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Introduction

During the 2009-10 academic year, the Association will sponsor 88 national championships, of which 41 are for men, 44 are for women, and three are for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 13 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 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.

A championships handbook is produced for each NCAA championship and posted on the NCAA Online Web site (www.ncaa.org).

How to Use This Publication. The handbook is divided into four sections: (1) General Administration; (2) Determination of Competing Institutions; (3) Instructions to Participants; and (4) General Championship Information. The first three sections pertain only to the respective sport, while the fourth deals with NCAA policies applicable to all 88 championships. [Note: Some policies listed in the general section have been revised by individual sports committees. The revision(s) will appear in the sport-specific section of the handbook.]

Each topic included in the handbook is referenced to other applicable areas in the handbook or in the NCAA Manuals, where appropriate. For example, if you wish to know about regional advisory committees, the basic information for that particular sport would be included in an appendix. However, as referenced under the heading "Regional Advisory Committees," more information concerning general NCAA policy governing regional advisory committees can be found later in the handbook and in the NCAA Manuals.

Men's Gymnastics Championships Information

Important Dates

Friday, September 25—Request for coaches' recommendations will be sent out from the NCAA.

Friday, October 16—Deadline to submit recommendation of judges to the NCAA national office.

Monday, November 16—Computer statistical program online. Deadline for entering schedules into the computer statistical service.

Monday, November 30—Deadline for submitting team schedules and rosters to appropriate conference liaison and for submitting team schedules and judging requirements to appropriate judges' assignment chair.

Monday, January 4—After this date, all scores must be entered into the computer by 10 p.m. (Eastern time) on the Monday after the competition. In addition, they must be sent by mail or facsimile to the appropriate conference liaison within five days after the competition.

Monday, February 1—No new meets may be added after this date without committee approval.

Sunday, April 4—Last day of qualifying.

Monday, April 5—All qualifying scores must be entered into the computer by noon (Eastern time).

Tuesday, April 6—National selection call, 1 p.m. (Eastern time).

Wednesday, April 7—Telephone conference for coaches of teams that have qualified for championships, noon (Eastern time)

Tuesday, April 13—Training facilities available at nationals site. Teams must schedule training times by Friday, April 9.

Wednesday, April 14—Practice sessions, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time (11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Session I teams only; 2-5 p.m.: Session II teams only)

Wednesday, April 14—Mandatory coaches meeting, 9 a.m. Eastern time.

Thursday, April 15—National qualifying competition, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Friday-Saturday, April 16-17—National championships 7 p.m. Eastern time.

General Administration

Dates and Sites

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manuals.]

2010 National Qualifying Meet—April 15, Holleder Center, West Point, New York; U.S. Military Academy, host.

2010 Finals—April 16-17, Holleder Center, West Point, New York; U.S. Military Academy host.

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Date Formula. The national qualifier and the national championships will be held the third weekend in April (Thursday - Saturday). In the event a holiday or the Men's Final Four and Women's Final Four fall on this weekend, the championships will be conducted one week later in April.

Future Championships

April 14-16, 2011—The Ohio State University

Institutions interested in hosting future finals competitions should contact Mary Berdo at the NCAA national office (317/917-6222).

Financial Guarantee. Host institutions for finals competition will be required to guarantee a minimum of 75 percent of the estimated net receipts, as identified on their proposed budget.

NCAA Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering. No pre-determined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Sports Committee

[Reference: Administration and Management in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Manuals.]

The National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee, which is subject to the authority of the Division I Championships/Sport Management Cabinet. Current members of the committee are:

Robb Dunn, U.S. Naval Academy, chair

Ragine Marie Dvorak, University of Michigan

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Annual Forms

Expense Reimbursement Form. Expense forms with instructions are available on the NCAA Web site (<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=36359>). If you are unable to access the forms via the Web site, forms can be mailed to the director of athletics of competing institutions. Please contact Juanita Sheely, NCAA travel and insurance manager, at 317/917-6222, or e-mail at jsheely@ncaa.org to receive hard

copies of this form. Teams and individuals that advance from the national qualifying meet will receive reimbursement from the NCAA. Participating institutions should submit the forms to Keith E. Martin, director of finance and business operations, at the NCAA national office.

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section, and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Financial Report Form. A financial report, which is part of the proposed-budget form, from the championships site must be submitted to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the financial report within 60 days will result in financial penalties. The host institution will be sent the forms before the championships.

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Proposed Budget Form. Institutions interested in hosting future NCAA men's gymnastics championships should contact the NCAA national office for a proposed budget form.

[Reference: Budgets in the Division I General Section.]

Determination of Participants

Championships Structure

National Qualifier. The top 10 teams, in addition to the conference champions from the Big Ten Conference and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), the top six all-around competitors who are not members of a selected team, and the top six individuals per event who are not members of a selected team or have not already been selected in the all-around, will compete in the national qualifying meet. The next two alternates will be identified for each event and will be inserted if a scratch occurs. Not more than 12 competitors may represent any one institution.

The meet format will consist of seven rotations of seven groups. Six groups will consist of one team and one group will consist of three all-around competitors and three event specialists.

National Championships. Three teams and the top three all-around competitors not on one of the qualifying teams, plus the top three individuals on each event not already qualified on a team or as an all-around competitor, will advance from each qualifying session to the championships. Not more than 12 competitors may represent any one institution. March-in will be limited to 15 individuals.

Any participant in the championships is eligible to win an award for any event.

The meet format will consist of seven rotations of seven groups. Six groups will consist of one team and one all-around competitor. The No. 1-ranked all-around competitor from Session I will compete with the No. 1-ranked team from Session I, the No. 2 all-around competitor with the No. 2 team, etc. The all-around competitor will compete in the seventh position immediately after the team. The seventh group will be made of the six individual event specialists for each event.

Qualification Procedures (National Qualifier)

To qualify for selection to the national qualifier, institutions must meet the following criteria established by the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee.

1. **Assignment of Judges.** All judges must be nationally certified. For conferences that maintain a judging assignment chair, that chair will assign judges. In all other cases, the local judging association for the National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA) will make the assignments. If both the host and visiting institutions agree not to accept the assignment of a judge, the judge must be replaced by the assignment chair. Otherwise, a coach has the right to appeal any judging assignment to the chair of the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee. Any appeal of a judging assignment will be reviewed by the committee. In all cases, the NCAA Code of Ethics for Judges and Coaches must be adhered to. The Code of Ethics for Judges and Coaches is included in the handbook as Appendix B.
2. **Regular-Season Competition.** In all meets, FIG rules in effect December 1, 2009, must be used and a minimum of two nationally certified judges per event must work the meet. December 1 is the cut-off date for changes to the Code of Points. After this date, any changes or skill evaluations or clarifications will go before the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee. For the most up-to-date FIG rules interpretations, see the

NCAA section of the NGJA Web site at: www.ngja.org.

The names of the judges at each competition must be printed on the official scoresheets, and the judges must sign next to their printed names. If more than four judges are used in triangular, quadrangular or tournament competitions, names and signatures need not be on each page of the results.

Note: All coaches and judges must sign the final scoresheets.

Teams may compete a seventh man at competitions if he already competes for his team on five events.

3. **Vault.** Gymnasts will perform one vault only throughout the season.
4. **Submission of Results.** All team and individual scores must be submitted to the Collegiate Gymnastics Association (CGA) computer (the system operator is Steve Troester, 703 Elliott Court, Iowa City, Iowa 52246, phone: 319/351-2860) and to the respective men's gymnastics conference liaison. "Gym Info," the official NCAA national ranking Web site at www.troester.com/gym. Schedules must be entered into the system by November 30. Beginning January 1, scores must be entered in the computer by 10 p.m. (Eastern time) the Monday after the respective competition, except April 4, the day of the close of qualifying. On April 5, scores must be entered by noon (Eastern time). Trouble entering scores should be reported to the respective conference liaison. Scores must be sent by e-mail, mail or facsimile to the appropriate conference liaison within five days after competition. During the final two weeks of the season, scores must be sent by e-mail or facsimile.

Each team is responsible for submitting its own results to the computerized statistical service.

Typed scoresheets mailed to the NCAA conference liaison must be submitted on published, standardized scoresheets on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper. Computer-generated scoresheets must conform to the standardized format.

5. **Determining National Qualification Averages.** When selecting participants for national qualifying competition, the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee will determine averages according to the following formula:

Team, Individual and All-Around. The national qualifying average for teams, all-around competitors and individuals will be computed as follows: Select the four highest scores, counting no more than two home meets. Replace the highest of these four scores with the conference championship meet score counting twice and average these five scores. Individuals who compete in a final at their conference meet may use the finals score as a regular-season home or away meet. Under extreme circumstances, a coach may petition in writing that a student-athlete who was unable to participate in the conference championship should be considered for the national qualifying meet. All petitions are due before the date of selections. Six individuals on a team may compete on each event, with the four highest scores per event counting toward the team score. The qualifying period is from September 7, 2009, through April 4, 2010.

Championships Selection

National Qualifier. The conference liaisons will verify their top teams, all-around competitors and individuals in each event, in addition to the conference team champions of the ECAC and the Big Ten Conference.

To choose the top teams and individuals, rankings generated by the CGA computer service will be used. Once scores submitted online are verified, the computer ranking will become official and then will be used to select the participants for the national qualifying meet.

Team and individual scores may be deleted or changed from the final computer rankings if they cannot be verified by an official-signed scoresheet. However, no teams or individual scores may be added to the rankings by the conference liaison. No scores will be considered for meets held after April 5.

Countable Competition. An institution may count scores obtained during a maximum of two regular-season meets against institutional club or approved international programs toward their national qualifying average. An institution may not count competition against its own institutional club program. Also, club and international teams must have a minimum of six student-athletes competing and four competitors on each event. All competitions must follow NCAA rules.

An individual may count scores from the Winter Cup competition.

Conference Call. A conference call of the men's gymnastics committee will be conducted to select the 10 teams, six all-around competitors and six individuals per event for the national qualifier, in addition to the two conference automatic qualifiers.

Championships Format

The national qualifier and national championships competition will consist of competition on the following: floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars, horizontal bar, all-around and team competition.

The championships schedule will be as follows:

National qualifier—Session I, 1 p.m., and Session II, 7 p.m., April 15

Team and all-around finals, individual-event preliminaries—7 p.m., April 16

Individual-event finals—7 p.m., April 17

National Qualifier. At the national qualifier, the national qualifying average will be used to determine the seeding of teams in each session. The highest qualifying team in each session will be given first choice of starting position. Then, the second-highest qualifying team in each session will be asked to choose its starting event, followed by the third-highest team, etc. Teams that do not enter their scores on the CGA computer on time may not get to choose according to their seeding (see Qualification Procedures No. 4). If the host institution is participating in the team portion, their entire group will compete in Session II.

Team Grouping:

Group One: Seed Nos. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12

Group Two: Seed Nos. 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 11

Three all-around qualifiers and three event specialists will be grouped together in each session of the national qualifier. Every attempt will be made to keep members of the same team in the same session, when possible.

A telephone conference will be held to determine the starting event for the teams at the national qualifier. The group of individuals will begin competition on the pommel horse.

National Qualifier Format

Session I, Warm-Up Rotation

Rotation	Start	End	FE	Bye	PH	R	V	PB	HB
1	11:16	11:28	D	E	F	3R3AA	A	B	C
2	11:29	11:41	C	D	E	F	3V3AA	A	B
3	11:42	11:54	B	C	D	E	F	3PB3AA	A
4	11:55	12:07	A	B	C	D	E	F	3HB3AA
5	12:08	12:20	3FE3AA	A	B	C	D	E	F
6	12:21	12:33	F	Ind&AA	A	B	C	D	E
7	12:34	12:46	E	F	3PH3AA	A	B	C	D

Session I, Competition Rotation

Rotation	FE	BYE	PH	R	V	PB	HB
1	E	F	3PH3AA	A	B	C	D
2	D	E	F	3R3AA	A	B	C
3	C	D	E	F	3V3AA	A	B
4	B	C	D	E	F	3PB3AA	A
5	A	B	C	D	E	F	3HB3AA
6	3FE3AA	A	B	C	D	E	F
7	F	Ind&AA	A	B	C	D	E

Session II, Warm-Up Rotation

Rotation	Start	End	FE	Bye	PH	R	V	PB	HB
1	5:16	5:28	D	E	F	3R3AA	A	B	C
2	5:29	5:41	C	D	E	F	3V3AA	A	B
3	5:42	5:54	B	C	D	E	F	3PB3AA	A
4	5:55	6:07	A	B	C	D	E	F	3HB3AA
5	6:08	6:20	3FE3AA	A	B	C	D	E	F
6	6:21	6:33	F	Ind&AA	A	B	C	D	E
7	6:34	6:46	E	F	3PH3AA	A	B	C	D

Session II, Competition Rotation

Rotation	FE	BYE	PH	R	V	PB	HB
1	E	F	3PH3AA	A	B	C	D
2	D	E	F	3R3AA	A	B	C
3	C	D	E	F	3V3AA	A	B
4	B	C	D	E	F	3PB3AA	A
5	A	B	C	D	E	F	3HB3AA
6	3FE3AA	A	B	C	D	E	F
7	F	Ind&AA	A	B	C	D	E

All six events in the national qualifier sessions will be in progress simultaneously. Four judges will be used for each event.

Championships Team Finals, All-Around Finals and Individual-Event Preliminaries (Friday, April 16). The starting positions for teams participating in the national championships will be decided immediately after the evening session of the national qualifier. If a coach is not available to select his or her team's starting position,

the team will be assigned its starting position after all other coaches present have selected. Positions for the team finals will be determined as follows:

First choice — Session winner with highest score from the National Qualifier

Second choice—Other session winner

Third choice—Highest second-place-team score from the National Qualifier

Fourth choice—Other second-place team

Fifth choice—Highest third-place-team score from the National Qualifier

Sixth choice—Other third-place team

The same procedure will be used to assign all-around and individual participants. The all-around session winner with the highest score will be paired with the session team winner with the highest score, the other session winner will be paired with the other team session winner, etc. The individual rotation will be set by National Qualifier scores, with the higher individual score going last, the other session's high score going fifth, the higher of the second place individual session score going fourth, the other second place individual going third, the higher of the third place individual session score going second, and the other third place individual leading off.

There will be a controlled warm-up on the competitive floor for the team finals, all-around finals and individual-event preliminaries. This warm-up will be restricted to seven members from the qualified teams plus the one all-around competitor and the group of six individual event specialists who qualified from the national qualifier per event. On Friday the individual event alternate will be allowed to warm up during open warm up but must remain in the stands once the timed warmup begins. Each group will have 12 minutes per event and one minute transition time. Equipment may be adjusted and prepared, but teams cannot warm up until cued by the announcer. This will be strictly enforced and a penalty may be applied for violations. Each group must finish its warm-up on the apparatus it has drawn as its first competition event. The team that will begin competition in the bye position will have the final warm-up on the floor exercise.

Session III, Warm-up Rotation

Rotation	Start	End	FE	Bye	PH	R	V	PB	HB
1	5:15	5:27	D	E	F	6R	A	B	C
2	5:28	5:40	C	D	E	F	6V	A	B
3	5:41	5:53	B	C	D	E	F	6PB	A
4	5:54	6:06	A	B	C	D	E	F	6HB
5	6:07	6:19	6FE	A	B	C	D	E	F
6	6:20	6:32	F	6Ind	A	B	C	D	E
7	6:33	6:45	E	F	6PH	A	B	C	D

Competition will occur as follows: The first competitors on floor exercise, pommel horse and rings will begin. When the floor competitor lands the dismount, the vault performer will begin; when the pommel horse competitor finishes, the parallel bar competitor begins; when the rings competitor dismounts, the high bar competitor will begin. Throughout the competition, three competitors will be competing at the same time.

The all-around will compete in each event at the end of their corresponding team's line-up.

Session III, Competition Rotation

Rotation	FE	Bye	PH	R	V	PB	HB
1	E	F	6PH	A	B	C	D
2	D	E	F	6R	A	B	C
3	C	D	E	F	6V	A	B
4	B	C	D	E	F	6PB	A
5	A	B	C	D	E	F	6HB
6	6FE	A	B	C	D	E	F
7	F	6Ind	A	B	C	D	E

Three announcers will be used to keep the audience informed. Each announcer will follow the action of paired events (floor exercise and vault, pommel horse and parallel bars, or rings and high bar). Spotters will be needed to watch each side of the competition and tell the announcer when the events are finished.

The all-around and team awards will be presented at the end of the team finals, all-around finals and individual-event preliminaries. The individual-event awards will be presented at the conclusion of each trio of events on Saturday.

Championships Individual-Event Finals. The scores from individual-event preliminaries will be used to advance 10 individuals in each event. No scores will be carried into the individual finals. Each event will use six judges; 2 D/E and 4 E panel. The middle four scores will be averaged to arrive at the final score. Ties resulting in more than 10 finalists will not be allowed. A tie for the 10th position will be resolved by the score from the national qualifier. Once the event begins, no substitutions will be made. No more than four gymnasts from any one team may be a finalist on the same event.

Competitive placement for individual-event finals will be done by a computer draw. The top five scores will compete last in a random order. The bottom five preliminary scores will go first in a random order. Ties will be resolved before the random draw by the scores from the national qualifier. If a tie remains, the national qualifying average will be used to break the tie. One alternate per event will be allowed.

Three events will be run at a time: floor exercise, pommel horse and rings - awards presentation - vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar. Provision has been made to ensure any competitor who qualifies for more than one event being run simultaneously to have at least **eight performers between his performances**. Every attempt will be made to give gymnasts appropriate rest between each performance.

Ties

Ties will be broken using the following guidelines (in priority order):

National Qualifier—Team

1. Conference championship score;
2. Fourth-highest regular-season score; and
3. Fifth-highest regular season score. Keep evaluating regular-season scores until the tie

has been broken.

National Qualifier—Individual

Ties will not be broken. All tied individuals will be invited to attend the national qualifier.

Championship—Team

1. Total team score counting the top five individual scores in each rotation; and
2. Total team score counting all six scores.

Championship—All-Around

1. Highest qualifier individual-event score; and
2. Next highest individual-event score, etc., until the tie is broken.

Preliminary Individual—Event

National qualifying average.

Championship Individual—Event

1. Score from the National Qualifier
2. National qualifying average.

Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

[Reference: Bylaw 20.8.1 in the NCAA Manuals.]

In those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution participating in the championships is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional- and individual-eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue).

Since more than two-thirds of the institutions that participate in men's gymnastics are Division I institutions, all student-athletes selected to participate in the men's gymnastics championships must meet Division I eligibility requirements.

Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 3.2.4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, 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 later is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championships competition.

For the gymnastics championships, the championships manager must be notified before March 20.

Instructions to Participants

Adjusted Place Standings

[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.4-(a) in the NCAA Manuals.]

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, that individual's performance shall be stricken from the championships record, the points the student has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards shall be returned to the Association. Further, the placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

Audio Coverage (Radio and Internet)

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=113>.

Awards

[Reference: Awards in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.10 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the members of the first four teams and to the first eight place-finishers in the individual events. First-, second-, third- and fourth-place team trophies will be awarded. Participation awards will be provided to all student-athletes competing or in uniform in the national championships and who do not receive a team or individual award. These awards will be sent to the institution's director of athletics after the conclusion of the competition. The following number of awards will be given: trophies for the top four teams and 14 individual awards for each of the four teams; awards to the top eight place-finishers on each of the six individual events, and awards to the top eight all-around competitors.

Ties in the team, all-around and individual competition at the national championships will not be broken. The NCAA national office will order duplicate awards. The all-around and team awards will be presented after the team finals, all-around finals and individual-event preliminaries. The individual event awards will be presented at the conclusion of each group (floor exercise, pommel horse and rings) (vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar) of events during the individual championships.

Banners

Any banners other than the approved NCAA and television and radio banners may not be posted without the permission of the men's gymnastics committee or its designated representative. Established policies of the host facility will be enforced. Banners advertising equipment or manufacturers are prohibited.

Banquet

The NCAA will conduct a banquet on the evening of Wednesday, April 14. Information regarding the banquet and tickets will be distributed by the host institution.

Cheerleaders, Mascots and Bands

Cheerleaders and/or pompon team members, not to exceed 12 in number, plus the mascot shall be admitted, if in uniform, via the gate list furnished to the host institution by the competing institution's director of athletics; all other institutional representatives will be admitted only upon presentation of a ticket. A maximum of 12 cheerleaders or pompon team members shall be allowed floor-level access during the progress of the competition. The cheerleaders shall be seated in the area designated by the meet director.

All cheerleading squads must conform to the guidelines set by the American Association of Cheerleader Coaches and Advisors (AACCA). Neither the NCAA or the host institution shall be responsible for supervising or monitoring routines performed by cheerleaders at championship events. Except as noted in this section, supervision of cheerleading squads, their activities, yells and stunts is solely the responsibility of the participating institution. The participating institution shall ensure that the squad has sufficient training, supervision and equipment for any and all routines its squad may choose to perform. Tournament managers must inform participating institutions if the host facility has more stringent requirements. If so, the director of athletics at each institution must apprise his or her cheerleading squad of such requirements and ensure compliance.

Band members, not to exceed 25 in number, who are in uniform and performing at the championship, will not be charged admission to the competition. Bands, or any component thereof, may play only during the 15 minutes before the competition when the floor is cleared, or when competition is not taking place (rotation between events or before awards ceremonies). In the event there is more than one band, arrangements for playing time must be coordinated by the meet director.

Designated Team and Officials Area

Team participants must remain in their designated seating area during the championships competition. Only competitors performing or preparing to perform (the next competitor) will be exempt. There will be a 1.0-point deduction on the team score for each violation, after an initial warning by the director of officials or a member of the national committee.

Officials wishing to observe warm-ups will be asked to do so from a designated area off the competition floor.

Drug Testing

[Reference: Drug Testing in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in these championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3, 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. Drug testing shall not take place until the conclusion of warm-up and competition rotations.

Equipment

The equipment to be used in the championships will be furnished by American Athletic, Inc. (AAI). All equipment used on the competition floor will be supplied by the official equipment company. Only equipment from the supplying equipment company may be used at the championships.

Representatives of the equipment company supplying the apparatus for the national championships must be present at all practice and competition sessions. A representative of the men's gymnastics committee and the director of officials will be responsible for reviewing the equipment, mats and floor arrangements to ensure that specifications are met.

NCAA specifications for mats will be used.

Three vaulting boards must be provided by AAI — Two for vault and one for parallel bars. It is required that a warm-up pommel horse (of the same brand as the championship equipment) and stretching area be available. During competition, the warm-up pommel horse is reserved for the team or individuals in the bye rotation preparing for the pommel horse competition.

New Equipment. New equipment and/or major modifications must be available for purchase by September 1 each year and be fully approved by the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee by October 1 each year if it is to be used at the championships that year.

Score Flashers. 13, four-digit score flashers must be available. Have a minimum 25 flip cards for both difficulty and execution, on each table.

Podium Etiquette. See Appendix C.

Floor Credentials

Working credentials may be provided to bona fide working personnel, including media representatives, judges and equipment-company representatives who provide material for the championships. Participation credentials may be provided to student-athletes competing in the championships, as well as their coaches, athletic trainers, managers and other members of the participating institutions' official parties.

Institutional credentials are to be used by individuals who will be on the floor in a working capacity and who have fulfilled this responsibility for the institution throughout the regular season.

A tentative list of an institution's official party is to be submitted to the host institution as soon as possible after the team and individual selections have been made. Any changes in the list should be made with the host institution when the participating team or individual participants arrive at the site of the championships. All credentials will designate name and affiliation.

Team. Each team will receive 15 participant credentials and six nonparticipant credentials. Each team may also request up to two additional credentials for institutional administrators. Additional "Floor Access Only" credentials may be provided to student-athletes who are not listed as part of the official traveling party. These credentials are only good for access to the floor during open practice sessions. Once a controlled

warm-up period begins, only 21 members of the official travel party may be on the floor. An issued credential may not be given to another team member or individual. Institutions must purchase a ticket for any individual over their official travel party.

Individual. Institutions with one to four participants will receive four additional credentials, institutions with five to 10 participants will receive five additional credentials, and institutions with 11 or 12 participants will receive six additional credentials. Credentials provide access to the competition floor during open warm-up, controlled warm-up and competition. During the controlled warm-up and competition, only the designated participants and coaching staff are permitted on the competition floor.

Lodging

The host institution shall designate a headquarters hotel for the competition and will reserve a block of rooms to accommodate all participants and other personnel. It also shall notify the participating institutions of the designated hotel and advise them that it is their responsibility to either cancel or confirm their own reservations. If an institution chooses to stay somewhere other than at the headquarters hotel, it must notify the meet director of the alternate property 30 days before the national qualifier in case it is necessary to reach the institution during the competition. All unclaimed rooms will be released to the general public.

Judges should be housed in a hotel separate from the competitors.

Misconduct

[Reference: Meetings (see pages in sports-specific handbooks) and Bylaws 31.1.1.2 and 31.1.10 in the NCAA Manual.]

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law occurring incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.

Criticism of Officials. Members of the coaching staff or other representatives of participating institutions or conferences shall not make public statements critical of officiating in any NCAA championship event. Failure to comply with this policy may subject the individual, institution or conference to the misconduct provisions of Bylaw 31.1.10.

Coaches Meeting. Each games committee shall hold a pretournament meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

Hearing Opportunity. An act of misconduct may be found upon an administrative hearing granted to the student-athlete or the institutional representative involved by the governing sports committee or the games committee authorized to act for it.

Misconduct Incident to Competition. If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during

a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other acts of misconduct may be dealt with at the governing sports committee's convenience.

Penalty for Misconduct. In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.10.3, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice:

1. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
2. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;
3. Banishment of the individual from participating in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
4. Cancellation of all or a portion of payment to the institution of the Association's transportation and/or per diem allowance for the individuals involved;
5. Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution;
6. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more subsequent championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
7. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;
8. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and
9. Financial or other penalties different from Nos. 1 through 8, but only if they have prior approval of the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet.

Ban From Subsequent Championship. When a student-athlete or institutional representative is banned from participation in a subsequent championship, such penalty shall be applied to the next tournament(s) in which the individual's team is involved and the individual otherwise is eligible to participate. In the case of an individual event, the penalty shall be applied to the next meet(s) or tournament(s) for which the individual qualifies and otherwise is eligible to participate.

Review of Action. Any action related to misconduct may be reviewed by the governing sports committee upon request of any institution participating in the championship.

Media Arrangements

[Reference: Publicity and Promotion in this handbook.]

Media Credentials. The host institution, with the approval of the NCAA, shall control the issuance of media credentials for the championships. Subject to limitations of space, media credentials shall be assigned in accordance with the following priorities: (1) campus media certified by the director of athletics and/or sports information director of each participating and host institution, (2) certified media from the immediate locale of the championship or the immediate locale of the competing teams, and (3) other

certified media.

Credentials will not be issued to representatives of any organization that regularly publishes, broadcasts or otherwise promotes the advertising of “tout sheets” or “tip sheets” or other advertising designed to encourage gambling on college sports events. In addition, credentials will not be issued to representatives of telephone reporting services and professional sports organizations.

Other conditions for obtaining media credentials may be implemented based on the circumstances at the championships site. These conditions must be approved before the competition by Mary Berdo, NCAA assistant director of championships, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222 (317/917-6222).

Microphones. The placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas is prohibited.

Post-competition Interviews. Immediately after a 10-minute cooling-off period (i.e., 10 minutes after a competing team or individual completes competition), an interview area will open to all certified members of the news media; any coach and student-athletes requested by the media will be available for interviews. If a team or individual is participating in an awards ceremony, the cooling-off period will begin immediately after the presentation.

Regardless of any regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach is obligated to the entire covering media and must report to the interview room immediately after the 10-minute cooling-off period. All coaches and student-athletes must be made available for post competition interviews following the “cooling-off” period. This not only applies to formal press conferences, but also to any interview requests made to coaches and/or student-athletes not involved in the press conference. Failure to do so may result in possible misconduct, as determined by the respective sport committee. The coach cannot delay a post competition interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to remain for a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by the television entity that has been granted television rights by the NCAA.

Coaches cannot make themselves available to selected media representatives before the conclusion of the 10-minute cooling-off period. They may, however, report to the interview area before the cooling-off period ends and make themselves available to all media representatives staffing the championships.

Meetings

[Reference: Misconduct in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.0.2.3 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Manuals.]

General Information Meeting. A mandatory prechampionships meeting for coaches of participating teams, individuals and games committee members will be held Wednesday morning at the championships. Administrative matters and the conduct of the championships will be reviewed. Failure to attend may result in penalties against the institution. The prechampionships meeting will also include information on the provisions of Bylaw 31.1.8 that prescribes conditions under which a student-athlete or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the

championships for reasons of misconduct. Team rosters, order of competition and the precompetition judges form will be submitted at this meeting.

Wednesday Night Meeting. Ten minutes prior to the start of the banquet, a student-athlete representative from each team is required to attend a meeting on sportsmanship and event conduct.

Thursday Night Meeting. Immediately following session II to conduct draw for Friday.

Friday Morning/CGA Meeting. All coaches with athletes qualified for the Friday session at the championships are required to attend. After a review of meet procedures, a CGA meeting may be held.

Judges’ Meetings. At least four hours before the first competition, and at least two hours before subsequent competitions, judges’ meetings shall be conducted to review NCAA policies and procedures, to coordinate assignments and responsibilities, to review intercollegiate rules modifications, to review and evaluate videotapes, to evaluate the precompetition judges-information forms, and (at the first meeting) to explain expense and reimbursement procedures. The director of officials will chair these meetings, but arrangements should be made to have the NCAA representative and/or host institution designees there for a portion of the first meeting to handle the expense procedures. The meetings will be held at either the competition site or the headquarters hotel, depending upon the availability of video equipment.

News, Media, Press Conferences and Satellite Feeds

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=113>.

Officials

Selection of Judges. The selection of judges for the national qualifier and the championships will be made by the NCAA Men’s Gymnastics Committee in conjunction with the NGJA on or before January 1. Geographical representation is mandatory.

Judges Selection Criteria

1. Judge at least two (2) collegiate meets and strongly recommend judging a conference championships during the championships year.
2. Six to eight (6-8) of the judges should be those that have judged USA championships, preferably national apparatus leaders.
3. Coaches will each recommend five (5) judges to the committee.
4. The results of the coaches’ recommendations will be provided to the National Gymnastics Judges Association (NGJA), who will use this list to make assignments of 12 of the judging positions for the championships. Geographic representation must be considered, with equal representation coming from each region (3 - East, 3 - Mideast, 3 - Midwest, 3 - West).
5. The balance will be assigned by the NGJA at large.

Note: The committee strongly encourages coaches to complete post meet evaluations of judges (ngja.com). It is also recommended that regular season fees not exceed \$200.

Types of Officials. A director of officials will be selected to supervise the judges

during the championships. He will also be responsible for reviewing the Code of Ethics (Appendix B) with all the judges. The director of officials will be one of the 25 working judges.

In addition to the director, there will be a referee at the championships. The referee shall be the chair of the men's gymnastics committee, unless his or her team is involved in the championships and another member of the committee is appointed in his or her place. The referee's duties include acting as the authority in case of dispute, seeing that the apparatus conforms to all specifications, reporting all irregularities to the governing body under whose auspices the contest is held, and being responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations.

Fees/Travel/Per Diem. The 25 judges will receive an honorarium of \$150 per session of the national qualifier, \$200 for the championships team finals, all-around finals and individual-event preliminaries, and \$100 for the championships of the individual events. Travel expenses for the officials will be paid accordingly to the actual mode of transportation, not to exceed jet-coach airfare or 50 cents per mile, but not including terminal or other local transportation. Officials who receive approval for air transportation must make flight arrangements through the NCAA travel service, Short's Travel Management, 866/655-9215.

Hotel expenses (excluding incidentals) for officials required to stay overnight at the championships site shall be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA. Officials will receive a \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals (tolls, parking, etc.) for each day of the championships, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. Officials not required to remain overnight at the site also shall receive a \$45 per diem.

All 25 judges will work Sessions I, II and III. Twelve judges will officiate during Session IV.

Policies. A sports committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet. Officials shall be selected and assigned by the sports committee or games committee, which shall ensure that officials adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities and drug and alcohol use. Furthermore, officials must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

Practice

At the championships, equipment should be set up by 8 a.m. the Tuesday before the competition. The following practice times have been established: Tuesday, teams must confirm practice time with the host by Friday, April 9; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. (open practice), 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Session I teams), 2-5 p.m. (Session II teams); Thursday, 10-11:15 a.m. (open practice), 4-5:15 p.m. (open practice); Friday, 4-5:15 p.m. (open practice); Saturday 5:30-6:45 p.m. (open practice).

For the Tuesday practice sessions, each team will be assigned 15 minute rotations to the parallel bars. Rotations will match the session warm up rotation.

Rotation	Start	End
Open	11 a.m. 2 p.m.	11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
B	11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	11:45 a.m. 2:45 p.m.
A	11:45 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	noon 3 p.m.
3PB3AA	noon 3 p.m.	12:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m.
F	12:15 p.m. 3:15 p.m.	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
E	12:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m. 3:45 p.m.
D	12:45 p.m. 3:45 p.m.	1 p.m. 4 p.m.
C	1:15 p.m. 4:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Open	1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	2 p.m. 5 p.m.

Precompetition Judges-Information Form

Coaches may submit a "Precompetition Judges-Information Form" at the general information meeting on Wednesday morning. This form will include:

1. Names of gymnasts;
2. List of significant skills in each gymnast's routine;
3. Letter values for each listed skill;
4. Special requirements fulfilled; and
5. Bonus possibilities for appropriate skills or connections.
6. Final start values must not be calculated.

Forms should be given to the director of officials (or his representative). Any questions or comments will be addressed to all coaches before the start of the competition. Improperly completed forms will not be accepted.

Programs

[Reference: Advertising in the Division I General Section.]

IMG College will be responsible for all program production including layout and design, advertising, printing, vending and distribution to championship sites. No competing publications, whether sold or free of charge, are permitted at NCAA events without prior permission of the NCAA and IMG College. The championships host should not include expenses or revenues for programs in the championships budget and/or financial report. All program contents are subject to NCAA approval.

Advertising

Each program will include NCAA corporate champion and partner advertising. Additionally, programs may include non-competing national ads as well as local ads. All ads must follow NCAA advertising guidelines and are subject to NCAA approval. If your school would like to sell advertising into the official program or you know of an individual who would like to serve as a local advertising representative, please contact Doug Iler (502/459-4346; doug.iler@imgworld.com) for information regarding rates, availability and deadlines.

Editorial

If you are interested in the specific content of the program you will receive, please contact Marianne Stoess (859/226-4549; marianne.stoess@imgworld.com).

Generally, programs include the following:

1. Participant information - IMG College will request information, including rosters, schedule/results, photos, school quick facts and logos. If your team is eligible for postseason selection, please send all materials that are requested by the date requested. Programs print on the day selections for the championship are announced. If materials are not on file, your school's information will not be included. IMG College will attempt to provide proofs for SID approval when time permits. If you are not sure what/when materials are needed, please contact Ms. Stoess at IMG College.
2. Programs for predetermined sites will include information on the host institution, host city and/or host facility. In addition, some programs provide complimentary advertising space. IMG College will contact via e-mail the tournament manager and sports information contacts, as listed on the key contact sheets submitted to the NCAA, with the specifics of what items are needed and when those items are due. Host institution pages are subject to NCAA approval.
3. Event-specific historical information, including past champions, records, all-tournament teams and/or the previous year's recap.
4. Information on the NCAA, including the sport committee.
5. Feature stories - Not all programs include event/sport-specific features. However, if you have an idea for a feature story, please submit it to Ms. Stoess at IMG College.

Program Supplements and Update Sheets

Host institutions for single-day/session championship rounds may choose to supplement the program with additional information (e.g., updated statistics or updated game notes) pertaining to the event at its site that day. The cost of producing these supplements will be covered by the host institution and will not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College, the content must be approved by IMG College prior to the event and the supplements must be distributed inside and as a part of the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the supplement. Once all programs have been sold, these supplements may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the supplements. If supplements are distributed, following the conclusion of the championship event please mail two samples of each supplement to Marianne Stoess (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, ATTN: Marianne Stoess).

For championships that have multiple sessions, matches, events or days, host

institutions may choose or be required by the NCAA to produce update sheets. IMG College will contact hosts of those championships in advance of their events to discuss projected quantities and the paper on which update sheets should be printed. The cost of producing the update sheets will be covered by the host institution and not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College. The first update sheet of the event should be distributed inside and as a part of the program. Subsequent update sheets complement the program and are to be redeemed only with a coupon from the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the update sheet. Once all programs have been sold, update sheets may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the update sheets. If update sheets are distributed, following the conclusion of the championship event please mail two samples of each update sheet to Ms. Stoess.

If a host institution would like to supplement the program with additional information, or has a question about the update sheets, please contact Matt Briggs at IMG College (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com).

Program Sales

1. Predetermined sites: Will be contacted at least two weeks prior to the event. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of your championship, please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com). You will receive your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement prior to the championship.
2. Distribution of programs: Programs will be shipped to the host institution at least one day prior to the event when possible. If your shipping information is different than that on the contract please contact Mr. Briggs at IMG College immediately.
3. Display of programs: Any posters/banners included with the programs should be hung in a visible location to promote awareness for the programs without obstructing other championship signage.
4. Collections
 - a. Contracts
 - i. Upon site selections, all contracts are e-mailed to each site representative.
 - ii. A dedicated fax number will be assigned for receiving all signed contracts back to IMG College (859/226-4575).
 - iii. An IMG College representative will track the return of all signed vending b. b. Settlement Reports
 - i. Three days after the conclusion of the event, all settlement reports must be faxed to IMG College (859/226-4575).
 - ii. The vendor will have two weeks to submit payment to IMG College.
 - iii. An IMG College representative will be assigned to track the receipt of all vending settlement reports and payments.
 - iv. If payment and/or settlement have not been received within the two-week period, IMG College will include the site/ championship on its "No Pay" list sent to the NCAA.
 - v. Do not combine settlement statements for separate rounds/events or combine program settlements with Event 1 merchandise.
 - vi. Please include the event number on the check that is sent.

Please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com) at IMG

College with any vending-related questions.

Publicity and Promotion

It shall be the duty of each institution entering participants to see that complete information is sent to the host institution.

The sports information director of the host institution shall provide the sports information directors of the competing teams with a list of the news outlets to which publicity materials are to be directed, and inform sports information directors as to how they may assist in the promotion of the meet.

Radio

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=113>.

Rankings

The NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee will use scores submitted online to determine top-12 rankings. The rankings will be based on the following:

January 19, 26 and February 2, 9—Average of all scores.

February 16, 23 and March 2, 9 and 16—Average of three highest regular-season scores.

March 23 and 30—Four highest scores, counting no more than two home meets, drop the highest score and average the three remaining scores.

April 6—NCAA national qualifying average.

Round-off Entry Vault

Protective matting (i.e., the vault safety zone) must be used when round-off entry vaults are performed. A sting mat (or similar mat) will be provided by the host school. FIG requires that the hand placement mat not exceed the width of the runway. This will be effective in 2011. Gymnasts are not required to use this mat. Any student-athlete who performs a roundoff-entry vault without the use of the vault safety zone will be disqualified from the competition.

Rules

The National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships and all meets used to qualify for them, will be conducted according to the current International Gymnastics Federation Men's Code of Points. Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, 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.

Team Scoring

Six individuals may compete on each event, with the four highest scores per event

counting toward the team score.

Squad Size

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.5 in NCAA Manuals.]

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 15 participants (with three being paid for by institution) and a maximum of six gymnasts per event. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not automatically conform to it shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform.

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=36359>.

Transportation expenses and per diem shall be paid only for the finals competition, but not for the national qualifying competition.

Team Rosters/Order of Competition/Scratches

The head coach must submit a preliminary roster and order of competition at the general information meeting (mandatory coaches meeting). In all events, changes in the lineup will be permitted until the event rotation has begun. A violation will result in a 1.0-point deduction in the final team score taken by the head judge of the event in which the infraction occurred.

Scratches are not considered lineup changes; however, the coach must report scratches to the head judge and head scoring table. Coaches must report to the NCAA committee any scratches as early as possible.

Television Rights and Footage Licensing

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=113>.

Tickets

[Reference: Tickets in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.11 in the NCAA Manuals.]

The NCAA championships manager, in conjunction with the host institution, will determine the ticket prices for the National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships.

Team Tickets. The host institution for the championships must make available to each participating team's institution 200 prime seats for the championships competition.

Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Each gymnastics team must conform to the following regulations relative to competition attire:

1. Gymnasts must have their name on the back of their competition shirts. All lettering

must be at least 2 inches in height.

2. Official team clothing must be worn by all participants during all practice sessions, warm-ups and competition. Official team bags should be used as well.
3. Jewelry, including earrings, cannot be worn at any time.

If a gymnast does not adhere to these policies, a warning will be given and failure to comply will result in a 1.0-point deduction in the team's score for each correctable infraction. For individual competition, the 1.0 deduction will be subtracted on the first event on which he competes, by the head judge at that event.

Logos. An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square or parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies another entity other than the student-athlete's institution.

In Division I and National Collegiate Championships, these restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes and all personnel, including coaches, trainers, managers, team support personnel, cheerleaders, mascots and band and dance team members, during the conduct of practice and competition, which includes any pregame or postgame activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with the bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

Videotapes, Films and Still Photographs

[Reference: Bylaw 31.6.4.2 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Institutions are permitted to videotape championships competition of their teams or their individual student-athletes for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use **one** camera and may videotape only that portion of the competition in which it participates from either the designated area provided by the host institution or from their respective corral during regional and national competition. Institutions may videotape from inside their corral provided the camera is hand-held or on a stationary tripod and does not obstruct fan viewing. The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes.

An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site to arrange for camera space at that site. The host institution shall provide a designated area for the teams to videotape the competition. Filming by spectators will be permitted unless prohibited by an existing facility guideline.

Web site

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=113>.

Appendix A

Sponsoring Institutions

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

University of Illinois, Champaign	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Iowa	Ohio State University
University of Michigan	Pennsylvania State University

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago	Springfield College
Temple University	U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. Military Academy	College of William and Mary

MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION

University of California, Berkeley	Stanford University
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Appendix B

Code of Ethics for Judges and Coaches of NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships

It is imperative to the dignity and growth of the sport of gymnastics that judges be well-educated in the details of gymnastics and the current rules, and are thoroughly prepared for each assignment to cover all possible circumstances. The following code of ethics for judges and coaches is mandated, and coaches in violation may be subject to NCAA misconduct provisions.

1. Qualification: It is the duty of each judge to prepare himself thoroughly and constantly update his preparation by recertifying his national card each year. He shall not accept any judging assignment for which he does not feel well-qualified. All judges must be nationally certified. State-rated judges are not acceptable for dual meets or tournaments.
2. Appearance: Each judge shall be prompt and shall dress and conduct himself with the dignity appropriate to his status. Coaches shall help set and maintain such standards. Judges shall wear a dark-blue coat, gray slacks, and a shirt and tie.
3. Activities: Each judge shall confine his activities to the purpose for which he is assigned. This does not include coaching, demonstrating or recruiting. Coaches will not ask judges to double as coaches.
4. Impartiality: Every judge will avoid even the appearance of partisanship. For example, a judge will avoid:
 - a. Judging a meet involving an institution he attends or at which he is employed in the athletic department.
 - b. Judging any meet when he feels prejudiced toward any competing team.
 - c. Traveling with one of the competing teams to or from the meet, except on commercial transportation.
 - d. Accepting overnight lodging invitations with competitors or coaches before or after a meet.
 - e. Accepting social invitations from the host coach before or after the meet, unless the opposing coach also is included.
 - f. Giving any appearance, especially at the meet, of any particular friendship with any coach or competitor.
 - g. Leaving the judges' designated seating area during warm-ups.
5. Coaches' Restrictions: Coaches will avoid even the appearance of courting partisanship or unprofessional behavior. For example, coaches may not:
 - a. Discuss with judges before the meet the rules and their interpretations, unless the opposing coach also is included.
 - b. Offer gifts, favors or privileges to judges that can be interpreted as attempts to influence their judgments in favor of his team.
 - c. As home coaches, act as announcers of their own competition.
 - d. Make public statements critical of judging.
 - e. Each athlete/team must be accompanied by a paid member of the school's gymnastics staff unless prior arrangements have been approved by NCAA committee.

6. Conduct of Competition:

- a. It is the duty of officials and coaches to see that every gymnastics competition is conducted with full regard for the safety of and justice to all competitors, and the edification and pleasure of the spectators.
- b. Judges must maintain appropriate separation, arrive at scores independently and adhere strictly to score-flashing procedures in accordance with the NCAA modifications and FIG Code of Points.

Note: The NCAA Men's and Women's Gymnastics Championships Handbook and the Modifications and Exceptions to the FIG Code of Points should be distributed to AAI, Inc., and each NGJA regional and national technical director.

Appendix C

Podium Protocol for NCAA Men's Gymnastics National Championships

The intent of the podium is to “showcase” the student-athletes while they are competing.

During the competition, while a student-athlete is competing no one else will be on the podium except as noted below:

One coach may be on the podium to spot a gymnast during his routine, but may not block the view of the judges. The coach may be stationed near the apparatus for safety purposes. An additional coach or gymnast may be on the podium to remove a springboard or to move mats, and must leave the podium when their duties are complete.

Team members and coaches may not get on the podium to cheer or congratulate anyone after each routine. No one should lean on or against the podium during the competition.

If there is a violation of any of the above stated guidelines, the coach or gymnast will receive a warning. Repeat violations will result in a 0.3 deduction from the final team score.