



**2010 DIVISION I  
MEN'S SOCCER  
CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK**

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## Introduction

During the 2010-11 academic year, the Association will sponsor 88 national championships, of which 41 are for men, 44 are for women, and three are for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 13 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

A championships handbook is produced for each NCAA championship and posted on the NCAA Online Web site ([www.ncaa.org](http://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 Soccer Championships Information

## Important Dates

- Tuesday, August 31*—Deadline for submission of team schedules in online score reporting system.
- Monday, October 11*—Teams under consideration for selection will receive proposed budget mailing via e-mail.
- Tuesday, October 12*—Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) posted on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Tuesday, October 19*—RPI posted on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Tuesday, October 26*—RPI posted on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Monday, November 1*—Deadline for submitting preliminary-round bid materials.
- Tuesday, November 2*—RPI posted on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Tuesday, November 9*—RPI posted on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Monday, November 15*—Selection and notification of teams participating in the championship.
- Tuesday, November 16*—Teleconference with first- and second-round participants, site representatives, tournament directors, men's soccer committee and NCAA championships manager (11 a.m. Eastern time).
- Tuesday, November 16*—RPI posted on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Thursday, November 18*—First-round games.
- Sunday, November 21*—Second-round games.
- Sunday, November 28*—Third-round games.
- Friday, Saturday or Sunday, December 3, 4 or 5*—Quarterfinal games must be completed not later than December 5.
- Monday, December 6*—Teleconference with four teams advancing to the 2010 Men's College Cup, tournament director, men's soccer committee and NCAA championships manager (1 p.m. Eastern time).
- Friday and Sunday, December 10 and 12*—Men's College Cup, Harder Stadium in Santa Barbara, California.

## General Administration

### Dates and Sites

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

**General Requirements.** The Division I Men's Soccer Committee shall approve the dates and game times of all preliminary-round games according to the chart listed below (the committee must approve any deviation from these times in advance):

Midweek (1st Round)	Thursday	Between Noon and 7:30 p.m.
1st Weekend (2nd Round)	Sunday	Between Noon and 7:30 p.m.
2nd Weekend (3rd Round)	Sunday	Between Noon and 7:30 p.m.
3rd Weekend (Quarterfinals)	Friday	Between 6 and 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday	Between Noon and 7:30 p.m.
	Sunday	Between Noon and 1 p.m.

Requests for changes to the starting time or competition date (quarterfinal only) that an institution submitted with its bid must be submitted for approval to D'Ann Keller at the NCAA national office no later than 72 hours before each round of the championship.

A competing institution that cannot charge admission at its home facility, cannot establish a barrier to separate the spectators from the field of play or that does not have a field that meets minimum size requirements (70 yards x 110 yards) may not serve as host. Preference will be given to grass fields 70 yards x 115 yards and larger. Institutions serving as hosts for preliminary-round games or the semifinals and final must charge admission.

All rounds of the championship, except the Men's College Cup, will be conducted on the campus of one of the participating institutions.

An evaluation will be made of institutional facilities to determine if they are acceptable for championship play. Selection of host sites will be based partly on the quality of the playing facility. A facility evaluation form will be made available on the NCAA website to the directors of athletics of all institutions and will be one of the tools used in making this determination. Institutions interested in hosting are to submit the form online by the indicated deadline. Institutions submitting proposed budgets for preliminary rounds must have played the majority of their home games at the site listed on the facility evaluation form. Institutions with inadequate playing surfaces (e.g., inadequate artificial surface, minimum dimensions, etc.) may request a waiver of the policy.

**Site Selection.** The site selection criteria for the Division I men's soccer championship are as follows (see Appendixes G and H):

60 percent	Committee ranking
40 percent	(1) Facility—
	Quality of field surface (60 percent)
	Evaluation of facility (30 percent)
	Game management (10 percent)

*Note: For preliminary-round sites, a team in the top 16 will automatically be selected as a site, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host. If a game involves two seeded teams, the higher seed will host, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host.*

*If the field is unplayable, the host will have the opportunity to find a suitable alternate site. The criteria for an alternate site would be for the field to have a minimum dimension of 70 yards x 110 yards, and the field must be deemed playable by the games committee and approved by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee.*

### Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering

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

### Dates

- First Round*—Thursday, November 18
- Second Round*—Sunday, November 21
- Third Round*—Sunday, November 28
- Quarterfinal Round*—Friday, Saturday or Sunday, December 3, 4 or 5
- Men's College Cup*—Friday and Sunday, December 10 and 12, held at Harder Stadium, Santa Barbara, California.

### Future Dates (2011)

- First Round*—Thursday, November 17
- Second Round*—Sunday, November 20
- Third Round*—Sunday, November 27
- Quarterfinal Round*—Friday, Saturday or Sunday, December 2, 3 or 4
- Men's College Cup*—Friday and Sunday, December 9 and 11, held at Regions Park in Hoover, Alabama (University of Alabama at Birmingham and Alabama Sports Federation, hosts).

*Note: See Appendix F for additional dates.*

### Sports Committee

The NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship is under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee. Current members of the committee are as follows:

- Al Albert, College of William and Mary
- John Bluem, The Ohio State University
- Elmar Bolowich, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- John Diffley, St. John's University (New York), chair

- Kurt Esser, University of New Mexico
- Mike Getman, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Diane O'Brien, University of California, Santa Barbara
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### Annual Forms

**Expense Reimbursement.** Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies are located on the NCAA website at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/general+information/travel/index.html](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/general+information/travel/index.html).

*[Reference: Official Traveling Party, Transportation, Expense Forms and Per Diem in the Division I General Section, and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

**Proposed Budget Form.** Institutions under consideration for selection to the men's soccer championship will receive a memorandum via e-mail outlining the process for submitting bids. Institutions interested in bidding for any round(s) of competition should complete the forms and submit them online via the NCAA website by the specified deadline. Pertinent dates for the forms are as follows:

Available online from NCAA	October 11
Due date at NCAA	November 1

Failure to follow the prescribed procedures and meet the proposed budget deadline will eliminate an institution from consideration as host.

*[Reference: Budgets and Administration and Management in the Division I General Section, and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

**Financial Report.** A financial report, which is part of the proposed budget, from each championship site must be submitted online to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the report within 60 days will result in financial penalties. The financial report is located on the NCAA Web site at [http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/champ\\_budget/](http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/champ_budget/).

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

# Determination of Competing Institutions

## Championship Structure

The men's soccer championship provides for a 48-team, single-elimination tournament. Twenty-two conferences will receive automatic qualification. The remaining 26 teams will be selected on an at-large basis. The committee will identify the top 16 teams and seed them in the bracket. The remaining 32 teams will be paired according to geographical proximity with each other. Additionally, when pairing teams, the committee shall avoid conference matchups in an institution's first game in the tournament.

A championship bracket is located in Appendix A.

## Automatic Qualifiers

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Conferences granted automatic qualification for the 2010 championship are:

America East Conference	Ivy Group
Atlantic Coast Conference	Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Atlantic Sun Conference	Mid-American Conference
Atlantic 10 Conference	Missouri Valley Conference
Big East Conference	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Big South Conference	Northeast Conference
Big Ten Conference	Pacific-10 Conference
Big West Conference	Patriot League
Colonial Athletic Association	Southern Conference
Conference USA	The Summit League
Horizon League	West Coast Conference

## Championship Selection

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Teams for the men's soccer championship shall be selected by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee. The committee has 10 members. Eight of the 10 committee members serve as chairs of the advisory committees in their respective regions. The other two members serve on an at-large basis.

The committee will conduct an in-person selection meeting. Insofar as possible, all selections will be made by November 15 and will be distributed to institutions.

**Selection Requirements.** To be considered for the at-large selection process, a team must have an overall won-lost record of .500 or better.

**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.

It should be noted that a team will not be penalized for the first non-Division I game on a team's schedule, but any subsequent non-Division I games will receive the maximum penalty points. All games, however, are reported in an institution's won-lost-tied record.

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

- Won-lost record;
- Strength of schedule; and
- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes for NCAA championships.

In addition to Bylaw 31.3.3, the men's soccer committee shall consider the following criteria in the selection of at-large teams for the men's soccer championship (not necessarily in priority order):

- Adjusted Rating Percentage Index (RPI), which includes:
  1. Won-lost record (25 percent).
  2. Opponents' strength of schedule (50 percent).
  3. Opponents' opponents' strength of schedule (25 percent).
  4. Bonus/penalty system. (See Appendix J).
- Head-to-head competition.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Strength and results against nonconference opponents.

**Secondary Factors.** If the evaluation of the criteria listed above does not result in a decision by the committee, then the secondary factors will be reviewed.

- Results against teams already selected (including automatic qualifiers with an RPI of 1-75).
- Late-season performance in last eight games (strength and results).
- Strength and results against conference opponents.

*Recommendations provided by regional advisory committees shall also be considered by the men's soccer committee. Coaches' polls and /or any other outside polls or rankings are not used as a selection criterion by the men's soccer committee for selection purposes.*

**Score Reporting Form.** Beginning with the 2010-11 academic year, the NCAA statistics group is collecting schedules for Division I men's soccer. As a result, institutions no longer are required to enter their schedules via the championships online score reporting system. All sports information directors are asked to submit their schedules on <http://web1.ncaa.org/stats/StatsSrv/login> before their first game or not later than August 31 (whichever comes first). Subsequently, weekly game results will be updated automatically via an XML transfer from reports provided to the NCAA statistics group.

All games played on an institution's schedule shall be considered for selection purposes. Scrimmages and/or exhibition games will not count in an institution's won-lost record, nor will they be considered for selection purposes. Rescheduled games (including those with a different opponent) shall be considered for selection purposes, unless the game is being counted as a scrimmage or exhibition. New games may not be added to the schedule after the start of the season. The NCAA national office (attention: D'Ann Keller) and the respective regional advisory committee chair should be informed of any changes to an institution's schedule after the start of the season via the Notes section of the online score reporting system.

RPI information will be released by 3 p.m. Eastern time on the NCAA website at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com) on the following dates: October 12, 19 and 26, November 2, 9 and 16. In addition, the RPI will be released after the conclusion of the championship.

### **Certification of Eligibility/Availability**

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

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition. Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

For the Division I men's soccer championship, the championship manager must be notified before November 12.

## **Instructions to Participants**

### **All-Tournament Team**

The all-tournament team selection committee for the Men's College Cup will be composed of sports information representatives of the four participating schools and selected media. The ballot will be distributed before the championship game and can include any player who played in either the semifinals or final. The all-tournament team will consist of 11 players (irrespective of position). Of the 11, one player will be named the most outstanding offensive player and one player the most outstanding defensive player.

### **Attendance**

The attendance figures to be announced for each session of the championship 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 that can be found at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index).

### **Awards**

*[Reference: Awards in the Division I General Section, and Bylaw 31.1.12 of the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

Participation awards will be presented to a maximum of 21 (squad size) Division I student-athletes participating in preliminary-round competition. These awards will be sent to the preliminary-round tournament directors to be distributed to the non-advancing teams at the conclusion of each contest. Trophies will be presented to the teams and individuals that participate at the Men's College Cup.

The following will be presented at the finals site: four team trophies, 27 watches to the championship team, and 27 individual mini-trophies to the second-place team and semifinalists.

### **Ball**

The Wilson AVANTI (Official NCAA Championship Match Ball) soccer 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. The host institution is responsible for "breaking in" the game balls before each tournament game.

The game balls may be distributed after the games by giving them to the participating schools, using them as promotional giveaways or by donating them to a local youth group. One ball shall be provided to the middle referee.

### **Ball Persons and Rotation**

The host institution must arrange for a minimum of four ball persons. These ball persons must be at least 10 years of age. A six-ball rotation will be used for all rounds of the championship. One ball will be in play. One ball will be on each sideline of each half of the field (four balls total) and one ball will be at the scorer's table.

### **Banquet (Finals Only)**

A banquet for student-athletes and institutional personnel of participating teams will be held in conjunction with the championship finals. Competing institutions will receive information from the host, including details regarding attire.

### **Cheerleaders, Mascots, Bands and Banners**

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 after presentation of a ticket. A maximum of 12 cheerleaders and/or spirit team members shall be allowed on the field during the progress of the game. The cheerleaders shall be seated on the apron of the playing area designated 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, except at the Men's College Cup. 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 (Appendix K). 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' views.

The use of trampolines, stunts more than two persons high, "basket 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.

The display of banners is subject to the approval of the games committee.

### **Drug Testing**

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

Student-athletes who compete in this championship may be subjected to drug testing in accordance with NCAA 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.

NCAA sports committees, following a recommendation from the NCAA drug-testing subcommittee, have discontinued the practice of announcing whether drug testing will be conducted at NCAA championship events.

Although knowing prior to competition whether NCAA drug testing was to occur had value for reasons of convenience, it left open the possibility that student-athletes might be tempted to use banned substances if they knew that NCAA testing was not being conducted at the site of competition.

Therefore, all coaches and student-athletes should presume that NCAA drug testing will occur at this championship event. Please inform your student-athletes that in the event they are notified of their selection for drug testing, the student-athlete must inform an official representative of your institution (e.g., coach, athletic trainer) before proceeding to the drug-testing site. Student-athletes will be reminded by the courier to contact their team representative.

### **Lodging**

The host institution shall make reservations for the competing teams in all rounds of competition and advise them of the arrangements. In making these arrangements, the host institution shall select a property for the visiting team that is in an appropriate area (i.e., close proximity to the competition site) and is at a fair and reasonable market room rate that allows the visiting team to cover the costs of meals and lodging with its per diem reimbursement. Each competing institution is obligated to confirm or cancel the accommodations. The selection of a host institution may be dependent on availability and quality of rooms for participating institutions.

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. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, it must:

1. Obtain a release for the rooms from the hotel manager; or
2. Use the rooms for persons accompanying the official traveling party. The competing institution is responsible for the first night's room charges even if it fails to use those rooms. 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 institution.

The director of athletics of the host institution is to be advised of the plans of each institution sufficiently before the competition.



## Mandatory Video Exchange

A mandatory video exchange is in effect for the championship, beginning with the third-round opponent. For the third round, quarterfinals and semifinals, the video must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time the Tuesday before the next round of competition. The videos exchanged between the two teams shall be in a DVD format. For all rounds, host sites must film each game from an elevated, midfield location for the committee and for the visiting team, unless the visiting team is taping its own game. In this case, the host would be required to just tape the game for the committee. All videos must be of high quality, include audible sound and be in good working order. All game tapes must include the full match, unedited and include any overtime periods and penalty kicks. Any institution that does not follow the procedures for sending a copy of its tape to its opponent may be subject to a financial penalty (up to a maximum of \$600).

## Media Arrangements

[Reference: *Publicity and Program Material in the Division I General Section.*]

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

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

Other conditions for obtaining media credentials may be implemented, based on the circumstances at the championship site. These conditions must be approved before the competition by Kristen Jacob Smith, media coordinator for the men’s soccer championship.

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

**Postcompetition Interviews.** Immediately after a 10-minute cooling-off period (e.g., 10 minutes after a competing team enters its dressing room), an interview area will open to all certified members of the news media; any coach and student-athletes requested by the media will be available for interviews. If a team or individual is participating in an awards ceremony, the cooling-off period will begin immediately after the presentation. For all games, *with the exception of the championship game*, the order of teams being interviewed at the postgame news conference shall be the winning team first, followed by the non-winning team.

Regardless of any regular-season radio or television contract(s), the coach is obligated to make himself available to the entire covering media during the championship and must report to the interview room immediately after the 10-minute cooling-off period. The coach cannot delay a postcompetition interview with the covering media to

conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to remain for a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by the television entity that has been granted television rights by the NCAA.

Coaches cannot make themselves available to selected media representatives before the conclusion of the 10-minute cooling-off period. They may, however, open their dressing rooms and/or report to the interview area before the cooling-off period ends, and make themselves available to all media representatives staffing the championship. Should a coach permit one media agency to enter the dressing room before the 10-minute cooling-off period has ended, the dressing room shall be opened to all other media representatives desiring access to the area. NCAA championships have an “open locker room policy,” which is administered by the media coordinator on site.

All coaches and student-athletes must be made available for postcompetition interviews after the “cooling-off” period. This not only applies to formal press conferences, but also to any interview requests made to coaches and/or student-athletes not involved in the press conference. Failure to do so may result in possible misconduct as determined by the respective sport committee.

## Meetings

[Reference: *Misconduct in the Division I General Section, and Bylaws 31.2.3 and 31.1.10 in the NCAA Division I Manual.*]

A mandatory meeting of the head coaches and institutional administrators (it is required that each institution include an administrator in its official travel party and that this person be someone other than the sports information contact) of the competing teams, officials and games committee shall be held no later than two hours prior to the start of the match. The purpose of the general-information meeting is to review playing rules and any other administrative matters pertaining to the event and to acquaint the head coaches with the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10, which prescribes the conditions under which a student-athlete or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the competition for reasons of misconduct. Those not meeting the requirements above or not in attendance shall be subject to the assessment of a financial penalty.

See tournament manual for respective coaches meeting agenda.

## Merchandise Pre-Orders

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 selections, teams will receive instructions for placing orders. All orders will be shipped directly to the institution the week after preliminary-round competition. Questions regarding the online team ordering process may be directed to Gina Taylor at Event 1 at 888/745-3058.

## Misconduct.

**Criticism of Officials.** Members of the coaching staff or other representatives of participating institutions or conferences shall not make public statements critical of officiating in any NCAA championship event. Failure to comply with this policy may subject

the individual, institution or conference to the misconduct provisions of Bylaw 31.1.10.

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

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

**Misconduct Incident to Competition.** If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other acts of misconduct may be dealt with at the governing sports committee's convenience.

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

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

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

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

## NCAA Websites

NCAA member institutions may use the NCAA website ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) or [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com)) to obtain information about the Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

## National Anthem

The national anthem shall be played before each tournament session.

## News, Media, Press Conferences and Satellite Feeds

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index).

## Official Traveling Party

*[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]*

The official traveling party for Division I men's soccer is 27.

## Officials

**Policies and Selection of Officials.** For the Division I men's soccer championship, an official is required to work a minimum of six regular-season Division I men's soccer games in order to be eligible to work any round(s) of the championship. For Division I men's games, the referee will not be assigned to a game if it involves an institution he or she attended, was or is an employee of, or if any of his or her relatives have any of these affiliations.

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 sports committee or games committee, which shall ensure that officials adhere to the Association's policies relating to gambling activities and drug and alcohol use. Furthermore, officials must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment. Officials for all NCAA post season games shall be appointed by the men's soccer committee in conjunction with the NCAA national (and regional) coordinator for officials using a comprehensive list based on input from the regional advisory committees, conferences and other officiating organizations.

Officials for preliminary rounds must be within driving distance of the host site (400 miles one way). (Note: The committee does have an exception for the referee only for quarterfinal games, if warranted.)

**Alternate Official.** For preliminary-round games, an alternate official from the local area shall be assigned to assist at the scorer's table, facilitate player substitution and, at the discretion of the referee (in accordance with NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules), replace a field official in the event of injury.

**System.** The diagonal system of control (three officials) will be used to officiate all tournament games. Officials are to dress alike and should wear shirts whose color is in contrast to the colors worn by the competing teams. At the Men's College Cup, one official will be assigned to each bench and one official will be designated as the alternate official.

**Uniform Patch.** Game officials shall wear an NCAA patch on their uniforms or jackets while officiating in NCAA tournament play. No other patches will be permitted.

**Locker Room.** Only the game officials assigned to a tournament contest, designated representatives of the soccer committee and the tournament director will be permitted in the officials' dressing room before, during or after a game, as needed.

**Fees.** Fees shall be as follows per game: referee—\$240; assistant referees—\$160; and alternate officials—\$100. The flat fee for officials assigned to the Men's College Cup is \$600. Alternate officials receive a \$100 game fee unless that official substitutes for one of the game officials. Then, the alternate receives the fee of the replaced official.

**Expense Reimbursement.** Officials, including the alternate official, assigned to first-, second-, third- and quarterfinal-round games shall receive ground transportation expenses based on 50 cents per mile. Officials for Men's College Cup games only may be reimbursed for air travel, not to exceed jet coach air fare. If an official must fly, travel arrangements must be made through the NCAA travel service at Short's Travel Management, 866/655-9215. Hotel expenses (excluding incidentals) for officials required to stay overnight at the championship site shall be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA. Officials, including the alternate official, will receive \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals on each day of the championship, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. Officials not required to remain overnight at the site also shall receive \$45 per diem.

## Player Introductions

It is recommended that the following format be used in NCAA tournament games:

Teams and officials line up on the touch line and walk out together to midfield (all in a single line). As players are introduced, they take one step forward and acknowledge the crowd. For all preliminary-round games and the three games at the Men's College Cup, only the starters shall take the field and be introduced.

## Practice

On the day before a preliminary-round game, visiting teams will be permitted to practice on the game field for 60 minutes. The practice will be restricted from penalty box to penalty box. Portable goals shall be available for the practice. On game day, the pregame warm-up will be limited to 60 minutes on the game field. Teams will have full access to the field. Initial goalkeeping warm-up is encouraged outside of the goal box. For artificial surface fields, teams shall be allowed full access to the field during both the 60-minute practice the day before the game and during the warm-up on game day. The NCAA regional chair, in consultation with host institution, has final approval of the practice schedule.

## Pregame Music

For all rounds of the championship, the host will be responsible for the pregame music. There shall not be a split between the host and the visiting team. Pregame music containing inappropriate or profane language is impermissible and any violation of this policy will be subject to a misconduct penalty.

## Pregame Schedule

For all rounds of the men's championships, host institutions should follow the pregame schedule listed in Appendix B.

## Programs

*[Reference: Advertising in the Division I General Section, and Bylaw 31.1.14.1 in the NCAA Division I 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 institution 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](mailto: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 Chad Laytham [chad.laytham@imgworld.com](mailto:chad.laytham@imgworld.com); 859/226-4511).

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 Mr. Laytham 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 Mr. Laytham 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, after the conclusion of the championship event, please mail two samples of each supplement to Chad Laytham (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505, Attn.: Chad Laytham).

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, after the conclusion of the championship event, please mail two samples of each update sheet to Mr. Laytham (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, Attn.: Chad Laytham).

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

#### **Program Sales.**

1. Predetermined sites: Will be contacted at least two weeks prior to the event. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of your championship, please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com). You will receive your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement prior to the championship.
2. 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. A 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.

#### **Radio**

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index).

#### **Red Cards**

A student-athlete who must sit out the next tournament game due to a red card cannot be on the team bench. Moreover, the player shall not be permitted on the field at any time; however, he may join the team in the locker room postgame. Further, a player, coach or other bench personnel removed from the game and/or serving a game suspension shall be restricted to the designated spectator areas and prohibited from any communication or contact, direct or indirect, with the team, coaches, and/or bench personnel from the start of the contest to its completion, including all overtime periods and penalty kicks.

#### **Rules**

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

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. For the men's soccer championship, the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules shall be followed to the letter.

## Squad Size and Team Benches

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Each team is limited to a maximum of 27 persons on its bench. Of the 27, 21 student-athletes are to be designated eligible for play and the official game roster is to be submitted and exchanged 15 minutes before game time.

Other players within the travel-party limit of 27 may sit in the team bench area in uniform but not participate. Twenty-seven credentials will be issued to the official travel party for each team (on a day-by-day basis). Extra players not in uniform should not be permitted on the bench unless they are counted in the travel party limit.

A maximum of 15 additional credentials may be issued (not good for admittance) to administrative staff, additional student-athletes, etc. As part of these 15 credentials, non student-athletes will be issued a VIP credential (access to locker room, media dining, press conferences and field - postgame only). Student-athletes will be issued temporary field credentials (access to locker room and field - postgame only). Schools are required to complete the form in the participants' manual that lists the individuals who are to receive a credential.

## Teleconferences

A teleconference will be conducted at 11 a.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, November 16, with all participating teams, host personnel, men's soccer committee and NCAA site representatives. Also, a teleconference with head coaches and administrators of the four teams advancing to the Men's College Cup will be conducted at 1 p.m. Eastern time Monday, December 6, to review the administration of the event.

## Suspended Games

In the case of inclement weather or other factors leading the referee to suspend a game, the officials, games committee and coaches shall refer to the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules. **For NCAA championship competition, a game must be played for the full 90 minutes (as opposed to 70 minutes for the regular season) to be considered a complete game.**

If a game is suspended or postponed, it will be the decision of the games committee and the referee to determine if the game can be continued that day. If conditions dictate that the game cannot be completed, the NCAA representative and tournament manager shall contact D'Ann Keller (office: 317/917-6494; cellular: 317/966-6442). Only after contacting Ms. Keller may a game be suspended until the next day or moved to an alternate site. Teams should be prepared with footwear for any playing surface.

## Television Rights and Footage Licensing

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index).

## Tickets

[Reference: Tickets in the Division I General Section, and Bylaw 31.1.13 in the NCAA

*Division I Manual.]*

There are no minimum ticket prices for preliminary rounds. However, complimentary tickets are not permitted.

For preliminary-round competition, an adequate number of tickets shall be reserved for visiting team fans. These seats shall be located behind the visiting team bench.

For the Men's College Cup, 250 public general admission tickets shall be reserved for each of the participating institutions. Any unsold tickets must be reported or returned to the host institution 24 hours before the game or first session. Host institutions will be asked to submit a ticket manifest listing the exact number and type of tickets sold. The NCAA championship manager in conjunction with the men's soccer committee will determine ticket locations. Children two years old and younger may be admitted free of charge (if facility policy allows) if accompanied by a ticketed adult.

## Tournament Results and Releases

The sports information director of the host institution, or an appointed representative, is responsible for reporting all tournament results promptly to the press wire services, [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com) and regional news outlets. A standardized box score form for soccer will be sent in advance to the institutions serving as hosts to these games and also is available on the NCAA website at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/soccer/playing+rules/index](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/soccer/playing+rules/index).

**Regular-Season Promotional Materials.** The host institutions shall be responsible for a general promotional campaign designed to highlight and increase interest in soccer competition in their respective districts. They shall channel information to their regional news outlets and other designated outlets, such as those at the site of the finals.

Releases should report up-to-date won-lost records of leading teams, selection and playoff plans, and data on outstanding players. Districts' publicity representatives will be the sports information directors of the institutions or the chairs of the respective advisory committees.

## Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Competing teams shall have both light- and dark-colored jerseys, and light- and dark-colored stockings available. The home team shall have its choice of uniform color (either light or dark) and the visiting team shall wear a uniform in contrast with that of the home team. For the semifinals and final, the games committee will determine the home teams.

Student-athletes competing in the soccer championship shall wear the official uniform of their institution in competition and related ceremonies. This applies to warm-ups, press conferences, awards ceremonies, practices and postgame celebrations.

**Logos.** An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch)

surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square or parallelogram).

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

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

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 NCAA championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench or competition area 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.

### **Videotapes, Films and Still Photographs**

*[Reference: Bylaw 31.6.4.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

The videotaping or filming of an opponent's game is not permitted without prior approval of the participating teams. If in-person scouting occurs, the individual(s) shall pay the regular admission price.

Institutions are permitted to videotape championship competition by their teams or their individual student-athletes for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use one camera and may videotape only that portion of the competition in which it participates. The videotapes may not be used for any commercial purposes. An institutional representative shall contact the event coordinator at the host site to arrange for camera space at that site. The host institution shall provide a comparable location for both competing teams.

Further, host institutions for all rounds of competition are required to videotape the game (from the time when pregame introductions take place until the time teams exit the field after the game). The committee implemented this policy to ensure complete footage of all games is available, in case any game needs to be reviewed because of potential misconduct situations. (See page 16.)

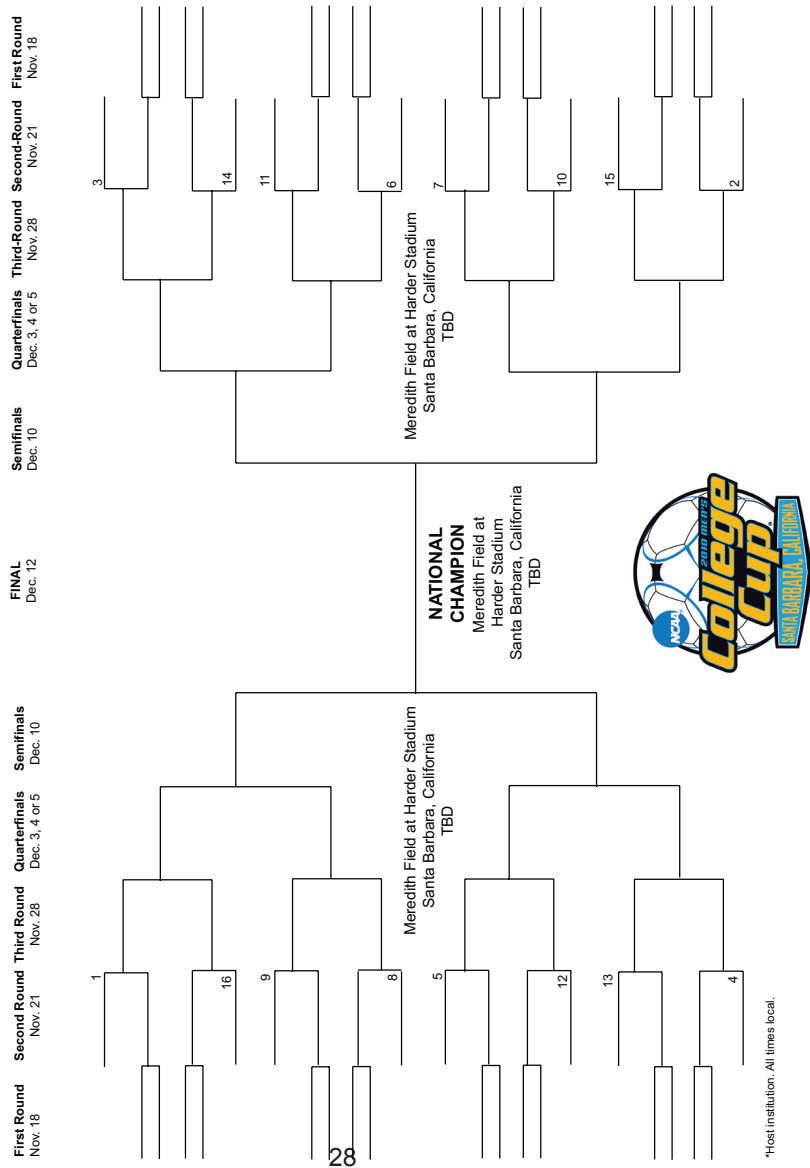
### **Websites/Internet/Video Streaming**

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at [http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index](http://www.ncaa.org/wps/myportal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/broadcast/media/broadcasting/broadcasting+manual/index).



# Appendix A

## Division I Men's Bracket



# Appendix B

## Pregame Schedule

The following schedule should be used for preliminary-round games during the Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

### Game Clock

60:00\*

\*Begin clock 60 minutes prior to game starting time.

15:00

10:00

6:00

0:00

0:00/45:00

15:00

0:00/45:00

### Overtime Procedure

5:00

10:00

2:00

10:00

5:00

### Penalty Kick Procedure

### Activity

Teams may begin warm-up.

Game rosters submitted and exchanged.

Captains and officials meet.

Teams clear field.

Introduction of officials, coaches and starters.

1. Officials.

2. Visiting coaches and starters.

3. Home coaches and starters.

National anthem.

Game begins.

First half.

Halftime.

Second half.

Intermission following regulation time.

First overtime period (sudden victory).

Intermission.

Second overtime period (sudden victory).

Intermission.

# Appendix C

## Tentative Pregame Timing Sheet

### Semifinal #1-Friday, December 10

TIME OF DAY	GAME CLOCK	DESCRIPTION
4:07 p.m.	60:00*	Teams may begin warm-up. Captains and officials meet.
*Begin clock 60 minutes prior to starting game time.		
4:52 p.m.	15:00	Game rosters submitted and exchanged.
4:53 p.m.	14:00	Teams to sideline or corner.
4:55 p.m.	12:00	Teams proceed together to midfield.
4:56 p.m.	11:00	National anthem.
4:58:30 p.m.	8:30	National anthem ends.
4:59 p.m.	8:00	Introduction of officials, coaches and starters. 1. Officials. 2. Visiting coaches and starters. 3. Home coaches and starters.
5:07 p.m.	0:00	<b>Game begins when TV gives OK.</b>
	45:00	Kickoff, first half.
Halftime	15:00	Start immediately as teams exit field.
	0:00/45:00	Kickoff, second half.

#### Overtime Procedure

5:00	Intermission following regulation time.
10:00	First overtime period (sudden victory)
2:00	Intermission.
10:00	Second overtime period (sudden victory)
5:00	Intermission.

#### Penalty Kick Procedure

## Semifinal # 2-Friday, December 10

TIME OF DAY	GAME CLOCK	DESCRIPTION
_____	46:00	Teams May begin warm-up. Captains and officials meet.
_____	6:00	Teams to sideline or corner.
_____	5:00	Teams proceed together to midfield. Introduction of officials, coaches and starters. 1. Officials. 2. Visiting coaches and starters. 3. Home coaches and starters.
_____	0:00	<b>Game begins when TV gives OK.</b>
_____	45:00	Kickoff, first half.
Halftime	15:00	Start immediately as teams exit field.
	0:00/45:00	Kickoff, second half.

#### Overtime Procedure

5:00	Intermission following regulation time.
10:00	First overtime period (sudden victory)
2:00	Intermission.
10:00	Second overtime period (sudden victory)
5:00	Intermission.

#### Penalty Kick Procedure

#### TV TIMEOUT POLICY:

Television will take one 2-minute break per half of each game. This break will occur after the clock reads 23:00 left in the half at the first appropriate dead-ball situation. It will come at the referee's discretion and typically occurs on a goal kick or throw-in near midfield.



# Appendix D

## National Championship - Sunday, December 12

1 p.m. Eastern time (TENTATIVE)

(Live on Television)

TIME OF DAY	GAME CLOCK	DESCRIPTION
12:07 p.m.	60:00*	Teams may begin warm-up. Captains and officials meet.
<i>*Begin clock 60 minutes prior to starting game time.</i>		
12:52 p.m.	15:00	Game rosters submitted and exchanged.
12:53 p.m.	14:00	Teams to sideline or corner.
12:55 p.m.	12:00	Teams proceed together to midfield.
12:56 p.m.	11:00	National anthem.
12:58:30 p.m.	8:30	National anthem ends.
12:59 p.m.	8:00	Introduction of officials, coaches and starters. 1. Officials. 2. Visiting coaches and starters. 3. Home coaches and starters.
1:04 p.m.	3:00	Team introductions end/final preparation.
1:07 p.m.	0:00 45:00	<b>Game begins when TV gives OK.</b> Kickoff, first half.
Halftime	15:00 0:00/45:00	Start immediately as teams exit field. Kickoff, second half.

### Overtime Procedure

5:00	Intermission following regulation time.
10:00	First overtime period (sudden victory)
2:00	Intermission.
10:00	Second overtime period (sudden victory)
5:00	Intermission.

### Penalty Kick Procedure

#### TV TIMEOUT POLICY:

Television will take one 2-minute break per half of each game. This break will occur after the clock reads 23:00 left in the half at the first appropriate dead-ball situation. It will come at the referee's discretion and typically occurs on a goal kick or throw-in near midfield.

# Appendix E

## Automatic-Qualifying Conferences and Independents

### AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

University of Albany	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Binghamton University	University of New Hampshire
Boston University	Stony Brook University
University of Hartford	University of Vermont

### ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Boston College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Clemson University	University of Virginia
Duke University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Maryland, College Park	Wake Forest University
North Carolina State University	

### ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE

Belmont University	Lipscomb University
Campbell University	Mercer University
East Tennessee State University	University of North Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University*	University of South Carolina Upstate
Jacksonville University	Stetson University

### ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE

University of Dayton	University of Rhode Island
Duquesne University	University of Richmond
Fordham University	St. Bonaventure University
George Washington University	Saint Joseph's University
La Salle University	Saint Louis University
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Temple University
University of North Carolina, Charlotte	Xavier University

### BIG EAST CONFERENCE

University of Cincinnati	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick
University of Connecticut	St. John's University (New York)
DePaul University	Seton Hall University
Georgetown University	University of South Florida
University of Louisville	Syracuse University
Marquette University	Villanova University
University of Notre Dame	West Virginia University
University of Pittsburgh	
Providence College	

**BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE**

Coastal Carolina University	University of North Carolina, Asheville
Gardner-Webb University	Presbyterian College*
High Point University	Radford University
Liberty University	Virginia Military Institute
	Winthrop University

**BIG TEN CONFERENCE**

Indiana University, Bloomington	The Ohio State University
University of Michigan	Pennsylvania State University
Michigan State University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Northwestern University	

**BIG WEST CONFERENCE**

California Polytechnic State University	University of California, Irvine
California State University, Fullerton	University of California, Riverside
California State University, Northridge	University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Davis	

**COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

University of Delaware	University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Drexel University	Northeastern University
George Mason University	Old Dominion University
Georgia State University	Towson University
Hofstra University	Virginia Commonwealth University
James Madison University	College of William and Mary

**CONFERENCE USA**

University of Alabama at Birmingham	University of Memphis
University of Central Florida	University of South Carolina, Columbia
Florida International University	Southern Methodist University
University of Kentucky	University of Tulsa
Marshall University	

**HORIZON LEAGUE**

Butler University	Valparaiso University
Cleveland State University	University of Wisconsin, Green Bay
University of Detroit Mercy	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
University of Illinois at Chicago	Wright State University
Loyola University (Illinois)	

**IVY GROUP**

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

**METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

Canisius College	Marist College
Fairfield University	Niagara University
Iona College	Rider University
Loyola University Maryland	Siena College
Manhattan College	St. Peter's College

**MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

University of Akron	Florida Atlantic University
Bowling Green State University	Hartwick College
University at Buffalo, the State	Northern Illinois University
University of New York	Western Michigan University

**MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE**

Bradley University	Eastern Illinois University
University of Central Arkansas	University of Evansville
Creighton University	Missouri State University
Drake University	University of Southern Illinois
	Edwardsville

**MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION**

California State University, Bakersfield	University of New Mexico
California State University, Sacramento	San Jose State University
University of Denver	Seattle University
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	U.S. Air Force Academy

**NORTHEAST CONFERENCE**

Bryant University*	Monmouth University
Central Connecticut State University	Mount St. Mary's University
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus	Quinnipiac University
Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus	Robert Morris University
	Sacred Heart University
	St. Francis College (New York)
	Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)

# Appendix F

## PATRIOT LEAGUE

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

## PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE

University of California, Berkeley	San Diego State University
University of California, Los Angeles	Stanford University
Oregon State University	University of Washington

## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Appalachian State University	Georgia Southern University
College of Charleston (South Carolina)	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Davidson College	Wofford College
Elon University	
Furman University	

## THE SUMMIT LEAGUE

Centenary College (Louisiana)	University of Missouri, Kansas City
Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne	Oakland University
Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis	Oral Roberts University
	Western Illinois University

## WEST COAST CONFERENCE

Gonzaga University	University of San Diego
Loyola Marymount University	University of San Francisco
University of Portland	Santa Clara University
St. Mary's College of California	

## INDEPENDENTS

Adelphi University	Longwood University
Alabama A&M University	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Houston Baptist University**	Philadelphia University
Howard University	

\*Reclassifying to Division I. \*\*Provisional member.

## Future Championship Dates

	First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Quarterfinal Round	Semifinals and Final
	Thursday	Sunday	Sunday	(Fri., Sat. or Sun.)	(Fri. and Sun.)
<b>2011</b>	Nov. 17	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 2, 3 or 4	Dec. 9 & 11
<b>2012</b>	Nov. 15	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Nov. 30, Dec. 1 or 2	Dec. 7 & 9
<b>2013</b>	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Dec. 1	Dec. 6, 7 or 8	Dec. 13 & 15
<b>2014</b>	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 5, 6 or 7	Dec. 12 & 14
<b>2015</b>	Nov. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 4, 5 or 6	Dec. 11 & 13

Games to be completed by the dates listed. Dates subject to change.

# Appendix G

## 2010 Site Selection Criteria

1. Committee ranking 60%
2. Facility. Using the facility grading form, 100 possible points x 40% 40%

No	Points	No	Points
1	= 48	25	= 24
2	= 47	26	= 23
3	= 46	27	= 22
4	= 45	28	= 21
5	= 44	29	= 20
6	= 43	30	= 19
7	= 42	31	= 18
8	= 41	32	= 17
9	= 40	33	= 16
10	= 39	34	= 15
11	= 38	35	= 14
12	= 37	36	= 13
13	= 36	37	= 12
14	= 35	38	= 11
15	= 34	39	= 10
16	= 33	40	= 9
17	= 32	41	= 8
18	= 31	42	= 7
19	= 30	43	= 6
20	= 29	44	= 5
21	= 28	45	= 4
22	= 27	46	= 3
23	= 26	47	= 2
24	= 25	48	= 1

TOTAL 100%

For preliminary-round sites, a team in the top 16 will automatically be selected as a site, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host. If a game involves two seeded teams, the higher seed will host, unless the institution did not submit a bid to host.

If the field is unplayable, the host will have the opportunity to find a suitable alternate site. The criteria for an alternate site would be for the field to have a minimum dimension of 70 yards x 110 yards, and the field must be deemed playable by the games committee and approved by the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee.

# Appendix H

## FACILITY EVALUATION GRADING FORM

(Complete for each institution under consideration to host - for committee use only)

INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FACILITY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FACILITY EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_

REGION \_\_\_\_\_

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

### EVALUATION OF FACILITY (30 points)

1. Permanent Seating (10 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. minimum of 2,000 seats 10 pts.
  - b. minimum of 1,500 seats 8 pts.
  - c. minimum of 1,000 seats 6 pts.
  - d. minimum of 500 seats 4 pts.
  - e. less than 500 seats 2 pts.
  
2. Restrooms (4 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. restrooms at facility 4 pts.
  - b. portable unit at facility 3 pts.
  - c. restrooms at adjacent building (within 200 yards) 2 pts.
  
3. Locker Room/Meeting Room (4 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. facilities available at field 4 pts.
  - b. facilities in adjacent building (within 200 yards) 3 pts.
  - c. tent available at field (with heat if inclement weather) 2 pts.
  
4. Security Barriers (4 points possible) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. permanent barriers surrounding facility and field 4 pts.
  - b. permanent barrier surrounding facility only 3 pts.
  - c. permanent barrier surrounding field only 3 pts.
  - d. no permanent barriers at facility 0 pts.

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| 5. Press Box (4 points possible)   | _____  |
| a. permanent structure, enclosed with phone lines, broadcast radio capability, PA system | 4 pts. |
| b. permanent structure enclosed with PA system   | 3 pts. |
| c. platform with tent cover  | 2 pts. |
| 6. Scoreboard (4 points possible)  | _____  |
| a. permanent with clock  | 4 pts. |
| b. permanent scoreboard  | 3 pts. |
| c. portable scoreboard   | 2 pts. |

**QUALITY OF FIELD SURFACE (60 points)**

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|---|---------|
| 1. Field Surface (18 points possible)                                 | _____   |
| a. excellent natural grass surface                                    | 18 pts. |
| b. good natural grass surface   | 15 pts. |
| c. excellent artificial surface that is natural-grass like in quality | 12 pts. |
| d. adequate natural grass surface                                     | 9 pts.  |
| e. less than adequate natural grass or artificial surface             | 0 pts.  |
| 2. <u>ONLY</u> SOCCER LINES ON FIELD (8 points)                       | _____   |
| 3. Drainage (10 points possible)                                      | _____   |
| a. excellent drainage   | 10 pts. |
| b. good drainage  | 6 pts.  |
| c. fair drainage  | 2 pts.  |
| 4. Field Size (18 points possible)                                    | _____   |
| a. 75 x 120 or larger   | 18 pts. |
| b. 70 x 120 or larger<br>75 x 115 or larger                           | 14 pts. |
| c. 70 x 115 or larger   | 9 pts.  |
| d. Less than "c"  | 0 pts.  |
| 5. Field Crown (6 points possible)                                    | _____   |

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|--------------------|--------|
| a. no crown        | 6 pts. |
| b. moderate crown  | 3 pts. |
| c. prominent crown | 0 pts. |

**GAME MANAGEMENT (10 points)**

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|--|--------|
| 1. Concessions at Facility (1 point)                           | _____  |
| 2. Hotel Availability (3 points possible)                      | _____  |
| a. numerous facilities within five miles                       | 3 pts. |
| b. numerous facilities within 10 miles                         | 2 pts. |
| c. facilities available  | 1 pt.  |
| 2. Field Security and Ushers (4 points possible)               | _____  |
| a. professional staffing only (campus security & local police) | 4 pts. |
| b. professional staff assisted by student workers              | 3 pts. |
| c. athletic department staffing with students                  | 2 pts. |
| 3. Airport Accessibility (2 points possible)                   | _____  |
| a. airport within 20 minutes of campus                         | 2 pts. |
| b. airport within 45 minutes of campus                         | 1 pt.  |

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

**WEATHER PATTERNS**

Average November temperature	_____
Average November rainfall	_____

# Appendix I

## Regional Advisory Committees

*[References: Regional Advisory Committees in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 21.4.1.5 and 21.6.1.1 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]*

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 the 2010 regional advisory committees are as follows:

### Great Lakes

John Bluem, The Ohio State University, chair  
Hylton Dayes, University Cincinnati  
Kelly Findley, Butler University  
Caleb Porter, University of Akron

### Middle Atlantic

\*\*Dick Regan Jr, College of the Holy Cross, chair  
Dennis Currier, University of Dayton  
Brendan Nash, Bucknell University  
John O'Connor, University of Rhode Island  
Todd West, American University

### Midwest

Mike Getman, University of Alabama at Birmingham, chair  
Rick Benben, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Jim DeRose, Bradley University  
Steve Franklin, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis  
Sean Holmes, Drake University  
Tim McClements, Southern Methodist University

### Northeast

John Diffley, St. John's University (New York), chair  
Pete Caringi, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Rudy Fuller, University of Pennsylvania  
George Kiefer, University of South Florida  
Paul Marco, Binghamton University  
Brian Tompkins, Yale University

### North Atlantic

Bill Wnek, Loyola University Maryland, chair  
Carlo Acquista, Adelphi University  
Michael Casper, Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania)  
Eric DaCosta, Quinnipiac University  
Matt Viggiano, Marist College

### South

Elmar Bolowich, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, chair  
Munga Eketebi, Florida International University  
Mike Johnson, Jacksonville University  
Darren Powell, Elon University

### South Atlantic

Al Albert, College of William and Mary, chair  
Jeff Alder, Liberty University  
Alan Dawson, Old Dominion University  
Sasho Cirovski, University of Maryland, College Park  
Matt Kern, University of North Carolina, Asheville

### West

\*\*Diane O'Brien, University of California, Santa Barbara, chair  
\* Adam Cooper, St. Mary's College of California  
\*\*Kurt Esser, University of New Mexico  
\* Bobby Muuss, University of Denver  
\* Jorge Salcedo, University of California, Los Angeles  
\* Dwayne Shaffer, University of California, Davis  
\*\*Ken Weiner, University of California, Los Angeles

\*\*Nonvoting national committee member

\* Voting member

# Appendix J

The Rating Percentage Index (RPI) shall be used as a selection tool. When breaking down the RPI, the committee may consider comparing data of individual teams, including but not limited to, overall record, Division I record, overall RPI rank, nonconference record and RPI rank, conference regular season record and conference tournament results. Below is the Bonus/Penalty structure for the RPI:

Result	Location	Opponents' RPI Rank	Penalty Value	Bonus/Scale
Win	Away	1-15	Bonus	(Highest point value awarded)
Win	Neutral	1-15	Bonus	
Win	Away	16-30	Bonus	
Win	Neutral	16-30	Bonus	
Tie	Away	1-15	Bonus	
Tie	Neutral	1-15	Bonus	
Win	Away	31-45	Bonus	
Win	Neutral	31-45	Bonus	
Tie	Away	16-30	Bonus	
Tie	Neutral	16-30	Bonus	
Win	Away	46-60	Bonus	
Win	Neutral	46-60	Bonus	
Tie	Away	31-45	Bonus	
Win	Away	61-75	Bonus	
Tie	Neutral	31-45	Bonus	
Tie	Away	46-60	Bonus	(Lowest point value awarded)

No bonus for home results  
 No bonus for neutral tie 46 or below  
 No bonus for away tie 61 or below  
 No bonus for neutral win below 61  
 No bonus for away win below 76

Tie	Home	126-140	Penalty	(Lowest penalty imposed)
Loss	Neutral	126-140	Penalty	
Tie	Neutral	141-170	Penalty	
Tie	Home	141-170	Penalty	
Loss	Away	141-170	Penalty	
Loss	Home	126-140	Penalty	
Loss	Neutral	141-170	Penalty	
Tie	Away	171-200	Penalty	
Loss	Home	141-170	Penalty	

Tie	Neutral	171-200	Penalty	
Loss	Away	171-200	Penalty	
Tie	Home	171-200	Penalty	
Loss	Neutral	171-200	Penalty	
Loss	Home	171-200	Penalty	(Greatest penalty imposed)

Penalty for home loss or tie below 126  
 Penalty for neutral loss below 126  
 Penalty for neutral tie below 141  
 Penalty for away loss below 141  
 Penalty for away tie below 171

It should be noted that a team will not be penalized for the first non-Division I game on a team's schedule, but any subsequent non-Division I games will receive the maximum penalty points. All games, however, are reported in an institution's won-lost-tied record.

# Appendix K

## 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. Flipping skills into or from stunts, tosses or pyramids are prohibited on surfaces other than grass or a mat.
8. Two and one half high pyramids are prohibited on surfaces other than grass or a mat.

### Section C - Partner Stunts

1. Twisting dismounts with more than a 360 degree rotation require an additional spotter that assists on the cradle.
2. Stunts in which the base uses only one arm for support require a spotter when:
  - a. the stunt is anything 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.).
  - b. 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.
  - c. the top person is popped from one arm to the other.
3. Single based split catches are prohibited.
4. Flips into or from partner stunts are prohibited, with the following exceptions (These exceptions are limited to one flip and require an additional spotter.):
  - a. Rewinds (no twisting allowed.)
  - b. Front flip dismounts from shoulder height to a cradle.
  - c. Back flip dismounts from shoulder height double based stunts to a cradle.
5. Leg pitch, toe pitch, walk-in, sponge, and straddle catch front and back flips are prohibited.
6. 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.
7. 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.
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 tosses may not be directed so that the bases must move to catch the top person.
3. Basket and elevator tosses cannot exceed one flipping and two twisting rotations.
4. In flipping basket or elevator 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 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 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 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 twists into or from partner stunts.
  - d. Two and one half person high pyramids.
  - e. 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.

## 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 or loading position. Flips are limited to one rotation 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 load, basket load, smooch, scoop from the back, etc.

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

*The above safety rules are general in nature and are not intended to cover all circumstances. All cheerleading gymnastics, including tumbling, partner stunts, pyramids, jumps and tosses should be carefully reviewed and supervised by a qualified and knowledgeable advisor or coach. The American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors makes no warranties or representations, either expressed or implied, that the above guidelines will prevent injuries to individual participants.*

*For the most recent safety rules and information, visit <http://www.aacca.org>.*