

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
April 5, 2012 Teleconference

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Amendment to the Regional Bid Allocations and Championship Bracket.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve that, effective with the 2012 championship, the men's soccer championship bracket be expanded to 35-teams based on funds available. The Men's Soccer Committee had provided options of 35, 36 or 38 teams which are provided below (Attachment A).

Proposed Regional Alignment – 35 Team Bracket

Region	Sponsorship	Bids/Region	Regional Access Ratio
Atlantic	24	4	6.00
Central	9	2	4.50
East	37	6	6.17
Midwest	30	5	6.00
South	18	3	6.00
South Central	18	3	6.00
Southeast	33	6	5.50
West	33	6	5.50

Average access ratio – 5.71

National access ratio – 6.31

Lowest access ratio – 4.50

Highest access ratio – 6.17

Proposed Regional Alignment – 36 Team Bracket

Region	Sponsorship	Bids/Region	Regional Access Ratio
Atlantic	24	4	6.00
Central	9	2	4.50
East	37	7	5.29
Midwest	30	5	6.00
South	18	3	6.00
South Central	18	3	6.00
Southeast	33	6	5.50
West	33	6	5.50

Average access ratio – 5.60
National access ratio – 6.31
Lowest access ratio – 4.50
Highest access ratio – 6.00

Proposed Regional Alignment – 38 Team Bracket

Region	Sponsorship	Bids/Region	Regional Access Ratio
Atlantic	24	5	4.80
Central	9	2	4.50
East	37	7	5.29
Midwest	30	6	5.00
South	18	3	6.00
South Central	18	3	6.00
Southeast	33	6	5.50
West	33	6	5.50

Average access ratio – 5.32
National access ratio – 6.31
Lowest access ratio – 4.50
Highest access ratio – 6.00

- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2012.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, among all championships with 32-team brackets or larger, men's soccer has the highest bracket access ratio of all Division II team sports at 6.31.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. The estimated budget impact as determined by the NCAA administrative services group would be as follows:

35-Team Bracket	\$85,140
Additional Transportation	\$46,500
Additional Per Diem	\$25,500
Additional Game Expense	\$5,400
Projected Overhead	\$7,740

36-Team Bracket	\$113,520
Additional Transportation	\$62,000
Additional Per Diem	\$34,000
Additional Game Expense	\$7,200
Projected Overhead	\$10,320

38-Team Bracket	\$170,280
Additional Transportation	\$93,000
Additional Per Diem	\$51,000
Additional Game Expense	\$10,800
Projected Overhead	\$15,480

- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. The addition of three, four or six teams will provide championship participation opportunities to an additional 66, 88 or 132 student-athletes.

[NOTE: This budgetary item has been forwarded to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee for review.]

b. Volleyball – Coordinator of Officials at Final Site.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve that a coordinator of officials be assigned to the final site to make evaluations and assignments.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2012.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee is charged with the evaluation and assignment of officials at the final site of the women's volleyball championship. Having an assigned coordinator would remove that responsibility from the committee and would allow a knowledgeable and experienced person to serve in that capacity. It would also be consistent with Division II men's and women's basketball, as well as Division I women's volleyball.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. Expenses will include per diem (\$45 for up to 5 days), travel reimbursement (average ticket cost of \$650) and hotel reimbursement (not more than \$140 for up to 4 nights), for a maximum estimated expense of \$1,435.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

[NOTE: This budgetary item has been forwarded to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee for review.]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Regionalization Consultant RFP.** The Division II Championships Committee did not approve the establishment of a retainer agreement with Crowe Horwath, LLP (Crowe) to serve as a third-party reviewer and to provide an analysis and recommendation for the Division II regionalization model when necessitated by new conference membership application(s) received in accordance with the December 1 application deadline.

The Championships Committee noted that the RFP process was one that provided the cost analysis for the services that would be obtained for providing a third-party recommendation regarding the regionalization model for Division II championships. The committee noted that having a third party recommendation would be beneficial, but the cost associated with the services was more than what the committee felt was merited by the third-party work being asked to be done.

2. **Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) In-Region Waiver Request—Trevecca Nazarene University.** The Division II Championships Committee approved the waiver request to consider the contests between G-MAC member institutions in-region contests for the 2012-13 academic year. The Championships Committee noted that the impact is most notable with Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN), which is outside the Midwest Region. However, due to their current membership status, the implications of allowing the waiver were determined to be beneficial to assisting the newly formed conference build familiarity and provide Trevecca Nazarene University to schedule more Division II contests as they work through the membership process.
3. **2012 South Central Men's and Women's Cross Country Regional Site.** The Division II Championships Committee approved that Denver, Colorado, be designated as the site for the 2012 Division II South Central cross country regional meet. Regis University will serve as host, to be conducted at the Willis Case Golf Course.
4. **2013 West/South Central Men's Golf Regional Site Selection.** The Division II Championships Committee approved that DuPont, Washington, be designated as the site for the 2013 West/South Central regional with the Great Northwest Athletic Conference serving as the host for the competition to be conducted at the Home Course.
5. **2012-13 Women's Lacrosse In-Region Waiver—Grand Valley State.** The Division II Championships Committee approved that a waiver of the Division II women's lacrosse selection criteria be granted to Grand Valley State University and for their opponents to consider contests against them as in-region.

The Women's Lacrosse Committee, during its March 14 conference call, approved a waiver of the in-region selection criteria for Grand Valley State. The in-region criterion states that a team must play a minimum of 10 games in-region.

During the 2010-11 academic year, Grand Valley State was developing their 2011-12 schedule based on the approved four-region alignment. The approved regional alignment had listed them in the same conference as the Conference Carolinas institutions. Therefore, assuming it would be aligned to the south region, Grand Valley State scheduled four institutions from the Conference Carolinas, as well as other south-region institutions.

Based on its schedule, if Grand Valley State had been a south-region institution, 15 of its 17 games would have been considered in-region, whereas currently only eight are considered in-region. With that said, when Grand Valley State found out that the four-region model would likely not be implemented, a request was submitted to waive the in-region selection criteria for the 2011-12 season.

6. **2012-13 Women's Soccer Selection Criteria.** The Championships Committee tabled action on the recommendation for the following modifications to the selection criteria, effective with the

2012-13 season, due to the continued review of the overall Division II selection criteria white paper.

When selecting teams, the women's soccer committee will evaluate the following criteria (not in priority order):

- In-region Division II won-lost record;
- Strength-of-schedule (average opponents' winning percentage);
- Head-to-head competition;
- Results versus common opponents;
- Results versus ranked teams;
- **Once ranked, always ranked;**
- Results versus Division II opponents outside of conference; and
- Strength-of-schedule versus Division II opponents outside of conference (opponents' average winning and opponent's opponents' average winning percentage);

The Women's Soccer Committee revised the selection criteria to avoid the shift of teams up and down in the rankings week after week due to the inconsistencies of teams going in and out of the rankings. The above changes will provide a smoother ranking system and leave room for the human element.

7. **2013 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival—Site Selection.** The Division II Championships Committee approved that Cleveland, Ohio, be designated as the site for the 2013 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival with Notre Dame College, the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and the Spire Institute serving as hosts for the competition, to be conducted at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio.
8. **Selection Criteria White Paper and Recap.** The Championships Committee approved the endorsement of the updated selection criteria white paper, following discussion by the Championships Committee at their February 2012 meeting, and included the discussion conclusions by the Division II selection criteria focus group, as the Championships Committee felt all points provided in the document were valuable to share with the Division II membership (Attachment B).

The Championships Committee remains committed to the timeline to provide final recommendations related to the selection criteria white paper following their September 2012 meeting.

9. **Women's Rowing—Additional Travel Party Member.** The Championships Committee did not approve a recommendation that, for the two At-Large Eight boats, the squad size be increased from 11 to 12 and the travel party increased from 14 to 15. This item would have had an estimated budget impact of \$3,000.

- 10. Future Meetings.** The Division II Championships Committee reviewed their upcoming meeting schedule and have cancelled the May teleconference. The next in-person meeting is scheduled for May 30 and 31. Travel information will be forthcoming to the Championships Committee.
- 11. Other Business.** The Championships Committee was provided an update on the interim executive vice president position interview process, noting that this weekend interviews were being conducted in Indianapolis. The timetable for the announcement of the intended individual is expected within the next two weeks.

Committee Chair: Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)
Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Amy Reis, Championships and Alliances

TELECONFERENCE Thursday, April 5, 2012

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	<u>ABSENTEES</u>
Bob Boerigter, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	Ann Martin, Regis University (<i>MC chair</i>)
Bob Dranoff, East Coast Conference	
Kris Dunbar, Lake Superior State University	
Frank Keenan, NCAA DII SAAC Representative	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (<i>chair</i>)	
Claudie Mackey, Elizabeth City State University	
Francis Reidy, Saint Leo University	
Richard Sanders, Northwest Nazarene University	
Dr. Michael Scales, Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary (<i>PC liaison</i>)	
David Sharp, Ouachita Baptist University	
J.R. Smith, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	

Patsy Smith, Missouri Western State University	
Bren Stevens, University of Charleston (<i>MC vice chair</i>)	
Lisa Sweany, Armstrong Atlantic State University	

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

Amanda Conklin, Michelle Forkner, Tamara Gingerich, Katie Holmes, Jeff Jarnecke, Jarrett Newby, Roberta Page, Laura Peterson, Carol Reep, Amy Reis, Terri Steeb-Gronau, Donnie Wagner and Russ Yurk (*NCAA staff*)

2012-13 Division II Sport Budget Requests

<i>Items proposed to DII Planning and Finance Committee</i>					
<i>Division</i>	<i>Sport</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Original Cost</i>	<i>Approved Cost</i>	<i>Tri-annual Budget Cost</i>
II	M Golf	Increase travel party for finals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 69,000
II	M Golf	Increase travel party for regionals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 99,000
II	W Golf	Increase travel party for finals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 48,000
II	W Golf	Increase travel party for regionals round by 1 non-athlete	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000
II	M Soccer	35-team bracket expansion	\$ 85,140	\$ 85,140	\$ 255,420
Total cost			\$ 172,140	\$ 172,140	\$ 516,420

<i>Items noted to be absorbed by current budget allocation</i>					
II	Football	Extra day per diem for early arrival		\$ 6,300	
II	M Soccer	Regional re-alignment		\$ 43,000	
II	M Soccer	Additional official		\$ 1,550	
II	W Soccer	Additional official		\$ 1,550	
II	Volleyball	Coordinator of officials at final site		\$ 1,435	
Total Cost				\$ 52,400	

<i>Items that received prior approval by all committees for 2012-13 (to be absorbed in current budget allocations)</i>					
II	Football	Added evaluators to review officials		\$ 4,600	
II	M Swimming	Increase field by 15 SAs and 4 non-athletes		\$ 31,000	
II	M/W Tennis	Additional official		\$ 1,400	
II	M/W Tennis	Host allowance		\$ 1,200	
Total cost				\$ 38,200	

<i>Items Denied by Championships Committee</i>					
II	Baseball	Add 1 team to each regional (8 total)	\$ 197,000		
II	Baseball	Add 2 teams to each regional (16 total)	\$ 573,000		
II	M Golf	Added rules official	\$ 12,600		
II	Lacrosse	Tournament format change - four teams at semifinals	\$ 37,000		
II	M Soccer	36-team bracket expansion	\$ 113,520		
II	M Soccer	38-team bracket expansion	\$ 170,280		
II	Rowing	Add 1 non-athlete for individual qualifying boats	\$ 3,000		
II	Wrestling	Increase in championship qualifiers by 20 student-athletes	\$ 28,775		

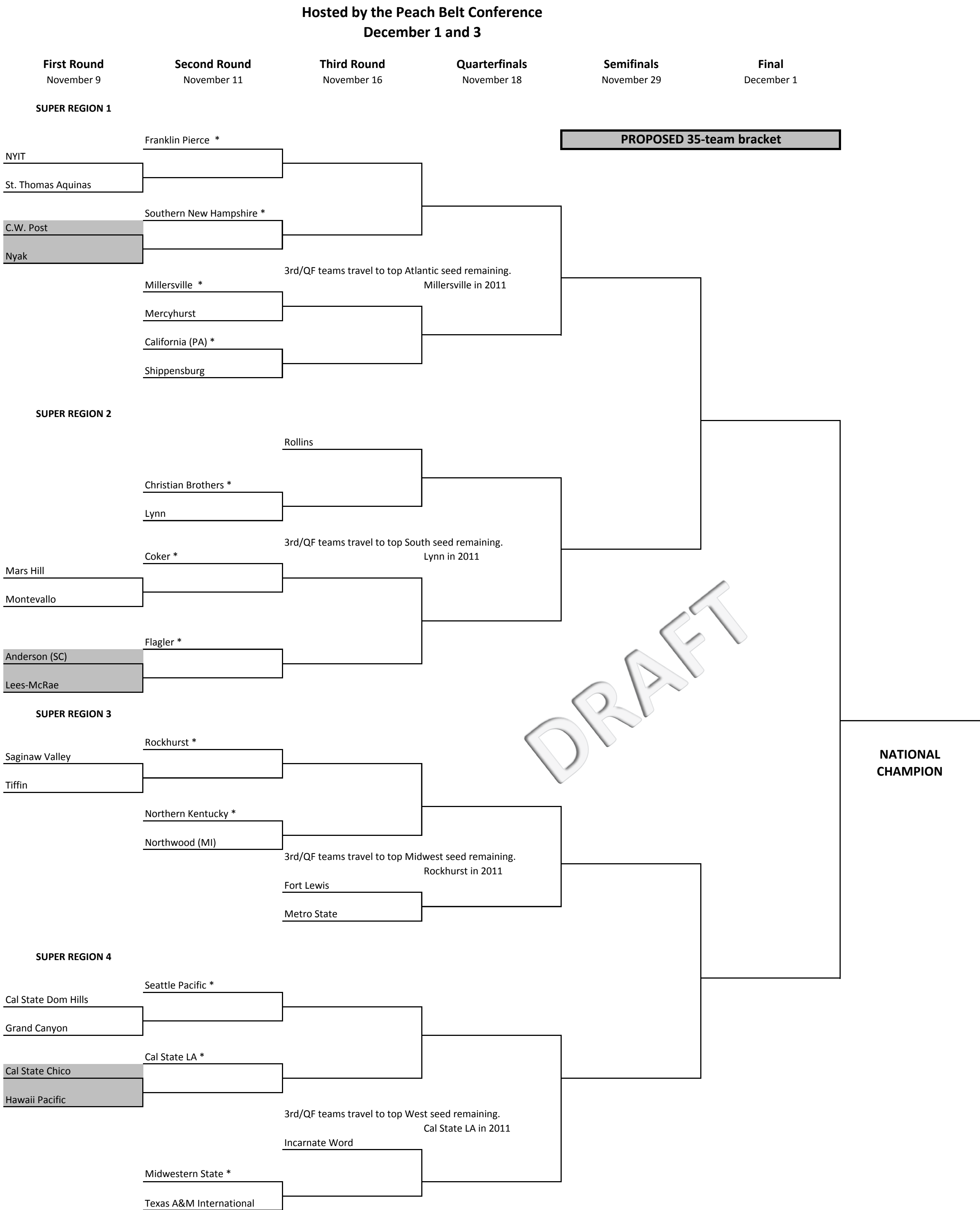
Absorbed: Intent is for additional expense to be incurred against current budget allocation.
New Monies: Request for new budget dollars going forward. Any new dollars come from the Division II reserve fund.

No further budget requests can be made unless effective for the 2015-16 year or beyond.

Division II Men's Soccer - Bracket Expansion Financial Breakdown

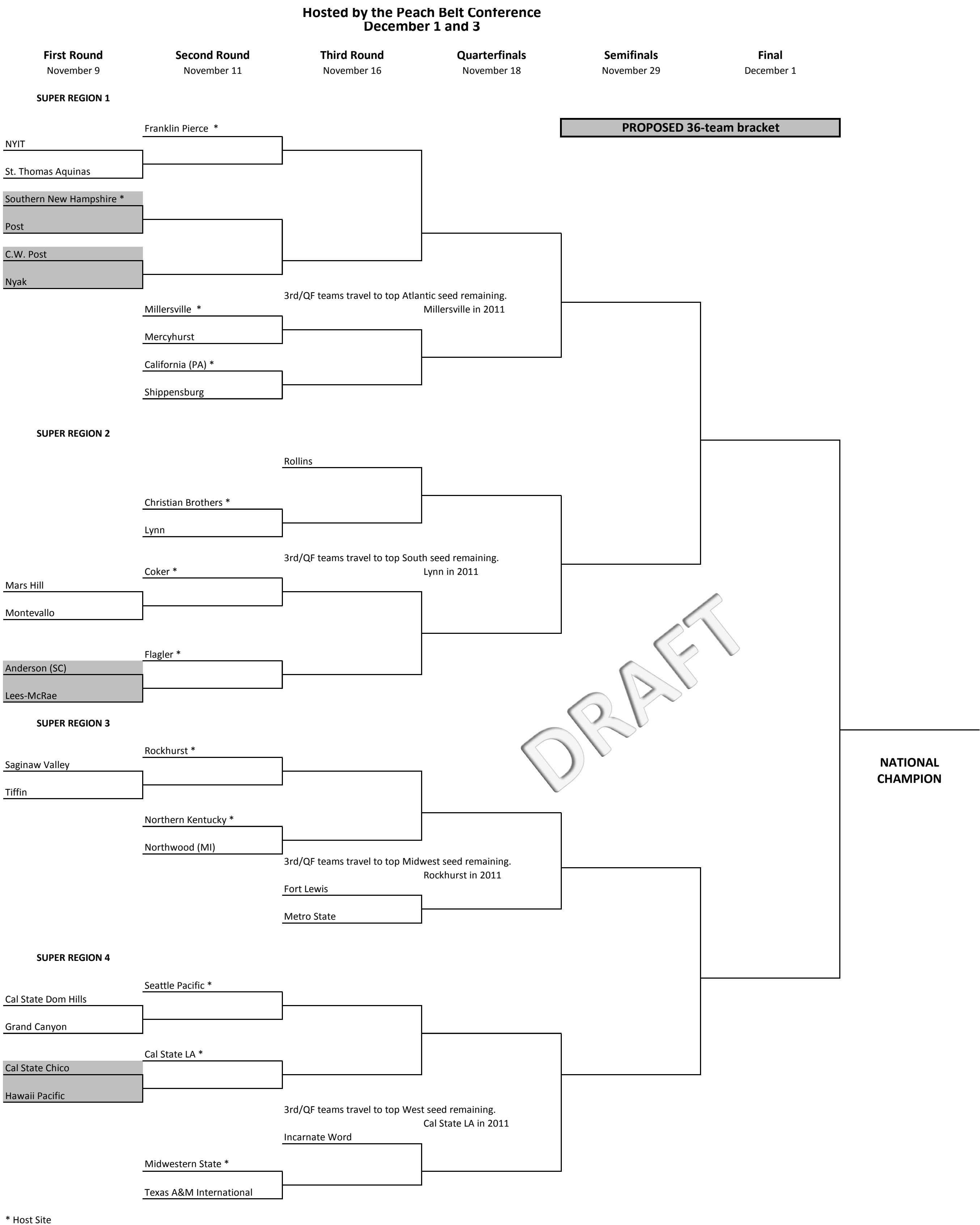
Approved 32 Team Bracket			Additional Costs				
Average Transp	Average Per Diem	Average Game Exp	Transp	Per Diem	Game Exp	Overhead	Total
\$ 15,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 1,800	3 Teams \$ 46,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 5,400	\$ 7,740	\$ 85,140
			4 Teams \$ 62,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 7,200	\$ 10,320	\$ 113,520
			6 Teams \$ 93,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 10,800	\$ 15,480	\$ 170,280

2012 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship



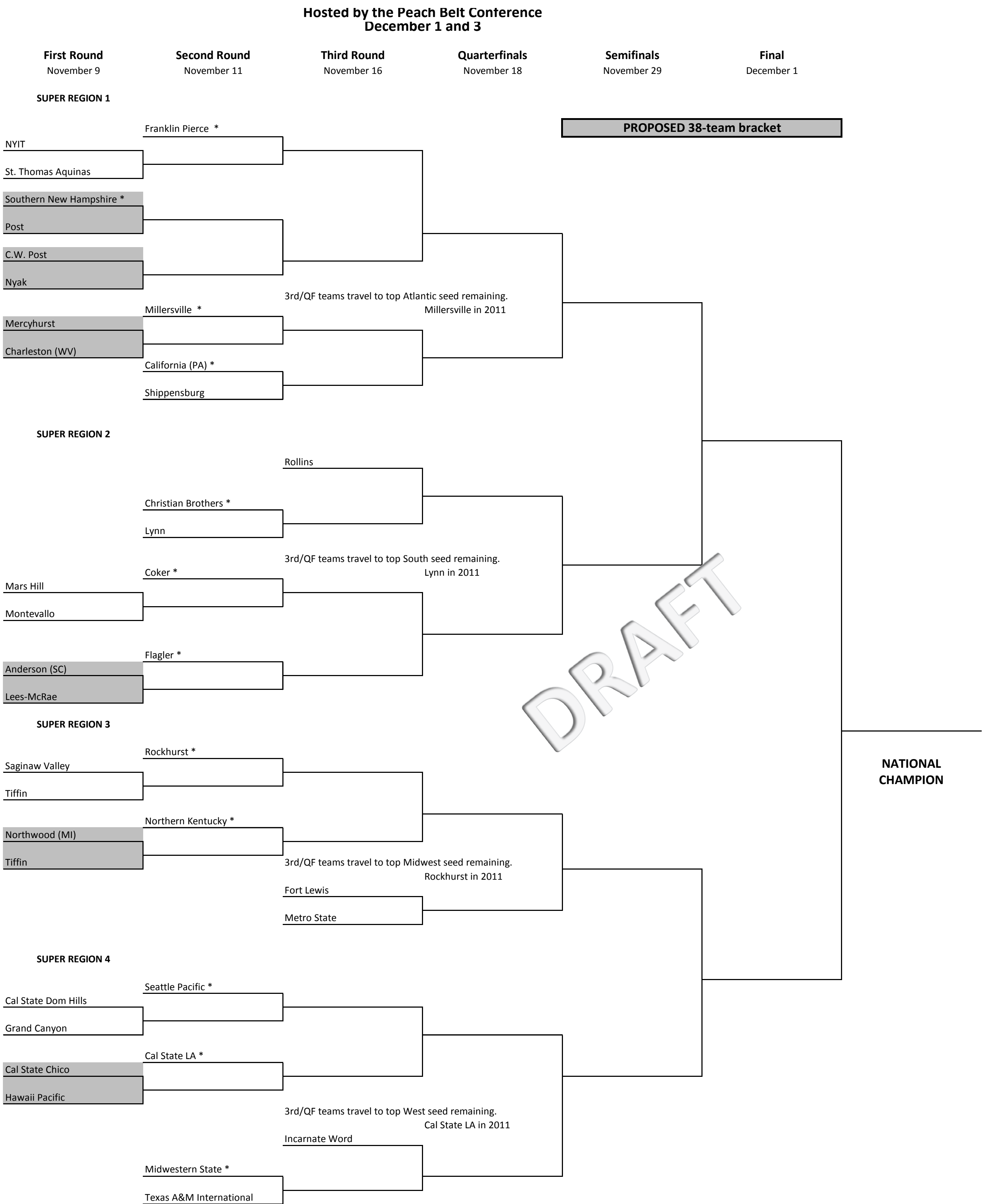
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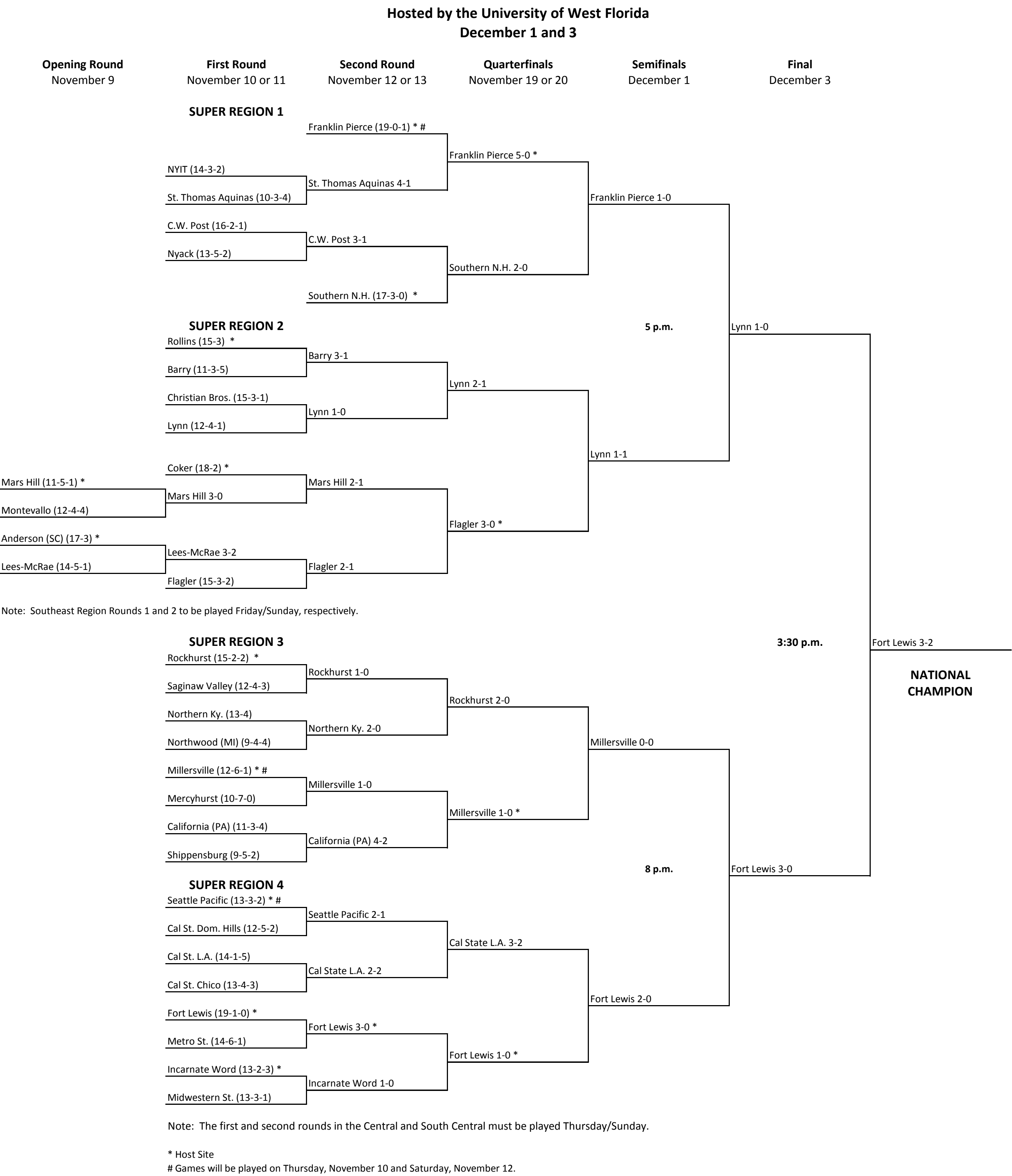
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2011 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship



DIVISION II SELECTION CRITERIA WHITE PAPER
CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE & FOCUS GROUP RECAP

The Division II Championships Committee reviewed the membership feedback, conference scheduling statistics and the recap supplement provided from the Division II Selection Criteria Focus Group during their February 20 and 21, 2012 meeting.

The Championships Committee provided additional parameters and feedback to include in the recap provided which the Championships Committee noted was beneficial to their discussion at their February meeting. The Championships Committee provided the following key points reiterating the work done by the focus group along with a few new items for consideration including:

- The Championships Committee supported the focus groups opinion that the selection criteria is not a broken system but education of the key constituents would be a beneficial step in the process.
- Education of coaches, conference offices, regional advisory committees (RACs) and national committee members is a key point that needs addressed in moving forward related to selection criteria. Additionally, the opportunity to provide conference offices with training materials would be key to the process and maintain the expectations for all serving on committees for consistency purposes.
- A consideration to include both incoming and out-going national committee members during annual meetings would be beneficial as well.
- Transparency related to the selection criteria process should be a primary focus to allow membership and the public better understanding of the selection criteria process.
- An evaluation of the contingent states policy should be undertaken during the May 2012 Championships Committee meeting as part of the selection criteria discussion.
- The short-term focus was determined to be education with a discussion for a long-term evaluation related to providing regions the autonomy of determining their qualifying teams. A much further analysis of the latter needs to take place to see if the idea is feasible, develop the processes that could be implemented and get further membership feedback related to the topic.
- The Championships Committee noted that much further discussion and review of requested information from NCAA staff will continue per the timeline provided in the Selection Criteria White Paper shared with NCAA membership. The Championships Committee will continue formulating ideas and formulate recommendations at the May 2012 meeting.

- Are teams that have goals of making it into the NCAA Championships playing in-region/non-conference schedules or is the issue with those teams that have no plans to participate in NCAA Division II Championships?
- What are Division II's priorities during selections? Should criteria across sports be similar or is each sport different from a selection criteria perspective?
- The focus group recognizes that the selection criteria must be solid and sport specific, yet more weight should be added behind criteria that matches Division II's priorities and then make selections under those expectations.
- Selection criteria should have a length of time set to evaluate changes made to a sport's criteria and the impact. A suggested time line would be every three – four years to allow for scheduling implications by members schools.
- Should Division II consider Division I, III or NAIA contests in postseason selections? The focus group suggested that to be selected for Division II Championship, teams should be only selected based on Division II opponents. Yet, the focus group noted that the NCAA should not be in the habit of mandating when or who a team plays. Rather, if provided by the NCAA the selection criteria based on Division II priorities then teams must meet that criteria to be considered. If a team wants to participate in a Division II Championship then they must play a Division II schedule.
- Can you begin to prioritize Division II selection criteria principles under the following elements (in no particular order):

- Overall Division II Schedule / Strength of schedules
 - Head-to-Head competition
 - In-Region Division II games
 - In-region/non-conference competition
- Could sport committees consider earned access to address the issues of in-region, non-conference competition (i.e., soccer)? The focus group reiterated that no mandate should be put in place yet thought that earned access may address the issue related to in-region, non-conference competition for the sports experiencing the most difficulties in evaluation at selections.
 - Should reseeding occur at NCAA Championships if in-region/non-conference competition is encouraged during the regular season? Should committees be given autonomy to make decision on seeding?
 - Overall, is selection criteria the issue? The focus group indicated that they felt that wasn't the core issue. Rather, they identified the following key items to better address the topic:
 - Develop Division II priorities on selection criteria.
 - Consistent criteria
(minimize the number of changes to the criteria and how often it is allowed by sport committees to change)
 - Educate NCAA membership on selection criteria of each sport.
 - Provide training and education of committees
(RACs and National Committees)
 - The focus group also encouraged each group that reviews the topic to keep the evaluation at a global perspective to ensure it's as fair to all Division II members as possible and in the best interest of Division II as a whole.