NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Men's Basketball

Division II

Men's Basketball Division II

I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Administration
The NCCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship and all events related thereto are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA Division II Men's Basketball coaches and are subject to standards developed by these respective coaches and subsequent approval of the NCCAA Board of Directors.

B. National Committee for Basketball
The National Committee to oversee regular competition.
1. Composition and Term of Office
   a. The National Basketball Committee shall consist of the National Basketball Chair (who serves as chair of the committee), the National Basketball Vice-Chair, and the Regional Basketball Chairs. An NCCAA National Office representative shall serve as a non-voting member.
   b. The National Basketball Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Basketball Vice-Chair.
2. Election
   a. The Regional Coaches, in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator, shall conduct an election of the Regional Basketball Chair to the National Basketball Committee at an appropriate time. The term of office for the Regional Basketball Chair shall be determined by each individual region.
   b. If a vacancy occurs on the National Basketball Committee, the National Basketball Chair shall, in coordination with the Regional Coordinator, upon approval of the rest of the committee, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.
3. Duties of the National Basketball Committee (see Bylaws section)
   a. Represent the interests of coaches and student-athletes.
   b. Propose revisions of the National Championship operating policies and procedures to the Board of Directors.
   c. Assist in solicitation of bids for future championship sites.
   d. Submit the top players in each region as All-American nominees.
4. Duties of the National Basketball Chair (also see National Sport Chair Job Description in Forms & Procedures section)
   a. Initiate, direct, and control the work of the National Basketball Committee.
   b. Communicate with the National Basketball Committee on issues requiring its input.
   c. Conduct meetings of the coaches and the committee at the National Championship to provide opportunities for questions, suggestions, and recommendations regarding the conduct of the championships.
   d. Supervise and assist the Tournament Director of the National Championship with planning and conducting the National Championship.
   e. Invite coaches of all NCCAA participating institutions to the coaches' meeting and request agenda items.
   f. Submit proposed revisions of the operating procedures (Basketball section of the NCCAA Handbook) to the NCCAA Director of Membership by the deadlines listed in the National Handbook Proposal Process.
   g. Assist Regional Coordinators in selecting Regional Sport Chairs as needed.

C. Championship Committee
The National Championship Committee shall be officially determined by October 15 of each year.
1. Membership
   a. The committee shall be composed of the Tournament Director of the National Championship, the National Basketball Chair, or his/her appointee from the National Basketball Committee, and an NCCAA National Office representative.
   b. If a member of the Championship Committee is directly or indirectly involved in a protest submitted, this individual shall be replaced by an appointee of the National Basketball Chair.
   c. Three members must be present for action to be taken.
2. 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 with/via the Director of Membership.

b. Write a report of all cases on which this committee acts.
c. Make on-site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that affect the conduct of the championship (e.g., extreme weather conditions).
d. Make sure all teams follow the NCCAA #KingChasing Code of Ethics signed by coaches and the NCCAA #KingChasing Commitment by student-athletes (on file in the National Office).

3. Protests
   a. Ensure that protest procedures, as indicated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA with NAIA modifications) Rulebook, have been followed.
   b. Act on all appropriate protests.

D. Officers
Chair: Brian Fincham, Faith Baptist Bible College
Vice-Chair: Michael McCarty, Boyce College

E. Election of Sport Chair and Vice-Chair
A National Basketball Chair and a Vice-Chair are elected to serve 3-year terms. The Vice-Chair replaces the National Basketball Chair after 3 years to serve as the National Basketball Chair. Selection must be by more than 50% of the total number of coaches in the NCCAA and shall be conducted by email vote.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A. Institution Eligibility
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 restricting institutional eligibility.

B. Team Eligibility
All NCCAA member institutions must file a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by August 15 or 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 NCCAA Director of Membership no later than the date of their first contest (including scrimmage). Dual members with CCAA, NAIA, NCAA II, and NCAA III must confirm eligibility is being filed for all sports in compliance with their primary affiliation on the Membership Directory & Dues Form.

III. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Official Rule Book
Basketball (Men): National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball Rules. To obtain rules, visit www.ncaapublications.com.

B. Game Limits
There is a 28 game limit. (A student who participates in a varsity contest and a junior varsity contest on the same day and at the same location, is considered to have participated only in one game. A student may invoke this exception a maximum of 10 times during an academic year.) It is the responsibility of each coaching staff to ensure that each student-athlete does not exceed the maximum of 10 exceptions in an academic year.

C. Procedure for Reporting 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 statistical programs (DakStats, Genius Sports, PrestoSports, StatCrew, or StatInput). Game files must be submitted to the NCCAA within 24 hours after the game and visiting team appeals are required to be filed with the home team within 48 hours following the conclusion of the contest. 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 statistical 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 statistical report the first week, but the following week shall be considered to have missed a statistical 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.

Postseason Statistics: NCCAA members must upload files by the weekly deadline for all postseason play (conference tournament, regional championship, national championship, etc.). In NCCAA postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host to record official statistics and the responsibility of the higher seed to upload files. Failure to upload files by the weekly deadline is subject to penalty, including fines.

D. National Rankings
   1. There shall be six Regional Sport Chairs to serve on the Division II Men's Basketball Rating Committee.
   2. National Rankings Voting Procedures
      a. The coaches' poll voting shall be conducted by the National Chair, in conjunction with regional representatives, and be reported to the NCCAA Director of Communications.
      b. Each Regional Sport Chair shall be the regional rater and voter.
      c. Regional raters are responsible for submitting regional ratings to the National Chair, who shall then send out all regional ratings to voters. Raters should include explanation/summary as to why teams are rated where they are. Raters may work to get feedback from region teams when developing the regional ratings.
      d. Regional raters shall then select the top 10 teams nationally and send to the National Chair. The National Chair shall tally all votes and must send the final ranking along with each regional rating to the NCCAA Director of Communications by 11:00 a.m. (ET) each Tuesday that has a ranking.
      e. When casting votes for the national rankings, voters must follow the order of the regional ratings.
      f. Ties shall be broken by: 1) number of ballot appearances; 2) most votes in highest place; and 3) winning percentage. The team winning the tie-breaker shall receive one additional point.
      g. There shall be bi-weekly rankings through the conclusion of the regular season, with a final postseason ranking the week following the National Championship.
      h. National Office serves as the oversight committee.

E. NCCAA Power Rating System
   1. See Appendix D for the NCCAA Power Rating System.
   2. Each member institution must meet all statistical requirements (see section III.C above).
   3. There shall be a total of three consecutive weeks of power ratings, with the final power rating released the Wednesday prior to the Regional Completion Deadline. 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 Basketball Committee to use in selection and seeding.

F. 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. Basketball has a maximum of 28 games and a minimum of 18 games. Each sport has a specified date to begin practice and to conduct their first

contest. Basketball's start date for practices, scrimmages, and exhibitions is 38 days prior to the first allowable competition date. The first allowable contest is the fourth Thursday in October. More details can be found in the Sport Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.

G. Rules Education

All coaches, new and returning, must complete an annual online rules education training program. For NCCAA-only members, this includes all paid and voluntary head, associate, assistant, and graduate assistant coaches. For dually affiliated members, this includes all head coaches. New coaches must complete the required training within the first 60 days of hire or prior to the coach's first competition, whichever is earlier. Returning coaches and staff members must complete the required training prior to the earliest start date for competition for any sport sponsored by the institution. More details can be found online at the NCCAA Member Help Center.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A. Site and Date

1. Regional finals must be concluded on or before the Saturday two weeks prior to the week of the National Championship. Regions with dually affiliated members (e.g., NCAA III) must conclude on or before the Wednesday one week prior to the week of the National Championship.
2. Dates of the National Championship for the upcoming years are as follows:

Regionals Completed	National Championship	Site
February 27, 2027*	March 10-13, 2027	Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL
February 26, 2028*	March 8-11, 2028	Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL
February 24, 2029*	March 7-10, 2029	Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL
February 23, 2030*	March 6-9, 2030	TBA
TBA, 2031	TBA, 2031	TBA

*Regions with dually affiliated members (e.g., NCAA III) must conclude on or before the Wednesday one week prior to the week of the National Championship.

B. Bid Procedure for Hosting

1. Institutions shall submit the bid form (sample bid form found in the Forms & Procedures section) to the National Office.
2. A copy of the bid shall be sent to the National Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. The bid shall be reviewed by the coaches at the National Coaches' meeting or via email and they shall make a recommendation to the National Sports Chair and the National Office. The final decision shall be made by the National Office in concert with the sport leadership.
4. Sites for all championship games must conform to all minimum regulations with reference to the court and all related appurtenances as listed in the official NCAA Rule Book.

C. General Guidelines

1. Publicity

   Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive 10 days prior to the National Championship: Official team roster and travel party on Google Docs Form (completely filled out), high resolution team photo, player headshots, and any other requested information. Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive five days prior to the National Championship: Up-to-date full season statistics (individual & team), schedule with results, story lines for broadcasters; a BRO roster file, and action photos.
2. Squad 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 National Basketball Championship competition is 23 individuals, which includes 17 student-athletes in uniform and six 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 National Office, 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 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 needs 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.

3. Championship Reimbursement Policy
A Championship reimbursement fund called Future Generations shall reimburse member schools for championship expenses when teams qualify. The amounts and policy guidelines are listed in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.
4. Required Functions to Attend
Teams that advance to the Men's Basketball National Championship are required to attend and participate in the National Championship Banquet/Worship Event, the Christian Service Project, the Coaches Meeting, and Contests. Arriving late to the championship or not attending/participating in these required functions shall be considered failure to comply with its Declaration of Intent to Participate. The sanction for failure to comply with the Declaration of Intent to Participate is the sport being placed on Restrictive Probation for the following academic year with the potential for additional penalties up to all sports at that institution being placed on Restrictive Probation.
5. Practice
Practice for participating teams shall be arranged through the Tournament Director of the National Championship.
6. Game Link
All National Championship participating teams shall make the most recent games available for sharing with opponents within 48 hours of the National Championship field being set.
7. Timeouts
Teams shall receive the allotted number of timeouts per game as stipulated in the NCAA Rule Book (four 75-second timeouts that can be used at any time plus two 30-second timeouts that can be used at any time), in addition to one media timeout per half at the first dead ball after the 10 minute mark that shall be a 75-second timeout. If a full 75-second timeout is called before the 10 minute mark by either team in each half, that timeout becomes the media timeout for that half.
8. Warmup
In the 10-team format, the following warm-up protocol applies based on either a two-site model or the one-site, two-gym model:

a. Two-Site Model
    1) Fifteen-minute pre-game warm-up (minimum) and 15-minute halftime for opening round, quarterfinals, and consolation games.
    2) Twenty-minute pre-game warm-up (minimum) and 15-minute halftime for semifinals and championship games.
b. One-Site, Two-Gym Model
    1) Ten-minute pre-game warm-up (minimum) and 10-minute halftime for opening round and quarterfinals.
    2) Twenty-minute pre-game warm-up (minimum) and 15-minute halftime for consolation, semifinals, and championship games.

9. Shoot Around
Halftime shoot around protocol shall be the following:

a. Ten-Minute Halftime: Teams in the upcoming game shall receive the first seven minutes to shoot around and the teams playing in the game shall receive the final three minutes to shoot around.
b. Fifteen-Minute Halftime: Teams in the upcoming game shall receive the first ten minutes to shoot around and teams playing in the game shall receive the final five minutes to shoot around.

10. Insurance
    Each participating institution shall be required to furnish its own accident, medical, life, and travel insurance.
11. National Basketball Chair
    At the time the National Basketball Chair arrives at the championship site, he/she shall become the Tournament Director of the National Championship. If the National Basketball Chair is a participant in the championship, the Vice-Chair shall assume these responsibilities. If the Vice-Chair is also involved, then a duly designated representative of the NCCAA shall assume these responsibilities. His/her expenses to and from the National Championship, and those incurred while there, are to be covered by the Host Institution.
12. Game Equipment
    a. Uniforms: Each participating team in the National Championship shall bring a complete set of light and dark uniforms for the championship. These uniforms should meet all rule specifications in numbering and lettering.
    b. Basketballs: The ball used during the games at the National Championship shall be provided by Wilson and the model is the EVO NXT. Upon completion of the National Championship, each participating institution shall receive one of the balls provided by Wilson. Six practice balls are available to participating teams during practice times and before the start of each half of the game in which they are participating.
13. Game Officials – Policy for National Championship Officials
    a. Game referees are to be assigned by a collegiate assignor and be an NCAA or NAIA certified official.
    b. A three-man crew shall be assigned to all games.
    c. Auxiliary Officials
       The official scorekeeper and the official timekeeper of the National Championship shall wear striped officials' shirts to better facilitate visibility by players and referees alike. These officials (along with the public address announcer) shall be assigned by the Tournament Director of the National Championship and shall be considered representatives of the national organization.
    d. Official individual and team statistics of each championship game shall be kept by an official statistician and shall be provided to the National Office and made available to all NCCAA coaches in attendance.
14. Decorum
    a. Bench Decorum: All coaches are reminded to know the NCCAA Code of Conduct and read Rule 10.9 and 10.10 in the NCAA Rulebook concerning the bench behavior of coaches and players. The National Basketball Chair has the right to discuss such behavior with any offending coach or player and/or to bring the matter before the entire body for corrective action.
    b. Fan Decorum:
       1) All fans are to remain in the spectator area during the games and during the warm-up period immediately prior to each game. No fans shall be on the playing surface until after the final game of the day.
       2) The National Basketball Chair, or his/her delegated representative(s), have the right to confront unsportsmanlike behavior on the part of a fan or fan groups. Artificial noisemakers are not allowed.
    c. All signs posted in the gym during the National Championship must have the approval of the Tournament Director of the National Championship.
15. Tickets
    Each member of the official party (coaches, players, managers, cheerleaders, and institution administrators) of the participating teams shall be provided a championship pass in the packet given to each coach as they check in at the host hotel. **NOTE**: A maximum of 23 passes shall be allotted.
16. National Championship Broadcasting
    The NCCAA owns exclusive rights for all broadcasts (television, webcast, radio, etc.). When the NCCAA produces a webcast, no institution or entity is allowed to produce a webcast. All institutions interested in producing a broadcast of any kind must first obtain written approval from the NCCAA Director of Communications. Approval is not guaranteed. More information, including rights fees, is found in the Sports Policies and Procedures section.
17. National Anthem
    Each game shall begin with prayer and each session with the *Star Spangled Banner*.
18. Game Times
    The schedule of games and/or matches shall be determined in conjunction with the National Chair, the Tournament Director of the National Championship, and the NCCAA National Office. Preference shall be given to the higher seeded teams to advance with the most amount of rest and/or best playing conditions. The host shall be given the opportunity to schedule its opening round game at a time that allows for the best hometown fan attendance. Game times and dates may be adjusted to accommodate any Seventh Day Adventist member institution's Sabbath.

19. National Championship Housing
    All teams are required to lodge in the hotel(s) designated by the host institution or city for this championship. Lodging at an unapproved location shall be considered failure to comply with its Declaration of Intent to Participate and shall result in loss of eligibility for championship travel reimbursement in addition to a fine of $1,000.
20. Christian Service Project
    Each team shall be expected to be involved in ministry that shall provide service to the community. This shall be coordinated by the Tournament Director of the National Championship.

D. Format of Championship
1. The NCCAA Men's Division II National Championship shall be a 10-team championship (see Appendix A). The championship shall involve the six Regional Champions, the host team, and at-large teams. Seeding of the 10 teams shall be done by the National Basketball Committee following the seeding guidelines in the Handbook. There shall be no byes in the 10-team format.
2. The host institution shall receive an automatic bid. An institution who is the host of an NCCAA National Championship may allow its team to participate in the National Championship if that team meets its institution's Declaration of Intent requirements. The host institution, via the Declaration of Intent process, can choose to accept an automatic bid to National Championships without competing in the Regional Championship or choose to participate in the Regional Championship to earn a place in the National Championship.
3. If a region has only one team available to participate in the Regional Championship or Regional Qualifier Process, that team shall be declared the Regional Representative and receive the region's automatic bid provided they have a record of .500 or better in addition to being declared to accept a Regional Representative bid.
4. At-Large Berths
    a. At-Large Teams shall be selected using the NCCAA Power Rating Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be as follows (in order of importance):
        1) Head-to-head.
        2) Common opponents.
        3) Strength of Region.
        4) NCCAA National Ranking.
    b. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings.
    c. The selection committee should ideally be comprised of unbiased individuals and not include individuals who have qualified for the National Championship or are seeking an at-large selection. If that is not possible, at a minimum, individuals who are seeking an at-large selection are not permitted to participate in the selection process.
5. Seeding Guidelines
    a. **NOTE**: The National Basketball Committee for Division II shall be responsible for seeding all teams in the National Championship.
    b. Criteria for seeding shall be the NCCAA Power Rating Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be as follows (in order of importance):
        1) Head-to-head.
        2) Common opponents.
        3) Strength of Region.
        4) NCCAA National Ranking.
    c. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings and a team may only move up or down three places in power ratings.
    d. The National Men's Basketball Committee, in conjunction with the National Office, can adjust seeding to avoid regional opponents playing each other in the first round (if possible), following the Regional Seeding Conflict Guidelines in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.
6. Selection and Seeding Process
    There shall be a conference or video call of the Men's Basketball Committee to select and seed the field after the completion of regional play by the Wednesday following the regional completion deadline. Regions with dually affiliated members completing regionals on that Wednesday, must have championship game times of no later than 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. ET. Early and late time slots for men and women shall rotate each year with men early in odd years and women early in even years.
7. Qualifier Packet and Qualifier Call
    The NCCAA Director of Championships, in concert with the Tournament Director of the National Championship and the National Sport Leadership, shall prepare a Qualifier Packet detailing key information about the championship event such as lodging information, schedule, CSP, and other important information.

The Qualifier Packet shall be made available on the NCCAA website and sent to each qualifier. Additionally, a mandatory Qualifier Call shall be scheduled once all teams have qualified and before teams travel to the championship site.

V. AWARDS

The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Championships. Team, Most Valuable Player, National Coach of the Year, and All-American awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office.

A. All-Tournament Team
The All-Tournament Team shall be selected from the semifinalists for a total of five players, including the Most Outstanding Player. Semifinal coaches shall be responsible to select one player from their team. The championship team shall receive two selections, including the Most Outstanding Player of the National Championship.

B. Championship Awards
1. The awards presentation shall be held at the conclusion of the championship game on Saturday.
2. There shall be a presentation of plaques to the second, third, and fourth place finishers.
3. There shall be a presentation of championship medallions to the individuals on the championship team.
4. There shall be a presentation of the championship banner and trophy to the first place team.
5. There shall be a presentation of the All-Tournament Team (five members) and the Most Outstanding Player of the National Championship.

C. Pete Maravich Award
1. The recipient
The outstanding Christian basketball player from the NCCAA for each of Divisions I and II.
2. Recipients of this award must:
   a. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court, including Christian service activities.
   b. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
   c. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member.
   d. Demonstrate leadership ability.
   e. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
3. Purpose: To enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition, and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian colleges and universities across our nation.
4. Procedures:
   a. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID). Only one nominee allowed per institution.
   b. The nomination form (see Appendix C) must be used and submitted to the National Office by February 1.
   c. Final selection shall be made prior to the National Championship by a selection committee, comprised of the National Chair, National Vice-Chair, the Regional Sport Chairs, and the namesake of the award (if they so choose). It is the responsibility of each committee member to recuse themselves from the vote and find a replacement voter if they have a direct bias toward a nominee. If there are three or more nominees, voters shall rank their top three with points allocated to athletes from highest to lowest (e.g., top athlete receives three points, second two, third one). All ties in voting shall be broken by the National Chair (or National Vice-Chair or his/her appointee pending recusals).
   d. The award shall be presented every year at the National Championship for each Division.
   e. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the banquet. The National Office shall contribute up to $250 toward travel expenses.
   f. The recipient of the Pete Maravich award shall subsequently be a nominee for the year-end NCCAA GP4L Student-Athlete Character Award. It is encouraged that one letter of recommendation from an Athletic Director, opponent coach, or member of the institution faculty or staff be included with the nomination.
5. "Pistol Pete" Maravich was known for his ball handling, shooting abilities, and creative passing. He was an NBA All-Star, named one of NBA's 50 greatest players, and inducted in the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987. He came to know Christ later in his life and spent the last years of his life pointing people to Christ.

D. NCCAA All-Regional Awards
1. The number of athletes on each All-Regional Team shall be equal to the number of athletes on each All-American Team, which for basketball is five.

2. Regional Player of the Year must be included in the number of athletes on the All-Regional Team, not a plus one in addition to it.
3. Coaches may not vote for their own players, except when there are only one or two teams in the region.
4. The maximum number of All-Regional Teams a region is permitted to have is based on the number of full members in the region that sponsor the sport, regardless of Declaration of Intent, and is listed in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.
5. The maximum number of athletes any team can have on each All-Regional Team (e.g., First Team, Second Team, etc.) is three for basketball.
6. Regions cannot limit nominations based on regular season or postseason finish.
7. Regions are permitted to have Honorable Mention.
8. If a team does not participate in the nominating and/or voting process, that shall eliminate that team from the number of teams in the region when determining how many All-Regional teams there are. If a team nominates student-athletes but does not vote, that team's student-athletes shall not be included on All-Regional teams.
9. Regions must have tiebreaking procedures in place. Ties may not be submitted within the rank order for All-American purposes.
10. After the Regional Sport Chair has concluded the voting process and finalized the All-Regional Team(s), the chair shall submit the All-Regional Team(s) via Teamworks. The Regional Coordinator shall then review and approve the submission via Teamworks by the Wednesday prior to the Regional Completion Deadline.

E. All-American Selections (see Appendix E)
1. The player must play a full season to be considered for first or second team honors.
2. The National Basketball Committee accepts the nominees for All-Americans in ranked order from each region. No region shall submit more than five nominees.
3. The All-American form (see Appendix B) shall be completed by the respective player's coach and submitted to the Regional Basketball Chair or the Regional Representative attending the Championship. The All-American nomination form must be completed in its entirety for a player to be eligible for recognition.
4. Before the National Championship begins, the All-American Team shall be selected by the National Basketball Committee attending the Championship, using the All-American Forms as the official nominations from each region. The Division II National Basketball Chair shall chair the All-American Selection Committee. This team shall be announced at the Division II National Championship. The first and second All-American Teams shall consist of five members each.
5. There shall be an NCCAA representative (National Office personnel or Administration Committee member) in the room or on the call for the voting to oversee that the process is followed.
6. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least a week prior to the vote.
7. The criteria for this selection shall be:
   a. Area outlined on the All-American Form
   b. On-court performance
   c. Contribution to their team
   d. Christian character
   e. Scholastic standing
8. Player of the Year
   The top player in NCCAA Division II Men's Basketball shall be chosen each year and shall be awarded a "Player of the Year" plaque by the National Office.
9. The All-American Committee may decide by consent to vote for both teams at once. This allows for discussion of all nominated players and then rank in order all 10 players and the vote would determine who is first and second team.

F. Coach of the Year
1. Must be the head varsity coach of a basketball team at an institution holding full participation status and in good standing with the NCCAA.
2. Shall be nominated by the coaches from the region, either by ballot or by designation of the regional winner by a vote. Only one nomination shall be received from each region.
3. The Coach of the Year Form (see Forms & Procedures section) shall be completed for each nominee by the coach or Athletics Director of the respective institution.
4. The National Basketball Committee, chaired by the National Basketball Chair, shall select the Coach of the Year before the National Championship begins.
5. This award is announced at the Division II National Championship.

G. Scholar-Athlete Award

The purpose of the Scholar-Athlete Award is to recognize outstanding scholar-athletes among NCCAA member institutions, emphasize the place of academics in our national organization, and publicize and promote the NCCAA by recognizing institutions individually and collectively through this medium.

1. Criteria for nomination
   a. Be of junior, senior, or graduate student academic standing making normal progress toward a degree.
   b. Have completed at least one term (semester or quarter) at the nominating institution.
   c. Be a competing student-athlete in the sport for which nominated.
   d. Have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale at the nominating institution. Transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale based on all grades at all institutions attended, regardless of whether a course grade is accepted at the nominating institution. GPA cannot be rounded up.
2. Procedure for nomination

   The nominating institution must submit a completed nomination form on Teamworks to the National Office four weeks prior to the National Championship. The institution's registrar's office or compliance officer must verify the nominee's GPA on the Teamworks form with a signature. Forms shall not be complete until signatures are acquired.

H. Scholar Team Award

The purpose of the Scholar Team Award is to honor NCCAA athletic teams that demonstrate academic success in the classroom, emphasize the importance of academics within our national organization, and promote individual student-athlete scholarship on the team.

1. Criteria for nomination
   a. An institution must be a current NCCAA member in good standing. The team must be a varsity team.
   b. Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale. Please do NOT round up to 3.4 or 3.40.
   c. Fall teams use fall term(s) GPA's only and spring teams use spring term(s) GPA's only.
   d. Teams that overlap terms and have countable games or matches in each term must use GPA's from all terms in which the sport participates. (Note: tennis is a spring only sport, golf is a fall only sport.)
   e. Include all varsity student-athletes who competed in the sport with the institution for any portion of the academic year.
   f. Meet the minimum number or greater on the team as the number of student-athletes required to field a team in the sport to be recognized. (Note: track and field minimum is eight student-athletes.)
2. Nomination and Selection process
   a. The NCCAA Scholar Team Award Nomination Form must be completed on Teamworks and sent to the NCCAA National Office by January 31 for all eligible fall sports and May 31 for all eligible winter/spring sports of each academic year.
   b. The institution's registrar's office or compliance officer must verify the nominee's GPA on the Teamworks form with a signature. Forms shall not be complete until signatures are acquired.

I. Student-Athlete of the Week Award

The NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week award shall be given to one student-athlete in Division II Men's Basketball during the regular season, chosen from the list of nominees submitted by institutions. Only one student-athlete per school per award may be nominated. See the full procedures and instructions in the Forms & Procedures section of the handbook.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. 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 the NCCAA Director of Membership and its Regional Coordinator within 48 hours of the incident. Please see the Infractions and Penalties section noted above for more details related to the Conduct in Competition Policy.

B. 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 contests in cross country, and golf, institutions may have a trainer able to respond within three to five minutes. 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.

D. National 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 appropriate committee within the National Administrative Council (NAC), if needed, or directly to the Administration Committee, as determined with the Director of Membership.
3. The appropriate committee within NAC votes whether to advance it to the Administration Committee who then votes to accept or reject the proposal.
4. Proposals for change may also come from regions and subcommittees of the Administration Committee such as the National Administrative Council (Sports Information Committee, Competition Experience Committee, and Regional Experience Committee), Eligibility Committee, or Handbook Committee.
5. All proposals must come in written form and identify which section of the NCCAA 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 by May 1 for possible inclusion for the upcoming academic year. If the proposal requires review of a committee within NAC, it must be submitted by March 15.

DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL REGIONAL PLAYOFF HANDBOOK

A Handbook of Policies and Procedures for Governing and Conducting
NCCAA Division II Regional Playoff Contests

I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The heart of Division II basketball is the regional playoff. All member institutions in good standing are eligible and all are encouraged to participate. A championship for NCCAA Division II member institutions was authorized in March of 1975. The first National Championship was held at Baptist Bible College (PA) in March of 1976 and won by Summit Christian College (Ft. Wayne, IN) in a thrilling 81-80 victory over the host institution. The 1977 champion was Western Baptist Bible College (Salem, OR). Again, Baptist Bible College (PA) was the national runner-up. The site for this championship was moved from Pennsylvania to Missouri and Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Missouri became the official Division II host. The championship has been held by various member institutions over the years.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a uniform operating code for all Division II teams who play on the regional level. The Division II National Basketball Committee and the NCCAA Board of Directors request the cooperation of all Division II institutions in the use of this handbook.

II. GENERAL ORGANIZATION

All regional playoffs are under the direct control and supervision of the respective NCCAA Division II Regional Basketball Chairs in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator and the Athletics Directors of the region. The Regional Basketball Chair shall run the region with either (1) the Regional Basketball Chair and two appointed members or (2) all the coaches in the region. The Regional Basketball Chair shall be sensitive to the desires of the region when appointing members to the committee.

A. The Regional Basketball Chair's responsibilities are:
   1. Ensure that the playoff competition is conducted in a fair, ethical, and professional manner.
   2. Approve the regional playoff plan, including:
      a. Dates of playoffs.
      b. Type of playoffs, including number of teams and bracketing format.
      c. Method of team selection.
      d. Method of site selection.
      e. Obtaining a list of approved officials from each participating institution.
      f. Obtaining a list of approved sites.
   3. Serve as the communication link between the National Basketball Chair and the individual institutions as it pertains to the general operation and requirements of a Division II basketball program.
   4. Each regional host is required to video each semifinal game and the championship game. Each regional basketball chair is responsible to coordinate film exchange with the National Championship opponent(s) by the day after the seeds are announced.
   5. Submit weekly regional reports and national rankings votes to the National Basketball Chair.

B. Regional Basketball Chairs must notify the National Basketball Chair as well as the National Office about regional championship format, dates, site, and other pertinent information.

III. SELECTION OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

A. The Regional Basketball Chair, or regional coaches, are responsible for administering the regional playoff and must maintain a close contact with the participating institutions. The team selection policy shall fairly represent the interests and desires of the participating institutions.

B. Following are possible playoff alternatives (host teams must meet the site criteria):
   1. An All-Regional Championship at highest seeded team's gymnasium
   2. Teams to play each other based on final regional ranking (#1 vs. #8, #2 vs. #7, #3 vs. #6, and #4 vs. #5).
   3. An All-Regional Championship is played at a predetermined site as agreed upon by the regional members with pairings based on final regional ranking.

4. Multi-site competition based on regional final standing (#8 travels to #1, #7 travels to #2, #6 travels to #3, and #5 travels to #4). If #1, #2, #3 and #4 win, then #4 travels to #1 and #3 travels to #2. The highest seeded winner shall then host the final game for the Regional Championship.
5. Same as Item 4. above, but sites to be determined by geographical location within the region, such as South Region, East Region, Central Region, etc. with the highest seeded team hosting each pairing.
6. The top four teams meet at a single site for a championship. Pairings shall be by regional ranking.
7. The top two teams play the best two out of three. Alternate site: highest seed, site for games one and three, and second seed for game two.

IV. SELECTION OF GAME SITE

A. All games are to be played on courts that meet the following specifications:
   1. Dimensions must be 94' x 50' (maximum).
   2. Rectangular plexiglass backboards.
   3. Acceptable playing surface and court safety.
   4. Adequate seating.

B. A team without such a facility may rent one when it qualifies to host a regional game. The Regional Basketball Committee shall determine if the site is acceptable for championship games and if the games can be appropriately administered by the National Basketball Committee.

C. Sites not meeting the criteria may not be approved.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

A. It is mandatory that all championship games be conducted in accordance with the NCCAA Regional and National Guidelines and Bylaws.

B. Game officials shall be NCAA and NAIA certified officials and approved by the regional body of coaches.

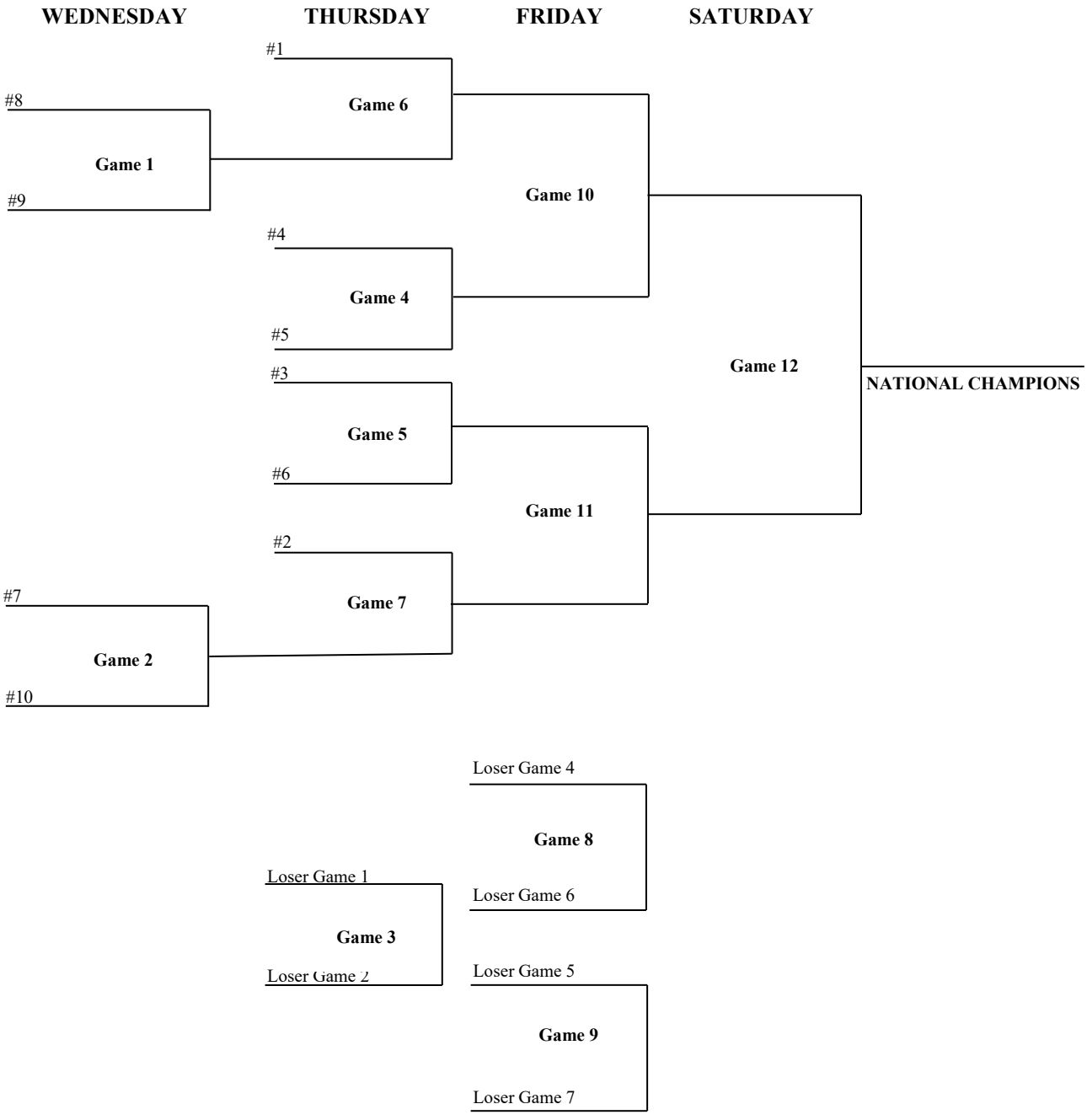
C. The NCCAA provides a standard banner or plaque for all regional basketball team champions. This shall be paid for by the respective region. This award shall be ordered in advance by the Regional Coordinator from the NCCAA National Office and shipped directly to that Regional Coordinator to be distributed.

D. Expense allowance: In regional championships, all teams shall assume all of their own expenses, including travel, meals, housing, officials, and gymnasium rentals. This shall allow the regional representative to the National Championship greater financial assistance.

E. The ball used during the Regional Championship shall be the same as the ball used at the National Championship.

F. NCCAA certified athletic trainer policy: Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) is required at each hosted NCCAA member home event, NCCAA Regional Championship, and National Championship. For hosted contests in cross country, and golf, institutions may have a trainer able to respond within three to five minutes. 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.

Appendix A
NCCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship Brackets
All Times TBA



Appendix B
NCCAA Division II Basketball All-American
Regional Nomination Form

To be completed by the nominating coach

Region _____ Regional Sport Chair _____

Player's Name _____ Class _____

Hometown, State _____

Institution _____ Coach _____

Position _____ Date of Birth _____ Height _____

20_____ - 20_____ Season Record: Won_____ Lost _____

STATISTICS:

Games Played _____ Total Points _____ PPG_____ F.T._____/_____ 3pt. FG _____/_____

Off. Rebounds _____ Def. Rebounds _____ RPG _____ Total Assists _____ Total Turnovers _____

Total Steals _____ Total Minutes Played_____

Defense: Comment as to the effectiveness and contribution of the player to the total team success

_____

_____

Leadership: Comment as to the effectiveness and contribution of the player to the total team success

_____

_____

Christian Character _____

_____

Honors Received (Athletic)

Individual_____

_____

Team _____

_____

Comments and/or recommendations_____

_____

The above named student-athlete has my support as a viable nominee for NCCAA postseason honors. His behavior both on and off the court is complimentary to the NCCAA and its Christ-like standards.

_____ _____

Coach's signature Date

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Appendix C
Division II Men's Basketball
The Pete Maravich Award Nomination Form
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award Series

Student-Athlete's Name First _____ Last _____

Student-Athlete's Hometown and State _____ Year: ___JR ___SR ___G

Institution _____ Position_____ Coach _____

Christian Character
Describe student-athlete's faith story and character on/off the court.

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_____

_____

Christian Service
List student-athlete's specific activities in Christian service and outreach.

_____

_____

_____

Current Season Stats (Games Played: _____) (Season Team Record: W_____ L_____)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PTS	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	OREB	DREB	AST	STL	BLK

Current Season Averages & Percentages

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG

Career Stats (Games Played: _____) (Career Team Record: W_____ L_____)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PTS	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	OREB	DREB	AST	STL	BLK

Career Averages & Percentages

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PPG	FG%	3P%	FT%	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG

Other Stats Notes (Top 10 national statistical rankings, defensive effectiveness, etc.)

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Division II Men's Basketball - The Pete Maravich Award Nomination Form

Athletic Honors Received (Individual and/or Team)
List athletic awards/honors from the institution, conference, regional, and national level)

_____

_____

_____

Academic Honors Received (Major _____ GPA _____)
List academic honors.

_____

_____

_____

Leadership
Describe student-athlete's leadership characteristics and qualities. Give examples of leadership in action.

_____

_____

_____

Additional Comments
Share any other information on why student-athlete is deserving of this award.

_____

_____

_____

Required with Nomination Form

- High resolution headshot AND action photo of student-athlete
- Current season schedule with results.

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member
- Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the court, including Christian service activities
- Demonstrate leadership ability
- Cumulative GPA must be 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale
- Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete

I attest that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements and nomination data is accurate.

_____ _____
Nominator Signature (Coach, SID, or AD) Date

Due by February 1 to jcampbell@thenccaa.org.

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Appendix D
NCCAA Power Rating

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 (with the results points multiplier being calculated as a 1-0 result for all sports regardless of the official forfeit scoreline for that sport) and the 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 or the minimum number of games requirement for inclusion in 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 Wednesday 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 shall 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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NCCAA Power Ratings

^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 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; Soccer - R1=8, R2=10; Softball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Volleyball (M) – R1=7, R2=8, R3=9; Volleyball (W) - R1=10, R2=13, R3=15.

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

Appendix E
NCCAA All-American Voting Procedures

The All-American Voting Procedure for NCCAA Division II Men's Basketball is as follows:

1. All-Regional Teams shall be selected and submitted to the National Chair before the NCCAA National Championship. The regional team shall be listed in rank order with most points to least with all ties broken.

2. All nominations to the All-American process shall come from the All-Regional Team selections.
   a. The NCCAA shall recognize an NCCAA All-American First Team. A five-member squad shall be selected.
   b. The NCCAA shall recognize an NCCAA All-American Second Team. The Second Team shall be a five-member squad.

3. A meeting shall be set during the National Championship, overseen by the National Chair with a member of the National Office present and assisting where needed.

4. An order of nominating by region shall be determined by the Regional Chair (e.g. West first, Central second, etc.).

5. The process shall begin with each regional representative nominating the top players (limit of five nominations from a region) from his/her region. The representative shall briefly (30 seconds to 1 minute) discuss the nominations. Regional representatives are responsible for doing any necessary research of individuals on the All-Regional Team and be fully prepared to promote each individual. Players must be nominated in the rank order from the selection of the regional team.

6. Then the regional representatives shall each vote for his/her top five players. Voting by the regional representative must be in the rank order of the region. Voting can occur in a couple of ways. They can share their vote verbally to the National Chair who records it, or an electronic method can be determined to have vote emailed or texted to the National Chair.

7. The National Chair shall tabulate the vote and share with the voting members the total points for each nominated player. Points are allocated to players with highest to lowest (e.g., five players on a team, top player receives five points, second four, third three, etc.). The top number of players to fill the number of slots designated for First Team shall earn First Team honors.

8. In the event of a tie in any position, there shall be an additional vote to break the tie. If a tie remains in the voting, then further analysis or discussion shall occur and another vote shall be conducted. If still tied, the tie shall be broken by the National Chair unless involving his/her players, then by the National Vice-Chair.

9. The All-American Second Team selection shall proceed in the same manner as the First Team.

10. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the full All-American Team selections.

11. The All-American Committee may decide by consent to vote for both teams at once. This shall allow for discussion of all nominated players and then rank in order all 10 players. The vote shall determine who is first and second team.

12. There are no honorable mention teams in the NCCAA.

13. Once the team is selected, it is reviewed by the sport leadership and the National Office before being announced on the NCCAA website.