NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Women's Basketball

Division I

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I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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

A. National Sports Committee for Basketball
   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 Sport Chair from each of the six regions. An NCCAA National Office representative shall serve as a non-voting member.
      b. The term of office shall terminate June 30.
   2. Duties of Committee Members (see Regional Sport Chairs as described in the Forms and Procedures section of the Handbook):
      a. Represent the interest of coaches and student-athletes.
      b. Perform duties as specified by the National Basketball Chair.
      c. Propose revisions of National Championship operating policies and procedures.
      d. Assist in solicitation of bids for future National Championship sites.
   3. Duties of the National Basketball Chair
      The National Basketball Chair shall perform duties as described (see Forms and Procedures section).
      a. Initiate, direct, and control the work of the National Women's Basketball Committee.
      b. Communicate with the National Women's 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 (Women's 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.

B. National Championship Committee
   1. Membership
      a. The committee shall be composed of the NCCAA Director of Championships or an NCCAA National Office representative, the National Basketball Chair or his/her appointee from the National Basketball Committee, and the Tournament Director of the National Championship.
      b. If a member of the Championship Committee is directly or indirectly involved in a protest submitted, the individual shall be replaced by an appointee of the Committee 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 individual(s) and team(s) 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. Write a report of all cases on which the committee acts.
      c. Make on-site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that affect the conduct of the National Championship (e.g., extreme weather conditions) in conjunction with and via the NCCAA Director of Membership.
   3. Protests
      a. Ensure that protest procedures, as indicated in the NCAA rulebook, have been followed.
      b. Act on all appropriate protests.

C. Officers
Chair: John Mills, Alice Lloyd College
Vice-Chair: Michael Sons, Nelson University

D. Election of Sport Chair and Vice-Chair
A National Women's Basketball Chair and a Vice-Chair are elected to serve 3-year terms. The Vice-Chair replaces the National Women's Basketball Chair after 3 years to serve as the National Women's 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 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 NCCAA Director of Membership no later than the date of their first contest (including scrimmage). Dual members with 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
1. Current NCAA basketball rules shall be used throughout the National Championship.
2. Official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women'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. 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 stats 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. 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.
2. In Division I, each Regional Sport Chair shall be the region rater and voter.
3. Regional raters are responsible for submitting region ratings to the National Chair, who shall then send out all region 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 region ratings.
4. 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 11:00am (ET) each Tuesday that has a ranking.
5. When casting votes for the national rankings, voters must follow the order of the regional ratings.
6. Ties shall be broken by:
   a. Number of ballot appearances;
   b. Most votes in highest place; and
   c. Winning percentage.

   The team winning the tie-breaker shall receive one additional point.
7. There shall be bi-weekly rankings through the conclusion of the regular season, with a final postseason ranking the week following the National Championship.
8. The National Office serves as the oversight committee.

E. Power Rating

There shall be a total of three consecutive weeks of power ratings, with the final power rating released the Wednesday of one week 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. See Appendix A.

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 contests and a minimum number of 18 contests. 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. Date and Site

1. Bids to host the NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship shall be submitted to the National Office and reviewed by the National Basketball Chair. All necessary information pertaining to the National Championship Bid Contract is answered in the Forms & Procedures section.
2.

Regionals Completed	National Championship	Site
March 13, 2027	March 17-20, 2027	College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, MO
March 11, 2028	March 15-18, 2028	TBA
March 10, 2029	March 14-17, 2029	TBA
March 9, 2030	March 13-16, 2030	TBA
TBA, 2031	TBA, 2031	TBA

B. Regional Playoff Guidelines (if a tournament is played)

1. The regional final game shall be played no later than the Saturday prior to the National Championship. The start time shall be no later than 4:00 p.m. (ET).
2. The site is under the direction of the Regional Basketball Chair, taking into consideration:
   a. Seeded teams based on final NCCAA Power Rating System (see Appendix A) (final regular season NCCAA Power Rating System)
   b. Continuation of past plans of alternating sites among areas.
   c. Economic status of various sites.
3. Regional Representative: 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. All regional hosts shall plan and schedule the regional Christian Service Project (CSP) and report the results to the National Office. Each host shall also send all information regarding dates, sites, schedule, game results, etc. to the National Office prior to the Regional Championship.
5. Regions are required to accommodate institutions' conference postseason (within NAIA/NCAA) when scheduling NCCAA Regional Championships. If conference postseason dates leave no time for NCCAA Regional Championships, regional leadership shall work in conjunction with the National Office to determine a plan.

C. General Guidelines for National Championship

1. The National Championship shall be an eight-team championship. The championship shall be a single elimination championship with one consolation round played following the opening round. Times shall be announced and set by the National Chair and the Tournament Director of the National Championship.
2. 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.
3. The schedule of games and/or matches shall be determined in conjunction with the National Chair, 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. Teams that fly in from the West Region shall not be scheduled for 8:30 a.m. games on the first day.
4. Required Functions to Attend
   Teams that advance to the Women's Basketball National Championship are required to attend and participate in the National Championship Banquet, 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. Restrictions
   a. The championship shall not exceed four days.
   b. The championship shall begin on Wednesday.

6. National Basketball Chair Expenses
   The host shall provide lodging and meals ($35 per diem) for one National Sport Chair or his/her designate and the travel expenses of the Chair. See bid contract found in Forms and Procedures section.
7. Expenses
   No entry fee for teams shall be charged. Expenses, including lodging, meals, and transportation, shall be absorbed by competing institutions.
8. Insurance
   Each participating institution shall furnish its own accident, medical, life, and travel insurance.
9. Basketballs
   a. The official game ball used in the National Championship shall be determined by the Basketball Games Committee. The Wilson EVO NXT game ball basketball is presently used.
   b. Practice balls are available to participating teams during the arranged practice times and before the start of each half of the game in which they are competing.
10. Referees
    Officials for the NCCAA Women's Basketball National Championship are selected and assigned by the National Women's Basketball Chair and/or the Tournament Director of the National Championship. NCAA and NAIA level officials shall be used. Assigner oversees all officials with input from the National Championship Committee. Officials' expenses shall be paid as per contract using the going rate of the National Championship area.
11. Tickets
    Each member of the official party of the participating teams shall be provided championship passes that shall be presented to them upon arrival at the championship site.
12. Uniforms
    Each participating team in the National Championship shall bring to the championship a complete set of light and a complete set of dark uniforms. The higher seeded team shall wear the light uniforms unless negotiated with the opponent ahead of time.
13. 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. Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive five days prior to the championship: Up to date full season stats (individual & team), schedule with results, story lines for broadcasters, a BRO roster five, and action photos.
14. NCCAA Women's Basketball National Championship timeouts for all participating teams shall be as follows:
    a. Three 30-second timeouts can be used at any time during the game.
    b. One full timeout (60 seconds) to be used at any time during the game.
    c. Two end-of-quarter intermissions of 75 seconds (end of first and third quarters).
    d. One media timeout ONLY in the second and fourth quarters (which is an NCCAA modification from the NCAA rulebook). The electronic/media timeouts shall occur at or below the five-minute mark in the second and fourth quarters. The first timeout requested by either team in the second and fourth quarters shall become the electronic/media timeout for that quarter. No media timeouts shall be given in the first and third quarters.
    e. Extra periods shall be five minutes each in length with a one-minute intermission before each.
    f. Each team shall be entitled to one additional 30-second timeout during each extra period in addition to any timeouts it has not used previously.
    g. There shall be no media timeouts in the extra period(s).
15. Each team shall receive a championship ball.
16. Warmup time between games for the first day shall be 10 minutes with a 10 minute halftime. Teams for the next game can shoot around for 7 minutes of halftime. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday schedule shall resume normal game procedures: 20 minutes warmup and 15 minutes halftime.
17. All teams must follow the NCAA rule book for championship warmups: no headsets, uniforms, etc.
18. 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 National Basketball Championship competition is 23 individuals, which includes 17 student-athletes in uniform, 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.

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.
21. 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 handbook.

D. Tournament Director of the National Championship
1. The Tournament Director of the National Championship plans the National Championship with the approval of the National Basketball Chair and the NCCAA Director of Championships.
2. A discussion of items shall take place between the Tournament Director of the National Championship and the National Basketball Chair. These items are listed in the bid contract section (see Forms and Procedures section).

E. Selection of Teams
1. The six regions must determine how teams in their respective region should qualify in order to participate in the National Championship. Teams included for the National Championship shall be the champion, qualifier, or representative of each region, the host institution and any number of at-large bids needed to make up an eight-team National Championship.
2. The host institution shall receive an automatic bid. An institution that 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. Selection of At-Large Bids
a. The at-large request to be considered for the NCCAA National Championship is on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. Athletics Directors may list the conditions by which they shall accept at-large bids on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. To be considered for an at-large, a team must have played in the NCCAA regional playoffs, made its declaration to be considered for the Regional Qualifier, or been exempt due to NCAA or NAIA conflicts. In regions that limit teams in their playoff format, teams that have met any institutional declaration requirement may be considered for an at-large bid.
b. The at-large selection shall be determined by the NCCAA Power Rating System Option A at the end of the regular season. The team with the highest NCCAA Power Rating shall be selected first. Selection shall

continue to follow the NCCAA Power Rating System until the at-large bids are filled. Teams within .250 rating points of each other shall switch places if they met during the regular season and the lower-rated team won the contest or series. Teams move only one place at a time, and movement is applied from bottom to top. This shall be reapplied as many times as necessary until no further changes in position take place. For at-large selection, only teams eligible for at-large selection shall be included in the list when determining teams within .250 rating points.

4. Championship Seeding
   a. Seeding shall be the responsibility of the National Basketball Chair and National Basketball Committee, using the NCCAA Power Rating System Option B.
   b. The criteria to be used in the seeding from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
      1) Head-to-head results.
      2) Common opponents.
      3) National rankings.
   c. All teams shall be seeded with one and four being in the top bracket and two and three being in the bottom. One shall play eight, two shall play seven, three shall play six, and four shall play five.
   d. The National Championship 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.
5. Selection and seeding shall be determined via a conference or video call no later than the Regional Completion Date that includes the National Basketball Committee and a representative from the National Office.
6. 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 Outstanding Player, National Coach of the Year, and All-American awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office.

A. All-Regional Team and Regional Coach of the Year
The All-Regional Team (see Appendix D) and Regional Coach of the Year shall continue to be developed at the regional level under the direction of the Regional Basketball Chair. This information shall be submitted to the National Women's Basketball Chair for consideration of All-American and National Coach of the Year recognition. All information must be given to the National Women's Basketball Chair by Saturday prior to the start of the Championship.

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 will 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.

B. Championship Awards
The National Championship team shall receive a championship banner, trophy, medallions, and t-shirts. Teams finishing second through fourth shall receive a plaque designating their finish.

C. All-Tournament Team
1. An All-Tournament Team shall be honored at the National Championship.
2. Players shall be selected by the coaches. Each coach shall nominate players from his/her own team for automatic selection to the All-Tournament Team.
3. The All-Tournament Team shall consist of five players including one Most Outstanding Player.
4. The team breakdown shall be as follows:
   a. Championship team - 1 player and 1 Most Outstanding Player (plaque ordered and paid for by the NCCAA).
   b. Second through fourth place teams - 1 player each.
5. The All-Tournament Team shall be announced prior to the championship awards.
6. Each selected player shall receive an award provided by the National Office.

D. The Kathy Freese-Peabody Award shall have the following criteria (see Appendix B & Appendix C):
1. Purpose
   To enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian institutions across our nation.
2. The Recipient
   The outstanding Christian women's basketball player.
3. 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.
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, submitted by each coach/Athletics Director/Sports Information Director, and received by the National Office by February 20.
   c. The 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 applicable). 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 each year at the National Championship banquet.
   e. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the banquet. The National Office shall contribute up to $250 toward travel expenses.
   f. A biography and picture of the winner shall be included in the championship program along with the list of names of all nominees. These shall be emailed to the National Basketball Chair.
5. Nature of the Award
   An award shall be given to the recipient to commemorate the occasion. The National Office shall order and pay for the award.
6. The recipient of the Kathy Freese-Peabody 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.

E. All-American Selection Procedure and Awards
1. All-American Teams shall be determined by the outcome of the regional balloting. All coaches who wish for their players to be considered for All-American honors shall complete Appendix D.

2. Five players shall be chosen for the First Team All-American. The top vote recipients in each region shall be given first consideration for the First Team All-American. The Player of the Year shall be the top vote getter. There shall also be five chosen for the Second Team. There shall be no Honorable Mention.
3. There shall be a meeting the week following the National Championship to select the All-American Team. The Regional Sport Chairs that are in attendance shall be at the meeting and those not able to be present shall be connected by conference call.
4. 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.
5. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least one week prior to the vote. See Appendix F.
6. Regional Sport Chairs shall complete Appendix E.

F. The National Player of the Year Award shall be awarded to the top player for that year. She shall be chosen by the committee that selects the All-American awards. This player shall be included in the five First Team All-Americans. She shall be selected from the Regional Players of the Year pool.

G. Coach of the Year
1. Each Regional Coach of the Year and any coach whose team qualifies for the National Championship in the NCCAA, NAIA, or NCAA is eligible for National Coach of the Year.
2. The Regional Basketball Chair should complete a nomination form (see Forms and Procedures) and forward it to the National Women's Basketball Chair prior to the National Championship.
3. No coach is eligible for this honor if his/her institution is on NCCAA restrictive probation.
4. Selection of the Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the All-American Committee.
5. A plaque shall be presented from the National Office.
6. The purpose of the selection of an NCCAA Coach of the Year in women's basketball:
   a. To recognize outstanding effort and/or achievement by a Christian coach in intercollegiate basketball.
   b. To publicize and promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate coaching.
   c. To promote and publicize NCCAA women's basketball and the organization as a whole.

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. The NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week award shall be given to one student-athlete in Division I Women'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. 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 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 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.

C. Meetings
1. The Tournament Director of the National Championship or National Basketball Chair shall schedule a meeting for the coaches of the participating schools at the National Championship for Monday night at 9:00 p.m. (ET).
2. The Regional Sport Chairs shall be responsible to establish rule changes and proposals to the Division I Women's Basketball Handbook. All changes must be voted on by a majority of the coaches (at least 50% response).

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, Regional Experience Committee), Eligibility Committee, or Handbook Committee.
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 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.

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 are 13.325 (win on the road against 1.000 NCAA I Top 25 team). The minimum points for a game are 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, 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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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 B
NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball
Kathy Freese-Peabody Award

Due by February 20

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is to enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition, and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian institutions across our nation.

II. RECIPIENT

The outstanding Christian women's basketball player from NCCAA Division I shall be the recipient of the award.

III. NOMINEE

The nominee 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.

IV. PROCEDURES

The following procedures shall be used when selecting the recipient:

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 received by the National Office by February 20.

C. Final selection shall be made prior to the National Championship by a selection committee, comprised of the National Chair, National Vice-Chair, Regional Sport Chairs, and the namesake of the award (if applicable). 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 each year at the National Championship banquet.

E. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the banquet; therefore, coaches should keep this in mind when making their nominations. The National Office shall contribute up to $250 toward travel expenses.

F. The National Office shall order and pay for the award.

G. A biography and picture of the winner shall be included in the championship program along with the list of names of all nominees. These shall be emailed to the National Office.

H. The recipient of the Kathy Freese-Peabody 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.

Appendix C - NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball
Kathy Freese-Peabody 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.

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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

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

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

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NCCAA Division I Women's Basketball Kathy Freese-Peabody Award Nomination Form
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award Series

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

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

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

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

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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 20 to jcampbell@thenccaa.org.

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Appendix D
NCCAA Division I Basketball All-American
Regional Nomination Form

To be completed by the nominating coach and sent to the National Chair the Saturday before Nationals.

Region _____ Regional Coordinator _____

Nominee's Name _____ Class _____

Hometown, State _____

Institution _____ Coach _____

Position _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

20_____ - 20_____ Season Record: Won_____ Loss _____

Scoring
Points Per Game Average _____ Total Season Points _____

High Game _____ vs. _____ Date _____
opposing team
Individual Field Goal Percentage _____ Free Throw Percentage _____

Team Field Goal Percentage _____ Team Free Throw Percentage _____

Assists per game average_____ Total season assists_____

Rebounding
Rebounds Per Game Average _____ Total Season Rebounds _____

High Game _____ vs. _____ Date _____
opposing team
Team Rebounds Per Game Average _____ Team Rebounds Per Game Percentage _____

Defense: Steals per Game average ____ Total season steals _____ Blocks per game _____ Total season blocks _____
Comment as to the effectiveness and contribution of the player to the total team success

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_____

Leadership: Comment as to the player's contribution to the team's success

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_____

Scholarship (Academic)
Degree Program _____ GPA _____

Honors _____

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NCCAA Division I Basketball
All-American Regional Nomination Form

Christian Character _____

_____

_____

Honors Received (Athletic)

Individual_____

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_____

Team _____

_____

_____

Comments and/or recommendations

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_____

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_____

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

_____ _____
Coach's signature Date

_____
Institution

Appendix E
NCCAA Division I Basketball
All-American Nomination and Rating Form

To be completed by Regional Basketball Chair

Region _____ Basketball Chair _____ Date _____

Signature of Regional Basketball Chair _____

Rating	Christian Commitment (Yes/No)	Name	Institution	Pos.	Pts/ G	Rb/ G	Ast/ G	Hometown State

Rating System
I = Player is agreed upon to be a definite First Team All-American
II = Player is agreed upon to be a definite Second Team All-American

Christian Commitment: A "Yes" in this space indicates that the player is in harmony with the ideals of the NCCAA and has the endorsement of the member institution concerning its position on Christian conduct and commitment.

Guidelines for selecting All-American candidates

1. The student-athlete must be a member of a basketball team at a participating institution in the NCCAA. No student-athlete is eligible for All-American status if her institution is on NCCAA restrictive probation.

2. The student-athlete must be nominated by a participating institution from within the region in which the student-athlete is a member.

3. The student-athlete must be worthy of consideration for the honor of All-American.

4. An All-American nominee must be one of the top five players from within the region she represents. NOTE: A maximum of five student-athletes may be nominated by any one region.

5. Each regional student-athlete nominated for All-American consideration shall have a nomination form sent to the National Basketball Chair on her behalf by the Regional Coordinator.

6. The student-athlete must be a member of an institution that has participated in the NCCAA Regional and National Statistical Reporting Procedure.

7. Each nominating coach shall send a completed All-American and All-Regional Nomination form to the National Basketball Chair in support of his/her student-athlete(s).

Appendix F
NCCAA All-American Voting Procedures

The All-American Voting Procedure for NCCAA Division I Women'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 from 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 after the National Championship, overseen by the National Chair with a member of the National Office present and assisting where needed.

4. The Player of the Year shall be voted on before the full All-American team selections.

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

6. 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 one 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.

7. Then the regional representatives shall each vote for their 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 chair.

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

9. In the event of a tie in any position, there shall be an additional vote to break the tie. If a tie remains after additional voting, further analysis and discussion shall occur and another vote shall be conducted. If a tie remains after this additional voting, the tie shall be broken by the National Sport Chair, unless involving his/her student-athletes, in which case the National Vice-Chair shall break the tie.

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

11. The All-American Committee may decide by consent to vote for the First Team and Second Team 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.