



Football

Football

I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. The Football Victory Bowl, and all events related thereto, are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA Football Committee and are subject to standards developed by these respective coaches and subsequent approval by the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the National Football Committee.
- B. The National Football Committee shall be appointed and approved annually by the National Office. The National Football Committee shall consist of the following: National Football Chair, National Football Vice-Chair, four football coaches, former football coaches, or athletic directors with broad geographical representation and a National Office **representative**. This committee shall have the responsibility to administer the Victory Bowl.

II. NATIONAL FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

- A. Composition and Term of Office
 - 1. The National Football Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Football Vice-Chair.
- B. Election
 - 1. The National Football Committee shall conduct an election of the National Football Chair and Vice-Chair from current committee members at an appropriate time.
 - 2. If a vacancy occurs on the National Football Committee, the National Football Chair shall, in coordination with the National Office, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.
- C. Duties of the National Football Committee
 - 1. Represent the interest of coaches and student-athletes to the National Football Committee.
 - 2. Propose revisions of the Victory Bowl operating policies and procedures to the Board of Directors.
 - 3. Assist in solicitation of bids for future Victory Bowl sites.
 - 4. Assist in gaining sponsorships for the Victory Bowl.
 - 5. Attend the Victory Bowl.
- D. Duties of the National Football Chair (see Forms & Procedures section, Item 31)
 - 1. Initiate, direct, and control the work of the National Football Committee.
 - 2. Communicate with the National Football Committee on issues requiring their input.
 - 3. Conduct meetings of the coaches and the committee at the Victory Bowl to provide opportunities for questions, suggestions, and recommendations regarding the conduct of the Victory Bowl Game.
 - 4. Supervise and assist the Victory Bowl Game Director with planning and conducting the Victory Bowl.
 - 5. Invite coaches of all NCCAA participating institutions to the coaches' meeting and request that agenda items and nominations for National Football Committee vacancies be sent to the National Football Chair.
 - 6. Submit proposed revisions of the operating procedures (Football section of the NCCAA Handbook) to the Director of Membership no later than one month after the Victory Bowl.
 - 7. Solicit nominations from all coaches and conduct the election of committee members within a month following the National Invitational. Submit a report of the election to the NCCAA Director of Membership.
- E. Officers
 - Chair: Geno DeMarco, Geneva College
 - Vice-Chair: TBA

III. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Institution Eligibility
 - 1. Only teams that are in good standing with the NCCAA shall be eligible. Good standing shall include all dues paid in full and free from any sanctions imposed by the NCCAA.

2. Football Associate Membership – An institution that joins the NCCAA as an associate member with the intent of participating in the annual Victory Bowl is eligible for all benefits of a full member in regard to Football only.

B. Team Eligibility

All NCCAA member institutions must file a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by August 31 for all varsity sports with the National Office (see Forms & Procedures section).

C. Individual Eligibility

NCCAA only member institutions must file an affidavit of eligibility (see Eligibility section) to the Director of Membership no later than the date of their first contest (including scrimmage). Dual members with NAIA, NCAA II, and NCAA III must send the NCCAA Dually Affiliated Eligibility form to the Director of Membership.

IV. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Rules:** Victory Bowl shall follow the NCAA rules with NAIA modifications. Balls to be used shall be provided by the host.

B. Rule Book

Official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Football Rules. To obtain rules, visit www.ncaapublications.com.

C. Statistics

Complete and accurate statistical information must be submitted to the NCCAA in the form of .XML game files, following the steps outlined at www.thenccaa.org/helpcenter, and using only one of the approved stats programs (DakStats, Genius Sports, PrestoSports, StatCrew). Game files must be submitted to the NCCAA within 48 hours after the game. However, the mandatory deadline for weekly game files to be uploaded to the NCCAA website is Tuesday at noon ET. Any amount of missing game files in a week shall count as a missed report. Any game files submitted from a non-approved stats program shall count as a missed report. **Once statistical reporting begins, missing or incomplete game schedules may result in multiple penalties being issued at the discretion of the National Office.**

The penalties for not reporting statistics or for being late are:

1. 1st offense: email or letter of notice of the violation.
2. 2nd offense: email or letter of warning of the violation.
3. 3rd offense: \$100 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first.
4. 4th offense: \$250 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first, a loss of postseason awards for the applicable athletes and/or team, the team shall become ineligible for statistical reports and ratings for the remainder of the season, and any further penalties at the discretion of the Administration Committee (e.g., ineligible for postseason play).

It is the responsibility of each institution to contact the National Office regarding any technical problems experienced in submitting weekly statistics. Proper communication can prevent team penalties.

Regular Season Neutral Site Tournament Statistics: The host institution of regular Season tournaments (e.g., classic, tri-match, or any multi-team event of the like that an institution hosts, regardless of venue or if the host institution is competing) is responsible for recording official statistics, for all participating teams, for those sports in which a weekly national statistical report is conducted. Missing statistics from a regular season tournament shall be considered a missing statistical report for the host institution, regardless if the host competed (other participants of the tournament shall not be considered to have a missed stats report the first week, but the following week shall be considered to have missed a stats report if still missing). Note: If the host sent files to opponents and opponents failed to update the files in time, the host shall not be penalized.

D. Frequency of Play and Practice Guidelines

Each sport in the NCCAA has 24 weeks between August 1 and May 15 to conduct practices and competitions. Each sport has a maximum and minimum number of contests in the regular season. Football is allowed 11 total contests and must have a minimum of eight games to be eligible for postseason competition. Each sport has a

specified date to begin practice and to conduct its first contest. Football can start practice 24 days prior to the first allowable game, not to exceed August 1. The first allowable contest cannot be before the fourth Thursday in August. More details can be found in the Sport Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.

E. Power Rating

The power rating dates shall start three weeks prior to the week of the Victory Bowl. **There shall be a total of three consecutive weeks of power ratings.** If a team has regular season games after the final power rating, the final power rating shall be updated with the additional regular season dates for the National Football Committee to use in selection and seeding.

F. NCCAA Adjustment to Practice Guidelines

1. Beginning on the first day of practice for each student, a five-day acclimatization period is required for all student-athletes, and should be conducted as follows:
 - a. Days 1-2: Helmets are the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear.
 - b. Days 3-4: Helmets and shoulder pads are the only pieces of protective equipment student-athletes may wear.
 - c. Day 5 and thereafter: Student-athletes may practice in full pads and utilize any protective equipment.
2. Prior to a team's first competition, each student is limited to a maximum of four total hours per day of on-field and/or physical activity, which includes all on-field practice, skills work, conditioning, and walkthrough sessions that are organized or directed by an identified member of the coaching staff. Within those four total hours, the following restrictions apply:
 - a. A student is limited to a maximum of three total hours per day of physical activities, including skill work, on-field practice, and conditioning sessions.
 - b. Following each physical activity, a three-hour recovery period must be provided, during which students may not engage in on-field or physical activity or weight training. However, when a physical activity is interrupted due to unforeseen catastrophes or weather conditions, the three-hour recovery period is not required.
 - c. On-field walkthrough sessions are permitted provided no protective equipment is worn, footballs are the only football implements used, and no conditioning takes place.

V. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A. Date and Site

1. Date
 - a. The NCCAA Football Victory Bowl date shall be the weekend after regular season competition. The exact dates shall be posted on the annual NCCAA National Invitational schedule.
 - b. The date of the Football Victory Bowl shall be approved by vote of the National Football Committee and presented to the member institutions.
 - c. The date of the Football Victory Bowl shall be determined five years in advance.
 - d. Victory Bowl dates:
November 23, 2024
November 22, 2025
November 21, 2026
November 20, 2027
2. Site
 - a. The NCCAA Football Victory Bowl shall be hosted at the highest seeded team selected to participate in the event. The NCCAA Board of Directors shall have the final decision.
 - b. The host institution must take total responsibility for the financial and organizational aspects of the Victory Bowl and follow recommended NCCAA policies and procedures.
 - c. A Victory Bowl Director shall be assigned by the host.
 - d. Site for the Football Victory Bowl must conform to all regulations outlined in the NCAA with NAIA modifications rule book.
 - e. Game time must start at or before 1:00 p.m.

B. Guidelines

1. Officials
 - a. Officials must be NCAA or NAIA rated officials.
 - b. The Victory Bowl Director shall select and assign officials in consultation with the National Football Chair. The host shall cover the cost of the officials.

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- c. It is expected that seven to eight officials be used.
 2. Christian Service Project (CSP)
At a convenient time during the Victory Bowl weekend, the teams shall participate in a CSP set up by the host, which shall be at least an hour of service in the community. This should be a hands-on service activity. Generally, the CSP should occur on Friday morning or afternoon.
 3. Chaplain
The Victory Bowl Chaplain shall be provided by the National Office. The host shall provide lodging and meals for the chaplain.
 4. Fan Information
Communicate all details for fans to the National Office to be put on the website (e.g., fan accommodations, ticket information, etc.).
 5. Banquet
A banquet shall be provided by the host on Friday with a speaker who provides a spiritual challenge.
 6. Lodging
The Host shall arrange for a hotel that the visiting team can use and at special team pricing.
 7. Prior to the Game
 - a. Each team shall submit a team personnel roster to the host no later than a week before the Victory Bowl. The roster shall include only players, coaches, trainers, and school administrators. Only those on the roster shall receive a Victory Bowl credential.
 - b. Team must arrange to exchange game video tape.
 8. Expenses
 - a. Expenses shall be absorbed by the host institution.
 - b. The host shall keep all gate and concession money.
 - c. After expenses, profits shall be divided among participating institutions according to their expenses.
 9. Advertising
The NCCAA Football Committee and the host institution shall not accept advertising or promote in any way the marketing or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs in connection with the NCCAA policies.
 10. Roster Size and Traveling Party
The official party is made up of participants, defined as student-athletes, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, and any staff member who travels with a competing team.

The official party for each team participating in NCCAA Victory Bowl competition is 75 individuals, which includes –65 student-athletes in uniform, 10 additional personnel (which can include coaches, managers, athletic trainers, sports information staff, additional student-athletes not in uniform, and/or other institutional personnel) to be used at the discretion of each participating institution.

A player may be replaced on the official roster between the Regional Tournament and the NCCAA National Championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the Official Eligibility Form for the current season.

When a roster is submitted to the NCCAA Communications Coordinator, it shall serve as the Official Roster for the National Championship competition.

- a. Each head coach can amend his/her roster with the NCCAA Director of Championships at the coaches meeting (at the championship coaches meeting on site).
 - b. Once the coaches' meeting is concluded, a team's roster shall be deemed certified, and no changes can be made for the duration of the championship.
 - c. Once the championship begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster with no exceptions, including the event of injury, illness, or family emergency.
 - d. Additional people (which can include coaches, managers, athletic trainers, sports information staff, additional student-athletes not in uniform, and/or other institutional personnel) must also be registered on the Official Roster to be permitted in the team only areas.
 - e. Any additional university personnel above the travel and roster numbers need to be outside of official championships areas (e.g., bench areas, batting cages, etc.), and the university shall assume any additional cost associated with additional numbers to the travel party.
11. Pre-Game Protocol
The teams involved shall have access to the playing field no more than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled

time of play. If using a facility off campus, that facility should have accessibility for three hours before game time.

12. Game Day Personnel

Game Day personnel shall be provided by the host.

13. Victory Bowl Broadcasting

NCCAA Victory Bowl web streaming shall be provided by the host institution. The NCCAA owns exclusive rights for all broadcasts (television, webcast, radio, etc.) and filming of its championship meets, tournaments, and games. All institutions or entities interested in producing a broadcast of any kind must first obtain written approval from the NCCAA Director of Communications. Approval is not guaranteed. If approved, all rights fees must be paid to the National Office in advance of the broadcast. Institutions interested in filming/video recording the game or event action for short highlight purposes must first obtain written approval from the Director of Communications. Request credentials at

thenccaa.org/mediacredentials. See the full Media & Broadcasting Policies at thenccaa.org/mediapolicies.

Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in this Google Drive ten days prior to the bowl game: Up to date full season stats (individual and team), schedule with results, 8-10 story lines for broadcasters; and a StatCrew roster file.

14. Web and Video Streaming

a. Web streaming shall be through the NCCAA Network only via BlueFrame Technology. No other streaming platforms, including social media platforms, may be used simultaneously or after the event concludes without the written consent of the NCCAA. The Victory Bowl shall be pay-per-view at the rate set by the National Office. Video stream must be a minimum two-camera production with two commentators.

b. If host does not agree to these terms or cannot provide a quality stream, the host must either relinquish hosting rights or allow NCCAA Network crew to produce the stream. If NCCAA Network crew produces the stream, host shall provide adequate space, power supply, and internet capabilities for the production kit and needs for the broadcast. The host is responsible for providing NCCAA Network staff with housing at host hotel (three rooms, including arrival on the day before event and departure on the day after event), access to hospitality/VIP rooms, and event all-access passes.

15. Pictures

The host institution shall provide a photographer/digital pictures of the CSP, game pictures, banquet pictures, individual awards, and the winning team picture, which is to be sent immediately). Send all digital pictures within one hour to bgilmore@thenccaa.org.

16. Additional Meals

It is recommended that breakfast be provided before the CSP on Friday. The National Office shall arrange for a Chick-fil-A meal after the game on Saturday.

17. Victory Bowl T-shirts

All Victory Bowl apparel shall be provided by Fine Designs, the official provider for NCCAA. The host institution shall work with the Fine Designs staff to provide adequate space and power supply throughout the event. A percentage of net sales shall be returned to the host from the NCCAA. The winning team shall receive 105 complimentary t-shirts. Shirts should be delivered to the host, and the host makes sure it is managed with the winning team.

18. Medical Assistance

a. The home team shall have a doctor or EMT and a NATA certified trainer present at all times.

b. An ambulance and EMTs shall be present 15 minutes prior and 15 minutes post game. Medical transportation shall be provided by the home team.

c. The visiting team shall be required to travel with a NATA certified trainer.

d. Teams should bring their own training supplies.

e. Ice and water shall be provided by the home team for both sidelines.

19. Uniform colors

Uniform colors shall be assigned prior to the game by the Game Director of the Victory Bowl in consultation with the National Chair.

C. Format of Victory Bowl

1. Format

All the teams submitting a Declaration of Intent to Participate in the Victory Bowl are eligible to participate. The Victory Bowl shall be one game between two teams selected by the Football Committee.

2. Selection of Teams

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- a. The two highest seeded teams, based on the NCCAA Power Rating System, that are available to participate shall be selected to the Victory Bowl. The NCCAA Football Committee has oversight to the selection process. The team must be .500 to be considered for the Victory Bowl.
 - b. The Selection of Teams shall be made the previous Sunday before the scheduled event.
 3. Tentative Schedule of events for Victory Bowl Weekend
 - a. Thursday: teams arrive
 - b. Friday:
 - 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Breakfast
 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: CSP
 - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Luncheon for both teams with speaker
 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Team A Workout
 - 2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: Team B Workout
 - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Coaches' Meeting
 - c. Saturday:
 - 7:30 a.m.: Pre-Game meal
 - Access to field
 - Pre-Game: Coin toss, national anthem, prayer, etc.
 - Kickoff
 - Chick-fil-A meal provided by the National Office
 - d. Game times and dates may be adjusted to accommodate any Seventh Day Adventist member institution's Sabbath.
- D. Victory Bowl Director
1. Plans the Victory Bowl with the approval of the Director of Membership and the National Football Chair.
 2. Sends all Victory Bowl information and deadline dates to the NCCAA, eligible institutions, and head coaches.
 3. Plans emergency medical procedures.
 4. Contacts all media for coverage.
 5. Keeps a detailed accounting of all income and expenditures.
 6. Submits a National Championship Reporting Form to the Director of Membership within five days of the event. (See Forms and Procedures section, Item 26.)
 7. Electronically sends a high-resolution photograph of the championship team to the National Office (jcampbell@thenccaa.org) within an hour of the event.
 8. Provides game stats.
- E. Victory Bowl Committee
1. Responsibilities
 - a. Ethical Behavior
 - 1.) Observe the behavior of the student-athletes, coaches, and other team personnel for the duration of the National Championship.
 - 2.) Promote standards of ethical behavior during competitive events and throughout the championship. This can be accomplished by general reminders to individuals and teams during the championship and reinforced by more specific communication. If unacceptable behavior occurs, this committee has the right and obligation to act on the issue. This may include a reprimand with official notice to the institution.
 - b. Make on-site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that affect the conduct of the Victory Bowl (e.g., extreme weather conditions).
 - c. Make sure all teams follow the NCCAA Code of Ethics signed by coaches and the NCCAA #KingChasing Commitment by student-athletes (on file in the National Office).
 2. Protests
 - a. Assure that protest procedures, as indicated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA with NAIA modifications) Rule Book, have been followed.
 - b. Act on all appropriate protests.

VI. AWARDS

The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Invitationals and Championships. Team and National awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office.

A. Victory Bowl Awards

Four awards are provided. Victory Bowl Banner and Champion Award, Victory Bowl Participant Plaque, Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game, and Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game.

B. All-NCCAA Team

1. An All-NCCAA Team shall be honored with a certificate.
 - a. Each coach may nominate their players by position. The list shall be tabulated and sent out for a vote by all the coaches.
 - b. The individual receiving the highest total for offense shall be the Offensive Player of the Year and for defense shall be the Defensive Player of the Year.
 - c. Votes shall be tabulated the National Football Chair.
 - d. Votes shall be completed by December 15.
2. Selection of the All-NCCAA team shall include the following positions:
 - a. All-NCCAA Offense
A first and second team shall be selected and include one quarterback, two running backs, two wide receivers, one tight end, one wide receiver or special athlete, five offensive linemen.
 - b. All-NCCAA Defense
A first and second team shall be selected and include four defensive linemen, three linebackers, four defensive backs, and one linebacker or special athlete.
 - c. All-NCCAA Special Teams
A first and second team shall be selected and include one place kicker, one return specialist, and one punter.
3. Selection process for the All-NCCAA team:
 - a. Nomination forms are sent to all coaches to be returned by December 5.
 - b. Ballots are sent to all coaches with all nominations by position by December 12.
 - c. Coaches shall vote for each position in rank order and returned to the National Chair.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. NCCAA Certified Athletic Trainer Policy

Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) are required at each hosted NCCAA Member home event, NCCAA Regional Championship, and National Championship. For hosted contest in cross country, golf, and tennis, institutions may have a trainer able to respond within three to five minutes or athletic personnel with training in CPR, AED usage, first aid, and prevention of disease transmission present at the event. The ATC must be certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC), or an equivalent affiliation, and maintain a current license in the state of practice. Please reference the policy in the Sports Policies and Procedures section.

B. Code of Conduct

Conduct in competition policy found in Infractions and Penalties section IV.A. shall be followed by all NCCAA-only institutions during regular season and postseason competition. It shall be followed by all NCCAA institutions for Regional and National Championship competition. Any coach or student-athlete ejected from play shall be subject to penalties found in this policy. It is the responsibility of the offending institution to provide a report to its Regional Coordinator within five days of the incident. Please see the Infractions and Penalties section noted above for more details related to the Code of Conduct in Competition Policy.

C. Meetings

1. The NCCAA Football Coaches and Athletics Directors Meeting shall be held at a convenient time for those attending the Invitational for the purpose of reviewing and proposing policy and procedural revisions and changes. If votes or count are taken on any topic, only one vote per institution shall be counted. Since the primary purpose of the meeting is solicitation of coaches' suggestions, the head coach's vote shall be counted if more than one representative from an institution is attending. The National Football Chair must send any desired changes in procedures to the Director of Membership for presentation to the Administrative Committee for a recommendation to the NCCAA Board of Directors. Any major policy changes must have received responses from at least 50% of the coaches and their Athletics Directors (one vote per school).
2. The National Football Committee meeting, open only to committee members or their appointees, shall also be held for the purpose of selecting awards.

D. Handbook Proposal Process

Should changes to a sport specific section or the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook be desired, the following process shall be followed:

1. Coaching group may propose changes to their sport handbook.
2. Coaching group votes to present proposal(s) to the Administration Committee of the Board of Directors.
3. The Administration Committee of the Board of Directors votes to accept or reject the proposal.
4. Proposals for change may also come from the Sports Information Committee, **Competition Committee**, Eligibility Committee, or Handbook Committee, which are all subcommittees of the Administration Committee of the Board of Directors.
5. All proposals must come in written form and identify which section of the Handbook is being addressed.
6. All proposals must have a vote of support.
7. All proposals must be submitted for consideration to the Administration Committee of the Board of Directors by May 15 for possible inclusion for the upcoming academic year.

Appendix A

NCCAA POWER RATINGS

I. FORMULA

(Results Pts + Location Pts) x (Opp. Affiliation + Opp. Win % + Ranked Opp.) = Individual Game Power Points

1. Results						
	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Football	Soccer	Volleyball	
a. if win by	6+ runs	15+ points	14+ points	3+ goals	in 3 sets	3 points
b. if win by	-	11-14 points		-	-	2.75 points
c. if win by	3-5 runs	8-10 points	7-13 points	2 goals	in 4 sets	2.5 points
d. if win by	-	4-7 points		-	-	2.25 points
e. if win by	1-2 runs	1-3 points	1-6 points	1 goal	in 5 sets	2 points
f. if a tie	-	-	-	-	-	1.75 points
g. if a loss by	1-2 runs	1-3 points	1-6 points	1 goal	in 5 sets	1.5 points
h. if a loss by	-	4-7 points		-	-	1.25 points
i. if a loss by	3-5 runs	8-10 points	7-13 points	2 goals	in 4 sets	1 point
j. if a loss by	-	11-14 points		-	-	0.75 points
k. if a loss by	6+ runs	15+ points	14+ points	3+ goals	in 3 sets	0.5 points

2. Location					
a. if away	0.25 points	b. if neutral	0.125 points	c. if home	0 points

3. Opponent's Affiliation (multiplier)	
a. NCAA I	x 2.9
b. NCAA II / U Sports	x 2.5
c. NAIA	x 2.2
d. NCAA III / NCCAA I / CCAA	x 1.8
e. NCCAA II	x 1.5
f. Other Countable Opponents^	x 1.0

4. Opponent's Winning %*	
a. .1.000 %	Add 1.00
b. .800 - .999 %	Add 0.80
c. .600 - .799 %	Add 0.60
d. .400 - .599 %	Add 0.40
e. .200 - .399 %	Add 0.20
f. .000 - .199 %	Add 0.00

5. Ranked Opponent*
National rankings of affiliations in lines a. - e.
Add 0.20

II. Power Points

- A. The sum of the criteria of Nos. 1-2, multiplied by the sum of Nos. 3-5 determines power points for a game. The maximum points for a contest is 13.325 (win on the road against 1.000 NCAA I Top 25 team). The minimum points for a game is 0.5 (loss at home against .199 or lower other countable opponent).
- B. The power rating is determined by adding the power points for the regular season and dividing by the number of games (to the third decimal place). Postseason contests shall not be included.

III. FORFEITS

Forfeits awarded **for completed contests** shall count toward power ratings or minimum number of games requirement for inclusion in power ratings (e.g., ineligible player, conduct issues, etc.). Forfeits awarded for games not played shall not count toward power ratings (e.g., teams not showing up, not honoring contracts, etc.).

IV. REPORTING

The National Office shall calculate each school's power rating. Each institution and region is responsible for reviewing the release to ensure their rating's accuracy. See sport handbooks for reporting dates and how power ratings are used within each sport. Power ratings shall be released by Tuesday evening per each sport's reporting dates. See region handbooks for how ratings are used within the region. Visit www.thenccaa.org/handbook.

*Opponent's winning percentage and national ranking shall be through the Sunday before the reporting date. When a report is released, winning percentages and rankings for that report, will not be updated for future reports. National rankings only include teams within the rankings. Teams who receive votes are not considered ranked.

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^Other countable opponents must be an NCCAA countable game per definition in Frequency of Contest section of the NCCAA handbook. Uni-Division sports, such as Baseball & Softball, follow Division I countable opponents rules.

A final power rating shall only be given to teams who meet the minimum number of games requirement for the specific sport. Each sport has a progression of min. number of games (listed below) to be included in each rating that is released. (R1=Report 1, etc.)

Baseball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Basketball - R1=12, R2=15, R3=18; Football - R1=6, R2=7, R3=8; Soccer - R1=8, R2=10; Softball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Volleyball (M) – R1=8, R2=10, R3=12; Volleyball (W) – R1=10, R2=13, R3=16.

Note: These Power Ratings are designed to measure past performance, not necessarily to predict future outcomes.