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Introduction

During the 2008-09 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, five are National Collegiate Championships, 12 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, 12 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.



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Men's Lacrosse Championships Information

Important Dates

Division I

Monday, March 16—Proposed budget, key contacts, and facility evaluation forms available online to potential hosts (nonpredetermined sites).

Friday, April 17—Deadline for submitting proposed budget, key contacts and facility evaluation forms.

Sunday, May 3—Selection and announcement of teams participating in the championship.

Saturday, May 9—First-round competition (on campus).

Sunday, May 10—First-round competition (on campus).

Saturday, May 16—Quarterfinal competition (Hofstra University).

Sunday, May 17—Quarterfinal competition (U.S. Naval Academy).

Monday, May 18—Teleconference with administrators and head coaches of finalists.

Monday, May 18—Telephone press conference for coaches of finalists.

Saturday, May 23—Semifinals, Foxboro, Massachusetts, Gillette Stadium.

Monday, May 25—Final, Foxboro, Massachusetts, Gillette Stadium.

Division II

Monday, March 16—Proposed budget, key contacts, and facility evaluation forms available online to potential hosts (nonpredetermined sites).

Friday, April 17—Deadline for submitting proposed budget, key contacts and facility evaluation forms.

Sunday, May 3—Selection and announcement of teams participating in the championship.

Saturday or Sunday, May 16 or 17—Semifinals (on campus).

Monday, May 18—Teleconference with administrators and head coaches of finalists.

Monday, May 18—Telephone press conference for coaches of finalists.

Sunday, May 24—Final, Foxboro, Massachusetts, Gillette Stadium.

Division III

Monday, March 16—Proposed budget, key contacts, and facility evaluation forms available online to potential hosts (nonpredetermined sites).

Friday, April 17—Deadline for submitting proposed budget, key contacts and facility evaluation forms.

Sunday, May 3—Selection and announcement of teams participating in the championship.

Wednesday, May 6—First-round competition (on campus).

Saturday, May 9—Second-round competition (on campus).

Wednesday, May 13—Quarterfinal competition (on campus).

Sunday, May 17—Semifinal competition (on campus).

Monday, May 18—Teleconference with administrators and head coaches of finalists.

Monday, May 18—Telephone press conference for coaches of finalists.

Sunday, May 24—Final, Foxboro, Massachusetts, Gillette Stadium.

General Administration

Dates and Sites

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Division I

First Round—May 9 or 10, on campus.

Quarterfinals—May 16 and 17 at Hofstra and Navy.

Semifinals and Final—May 23 and 25, Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Division II

Semifinals—May 16 or 17, on campus.

Final—May 24, Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Division III

First Round—May 6, on campus.

Second Round—May 9, on campus.

Quarterfinals—May 13, on campus.

Semifinals—May 17, on campus.

Final—May 24, Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Future Dates

Championship Weekend

2010—M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, Maryland, May 29-31

2011—M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, Maryland, May 28-30

2012—Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, Massachusetts, May 26-28

Sports Committees

[Reference: Administration and Management in the respective division's general section, and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Manuals.]

The Divisions I, II and III Men's Lacrosse Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the respective divisional men's lacrosse committees.

Current members of each committee are:

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Division III

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Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Regional Advisory Committees in the respective division's general section, and Bylaws 21.4.1.4 and 21.5.1.5 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Sports committees shall appoint an advisory committee in each of their respective regions to assist in the evaluation of teams throughout the season. Members of this season's regional advisory committees are:

Division I

University of Notre Dame
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Syracuse University
Manhattan College
Colgate University
Stony Brook University
Hofstra University
Loyola College (Maryland)
University of Pennsylvania

Division II

North

Le Moyne College
Assumption College
Bentley College

Central

C.W. Post Campus/Long Island University
Mercyhurst College
New York Institute of Technology

South

Catawba College
Limestone College
St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Wingate University

Division III

North

University of Southern Maine
Lasell College
Mt. Ida College
Cazenovia College
State University of New York Maritime College
Western New England College
State University College at Geneseo
Skidmore College
Connecticut College
Hartwick College

South

Lycoming College
Salisbury University

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Annual Forms

[Reference: Dates and Sites in this handbook and Budgets, Traveling Party, Per Diem and Transportation in the respective division's general section, and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Divisions I, II and III Proposed Budget/Facility Evaluation Forms. Institutions being considered for selection to the men's lacrosse championships will be sent a memorandum outlining the process for submitting a bid. Institutions interested in bidding for preliminary-round competition should complete the forms and submit them online.

The proposed budget, key contact and facility evaluation forms are available on the NCAA Web site at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=228>.

If host materials are not received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 17, the institution may not be selected to host. Information on these forms is used to select sites for first-and second-round games, quarterfinals and semifinals, as applicable per division.

Divisions I, II and III

Mailed from NCAA	Due at NCAA
March 16	April 17

Expense Reimbursement. An online expense reimbursement system has been implemented, which eliminates the paper forms used in the past. The system may be accessed at <http://www1.ncaa.org/finance/travel/index.html>. It is expected that this system will reduce expense reimbursement time by approximately 75 percent. Therefore, most reimbursements can be made within one to two weeks. The system also will allow institutions to request exceptions to travel policy (i.e., additional per diem days) online, and review previously submitted expense reports for changes to requested amounts.

Training materials for the system also are available online at the site referenced above. These include a printable user's guide, as well as a video presentation on how to use the system. We encourage anyone with responsibility for completing expense requests to review these materials. Please note that paper forms will not be accepted for reimbursement requests this year.

Any questions related to championships travel and expense reimbursement should be directed to the NCAA travel group at 317/917-6757, or by e-mail at travel@ncaa.org.
[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Due at NCAA	All divisions
At conclusion of competition	

Financial Report Process. The NCAA has implemented an online proposed budget and financial report process. We request that prospective hosts no longer complete hard copies of the proposed budget for these championships. The online version of the proposed budget and financial report form is located on the NCAA Web site at http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/champ_budget/.

Please note that the online form is password protected. Your institution's athletics director should have the necessary membership database username and password on file. Written instructions on how to complete the automated forms are located at the site referenced above. If you have any questions regarding the new process, please contact the appropriate NCAA sport liaison.

The respective divisional men's lacrosse committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution that fails to complete the financial report within 60 days after the conclusion of the competition.

Financial settlements shall also be made with IMG College for program sales and Event 1 for championship merchandise. Settlement with IMG College is due three days after the conclusion of the event; settlement with Event 1 is due 10 days after the championships. *[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Manuals .]*

Determination of Competing Institutions

Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the respective division's general section, Constitution 3.2.4, and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 31.2.1.7.1 (Division II) in the NCAA Manuals.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Constitution 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 men's lacrosse championships, the championships manager must be notified before the following date:

All divisions—May 3

Division II Mid-Season Eligibility Verification Form. For Division II institutions that are under consideration for selections, we require that their athletics directors and chancellors or presidents complete the form located on the NCAA Web site at <http://web1.ncaa.org/d2eligibility/admin.jsp> and submit it by April 15. If the status of a student-athlete changes after the deadline, please contact Mr. Blossom at the NCAA national office.

The penalties for using an ineligible student-athlete during the 2008-09 season are as follows:

DII W/L	DII Avg. Opp. W/L	DII Avg. Opp. Opp. W/L	In-Region W/L
.081	.02	.007	.08

This form will be used to verify the eligibility of student-athletes for NCAA championships selections. The form is not intended to require schools to recertify the eligibility of every student-athlete. Rather, the form is to ensure that eligibility questions are resolved during the season instead of schools delaying eligibility questions until after the championship has been completed.

Championship Structure

Division I—The Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship provides for a 16-team, single-elimination tournament. Seven conferences will receive automatic qualification (please refer to Appendix C). The remaining teams will be selected at large.

For a championship bracket, see Appendix A.

Division II—The Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship provides for a four-team single-elimination tournament. One team from each of the three regions (North, Central and South) and one at-large team from any region will be selected for the championship. For the championship bracket, see Appendix E.

Division III—The Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship provides for a maximum field of 22 teams. The 22 teams will be geographically paired, whenever possible, with winners advancing to the final. The first four rounds will be played on the campus of one of the competing institutions or at an alternate site approved by the Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee. For the championship bracket, see Appendix F.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes impossible to play a tournament game, the committee is authorized to determine which team or teams shall advance.

Championship Selection and Seeding

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Manuals.]

The respective divisional men's lacrosse committee will select and seed each team for the three men's championships, assisted by the respective division regional advisory committee. Insofar as possible, Divisions I, II and III selections will be made by Sunday, May 3.

Institutions are encouraged to watch the televised announcements of the brackets Sunday, May 3, on CBS College Sports Network (Divisions II and III) and ESPNU and ESPNNews (Division I). Detailed information will be forwarded before the announcement date. In addition, specific championship information will be sent to each team selected after the announcement.

Division I

Selection Requirements. To be considered during the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or better against Division I opponents. Division I teams must play at least 10 games against Division I opponents.

Bylaw 31.3.3.1 - Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.5) of United States four-year, degree-granting institutions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Selection Criteria. The men's lacrosse committee will select and seed teams based on the criteria listed in Bylaw 31.3.3

- won-lost record
- strength of schedule
- eligibility and availability of student-athletes.

When evaluating teams' won-lost records and strength of schedule, the committee will have received approval from the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet to use the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) as compiled by the

NCAA (25% the institution's winning percentage; 50% opponents' success; 25% opponents' strength of schedule). The lacrosse committee will review the following primary factors in selecting at-large teams for the field (not in priority order):

Primary Criteria

- Strength of schedule index [based on a team's 10 highest-rated contests; (2 games against the same opponent will count as two contests)].
- Results of the RPI
 - record against ranked teams 1-5; 6-10, 11-20; 21+;
 - average RPI win (average RPI of all wins)
 - average RPI loss (average RPI of all losses).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Significant wins and losses. (wins against teams ranked higher in the RPI and losses against teams ranked lower in the RPI)
- Locations of contests.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division I Men's Lacrosse committee. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the committee for selection purposes.

The top eight teams will be seeded and separated in the bracket, the remaining eight teams will be placed geographically. In making bracket assignments, the closest geographical consideration will be used as well as the ability to separate conference opponents during first round competition.

Automatic Qualifiers

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Manuals.]

The Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet determined that the following seven conferences shall receive automatic qualification this season, based on the Men's Lacrosse Committee's recommendation: America East Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Eastern College Athletic Conference; Great Western Lacrosse League; Ivy Group; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and Patriot League. See Appendix C for the membership of Division I conferences.

Division II

Score Reporting Form. All members of the regional advisory committee will need complete information on each team in their region. It is imperative that each institution inform the appropriate regional advisory committee of the results of each regular-season game. For this purpose, the online NCAA Division II men's lacrosse score reporting form is located on the NCAA Web site at www1.ncaa.org/champsc1/exec/login.

Initial team schedules are due Monday, March 2. Subsequently, updated game results are due the following Mondays by 5 p.m. Eastern time: March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Games played the week of Monday, April 27, will be reported by the regional advisory chair.

The criteria used by the committee in selecting the teams for the championship are as follows:

Selection Requirements

To be considered for rankings and the selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost-record of .500 or better versus Division II opponents.

Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institution. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Selection Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition [Bylaw 31.3.3; criteria for selection of participants]:

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule;
- Availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships; and
- Nullification;

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee has received approval from the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the Division II men's lacrosse championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Overall won-lost record;
- In-region won-lost record;
- Overall strength of schedule (average opponents' winning percentage and opponents' average winning percentage);
 - *See Appendix L for explanation of strength of schedule calculations.*
- Head-to-head competition; and
- Results against common opponents.

If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Results against Division II out-of-region competition.
- Results against common opponents.
- Results against teams already selected.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee. A Division II governing sports committee must contact a regional advisory committee prior to making its final selection of teams or individuals if the committee selection differs from the regional advisory committee's. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee for selection purposes.

All games, including conference tournament games, will be used for selections.

Minimum Number of Contests. A team must play a minimum of eight games during the traditional season against Division II opponents to be considered for selection.

Division III

Schedule Reporting Form. All members of the regional advisory committee will need complete information on each team in their region. It is imperative that each institution inform the appropriate regional advisory committee of the results of each regular-season game. For this purpose, the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Schedule Reporting Form is located on the NCAA Web site at www1.ncaa.org/champsc1/exec/login.

Initial team schedules are due Monday, March 2. Subsequently, updated game results are due the following Mondays by 5 p.m. Eastern time: March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Games played the week of Monday, April 27, must be reported by 2 p.m. Eastern time, Saturday, May 2. Results from games played Sunday, May 3, will be entered by NCAA staff.

Allocation of Berths - Pools A, B and C

The Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee will select teams to the championship based on the following selection principles:

- After the determination of the automatic berths (Pool A), the committee will determine the Pool B selections followed by the Pool C selections.

Pool B is reserved for independent institutions and institutions that are members of conferences that do not receive automatic qualification. The number of eligible institutions in Pool B is determined by subtracting the number of eligible institutions in Pool A (total number of institutions in conferences with automatic qualification) from the total number of active Division III institutions sponsoring the sport.

Pool B = (number of independents and non-qualifying conference members) divided by (the access ratio for Pool A) – with the result truncated to the nearest whole number (e.g., 5.61 truncates to 5).

- Berths from Pools B and C will be selected on a national basis, using regional selection criteria. There will be no predetermined regional allocations for Pools B and C.

Based on the sponsorship data, the following allocations will be implemented for the 2009 championship:

Pool A	14 teams
Pool B	3 teams
Pool C	5 teams

The 14 conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2009 championship from Pool A are as follows:

Capital Athletic Conference
Centennial Conference
Colonial States Athletic Conference
Commonwealth Coast Conference
Empire 8
Liberty League
Little East Conference
Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation
New England Small College Athletic Conference
North Atlantic Conference
Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Pilgrim League
Skyline Conference
State University of New York Athletic Conference

Selection Requirements

To be considered during the at-large selection process (Pools B or C), an institution must play at least 50 percent of its competition against Division III in-region opponents, unless a waiver has been approved by the Division III Championships Committee.

Bylaw 31.3.3.1 – Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Constitution 3.2.4.4) of United States four-year, degree-granting institution. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.

Selection Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition

Primary Criteria

The primary criteria emphasize regional competition (all contests leading up to NCAA championships); all criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order).

- Win-loss percentage against regional opponents.
- Strength-of-schedule (only contests versus regional competition).
 - Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP).
 - Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP).
 - See Appendix L for explanation of OWP and OOWP calculations.
- In-region head-to-head competition.
- In-region results versus common regional opponents.
- In-region results versus regionally ranked teams.

- Ranked opponents are defined as those teams ranked at the time of the rankings selection process only.
- Conference postseason contests are included.
- Contests versus provisional and reclassifying members in their third and fourth years shall count in the primary criteria. Provisional and reclassifying members shall remain ineligible for rankings and selections.

Secondary Criteria. If the evaluation of the primary criteria does not result in a decision, the secondary criteria will be reviewed. All the criteria listed will be evaluated (not listed in priority order). The secondary criteria introduce results against out-of-region Division III and all other opponents including those contests versus opponents from other classifications (i.e., provisionals, NAIA, NCAA Divisions I and II).

- Out-of-region head-to-head competition.
- Overall Division III win-loss percentage.
- Results versus common non Division III opponents.
- Results versus all Division III ranked teams.

- Overall win-loss percentage.
- Results versus all common opponents.
- Overall DIII Strength of Schedule.

Additionally, input is provided by regional advisory committees for consideration by the Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee. In order to be considered for selection for Pools B or C, an institution must play at least 50 percent of its competition against Division III in-region opponents. Coaches' polls and/or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee for selection purposes.

Minimum Number of Contests. A team must play a minimum of 10 games during the traditional season against Division III opponents to be considered for selection.

Regional Alignments

Each Division III men's lacrosse team is assigned to one of two defined "evaluation" regions. The primary criteria used for ranking and selection are based on how a team performs against other Division III "in-region" teams.

In-region competition is defined as follows:

- All competition within an institution's defined region or conference.
- All competition within a 200-mile radius from one institution to another. Mileage calculations from campus to campus may be verified by accessing <https://web1.ncaa.org/TES/exec/login> and then clicking on the Mileage Calculator link.
- All competition within an institution's membership geographical region as defined in NCAA Bylaw 4.12.1.1.

Region 1	Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont
Region 2	New York and Pennsylvania
Region 3	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia
Region 4	Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming

Regional Rankings. The men's lacrosse committee will release regional rankings beginning Wednesday, April 8, for four consecutive weeks before the championships selection Sunday. The committee will rank the top 15 percent of teams in each region (or a minimum of four teams, whichever is greater), by applying the championships selection criteria. Based on 2008-09 sponsorship reports, the following number of teams will be ranked in each region:

North Region	13 teams
South Region	10 teams

Once automatic qualifiers are identified and the Pools B and C teams are selected, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Once selected, teams will be grouped in clusters according to natural geographic proximity. Teams will then be paired according to geographic proximity. A team may be moved to numerically balance the bracket if geographic proximity is maintained. Teams should be paired and eligible sites should be selected according to geographic proximity (within 500 miles).
- Teams may be seeded on a regional basis using the regional selection criteria. However, geographic proximity takes precedence over seeding.
- Teams from the same conference do not have to play one another in the first round as long as geographic proximity is maintained.
- The highest seeded team that meets all selection criteria will be selected as the host institution, provided geographic proximity is maintained.

Religious/Commencement Conflicts, Division III

Please note that the NCAA Division III Presidents Council has approved the following policies for this season's championships:

Religious Reasons. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA championships manager in writing one week before the selection date in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution.

Commencement Reasons. If an institution's commencement conflicts with participation in the championship, it shall inform the NCAA championships manager in writing one week before the selection date, in order for the men's lacrosse committee to accommodate a request to alter the championship schedule.

The following guidelines apply to commencement request:

- Policy applies to team sports only.
- The governing sports committee in consultation with participating institutions would reschedule the game on the nearest possible date if a participating school has a conflict.
- Institutions should give prior notice of commencement dates.
- Does not apply to predetermined final sites.

The governing sports committee shall make a good faith effort to accommodate participating institutions in non-predetermined preliminary-round contests with multiple teams participating at the same site.

The Presidents Council noted the importance of commencement for Division III and encouraged greater flexibility of governing sports committees and the Division III Championships Committee.

Pairings

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Division I

Pairings for first-round, second-round and quarterfinal games are established by the Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee and are shown in the tournament bracket, Appendix A.

Division II

Pairings for semifinal games are determined by regional alignment; however, the two teams selected from the same region will be paired for semifinal competition. See Appendix E.

Division III

Pairings for first-round, second-round, quarterfinal and semifinal games are determined by the geographical proximity of teams. Teams are placed in the bracket by the Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee. See Appendix F.

Instructions to Competing Institutions

All-Tournament/Most Outstanding Player Selection

Selected media will be invited to vote for a Division I all-tournament team (10 players), including a most outstanding player. The announcement of the team will be made at the conclusion of the championship game. For the Divisions II and III championship games, a most outstanding player will be chosen by selected media and announced at the conclusion of each game.

Arrival

Division I

For the semifinals and final, each participating team must arrive at the stadium no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

Division II

For the final, each team must arrive at the championship site no later than noon, Friday, May 22.

Division III

For the final, each team must arrive at the championship site no later than noon Friday, May 22.

Attendance

Please note that the attendance figures to be announced for each session of the championships shall be based on paid attendance. The paid attendance figures also are what should be listed on the online proposed budget and final financial report. The host has the option of providing a "turnstile" count [e.g., 34,575 paid attendance (12,456 turnstile attendance)].

Audio Coverage (Radio and Internet)

[Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines, which is located on the NCAA Web site at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=1767>.]

Awards

[Reference: Awards in the respective division's general section and Bylaw 31.1.12 in the NCAA Division I Manual; and 31.1.10 in the Divisions II and III Manuals.]

Official NCAA trophies will be awarded to the top four teams in the Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship, the four Division II participating teams and the top four teams in the Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship. In addition, 40 individual awards will be presented to the members of the Division I semifinalists. Thirty-four individual awards will be presented to the Division II semifinalists and 33 individual awards will

be presented to the members of the Division III semifinalists. Participation awards will be provided to all student-athletes competing in uniform (squad size only) in each championship who have not already received an individual award (i.e., mini trophy or championship watch). All participation awards will be sent to the preliminary-round tournament directors to be distributed to the non-advancing teams.

Ball Retrievers

It is the responsibility of the host institution to provide an adequate number of ball retrievers. Ball retrievers must be at least 10 years of age. The host institution is required to train, protect and provide for the safety of the ball retrievers. These individuals must wear helmets and be dressed so that their “uniform” colors do not blend with those of the participating teams. Ball retrievers must stand or sit toward the sidelines. By rule, they are not permitted directly behind the goals.

Balls

The Brine lacrosse ball will be used in all NCAA tournament games. These balls will be sent by the manufacturer to the tournament manager at the host institution for each round of competition. Each team must provide its own practice balls.

Banners

The display of institutional banners is subject to the approval of the games committee. However, no banners may be affixed to the arena or stadium. If approved, hand-held team banners may not interfere with the competition or spectators’ views and they may not contain any commercial identification. Banners advertising equipment or manufacturers are prohibited.

Banquet

For Division I, a championship banquet has been arranged for approximately 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 21, for the four semifinalists. Attire for the banquet is casual. It is recommended that student-athletes wear their uniform jerseys.

For the Divisions II and III finalists, the championship banquet will take place at 7 p.m., Friday, May 22. Recommended attire for the event is casual (polo and shorts appropriate, no flip flops).

Invitations to the banquets are limited to the official traveling parties of the competing institutions. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased from the Boston Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

Bench Passes

For the 2009 championships, team bench limits for the three divisions are as follows:

Division I - 12 individuals will be permitted on the sidelines beyond the official travel party of 40 for a total of 52.

Division II - 14 individuals will be permitted on the sidelines beyond the official travel party of 34 for a total of 48.

Division III - Five individuals will be permitted on the sidelines beyond the official travel party of 33, for a total number of 38. Of the five individuals, two must be medical personnel. If medical personnel are not designated, each team will be permitted three individuals beyond the official travel party of 33.

The individuals exceeding the official travel party shall include nonparticipating dressed players and/or institutional personnel (i.e., coaches, managers, athletic trainers, team physicians and administrators). The nonparticipating dressed players are permitted to participate in the official practice and pregame warm-up activities at the discretion of the institution. Please note that any players outside of the official travel party and not included in the team bench limits will not be allowed to practice and/or participate in the pregame warm-up. All players must be identified on the “Official Bench Area Gate List” along with their jersey numbers.

Cheerleaders, Mascots and Bands

Cheerleaders and/or spirit 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 on presentation of a ticket. A maximum of 12 cheerleaders and/or spirit team members shall be allowed on the sideline during the progress of the game. The cheerleaders shall be located in a designated area by the tournament manager.

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, are allowed to play during timeouts, between games, and before and after the competition.

All cheerleading squads must conform to the guidelines set by the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors (AACCA). This includes all guidelines and prohibitions pertaining to partner stunts in indoor facilities (see Appendix M). Neither the NCAA nor 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 participating institution’s responsibility. 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. The cheerleading squad is allowed to carry an institutional flag, but it may only be displayed during the respective team’s timeout or between games. It cannot be used to taunt competitors or block spectators’ view.

The use of trampolines, stunts more than two persons high, “basketball tosses” and cheerleader flips is not permitted. Tournament managers must inform participants if the host facility has more stringent restrictions, which shall be applied. If necessary, the director of athletics at each institution shall be asked to apprise the appropriate individuals of this policy and ensure their cooperation.

Conference Call Schedule

Administrative conference calls with the participating directors of athletics, head coaches, sports information directors and host institutions will be scheduled as follows (all times Eastern):

Division I

First Round—Monday, May 4, 2 p.m.
 Quarterfinals (U.S. Naval Academy)—Monday, May 11, 2 p.m.
 Quarterfinals (Hofstra University)—Monday, May 11, 3 p.m.
 Semifinals and Final—Monday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Division II

Semifinals—Thursday, May 7, 11 a.m.
 Final—Monday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Division III

First Round—Monday, May 4, 11 a.m.
 Second Round—Thursday, May 7, noon
 Quarterfinals—Monday, May 11, noon
 Semifinals—Thursday, May 14, 2 p.m.
 Final—Monday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Drug Testing

[Reference: Drug Testing in the respective division's general section, and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in this championship 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 this championship; and, thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Equipment

In accordance with Bylaw 12.5.4 (Divisions I and II) and Bylaw 12.5.3 (Division III), athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, gloves, helmets, sticks) may bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public. Failure to comply with this regulation may jeopardize a student-athlete's eligibility.

Game Films/Videotape

Subject to prior approval of the NCAA, participating institutions may film/videotape games in which they participate.

Film/Videotape Exchange — Mandatory

All championship participants must provide their next-round opponent a videotape of the previous championship contest (filmed from an elevated, midfield location) by the second working day after the contest. An institution that receives a bye in the

first round is required to provide the videotape of its opponent's choice by the second working day after the opponent's opening-round contest. This rule does not apply to any first-round contests.

Lodging

The host institution should make local reservations for the competing teams and advise them of the arrangements for Division I first-round, second-round and quarterfinal games; the semifinals of the Division II championship; and first, second, quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the Division III championship. Each competing institution is obligated to confirm or cancel the accommodations.

An institution is not obligated to stay at the designated property; however, it is responsible for canceling its reservations and then securing its own accommodations; the new accommodations may not be another designated tournament hotel.

For the Division I semifinals and championship game, and Divisions II and III championship games, the Boston Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has reserved 35 rooms for each of the competing Division I institutions and 25 rooms for each of the competing Division II and Division III institutions. The participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, it must (a) obtain permission from the lacrosse committee (b) obtain a release for the rooms (in writing) from the hotel manager or (c) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official traveling party. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for use of rooms with the hotel, full charges for the rooms will be billed to the institutions.

The NCAA and the Boston LOC will determine the hotel assignments and inform the participating teams of this information before the quarterfinal round.

Media Arrangements

[Reference: Publicity and Promotion in this handbook.]

Media Credentials. The NCAA shall control the issuance of media credentials for these 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 to the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships may be implemented, based on the circumstances at the championships site. These conditions must be approved before competition by Kristen Jacob, men's lacrosse media coordinator.

Media credentials for preliminary-round games (i.e., all games not in Foxboro on Memorial Day weekend) may be obtained through the sports information office of the host institution. Applications for media credentials will be available at www.ncaa.org after March 30. For questions about obtaining an application for media credentials to Championship Weekend by other means, call Kristen Jacob at 317/917-6584 or e-mail at kjacob@ncaa.org.

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

Postgame Interview Policy. All coaches and student-athletes shall be available for interviews. Throughout the championship, press conferences are scheduled for the convenience of press representatives, the coaches and student-athletes representing the participating institutions. They are designed to provide the media with tournament information required for thorough coverage and to limit the time demands placed on the coaches and student-athletes.

Coaches' Obligation. Regardless of regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach is obligated to the entire covering media during the respective championship and must report to the interview room immediately after the cooling-off period. 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 NCAA Productions. They may, however, open their locker rooms and/or report to the interview area before the cooling-off period ends, and make themselves available to all media representatives staffing the championships. Should a coach permit one media agency to enter the locker room before the cooling-off period has ended, the locker room shall be opened to all other media representatives desiring access to the area.

Open Locker Room Policy. NCAA championships have an open locker room policy. This allows credentialed media to have access to the locker room after the cooling-off period has expired. The policy is administered by the media coordinator on site.

Cooling-Off Period. A cooling-off period has been set aside for a coach to be with the student-athletes in the locker room after the game. The period begins when the coach enters the locker room immediately after the game or conducts an interview with the televising entity. The period will be 10 minutes for both the winning and non-winning teams. A coach may shorten the cooling-off period, but may not extend it.

Order of Appearance, All Championship Games. For all divisions, the non-winning team's coach and representatives shall report to the interview room within 15 minutes of the presentation of the second-place trophy. For all divisions, the winning team's coach and student-athlete representatives shall report to the interview room immediately after the non-winning team's interviews. The media coordinator's staff will inform each team's sports information representative of the student-athletes the media desires to interview. Each team's sports information representative will be responsible for ensuring that his or her team's coach and student-athletes report to the interview room in a timely manner.

Order of Appearance, Division I Semifinals Only. The non-winning team's coach and representatives shall report to the interview room 10 minutes after the postgame handshake. The winning team's coach and student-athlete representatives shall report to the interview room 20 minutes after the postgame handshake. Each team's sports information representative will be responsible for ensuring that his or her team's coach and student-athletes report to the interview room in a timely manner.

Meetings

[Reference: Misconduct in the respective division's general section, and Bylaws 31.02.3 and 31.1.10 in the Division I NCAA Manual; and 31.1.8 in the Divisions II and III Manuals.]

Head coaches of the competing teams, officials and members of the games committee are required to attend a meeting held a minimum of two hours prior to each game to review playing rules and any other administrative matters that may be necessary.

At the pregame meeting, the chair of the games committee will acquaint the head coaches of the competing teams with the provisions of the penalty for misconduct (Bylaw 31.1.10.3, Division I Manual; 31.1.8.3, Divisions II and III Manuals), which prescribes conditions under which a student-athlete or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the competition for reasons of misconduct.

The Division I coaches meeting will be conducted at approximately 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Gillette Stadium.

The Divisions II and III pregame championship weekend meeting will be conducted at 9 p.m. Friday, May 22, at the Westin Copley Place Boston.

Merchandise

Teams selected to participate in NCAA championships will have the opportunity to preorder preliminary-round event merchandise online through the official NCAA souvenir merchandiser, Event 1, Inc. After selection, teams will receive instructions for placing orders. These team orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after preliminary-round competition. In addition, teams advancing to the final site will receive a second notification regarding the opportunity to purchase championship merchandise online. All orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after the finals. Questions regarding the online team ordering process may be directed to Kris Didion at Event 1 at 913/396-3588.

Nets

New nets should be placed on the goals on the game field for each round of competition.

News Conference Schedule

Championship Week

News conferences for the championship week are as follows:
Monday, May 18—2 p.m. telephone news conference with four Division I coaches, two

Division II coaches and two Division III coaches.

Thursday, May 21—Approximately 5 p.m. Division I media day.

Saturday, May 23—Immediately after each Division I semifinal game.

Sunday, May 24—Division I pre-championship final news conference (Immediately before or after practice).

Sunday, May 24—Immediately after the Division II and Division III championship games.

Monday, May 25—Immediately after the Division I championship game.

Head coaches and at least two starters are required to attend the in-person news conferences.

News, Media, Press Conferences and Satellite Feeds

[Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines, which is located on the NCAA Web site at <http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=1767>.]

Officials

The designated game officials shall be (1) the referee, (2) the umpire, and (3) the field judge.

A sports committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific officials' association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Officials shall be selected and assigned by the national assignor on approval of the respective men's lacrosse 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.

After assignments have been made by the committee, the national coordinator of officials will be responsible for notifying the tournament director of the host institution and the NCAA site representative of the names of the officials assigned to the game.

Officials must be on the field 60 minutes before the start of the game. Two members of the officiating crew are to be on the field at the time both teams are permitted access to the field for pregame warm-ups.

Division I (First-Round, Quarterfinals and Semifinals)—The referee, umpire and field judge each shall receive a \$325 fee for each game officiated, plus travel expenses according to actual mode of transportation, not to exceed jet coach air fare or 51 cents per mile, but not including terminal or other local transportation. Officials will receive a \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of their assignments, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure.

For the championship game—The referee, umpire and field judge each shall receive a \$325 fee for each game officiated, plus travel expenses according to actual mode of transportation, not to exceed jet coach air fare or 51 cents per mile, but not including terminal or other local transportation. Officials will receive a \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of their assignments, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure.

Division II Semifinals —The referee, umpire and field judge each shall receive a \$250 fee for each game officiated, plus ground transportation not to exceed 51 cents per mile, but not including local transportation. Officials will receive a \$45 per diem

for meals and incidentals on each day of their assignments, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure.

For the championship game—The referee, umpire and field judge each shall receive a \$325 fee for each game officiated, plus ground transportation not to exceed 51 cents per mile, but not including local transportation. Officials will receive a \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of their assignments, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure.

Division III (First- and second-round games, quarterfinals and semifinals)—The referee, umpire, and field judge each shall receive a \$250 fee for each game officiated, plus ground transportation not to exceed 51 cents per mile, but not including local transportation. Officials will receive a \$40 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of their assignments, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure.

For the championship game—The referee, umpire, and field judge each shall receive a \$325 fee for each game officiated, plus ground transportation not to exceed 51 cents per mile, but not including local transportation. Officials will receive a \$40 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of their assignments, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure.

Practice

Each team shall be allowed to practice once on the field on which its game will be played, weather permitting. If this is not possible, a practice field will be available to the teams the day before the game.

The practice times for championship weekend will be listed in the participant manual which will be posted on the NCAA Web site.

Programs

[Reference: Advertising in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.14.1 (Division I) and Bylaw 31.1.12.1 (Divisions II and III) in the NCAA Manual.]

IMG College will be responsible for all program production including layout and design, advertising, printing, vending and distribution to the 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 championship host should not include expenses or revenues for programs in the championship 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 (e.g., heat sheets, lane assignments, pairings). 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 (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505, Attn: Marianne 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@hostcommunications.com). You will receive your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement prior to the championship.
2. Non-predetermined sites: Once sites are announced, IMG College determines how many programs will be sent to each site and will contact the site. Your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement will be e-mailed within one day of your site being selected.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 contracts to IMG College
 - 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.

Results for National Office Files

Copies of results no longer need to be sent by mail. File copies for the national office will be obtained off the NCAA Web site, as posted by the host institution's sports information director. These results, which must be posted on the day of the event, shall

include at a minimum: (1) score by periods; (2) first and last name for all goal scorers for each team, along with their total goals for the game; (3) total shots for each team, (4) first and last name of all goalies who play; (5) total saves for each goalie for each team, and (5) announced attendance. A computer-generated box score will suffice as long as it includes all information listed. If the form does not, such information shall be added manually to the sports information director's Web report.

Rules of Play

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.33, 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, including men's lacrosse. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes any games not played in accordance with the NCAA rules book.

The 2009-10 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules will be followed in all tournament games. See Appendix I for a diagram of the official field of play. The Men's Lacrosse Rules book is located on the NCAA Web site at <http://www.ncaapublications.com>.

Questions regarding the interpretation of rules should be addressed to Don Zimmerman, Secretary-Rules Editor, Men's Lacrosse, UMBC Fieldhouse, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, Maryland 21250, phone: 410/455-1323, e-mail: dzimmerm@umbc.edu.

Scouting of Opponents

All scouting of tournament games must be done in person. No restrictions will be made to preclude competing teams from scouting another session of the championship playoffs; however, complimentary admission for scouts is not allowed. If an institution has a press box, seats used for scouting purposes should be located at either end of the press box.

Squad Size

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 32 players eligible to participate for Division I and 28 players eligible to participate for Divisions II and III. The players who will participate must be designated at the pregame meeting. After the game starts, no replacements will be permitted for any reason. An institution that is advised it is in violation of this regulation and does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.

Starting Times

Division III preliminary-round game times shall be anytime between 2 and 7:30 p.m. for weekday games and 1 or 7:30 p.m. for weekend games unless a written request is submitted to the NCAA national office and approved by the committee in advance. Any games scheduled at venues without lights shall begin no later than 2 p.m., unless a written request is submitted to the NCAA national office and approved by the men's lacrosse committee.

If the participating institutions in a tournament game in any division do not mutually agree on a starting time, the chair of the respective divisional men's lacrosse committee shall determine the official starting time of the game in consultation with NCAA staff.

Starting times for games during Championship Weekend are:

Saturday, May 23

Division I semifinal No. 1—Noon

Division I semifinal No. 2—2:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 24

Division III final—Noon

Division II final—3 p.m.

Monday, May 25

Division I final—1 p.m.

Game times may be adjusted to accommodate television. See Appendix H for the pregame schedule.

Television Rights and Footage Licensing

[Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines, which is located on the NCAA Web site at <http://www.ncaa.com/broadcast/broadcast.html>.

Tickets

[Reference: Tickets in the respective division's general section.]

The ticket prices for the Division I semifinals and final, Division II final, and Division III final are as follows:

\$80 All Sessions - lower corners/end zone (reserved—Division I, general admission—Divisions II and III)

\$70 All Sessions - upper (reserved—Division I, general admission—Divisions II and III)

Each Division I institution participating at Gillette Stadium may purchase 250 all-session tickets that must be sold as a three-day package. Each Division II and III institution participating at Gillette Stadium may purchase 50 all-session tickets that must be sold as a three-day package. For Division I only, any unsold tickets must be returned to the Gillette Stadium ticket office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 22. All ticket purchases for Divisions II and III are final.

Division II and Division III

The minimum ticket prices for the Division II semifinals shall be \$5 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens and student general admission with identification from the host institution or participating institution and \$1 for children ages 12 and younger. Children two years old and younger may be admitted free of charge (if facility policy allows) if accompanied by a ticketed adult.

For Division III first- and second-round games, quarterfinals and semifinals minimum ticket prices shall be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and \$1 for children age 12 and younger. Children two years old and younger may be admitted free of charge (if facility policy allows) if accompanied by a ticketed adult.

Traveling Party

Division I

The official traveling party is 40 persons.

Division II

The official traveling party is 34 persons.

Division III

The official traveling party is 33 persons.

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www1.ncaa.org/finance/travel/index.html>.

Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manuals.]

The highest seeded team in each region (regardless of which team is the home team) will wear white or light-colored uniform for semifinal games in Division II, and the home team will wear white or light-colored uniform for the first-round, second-round, quarterfinal and semifinal games in Division III.

For the Division I championship, the highest-seeded team shall be designated the home team and shall wear its white or light-colored uniform. See Appendix J

For Divisions II and III championship games, the respective men's lacrosse committee shall determine the home team.

Student-athletes competing in each championship shall wear exclusively the official uniform of their institutions in competition and during related ceremonies. This applies to warm-up uniforms as well as uniforms for competition.

Logos. Bylaw 12.5.4-(b) indicates that 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 2 1/4 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, 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 2 1/4 square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of 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 this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

Division I Additional Requirements. The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in Bylaw 12.5.4 shall apply during the NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, athletic trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practices and games or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect before August 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events.

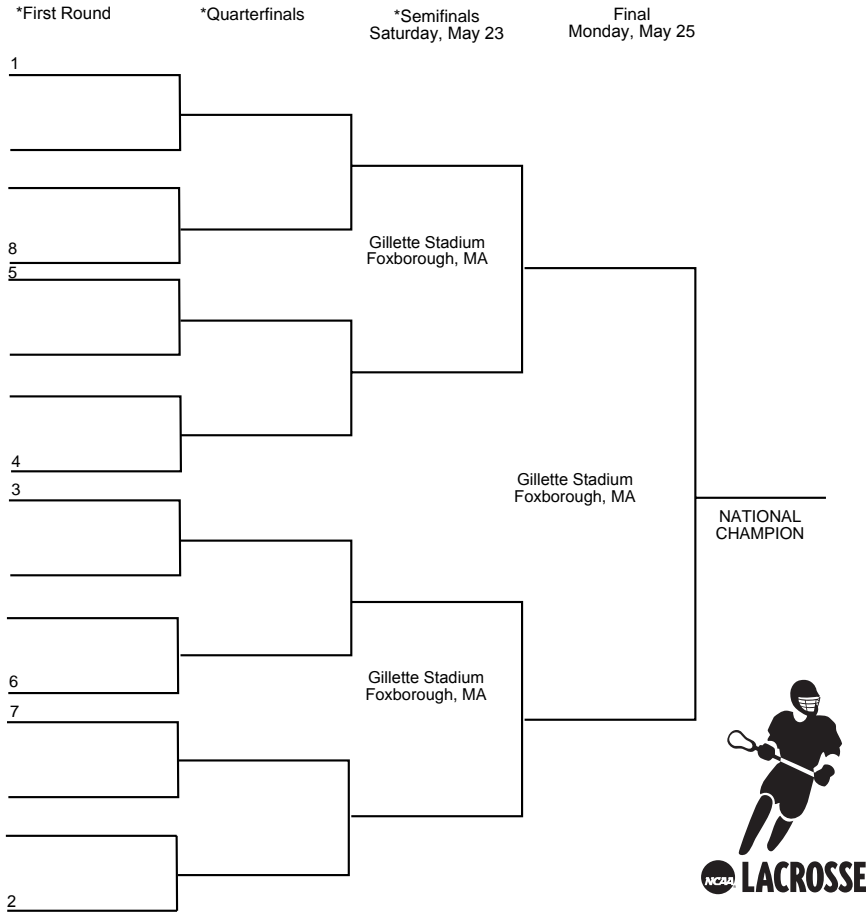
Web Site/Internet/Video Streaming

[Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that are located online at <http://www.ncaa.com/broadcast/broadcast.html>.]

The NCAA's broadcast partners (CBS, ESPN and IMG College) retain all rights to the television broadcast or cablecast, Internet or radio broadcast of NCAA championships. For specific questions regarding policies governing the broadcast of championships, please check the Web site referenced above or contact any member of the NCAA corporate and broadcast alliances staff at the national office (317/917-6222).

Appendix A

Division I Bracket



*Eight first-round games played on campuses of participating institutions (May 9 or 10).
 **Quarterfinal doubleheaders will be played at Hofstra University (May 16) and the U.S. Naval Academy (May 17).
 All times are Eastern and are subject to change due to television.

Appendix B

2008-09 NCAA Division I Regions

NORTHEAST

- University at Albany
- State University of New York at Binghamton
- Brown University
- Bucknell University
- Canisius College
- Colgate University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Drexel University
- Fairfield University
- University of Hartford
- Harvard University
- Hobart College
- Hofstra University
- College of the Holy Cross
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Manhattan College
- Marist College

- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Providence College
- Quinnipiac University
- Robert Morris University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
- Sacred Heart University
- St. John's University (New York)
- Saint Joseph's University
- Siena College
- Stony Brook University
- Syracuse University
- U.S. Military Academy
- University of Vermont
- Villanova University
- Wagner College
- Yale University

SOUTHEAST

- University of Delaware
- Duke University
- Georgetown University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Loyola College (Maryland)
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park

- Mount St. Mary's University
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Towson University
- U.S. Naval Academy
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Military Institute

WEST

- Bellarmino University
- University of Denver
- University of Detroit Mercy

- University of Notre Dame
- Ohio State University
- U.S. Air Force Academy

Total: 57 institutions

Appendix C

2009 NCAA Division I Automatic-Qualifying Conferences

AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE (6)

University at Albany	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
State University of New York at Binghamton	Stony Brook University
University of Hartford	University of Vermont

COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (7)

University of Delaware	Sacred Heart University
Drexel University	Towson University
Hofstra University	Villanova University
Robert Morris University	

EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (8)

Fairfield University	Pennsylvania State University
Georgetown University	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
Hobart College	St. John's University (New York)
Loyola College (Maryland)	
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	

GREAT WESTERN LACROSSE LEAGUE (6)

Bellarmino University	Ohio State University
University of Denver	Quinnipiac University
University of Notre Dame	U.S. Air Force Academy

IVY GROUP (7)

Brown University	University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University	Princeton University
Dartmouth University	Yale University
Harvard University	

METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (9)

Canisius College	Saint Joseph's University
Manhattan College	Siena College
Marist College	Virginia Military Institute
Mount St. Mary's University	Wagner College
Providence College	

PATRIOT LEAGUE (7)

Bucknell University	Lehigh University
Colgate University	U. S. Military Academy
College of the Holy Cross	U. S. Naval Academy
Lafayette College	

Appendix D

2009 NCAA Division II Regions

NORTH REGION (11)

American International College	Merrimack College
Assumption College	Pace University
Bentley College	Southern New Hampshire University
Bryant University	Saint Anselm College
Franklin Pierce College	Saint Michael's College
Le Moyne College	

CENTRAL REGION (9)

Adelphi University	Grand Canyon University
C.W. Post Campus/Long Island University	Mercyhurst College
Dominican College (New York)	Molloy College
Dowling College	New York Institute of Technology
	Notre Dame de Namur University

SOUTH REGION (15)

Belmont Abbey College	Queens University of Charlotte
Catawba College	Rollins College
Florida Southern College	St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Lees-Mc Rae College	Saint Leo University
Limestone College	Seton Hill University
Mars Hill College	Wheeling Jesuit University
Pfeiffer University	Wingate University
Presbyterian College	

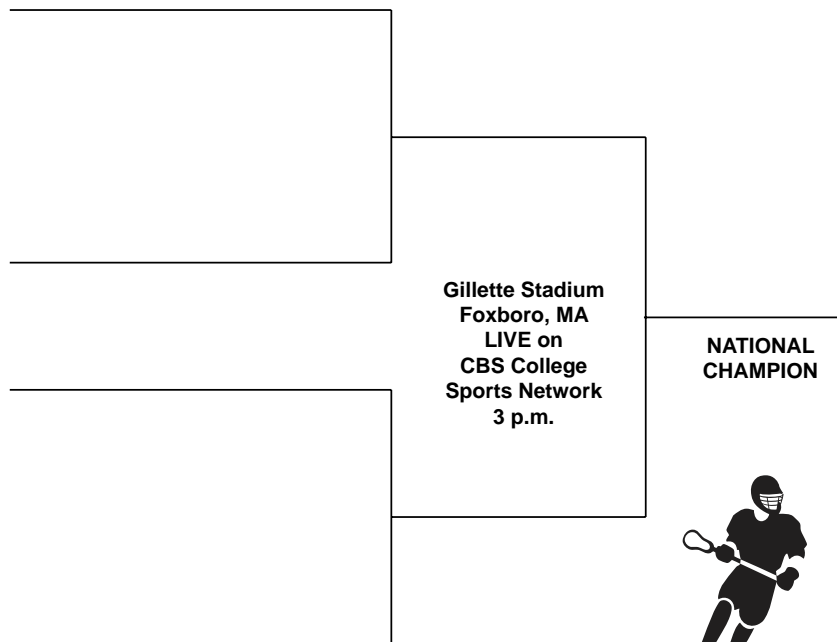
Appendix E



2009 NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship

Semifinals
Saturday, May 16 or
Sunday, May 17

Final
Sunday, May 24



*Host institution.
All times local and subject to change.

One team from each of the three regions (North, Central and South) and one at-large team from any region were selected to participate in the men's lacrosse championship. Teams selected from the same region were paired for semifinal competition.

Appendix F



2009 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship

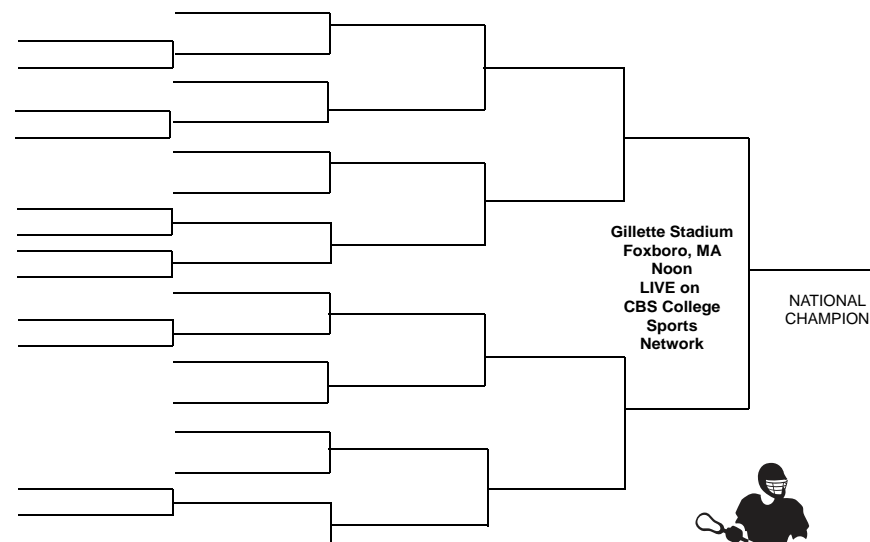
First Round
May 6

Second Round
May 9

Quarterfinals
May 13

Semifinals
May 17

Final
May 24



All times local and subject to change.
* Denotes host Institution



Appendix G

2009 NCAA Division III Evaluation Regions

NORTH EVALUATION REGION

Commonwealth Coast Conference (11) (Automatic Qualifier)

Anna Maria College	Nichols College
Curry College	Roger Williams University
Endicott College	Salve Regina University
Gordon College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
New England College	Western New England College
University of New England	

Empire 8 (9) (Automatic Qualifier)

Alfred University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Elmira College	St. John Fisher College
Hartwick College	Stevens Institute of Technology
Ithaca College	Utica College
Nazareth College	

Liberty League (7) (Automatic Qualifier)

Clarkson University	Skidmore College
Hamilton College	Union College (New York)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Vassar College
St. Lawrence University	

Little East Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)

Eastern Connecticut State University	Plymouth State University
Keene State College	Salem State College
University of Massachusetts, Boston	University of Southern Maine
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth	Western Connecticut State University

New England Small College Athletic Conference (10) (Automatic Qualifier)

Amherst College	Middlebury College
Bates College	Trinity College (Connecticut)
Bowdoin College	Tufts University
Colby College	Wesleyan University (Connecticut)
Connecticut College	Williams College

North Atlantic Conference (9) (Automatic Qualifier)

Castleton State College	Maine Maritime Academy
Emerson College	Mount Ida College
Green Mountain College	Saint Joseph's College (Maine)
Johnson State College	Thomas College
*Lyndon State College	

Pilgrim League (8) (Automatic Qualifier)

Babson College	Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Clark University (Massachusetts)	Norwich University
Lasell College	Springfield College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)

Skyline Conference (6) (Automatic Qualifier)

Kean University	State University of New York Farmingdale
Montclair State University	State University of New York Maritime College
College of Mount St. Vincent	
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	

State University of New York Athletic Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)

College at Brockport, State University of New York	State University College at Oneonta
State University College at Cortland	State University of New York at Oswego
State University College at Geneseo	Plattsburgh State University of New York
*Morrisville State College	State University of New York at Potsdam

Pool B Teams (8)

Becker College	Keuka College
Cazenovia College	Medaille College
*State University of New York at Cobleskill	*Mitchell College
Daniel Webster College	Wells College

SOUTH EVALUATION REGION

Capital Athletic Conference (8) (Automatic Qualifier)

Hood College	Salisbury University
University of Mary Washington	Stevenson University
Marymount University (Virginia)	Wesley College
St. Mary's College of Maryland	York College (Pennsylvania)

**Centennial Conference (9)
(Automatic Qualifier)**

Dickinson College	Muhlenberg College
Franklin & Marshall College	Swarthmore College
Gettysburg College	Ursinus College
Haverford College	Washington College (Maryland)
McDaniel College	

**Colonial States Athletic Conference (7)
(Automatic Qualifier)**

Cabrini College	Marywood University
Centenary College (New Jersey)	Neumann College
Gwynedd-Mercy College	Shenandoah University
Immaculata University	

**Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation (11)
(Automatic Qualifier)**

Alvernia College	Lycoming College
DeSales University	Manhattanville College
Eastern University	Messiah College
Elizabethtown College	Misericordia University
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham	Widener University
King's College (Pennsylvania)	

**Old Dominion Athletic Conference (7)
(Automatic Qualifier)**

Guilford College	Roanoke College
Hampden-Sydney College	Virginia Wesleyan College
Lynchburg College	Washington and Lee University
Randolph-Macon College	

Pool B Teams (27)

Adrian College	College of Mount St. Joseph
Birmingham-Southern College	Oberlin College
Carthage College	Ohio Wesleyan University
Catholic University	*Saint Vincent College
Christopher Newport University	University of Scranton
Colorado College	University of the South
Denison University	Susquehanna University
Drew University	Trine University
Fontbonne University	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Goucher College	Washington and Jefferson College
Greensboro College	Whittier College
Hendrix College	Wittenberg University
Kenyon College	College of Wooster
Moravian College	

* Provisional member

Appendix H

Pregame Schedule

Game Clock

Pregame meeting.
Field available for teams.

60:00 Officials meeting with timer and ball retrievers.

36:00 Start 30-minute clock.

20:00 Teams may leave field.

20:00 Pregame activities begin—bands.

10:00 Officials notify teams in locker rooms.

8:00 Teams meet with officials at center of field for coin toss.

6:00 30-minute clock expires and players return to benches.

5:00 Visitors Starting Players Introductions (go to wing line/remain)
Home Starting Players Introductions (go to wing line/remain)
Teams huddle and then line up along side line.

2:00 National Anthem.

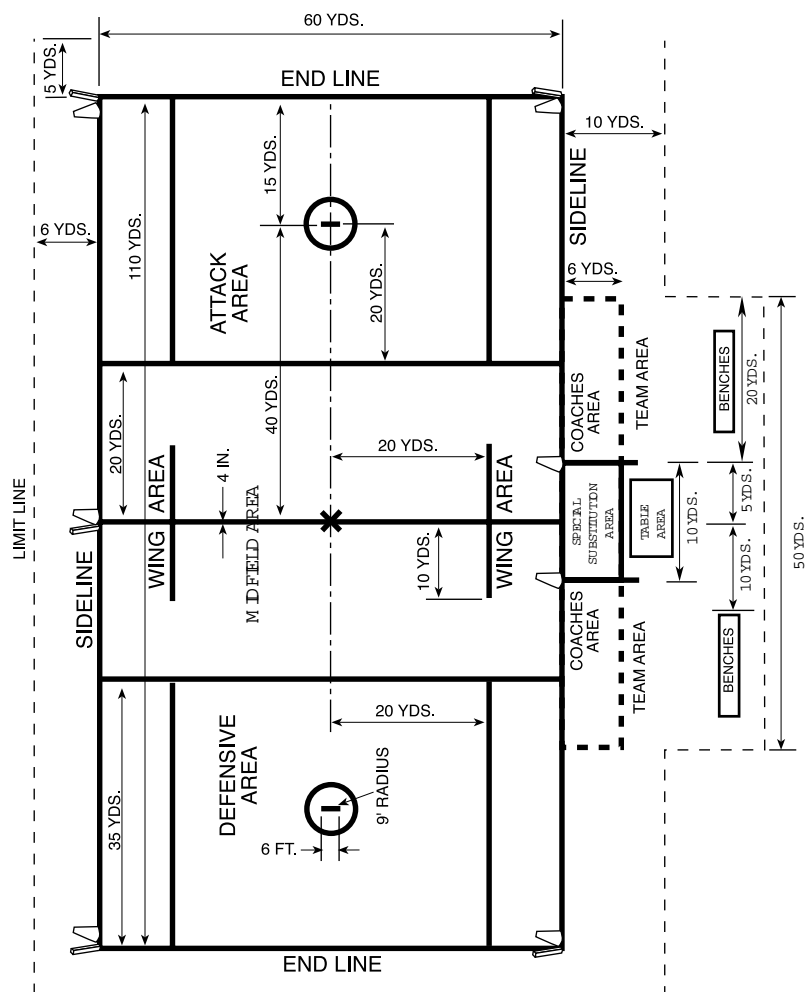
0:00 Public address announcer reads Crowd Control Statement (~0:35).

0:00 Faceoff

This schedule could be modified by the respective divisional men's lacrosse committee to accommodate alternate starting times, television or special activities associated with the game.

Appendix I

2009 The Field of Play



Appendix J

Teleconference Checklist

This is a checklist for the teleconference between the competing teams' directors of athletics, coaches and sports information directors, and divisional men's lacrosse committee or NCAA national office representatives to review the following: [Note: A representative of the host institution should record the information for reference, should problems arise.]

1. Welcome and congratulate participants, thank host.
2. Introduction of committee members and/or committee representative staffing the game.
3. Establish games committee and explain responsibilities.
4. Date, time and location of game.
5. Date, time and location of pregame meeting (head coaches, games committee and officials are required to attend).
6. Review tentative transportation plans (plane, bus charter, etc.).
7. Instructions from tournament director (parking, security, inclement weather, etc. as needed).
8. Lodging (at the expense of the team).
9. Explain squad-size limitation (32 for Division I, 28 for Divisions II and III) and additional sideline passes.
10. Establish practice schedule and review any necessary policies.
11. Review locker rooms.
12. Confirm uniforms colors.
13. Field of play, warm-up areas.
14. Film/videotape exchange - mandatory.
15. Scouting/filming/videotaping of competing institutions.
16. Bands, cheerleaders and mascots.
17. Press box arrangements and credentials.
18. Medical service and assistance available.
19. VIPs, hospitality and credentials.
20. Ticket arrangements, number, cost, will call, etc.
21. Banquet video and film requirements (Beta sp preferred) (Divisions II and III).
22. Television and radio coverage, if applicable.
23. Remind teams of online expense forms.
24. Sportsmanship (players and coaches).
25. Winning team on conference call, confirm date and time.
26. Awards (participant awards, non advancing team - DI and DIII).
27. Banquet speakers (championship game only).
28. Press conferences (protocol).
29. Attire for NCAA events.
30. Questions.

Appendix K

Checklist for Pregame Meeting for the First-Round, Second-Round, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Games During the 2009 NCAA Divisions I, II and III Men's Lacrosse Championships

1. Introductions.
2. Welcome participants and thank host institution.
3. Establish games committee (respective divisional section of handbook).
4. Review of misconduct policy (respective divisional section of handbook).
5. Instructions from tournament director (parking, security, inclement weather, etc. as needed).
6. Review rosters and official bench party lists.
 - a. Squad size—32 for Division I and 28 for Divisions II and III (page 32 of handbook).
 - b. Bench passes (page 22 of handbook).
7. Officials..
 - a. Referee
 - b. Umpire
 - c. Field judge
8. Film/videotape (page 24 of handbook).
9. Review pregame schedule/introductions (Appendix H, page 43 of handbook).

	Game No. 1		Game No. 2
Arrival time	Home _____	Home _____	
	Visitors _____	Visitors _____	
10. Halftime
 - a. Length—10 or 15 minutes
 - b. Official notification to teams in locker rooms
11. Review bench assignments, locker rooms, field access (process from locker room to team bench, avoid teams crossing and entering in front of each other's benches), and uniform colors.

G1: Home	_____	_____	_____	_____
G1: Visitors	_____	_____	_____	_____
G2: Home	_____	_____	_____	_____
G2: Visitors	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. Review postgame interview policy and procedures (obligations and order of appearance, page 25 of handbook).
13. Drug testing.
14. Teleconference call for winning team.
15. Remind host sports information director to post complete results on NCAA Web site immediately after the game.
16. Television (if approved).
17. Sportsmanship.
18. Participant medallions for non-advancing team (DI and DIII only).
19. Miscellaneous items/questions.

Appendix L

Divisions II and III Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP) and Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP) Calculation Explanation

Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OWP). Take each opponent's regular won-lost percentage against other in-division teams (excluding the results against the team in question) and average the percentages.

To calculate: Team A Schedule is as follows:

Opponent	Record	vs Team A	Revised Record	Revised W-L Percentage
Team B	21-7	0-1	21-6	.7778
Team C	11-15	0-1	11-14	.4400
Team D	7-20	0-1	7-19	.2692
Team E	13-13	0-1	13-12	.5200
Team F	23-6	1-0	22-6	.7857
Total			74-56 (.5692)	.5585 (OWP)

Team A's Opponents' Average Winning Percentage = .5585

Opponents' Opponents' Average Winning Percentage (OOWP). The strength of each opponents' schedule is measured by computing the opponents' winning percentage for each opponent, then averaging the percentages. This recognizes the fact that two opponents with similar won-lost records may have played far different schedules (in terms of strength of opponents).

To calculate: Take Team B, C, D, E and F schedules and perform the same calculation as above (OWP). It is important to note that the OOWP will support the OWP (i.e., if Teams A and B have the same OWP of .5692; Team A has a OOWP of .6125 and Team B has a OOWP of .4567; it would indicate team A has the stronger strength of schedule).

Appendix M

2008–09 AACCA College Cheerleading Safety Rules

Note: See “Section G” for specific basketball/indoor restrictions.

Section A - General Program Guidelines

1. Cheerleading squads should be placed under the direction of a qualified and knowledgeable advisor or coach.
2. All practice sessions should be supervised by the advisor/coach and held in a location suitable for the activities of cheerleaders (e.g., use of appropriate matting, away from excessive noise and distractions, etc.)
3. Prior to the performance of any skill, the immediate environment for the activity should be taken into consideration – including, but not limited to – proximity of non-squad personnel, performance surface, lighting and/or precipitation. Technical skills should not be performed on concrete, asphalt, wet or uneven surfaces or surfaces with obstructions.
4. Advisors/coaches should recognize the particular ability level of all participants and should limit the squad’s activities accordingly. Participants should not be pressed to perform activities until they are safely prepared.
5. Skills that have not been mastered should be performed only in a supervised practice environment.
6. Thorough training in proper spotting techniques should be mandatory for all squads.
7. All cheerleaders should receive proper training before attempting any form of cheerleading gymnastics (tumbling, partner stunts, pyramids and jumps).
8. All cheerleading squads should adopt a comprehensive conditioning and strength building program.
9. A structured stretching exercise and flexibility routine should precede and follow all cheerleading activities.
10. All programs should qualify cheerleaders according to accepted teaching progressions. Appropriate spotting should be used until all performers demonstrate mastery of the skill and when spotting is required by specific rule.
11. In environments where there is close proximity to the athletic event and “out of bounds” plays pose a significant risk of injury to the participant, no technical skills should be performed while the ball is in play.
12. All partner stunts, pyramids, and basket tosses should be reviewed and approved by the coach prior to execution.

Section B - General Restrictions

1. The use of any height-increasing apparatus (e.g. mini-trampoline, etc.) other than a spring floor is prohibited for performance.
2. The top person in a partner stunt, pyramid or transition cannot be released from bases with the intent to land or be caught in an inverted body position.
3. An individual may not jump, flip or dive over, under, or through partner stunts, pyramids or individuals from basket tosses, similar tosses, partner stunts or other tosses from hands.

4. Drops (knee, seat, thigh, front, back and split) from a jump, stand or inverted position are prohibited unless the majority of the weight is first borne on the hands/feet which breaks the impact of the drop.
5. Jewelry of any kind is prohibited (e.g., navel jewelry, tongue jewelry, earrings, necklaces, etc.) Medical bracelets are allowed provided they are taped to the body.
6. Soft-soled athletic shoes must be worn while cheering or competing. Gymnastics shoes, jazz shoes and/or boots are prohibited.
7. Basket and Elevator/Sponge Tosses are prohibited on surfaces other than grass (real or artificial) or a mat.
8. Flipping skills into or from stunts, tosses or pyramids are prohibited on surfaces other than grass (real or artificial) or a mat.
9. Two and one half high pyramids are prohibited on surfaces other than grass (real or artificial) or a mat.

Section C - Partner Stunts

1. An additional spotter is required for the following:
 - a. Twisting dismounts with more than a 360 degree rotation. The spotter must assist on the cradle.
 - b. One-arm stunts other than a cupie/awesome or basic liberty. All other one-arm stunts require a spotter (e.g., heel stretch, arabesque, high torch, scorpion, bow and arrow, etc.).
 - c. One-arm stunts where the load-in or dismount involves a twist. The spotter must be in place during the twist and assist on the cradle during twisting dismounts.
 - d. One-arm stunts where the top person is popped from one arm to the other.
 - e. Handspring load-ins where the top person leaves the ground in an inverted position and is released to a stunt shoulder height or above.
2. Single based split catches are prohibited.
3. Flips into or from partner stunts are prohibited, with the following exceptions (These exceptions are limited to one flip and require an additional spotter who assists with the cradle.):
 - a. Rewinds (no twisting allowed.)
 - b. Front flip dismounts from shoulder height or below to a cradle.
 - c. Back flip dismounts from shoulder height double based stunts to a cradle.
4. Leg pitch, toe pitch, walk-in, sponge, and straddle catch front and back flips are prohibited.
5. Twisting dismounts greater than two rotations are prohibited. Exception: side facing stunts - i.e. Arabesque, Scorpion, double full twisting cradles to the front are legal.
6. Front, back and side tension drops are prohibited.

Section D - Pyramids

1. Pyramids higher than 2 ½ body lengths are prohibited. Pyramid height is measured by body lengths as follows: chairs, thigh stands and shoulder straddles are 1½ body lengths; shoulder stands are 2 body lengths; extended stunts (i.e. extension, liberty, etc.) are 2½ body lengths. Exception: an extended stunt on top of a thigh stand is allowed.
2. In all pyramids, there must be at least two spotters designated for each person who is above “two persons high” and whose primary support does not have at least one foot on the ground. One of the spotters must be in the back and the other can be at the side or in front of the pyramid to spot the front. Just prior to the dismount, this spotter can

- move to the back to catch the cradle.
- 3. Cradles from pyramids over two high must use at least two catchers.
- 4. Toe touch and twisting dismounts off of pyramids two high or above must use three catchers.
- 5. All flips into or from pyramids are prohibited, with the exception of a forward flip dismount to a cradle and legal rewinds (see definitions).
- 6. Front, back and side tension drops are prohibited.

Section E - Tosses

1. Basket tosses or similar tosses may only be performed from ground level, can use no more than four bases, and must be cradled by three of the original bases, one of which must catch in a "scoop" under the head and shoulders.
2. Basket and elevator/sponge tosses may not be directed so that the bases must move to catch the top person.
3. Basket and elevator/sponge tosses cannot exceed one flipping and two twisting rotations.
4. In flipping basket or elevator/sponge tosses (tuck, layout, or pike position) only two additional skills are allowed. One twisting rotation is considered to be one skill. Examples:

Legal (two skills)	Illegal (three skills)
Tuck flip, X-out, Full Twist	Tuck flip, X-out, Double Full Twist
Double Full-twisting Layout	Kick, Double Full-twisting Layout
Kick, Full-twisting Layout	Kick, Full-twisting Layout, Kick
Pike, Open, Double Full Twist	Pike, Split, Double Full Twist
Arabian Front, Full twist	Full-twisting Layout, Split, Full Twist

Note: An Arabian Front followed by a 1 ½ twist is considered to be a legal skill.

5. Basket and elevator/sponge load-ins can land in a stunt or pyramid provided that the toss does not significantly exceed the height of the intended skill. Flips into stunts or pyramids from a basket or elevator/sponge load-in are prohibited.

Section F - Tumbling

1. Tumbling skills performed over, under or through partner stunts, pyramids or individuals are prohibited.
2. Tumbling skills that exceed one flipping rotation are prohibited.
3. Tumbling skills with two or more twisting rotations are prohibited.
4. Dive rolls are prohibited.

Section G – Specific Basketball/Indoor Court Rules

1. The following skills are prohibited at basketball and other athletic contests conducted on courts:
 - a. Basket tosses, elevator/sponge tosses and other similar multibased tosses.
 - b. Partner stunts in which the base uses only one arm to support the top person.
 - c. Flips or released twists into or from partner stunts.
 - d. Two and one half person high pyramids.
 - e. Inversions in partner stunts and pyramids.
 - f. Twisting tumbling skills.

The only exception to the above rule is during halftime or postgame performances where the area is free of obstructions and non-cheer personnel, and all skills are performed on a matted surface. Pregame and timeouts are not exceptions to this rule and are subject to the listed restrictions.

Section H - Glossary

Base. - A person who is in direct contact with the performing surface and is supporting another person's weight.

Top. - A person who is either being supported by another while off of the performing surface or who has been tossed into the air by another person.

Middle. - A person who is being supported by a base while also supporting a top person.

Toss. - A movement by one or a group of participant that propels a person into the air so that the person is airborne (i.e., free of contact with the performing surface).

Stunt. - A skill in which a top person is supported by a base or bases.

Pyramid. - A skill in which a top person is being supported by a middle layer person.

Flip. - When a person is airborne while the feet pass over the head.

Dive Roll. - A forward roll wherein the performer is airborne prior to the beginning of the forward roll.

Cradle. - Dismount from a stunt/pyramid/toss in which the top person lands in a face-up, semi-piked position.

Helicopter Toss. - A stunt in which the top person is tossed into the air with the body parallel to the ground and completes a 360 degree horizontal rotation (like the blades of a helicopter.)

Rewind. - Skill in which the top person starts with BOTH FEET on the ground, is tossed into the air and performs a backward or side rotation into a stunt, pyramid or loading position (this would include a cradle). Flips are limited to one rotation into a pyramid, stunt or loading position and one and one quarter rotations into a flatback or cradle and cannot twist.

Loading Position. - Any intermediate position below shoulder level that uses continuous motion to put a top person in a stunt or pyramid. Examples: Elevator/sponge load, basket load, smooch, scoop from the back, etc.

Flatback. - A stunt in which the top person is in a face-up, straight-body position parallel to the performing surface.

Height-increasing Apparatus. - Any type of equipment that increases the height of a skill.

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