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2023, 2024, and 2025 NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION
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IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE SPECIFICATIONS THAT FOLLOW AND ANY SUCH SPECIFICATIONS IN THE GENERAL BID SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT, THE FORMER SHALL PREVAIL AND GOVERN THE MATTER.
SECTION I: INTRODUCTION AND STRATEGIC PLAN

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA” and/or “Association”) is pleased to provide to member institutions/conferences the opportunity to submit a proposal to host one or more NCAA championships.

The information contained in this document and the accompanying attachments provides the minimum bid specifications for hosting any of these championships, as well as essential information that will provide assistance in the development of a creative, comprehensive and competitive bid proposal. The NCAA awards the privilege of hosting an NCAA championship to institutions’ several years in advance so those communities may work collaboratively with the NCAA to create positive experiences for its student-athletes, participating institutions, fans and the community.

A member institution or member conference of the NCAA must be designated as the host institution/conference for the championship. The administration of the championship is under the authority of the respective sports committee subject to final authority from the NCAA DII Championships Cabinet or Committee. All activities and events associated with the championship are to be approved by the sports committee.

NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL STRATEGIC PLAN

Prospective bid committees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the 2019-2024 NCAA Women’s Basketball Strategic Plan (www.ncaa.org/WBBStrategicPlan).

The shared vision and corresponding strategies are designed to:

Unify and grow the women’s basketball community; empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential; celebrate and elevate the game; and create an inspiring experience for all involved.

We’re building on our plan in the following goal areas:

- Leadership
- Transformational Student-Athlete Experience
- Quality Competition
- Memorable Championships
- Building Affinity

The NCAA Women’s Basketball Strategic Plan will elevate our game and our community with these goal areas as our guideposts. We are intentional about the steps we are taking to achieve our goals. We have set a course that will benefit those who play the game – and those who oversee it – in all three divisions for years to come.
SECTION II: CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

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Note: Elite Eight will always occur the week prior to the Division I Women’s Final Four, even if the date formula conflicts due to the number of weekends in March in a given year. When there are five Saturdays in March, the Elite Eight will be a week later.

The Division II Women’s Basketball Championship provides for a maximum field of 64 teams. All eight regional qualifiers will advance to a regional site. The eight regional tournaments will be conducted to determine the eight quarterfinalists, who will advance to the Elite Eight.

In 2023, the Division II Women’s Basketball National Championship will be played in conjunction with the Division I Women’s Final Four in Dallas, Texas. For 2023 only, the Elite Eight site will host only the quarterfinals and semifinals of the Division II Women’s Basketball Championship.

The 2026 Division II Men’s Basketball Championship will be a joint championship with Division II Men’s Basketball. Please refer to a separate bid document for bid specs for the combined championships.
SECTION III: GENERAL FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

NCAA activities at the facility traditionally have been the responsibility of the facility personnel (or host institution/conference representatives), due to their familiarity and experience with the respective Elite Eight facilities. Therefore, most of the following information is for the benefit of facility personnel, not the Host/LOC. These tasks should be assigned to individuals based on their expertise.

1. Facility Use Dates:

The facility shall be reserved for the exclusive use of the NCAA not later than noon the Saturday before the competition, through 8 a.m. the Saturday after the competition. (The facility shall make best efforts to complete arena set-up for the Elite Eight the Sunday morning preceding the national quarterfinal games.) All working press areas should be set not later than noon Sunday.

   **Competition Dates.** The quarterfinals will be conducted Tuesday; the semifinals Wednesday; and the national championship game, Friday.

   **Practice Dates.** The Monday before the competition; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings on competition days; and the Thursday between the semifinals and championship game will be "practice days".

2. NCAA Space Requirements:

The facility shall propose its plan for space assignments to the NCAA for approval at an early date. Such space shall be used for the NCAA tournament session before the championship. The facility shall provide a detailed diagram of the space listed herein to the NCAA.

   **Office Space.** The NCAA shall designate an office space for the use of the 10 basketball committee members and NCAA staff beginning Sunday preceding the games, through the national championship game.

   **Athletic Training Rooms.** Appropriate athletic training facilities and supplies shall be available on site for the teams. The LOC shall arrange for a certified athletic trainer (generally the host institution's athletic trainer) and one doctor to be available on open practice and game days.

   **Team Locker Rooms.** A minimum of four locker rooms of comparable size and quality, with showers and toilets, must be available for teams in each locker room, along with lockers for players and coaches.

      **Assignment.** Locker rooms shall be assigned by the NCAA, based on quarterfinal pairings.

      **Timing clock.** A game clock is required in each team locker room and the officials' locker room.

      **Supplies.** Each locker room must be clean and adequately supplied with towels and soap, toilet paper, water and ice, soft drinks (Coke products), a training table and a dry erase board, dry erase markers and eraser for
practices and games. Supplies and refreshments for the locker rooms shall be provided by the facility under the supervision of the NCAA and at cost to the LOC.

**Attendants.** The host shall assign two individuals to ensure that all locker rooms are fully stocked with the appropriate supplies before each practice and game.

**Officials Locker Rooms.** Two rooms, with showers, to accommodate at least six individuals at a time must also be available.

**Video Distribution Area.** Space shall be identified for audio and video distribution. This area should accommodate a minimum of 8 television and/or radio crews.

**Entrances to Arena.** Each entrance must be staffed by an adequate number of persons. Every available entrance must be operational. Signs must be posted to clearly identify all entrances. No one should be allowed to enter without a ticket or credential. Public entrances shall be opened one hour before game time. An external public address announcement may be used to advise ticket patrons of gate accessibility, prohibited items, fan accommodations, etc. The NCAA must approve this announcement in advance.

**Team Personnel Entrance.** Team personnel will be admitted through a special entrance determined by the host. A table and chairs should be placed at this entrance for staffing. On each day of practice and competition, only those individuals with a participant credential will be admitted. There will be no exceptions. Once inside the arena, participants should wear the participant credential for access to courtside, media areas and other secured locations, including end zone seating area for non-participants (e.g., participants in the Elite Eight, just not that particular game). The **20 participant credentials distributed to each of the eight participating institutions are not transferable.**

**Media Entrance.** This entrance shall be located as close as possible to the media work area. This entrance shall be opened and staffed three hours before game time.

**Media Credentials Distribution.** A secured area (to accommodate, at a minimum, a table, security officer and media workers) shall be established adjacent to the media entrance. Credentials shall be distributed from this area.

**Photography Areas.** Not less than 17 feet of space for photographers shall be provided between the end line and the first row of seats in each end zone.

**Sports Sciences Areas.** Two facilities or a divided facility must be available for NCAA drug testing. Areas must have controlled access. Only the drug-testing crew, student-athletes and witnesses will be allowed in the waiting areas. The specimen collection areas should be fully equipped with restroom facilities adjacent to the waiting areas.
4. Interview Room/Media Work Areas.

The interview room must accommodate a minimum of 40 persons, seated theater style. This area shall be set no later than Noon Sunday preceding the Elite Eight.

It must accommodate a sound system, two wireless microphones for media to ask questions, lighting, sufficient electrical outlets, camera platform, an audio mixer, a mult-box, and an elevated dais for seven interviewees, two tables, seven microphones and seven chairs. A sound technician should be on hand for all news conferences. The NCAA will furnish name tent cards, microphone flags and a backdrop banner to be hung immediately behind the dais.

Courtside Media Area. The facility shall provide, at its expense, courtside media work space as designated by the NCAA for a minimum of 40 sideline workers. The courtside media area shall be set no later than noon Monday the week of the Elite Eight.

Tables. It is recommended that all tables be 30 inches wide. The scorers' tables and the CBS announcers' position must be 30 inches wide; however, 18-inch tables may be used for the media. Topping and skirting must be dark in color.

Electrical Outlets. One outlet must be provided for every two working-press positions. It is suggested that the outlets be placed on the tops of the press tables.

Telephones. One telephone line will be provided for the participating teams' official radio station at each courtside working position. At its own expense, a media agency may order an additional telephone line to be installed at a courtside working position. This line is to be outside the normal allotment.

Media Work Area. This area must accommodate a minimum of 40 persons. Electrical connections shall be placed on the tops of tables. A minimum of one outlet power strip shall be available for every two seats. This area shall be set no later than noon Monday preceding the Elite Eight.

Media Refreshment Area. A refreshment area, separate from the work area, if possible, shall be provided to accommodate a minimum of 50 individuals. The LOC, with possible assistance from the NCAA, will provide refreshments. The NCAA shall not be required to pay corkage or other fees for such beverage and food. This area shall be set no later than noon Monday of the week of the Elite Eight.

Communications Equipment. The host should have the following equipment, at the local organizing committee's (LOC) expense, available for the championship.

Computers. Two laptop computers, two laser printers and NCAA LiveStats software for in-game statistics for the primary and back-up statistics crew. One laptop computer and a laser printer for post-game quotes, notes and game story by media assistant staff.

Copiers. Two high-speed photocopy machines (minimum of 75-100 pages per minute) for reproducing statistics and other material. The LOC shall be responsible for the installation and service costs for these machines. The LOC shall arrange for an equipment operator and technician at no cost to the NCAA.
Monitors. Eight statistical monitors on press row.

Paper. Ten (10) cases of copy paper at the arena.

Printers. Four laser printers shall be available to the participating SID’s and media in the media work room. One laser printer shall be available for the NCAA office (Championship Manager, Media Coordinator, Committee members).

Radios. Six two-way radios for the Media Coordination team.

Wireless Access. Wireless access should be available in the interview room, media work room and press row. The access should be able to accommodate the number of media in attendance. A technical representative able to solve wireless issues should be on site during all games and on call for all practice days.

The facility is required to provide a secured high speed wireless/data network (WLAN) to support the NCAA, host conference staff, radio-rights holders, media and other users approved by the NCAA. The facility must provide dedicated bandwidth to support back-of-house locations such as the media workroom, interview room, NCAA office and other areas designated by the NCAA.

The data network must include hardware and software to support industry-standard security requirements; this includes provided encryption tools, a methodology to restrict user access, and support for real-time reporting of usage and bandwidth utilization.

The facility shall provide technical support at no charge to the NCAA and other users during the tournament. If the network is managed by a third-party contractor, technical staff must be on-site during the tournament.

Wireless deployment. Minimum 100 meg. The facility must provide a sufficient number of access points support IEEE 802.11g and 802.11n technology for the radio rights holders, media Turner/CBS Sports, NCAA staff and the host conference to use the Wireless Network (WLAN).

Access to wireless network. Access to wireless must be by pass code and not for the general public. Hardwired internet lines: (12) – arena; (10) – media work room.

Wireless Microphones. Two wireless hand-held microphones for use during the postgame news conferences (interview room) and one for use by the NCAA basketball committee chair when presenting the NCAA trophy (the microphone must be compatible with the arena sound system and with CBS Sports audio).

5. Non-Permissible Items:

The arena management is responsible for enforcing NCAA policies in this area. Patrons shall be advised of non-permissible items by the language printed on the back of each ticket, and patrons shall be encouraged to return non-permissible items to their automobiles. An area shall be established for the checking and securing of such articles at
the patron’s expense.

**Video Equipment.** A ticket patron may not bring video equipment into the arena. Still photography cameras are permissible.

**Noisemakers.** Artificial noisemakers, air horns, electronic instruments, etc., are not permissible. The facility is responsible for removing these items from the arena. Megaphones may be used for voice amplification, but they shall not be used as a distraction.

**Signs, Flags, Banners.** Non-commercial banners or hand-held signs that are deemed by the games committee to be non-offensive in nature and do not obstruct other spectator’s views of the contest are allowable.

**Promotional Items.** Promotional items (e.g., cups, shakers, flags, etc.) with commercial slogans or identification are not allowed on the premises without the permission of the NCAA. Items such as newspapers, handbills, flyers, memorabilia, T-shirts, caps, etc. (except products sold by the NCAA or its agents) may not be distributed on the premises.

### 6. Official Scorer’s Table

The official table shall be 40-48 feet in length. Minimum width should be 30 inches. The tables must be electronic LED tables. The table must be provided by the host at no cost to the NCAA.

### 7. Parking:

The facility shall be responsible for revenue, maintenance and security in connection with its parking areas, at its expense.

**Satellite Trucks and Other Remote Equipment.** The facility shall provide parking space for satellite trucks and mobile equipment of all credentialed electronic media agencies. A reasonable “parking” fee to cover costs such as security and electricity, to be determined by the host in accordance with the facility’s customary rates for other events, may be charged to agencies that have not purchased live telecasting or broadcasting rights from the NCAA. All media agencies should be notified of this fee before the championship.

**Complimentary Parking.** The facility shall provide 30 complimentary parking spaces in prime locations to be used at the sole discretion of the NCAA. Parking credentials (if necessary), provided at LOC expense, should be delivered to the NCAA.

### 8. Personnel:

The facility shall furnish and pay for all operating personnel deemed necessary by the host and the NCAA, including,
but not limited to, ushers, ticket-takers, exit watch person, private security officers, parking attendants, special police, city police and firemen. All such personnel are to be under the sole direction and control of the facility and are not to be considered employees or agents of the host institution/conference or the NCAA.

**Credentials.** All facility personnel must wear credentials provided by the NCAA unless a standard uniform is used for identification purposes. Otherwise, the facility must submit a listing of all individuals to receive credentials to the NCAA national office by the designated date provided by the NCAA staff liaison.

**Media Assistants.** The Host SID will designate staff members, sports information personnel and other media professionals to administer specific assignments on practice days and game days, with the understanding that individuals will have multiple media responsibilities. These individuals shall serve in a volunteer role.

**9. Playing Court:**

The Host/LOC shall provide a playing court for use at the competition site. The court shall be installed not later than noon Sunday before the competition. The facility shall provide assistance in installing the court to the specifications of the NCAA.

**Size.** The floor will be 120 feet by 62 feet.

**Design.** The center-court design will highlight the Elite Eight logo and will be created by the NCAA. The center-court logo must be in compliance with the respective season’s NCAA basketball rules and installed no later than Sunday at noon before the competition.

**Traction Devices.** The NCAA will provide “Slipp-Nott” or similar traction aides.

**Ladders.** The facility shall provide a ladder at each end of the court for the winning team members to cut down the nets after the national championship game. [Note: Lowe’s may provide two ladders for this purpose. The NCAA will alert the host if this is finalized.]

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SECTION V: LODGING

General Guidelines:

Housing will be required for all participating teams, NCAA staff, committee members, media, game officials, and other special guests as designated by the NCAA. Separate hotels are needed for the NCAA, media, officials and participating teams unless specified otherwise by the NCAA. It may be permissible for the media or game officials to be assigned to the same property as the NCAA headquarters hotel. (Game officials and teams may not stay in the same hotel.) Efforts will be made to provide some deference to the official corporate champion/partner in the hotel category (should one exist at the time of contracting) of the NCAA. While hotels are the primary housing offerings that will be contracted, alternative options may be considered in certain situations.

Bids will be awarded contingent upon the successful negotiation of housing needs at reasonable rates. Failure to secure such reasonable rates and properties may result in rescinding of the bid award.

The host institution/conference or sponsoring agency must guarantee sufficient housing is available to meet the room block needs identified in the sport specific bid specification. Properties must meet the required service levels and be in reasonable proximity to the event venues. Rooms should not be secured or contracted nor should rates be discussed with specific properties, unless requested to do so by the NCAA.

Bid responses may highlight any recommended properties Anthony Travel should consider when contracting. Specifications should also disclose any special relationships, agreements and/or financial arrangements you may have in place with the recommended properties. Anthony Travel will take into consideration all recommendations when selecting hotels; however, guarantees cannot be made that contracts will be secured with these properties.

All hotels contracted must have experience with and understand the needs of large groups.

The NCAA or its designees shall have the exclusive right to sell products licensed by the Association for merchandising at the selected hotels (inside and outside the premises controlled by the hotels). The hotel will provide adequate space in its lobby for such sales.

Contracted properties will be responsible for complying with all requirements in the contract terms as presented in the sample contract.
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Team Allocation: 16 Double/Doubles and 1 Suite, per team

All hotels shall be in close proximity (ideally within walking distance) from the event venue. The team hotels must be of comparable quality and distance from the playing venue.

The host institution is financially responsible for the official accommodations to be reimbursed by the NCAA.

Administration.

The host institution must recommend local hotels for use by the competing teams and the NCAA. It is strongly recommended that each hotel be equally accessible to the arena and have its own full-service restaurant and catering capabilities.

Food and Beverages.

Hotels shall keep food and beverage outlets open and provide room service as late as possible on all nights during the championship.

Host Staff Apparel.

The NCAA will encourage its licensees to provide standard sportswear to be worn by hotel personnel (e.g., front-desk employees and bell staff) at headquarters and team properties. The design may include the manufacturer’s logo and the Elite Eight logo. The NCAA must also approve the design in advance. Cost for this item is the responsibility of the LOC, unless a licensee donates it.
Hotel Room Needs.

**Basketball Committee/NCAA Staff Accommodations.** The NCAA staff and men’s basketball committee will arrive Sunday. A list of individuals who will stay at the headquarters hotel will be forwarded to the headquarters hotel on or about the Monday before the quarterfinals. Checkout will be Saturday after the national championship game.

Two of the rooms in the standard block are to be upgraded to parlor suites when possible for the basketball committee.

**Competing Institutions’ Responsibility.** Each competing institution is obligated to confirm or cancel the accommodations. An institution is not obligated to stay at the designated property; however, it is responsible for the cost of rooms if canceling its reservations and then securing its own accommodations. The participating institutions are responsible only for the rooms reserved. If an institution prefers to stay at another hotel, it must (1) obtain a release for the rooms (in writing) from the hotel manager; or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official traveling party. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for use of rooms with the hotel, full charges for the rooms will be billed to the institution.

**Complimentary Suite and Meeting Space.** One complimentary suite for the director of athletics or head coach and complimentary meeting space should be provided to each team as part of the block (if available).

**Early Departure.** The host shall familiarize the properties with the tournament format so the management understands in advance that a losing team customarily departs the area after its last game or the next morning.

**Officials Accommodations.** 13 rooms *(which must be at a separate hotel from the student-athletes)* for the officials. All hotel expenses (single room and tax, but not incidentals) for officials required to stay overnight at the championship site shall be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA.

During the week of the Elite Eight, the NCAA shall advise the hotel management of the game officials’ names. Otherwise, the game officials’ names shall be kept confidential.

**Reservations.** The team rooms should be reserved beginning Sunday night before the competition. It is possible that teams could arrive as early as Saturday.

**Room Blocks.** Every effort should be made to block each team’s rooms together on the same floor.

**Room Rate.** Room rates for the NCAA, press and participating teams must be comparable in range. The NCAA accepts standard complimentary policy of at least 1/50. The NCAA also will select a complimentary parlor for a meeting room. This will be provided outside the complimentary block.

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**Welcome Banners.**
The NCAA shall provide standard “welcome” banners for the headquarters hotel and team hotels (two for each property). It is requested that no signs with commercial identification be displayed in the hotels (except banquet). If the LOC chooses to distribute its own banners, the NCAA must approve the design in advance.

**Welcome Buttons.**

The LOC may choose to distribute welcome buttons, at its expense, to headquarters and team properties as part of developing a “look” throughout the city. The LOC must submit the design of the buttons for NCAA approval.

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SECTION VI: NCAA/HOST RESPONSIBILITY

NCAA PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Transportation and per diem reimbursement for the participating teams.
2. Transportation, lodging (room and tax), per diem and game fee for the 13 officials.
3. Transportation, lodging (room and tax) and per diem for the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee.
4. Awards.
5. Promotional assistance, including NCAA signage.
6. Basketballs for all championship contests and practices.
7. Bottled water, PowerAde, coolers, ice chests and cups.
8. Mementos for participants.
9. Championships programs.

HOST INSTITUTION AND/OR HOST AGENCY PROVIDES:

1. Facility for practices and competition.
2. Recommended practice facilities for teams that arrive early (no practice at competition site until the day prior to commencing of competition).
3. Key personnel—announcer, official scorer, etc.
4. Public relations coordination.
5. First aid/medical services.
6. Championships hospitality.
7. Championships banquet.
8. Food/beverage concessions.
9. Public address system.
10. Support personnel—ushers, ball persons, if possible, etc.
12. Media room (fully equipped).
13. Media seating/work area.
14. Media coordinator.
15. Committee meeting area (secured).
16. Officials’ room (secured).

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SECTION VII: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All times listed are Eastern but will be changed to match time zone of host.)
Sunday
7:30 p.m. Pre-championship meeting *(mandatory)* -- coaches, athletics directors, sports information directors, NCAA committee and Host/LOC representatives.

8:30 p.m. Pre-championship sports information directors meeting.

Monday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Practice sessions for teams.

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Pre-championship news conference.

7 to 9 p.m. Championship banquet -- official traveling parties of participating teams, committee and invited guests

9:30 p.m. Officials’ meeting.

Tuesday
7 to 11 a.m. Practice sessions for teams (closed to the public).

Noon Quarterfinal contest.

2:30 p.m. Quarterfinal contest.

6 p.m. Quarterfinal contest.

8:30 p.m. Quarterfinal contest.

Wednesday
Noon to 4 p.m. Team Practices

6 p.m. Semi-final (CBS Sports Network)

8:30 p.m. Semi-final (CBS Sports Network)
**Thursday**
1 p.m.              Press Conference

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.   Practice sessions for teams.

**Friday**
10 a.m.            Team practice

11 a.m.            Team practice

7 p.m.             Championship game  (CBS Sports Network)
SECTION VIII: VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Approximately 50 volunteers per day will be needed for assignments. Volunteers are typically needed in the following areas: media, ticketing, parking, merchandise sales, games management, videography, ball kids (four per game) and locker room attendants. The specific number of volunteers needed in these areas will depend on the set up of each operation.

It is required that a minimum of eight teams hosts are needed to assist each team during their stay in your city.

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