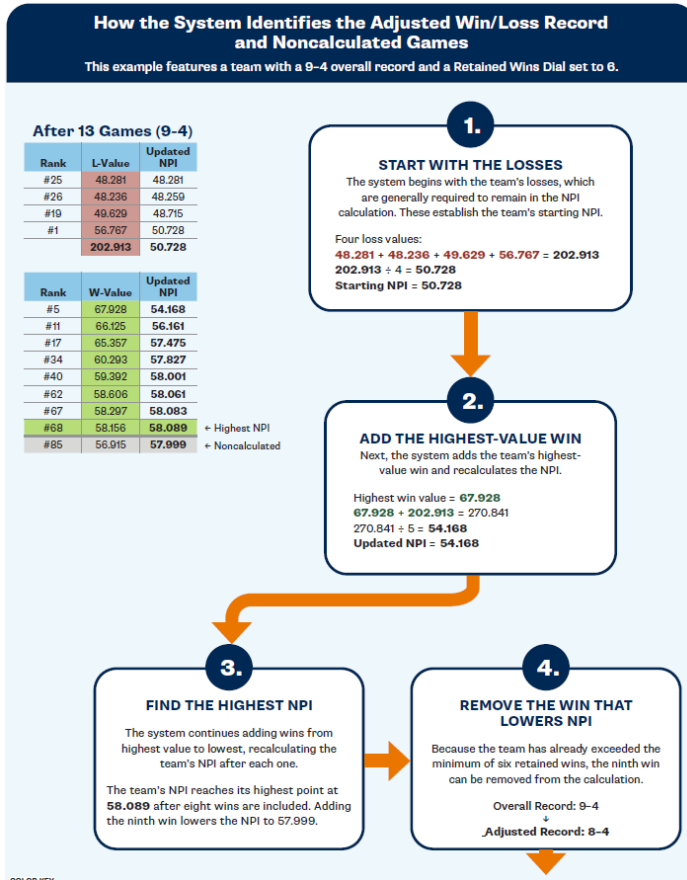
- PDF documents with education of each dial and all formulas
- New NCAA.org web page bringing all the materials into one location
- Training Video(s) covering the PDF education documents

Phase Two: Future materials and continued education through 2026-27

- Enhancements to NCAA.org NPI pages including additional NPI data
- Additional PDF documents and NCAA.org webpages covering NPI documents
- Additional videos covering more topics that need education based on feedback from initial launch
- NCAA.com NPI ranking page tutorial and tour video
- Potential for bracketing and selection principles for DII and for DI
- Examination of NCAAnpi.net (currently just for approved use by liaison and committees)
- Videos and documents related to sport-by-sport dial changes ahead of 2027-28

Additional materials will be created based on necessity and coming out of future group meetings and discussions.

Proofs of PDF Documents





NPI ENHANCEMENTS

Discussion Group recommendations

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Confirmed enhancements:

- **More frequency in data pushes (majority of sports will push twice weekly and then daily two weeks prior to selections).**
- **Initial push dates for data (i.e. earlier initial push than current)**
- **What-if scenarios for staff/committees to assist with selections and bracketing preparation.**

Enhancements being worked on and should be in place for 2026-27:

- **NCAA.org NPI Stat page enhancements including color identifiers, additional data (i.e. conferences), and more.**
- **Rankings should automatically publish from the NPI database into NCAA.com, saving time for NCAA staff.**
- **Future contracting and partnership with Tim Danehy – owner and operator of NCAAnpi.net.**
- **Ensuring correct results and data.**

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Future Items:

- **Future use of NCAAnpi.net, including the live data features.**
- **Additional sports working within NPI.**



NPI DIALS

What do the dials tell us?

What are the NPI dials and what do they tell us?

NPI is made up of four primary dials, with three optional dials to allow a limited amount of subjectivity for sport committees, within an objective analytic formula used to select and bracket teams for each of the DIII championships.

Winning Percentage and Strength of Schedule

- The two major factors of a team's success is its overall record, but in comparison to how difficult it was to earn that record based on the strength of the schedule.
- The toughest comparisons are a team with a high win % and low SOS, against a team with a lower win % but a high SOS.
- This formula helps put everyone on a level playing field.

Other dials then assist this main dial in addressing common issues seen throughout the membership.

- **Retained Wins:** helps your team when forced to play a weaker conference opponent by removing this win from the calculation should it negatively impact your ranking despite winning a game. No win should hurt a team's rank.
- **Quality Win Bonuses:** Utilizing two dials in the calculation, this will help encourage teams to continue to play strong schedules and the top ranked teams by providing teams bonuses in wins. The higher the ranked team, the higher the bonus applied to the win.
- **Home/Away Dials:** These dials can be broken out between non-conference, conference, and postseason but overall allow a committee to put more and less weights based on if results were earned at home as compared to on the road.
- **Overtime/Ties:** Optional dials for sports that feature overtime differences and ties, with ability to weight them less.

Links and Resources

NCAA.org - General Championship Resources (under the Championships drop down menu)

[NCAA General Championship Resources - NCAA.org - The Official Website of the NCAA](#)

Scroll down to Division III Championship Resources at the bottom of the page to access NPI links and data

- **NPI Rankings** will take you to the actual data and sport rankings: [NCAA Statistics](#)
- Can learn more about NPI with the **FAQ document**: [D3CC_SelectionCriteriaDatabaseFAQ.pdf](#)
- Can track the **Dials and Weights** for each of the Division III sports: [D3CC_NPIWeights.pdf](#)

These links and documents, along with Division II resources will all eventually live under one NPI link, with a link to that site replacing links on the General Championship Resources page directing everyone to one central location.

