NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Men's Soccer

Division I

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I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. The NCCAA Soccer National Championship and all events related thereto are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA soccer coaches and are subject to standards developed by these coaches and subsequent approval of the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the National Sport Committee.

B. National Sport Committee for Men's Soccer
   1. Composition and Term of Office
      a. The National Men's Soccer Committee shall consist of the National Men's Soccer Chair (who serves as chair of the committee), the National Men's Soccer Vice-Chair, and the Regional Men's Soccer Chairs. An NCCAA National Office representative shall serve as a non-voting member.
      b. The National Men's Soccer Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Men's Soccer Vice-Chair.
   2. Election
      a. The Regional Coaches, in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator, shall conduct an election of the Regional Men's Soccer Chair to the National Men's Soccer Committee at an appropriate time. The term of office for the Regional Men's Soccer Chair shall be determined by each individual region.
      b. If a vacancy occurs on the National Men's Soccer Committee, the National Men's Soccer Chair shall, in coordination with the Regional Coordinator and upon approval of the rest of the committee, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.
   3. Duties of the National Men's Soccer 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 Men's Soccer Chair (see also National Sport Chair Job Description in Forms & Procedures section)
      a. Initiate, direct, and control the work of the National Men's Soccer Committee.
      b. Communicate with the National Men's Soccer Committee on issues requiring 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 and nominations for National Men's Soccer Committee vacancies.
      f. Submit proposed revisions of the operating procedures (Men's Soccer 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. National Championship Games Committee
   The Men's Soccer National Championship Games Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the National Championship.
   1. Membership
      a. The committee shall be composed of the Tournament Director of the National Championship, the National Soccer Chair or his/her appointee from the National Soccer Committee, a National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) representative, and the NCCAA Director of Championships or 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 Soccer 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. This may include a reprimand with official notice to the institution in conjunction with and via the NCCAA Director of Membership.

b. Write a report on 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 Rulebook, have been followed.

b. Act on all appropriate protests.

D. Officers
National Chair: Chris Swift, Greenville University
Vice-Chair: TBA

E. Election of Sport Chair and Vice-Chair
A National Soccer Chair and a Vice-Chair are elected to serve three-year terms. The Vice-Chair replaces the National Soccer Chair after three years to serve as the National Soccer 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 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
Official National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Soccer Rules. To obtain rules, visit www.ncaapublications.com.

B. Statistics
Complete and accurate statistical information must be submitted to the NCCAA in the form of .XML game files, following the steps outlined at www.thenccaa.org/helpcenter and using only one of the approved stats programs (DakStats, Genius Sports, PrestoSports, StatCrew, 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 stats program shall count as a missed report. Once statistical reporting begins, missing or incomplete game schedules may result in multiple penalties being issued at the discretion of the National Office.

The penalties for not reporting statistics or for being late are:
1. 1st offense: email or letter of notice of the violation.

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

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

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

Yellow and Red Card Stats Reporting: It is recommended that the official statistician verify with officials the accuracy of yellow and red card statistics reporting at the conclusion of each match. Official XML statistics should be used to verify necessary suspensions for yellow card accumulation for all NCCAA regular season and postseason contests. Failure to accurately report cards is subject to additional penalty. For statistical purposes, any individual receiving two cautions in the same game shall be charged with one yellow card and one red card for accumulation purposes.

C. NCCAA Division I Men's Soccer National Voting/Ranking System
The coaches' poll voting shall be conducted by the National Chair, in conjunction with the regional representatives, and be reported to the NCCAA Director of Communications.
1. Each Regional Sport Chair shall be the region rater and voter.
2. 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 regional teams when developing the region ratings.
3. Regional raters shall then select the top 10 teams nationally and send them 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.
4. When casting votes for the national rankings, voters must follow the order of the regional ratings.
5. 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.
6. There shall be bi-weekly soccer rankings through the conclusion of the regular season, with a final postseason ranking the week following the National Championship.
7. The National Office serves as the oversight committee.

D. NCCAA Power Rating System
1. See Appendix C for the NCCAA Power Rating System.
2. Each member institution must meet all statistical requirements (see section III.B above).
3. There shall be a total of two consecutive weeks of power ratings, with the final power rating released the Wednesday one week prior to the Regional Completion Deadline. If a team has regular season games after the power rating, the power rating shall be updated with the additional regular season dates for the National Men's Soccer Committee to use in selection and seeding.

E. 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. Soccer has a maximum of 18 games and a minimum of 10 games. Each sport has a specified date to begin practice and to conduct their first contest. Soccer's start date for practices, scrimmages, and exhibitions is 17 days prior to the first allowable competition date not to precede August 1. The first allowable contest is the third Thursday in August. More details can be found in the Sport Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.

F. 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. It is recommended that the date of the National Championship correspond with the dates selected for the final round of the NAIA national tournament.
2. It is recommended that the site of the National Championship be determined two years in advance and be approved by vote of the soccer coaches with final oversite of the selection by the NCCAA Board of Directors.
3. Dates of the National Championship for the upcoming years are as follows:

Regionals Completed	National Championship	Site
November 21, 2026	Nov. 30 – Dec. 5, 2026	Austin-Tindall Sports Complex, Kissimmee, FL
November 20, 2027	Nov. 29 – Dec. 4, 2027	TBA
November 18, 2028	Nov. 27 – Dec. 2, 2028	TBA
November 17, 2029	Nov. 26 – Dec. 1, 2029	TBA
November 23, 2040	December 2-7, 2030	TBA

B. Guidelines for Regional Championships
1. Regions must determine their method of selection, either a regional champion or determine their regional qualifier, who shall then move on to the National Championship. Regional qualifier is determined by the team with the highest rating from the NCCAA Power Rating System (see Appendix C) that has also met its institutional declaration.
2. The region must have at least a two-team NCCAA championship to declare a regional champion.
3. If a region uses a tournament format, all regional championship games shall be played at a site, date, and time mutually agreed upon by regional coaches in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator and Regional Athletics Directors. The Regional Soccer Chair shall be responsible for guiding this process. Plans shall be announced and forwarded to the National Chair one month before regional play. The National Office recommends that a rotation plan be developed for each region with different teams hosting a championship each year.
4. 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.
5. A team shall not be required to play more than one game per day in postseason play.
6. If a region uses a tournament format, competing teams in regional championships shall be seeded, and, in the first round of the championship, the higher seeded team shall play the lower seeded team.
7. Sites for all championship games must conform to all minimum regulations with reference to the field and all related appurtenances as listed in the NCAA College Soccer Rule Book.
8. Any team that enters and begins play in an NCCAA Regional Championship is making a commitment to the NCCAA that said team shall continue through the Regional and National Championships. Any failure to comply with this commitment shall result in review of the said team by the NCCAA National Office.
9. Regional Championships shall be conducted in the best interest of soccer at the national level of the NCCAA.
10. Assignment of officials: Championship officials must be NISOA approved officials and shall not hold an official relationship with any NCCAA member institution.

C. Conduct of National Championship – Guidelines for National Championship

1. Teams shall qualify for the National Championship by winning their regional championship match or being selected as the Regional Qualifier from the NCCAA Power Rating System.
2. Sites for all championship games must conform to all minimum regulations with reference to the field and all related appurtenances as listed in the official NCAA College Soccer Rule Book.
3. The host institution of the championship must provide a satisfactory means for charging admission to the games.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Required Functions to Attend
   Teams that advance to the Men's Soccer 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.
7. 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; an SRO roster file, and actions photos.
8. Advertising
   The host institution of a Regional or National Championship shall not accept advertising nor promote in any way the marketing of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs in connection with the NCCAA soccer program, merchandise, or signage.
9. 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 Soccer Championship competition is 32 individuals, which includes 26 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 the 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 need to be outside of official championships areas (e.g., bench areas, batting cages, etc.) and the university shall assume any additional cost associated with additional numbers to the travel party.

10. Balls
    The National Office, in consultation with the Men's Soccer Sport Committee, shall select the balls to be used for the National Championship. A minimum of eight new balls shall be provided for the championship games. One of the balls shall be presented as an honorary gift to each participating team. Currently, the Brillant Super by SELECT is used.
11. Uniforms
    Competing teams shall have both light and dark uniforms for use in all championships. These uniforms must conform to NCAA regulations. Choice of uniform color shall be made by the Championship Games Committee.
12. Officials
    Regional and National Championship officials must be NISOA approved officials and shall not hold an official relationship with any NCCAA member institution.
13. Pre-Match Protocol
    Teams shall receive 30 minutes on the game field before each match. Additional warmup may occur in auxiliary areas provided by the host. After warmup, teams shall circle to pray, lineup World Cup style, and walk out led by the officials for anthem, prayer, and starting lineups. (The anthem shall play only during first game of the day in pool play.)
14. Halftime
    Halftime shall be 10 minutes in duration for all matches.
15. Review of All Cards
    The Championship Committee shall review all red cards during the championship and determine if the offending player/coach shall be allowed to participate after sitting the required suspension in the next match. The Committee shall also review any player who receives a yellow card in each of the first two matches to determine whether the player/coach shall be allowed to participate in the team's next match. After the review, any player allowed to play who subsequently receives a caution while competing in their next match shall be immediately removed from the contest for the duration of that match, and a substitute may be inserted in their place. The player would be deemed ineligible for the event from that point until the conclusion of the tournament.
16. 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.
17. National Championship Christian Service Project (CSP)
    Each player and coach participating in the National Championship shall be asked to donate up to, but not more than, two hours of his time to serve in a CSP. The host Championship Director, in concert with the NCCAA Director of Championships, is responsible to secure the sites and set up the times for the service.
18. Rosters on game day only need to be given to the main table personnel who shall distribute to the scorekeeper and officials. Rosters do not need to be given to the opposing coach.
19. 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.
20. 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.

D. Selection of Teams for Championship
The championship shall be nine teams. Teams shall come from six regions and three at-large selections. Regions must choose their selection via a tournament, via power rating, or as a representative. If a region has no selection, that slot becomes open to an at-large selection (see Appendix E).

1. Regional Championship - Selection of Teams:
   All NCCAA member institutions must send to the National Office a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by August 15 for all varsity sports.

2. There shall be six regions which shall be named as follows:
   a. Central
   b. Mideast
   c. Midwest
   d. North Central
   e. South
   f. West
3. Regional Representative to the National Championship
   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. National Championship At-Large Berth
   a. The at-large request to be considered for the NCCAA National Championship is on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. Athletics Directors can list the conditions by which they shall accept at-large spots on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. To be considered for an at-large bid, an institution must have played in the Regional Championship, met its declaration for consideration 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 National Men's Soccer Committee shall select the team(s) for the at-large berth to the National Championship in addition to seeding the teams.
   c. Selection and seeding of the team(s) shall be made on a conference or video call by the Sunday evening following the completion of regional play.
   d. Criteria to be used in the selection of the at-large berth(s) shall be the Power Rating System Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
      1) Head-to-head results.
      2) Results of games against common opponents.
      3) National ranking in national polls at the end of the regular season.
   e. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings.
   f. 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. A team that does not compete in the NCCAA Regional Championship due to NAIA or NCAA conflicts shall be considered for an at-large bid if it was declared to participate in its NCCAA Regional Championship.
6. National Championship Seeding
   a. Criteria to be used in the seeding of the teams shall be the Power Rating System Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
      1) Head-to-head results.
      2) Results of games against common opponents.
      3) National ranking in national polls at the end of the regular season.
   b. 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.
   c. The National Men's Soccer Committee, in conjunction with the National Office, can adjust seeding to avoid regional opponents being grouped together in pool play (if possible), following the Regional Seeding Conflict Guidelines in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.

E. Format for the National Championship
1. The NCCAA Division I Men's Soccer National Championship shall be a nine team pool play National Championship (see Appendix E and Appendix G).
2. The most recent NCAA Soccer Rule Book shall govern all National Championship games.
3. To break ties in pool play, see Appendix F for guidelines.
4. Procedures for Tied Games: The NCAA Rule Book shall be the official guide for all tied games.
5. Pool Play Matches: All Pool Play Matches at the NCCAA National Championship shall finish in a tie if the score is still tied after playing regulation.
6. Semifinal Match and Championship Match: If tied after regulation, up to two 10-minute periods (the first team to score wins the game) and penalty kicks (conducted according to NCAA Rule Book guidelines), if necessary, shall be used to determine a champion.

7. 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 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 one pool play 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.

V. AWARDS

The NCCAA maintains a standardized award 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. 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.

B. Selection of an All-Tournament Team and Most Outstanding Player
   1. The All-Tournament team shall consist of 11 players including the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament. The team shall be determined by an allocation system.
   2. The 1st place team shall receive two players, 2nd place team two players, and the 3rd-6th place teams shall each receive one. Three additional spots shall be selected by the Games Committee and may come from any team.
   3. The two finalist teams must submit either a defender or a Goalkeeper on their list of nominees.
   4. Players shall be selected by their coach and the name shall be submitted to the Tournament Director of the National Championship at the conclusion of the third day of play on Wednesday (for the five teams that do not qualify for the NCCAA Semifinals). Teams that qualify for the semifinals shall submit their selections after the completion of the semifinal matches on Friday. The Games Committee shall work with the coaches to ensure all positions are covered appropriately.
   5. The Most Outstanding Player shall be selected by the Games Committee from the championship team.

C. Through the sponsorship of SELECT, the person who scores the most goals in championship play shall be given the Golden Ball Award. Following are the criteria for determining most goals:
   1. Most goals overall.
   2. If tied, most assists.
   3. If still tied, most goals per game (goals divided by games).
   4. If still tied, player from team that advanced the farthest or had better record at the event.

D. Team Sportsmanship Award
The Team Sportsmanship Award shall be determined by vote of the Championship Games Committee and referees and is given by the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA).

E. The NCCAA Kyle Rote, Jr. Award
The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding NCCAA student-athlete in Men's Soccer and highlights excellence in competition, skill, academics, and Christian service during his career. The award shall be presented annually at the Men's Soccer National Championship (see Appendix B).
   1. Recipients of this award must:
      a. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the field, including Christian service activities.
      b. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
      c. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student and a varsity team member.
      d. Demonstrate leadership ability.
      e. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
   2. Procedures:
      a. Only one student-athlete per institution may be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID).
      b. The nomination form must be used and submitted to the National Office by November 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).

3. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the banquet. The National Office shall contribute up to $250 toward travel expenses.
4. The recipient of the Kyle Rote, Jr. 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.

F. All-Regional Honors
1. Candidates must be submitted using the All-Regional Nomination Form (see Appendix A).
2. The number of athletes on each All-Regional Team shall be equal to the number of athletes on each All-American Team, which for soccer is 11.
3. 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.
4. The All-Regional Team(s) shall follow the All-American positional breakdown of one goalkeeper, three forwards, three midfielders, three defenders, and one alternate.
5. Regions must use the standard Google Docs form for voting, following the same voting procedures as the All-American process.
6. Votes shall be conducted by position for a positional rank order. A separate vote shall also be conducted for overall rank order.
7. Coaches may not vote for their own players, except when there are only one or two teams in the region.
8. 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.
9. The maximum number of athletes any team can have on each All-Regional Team (e.g., First Team, Second Team, etc.) is six for soccer.
10. Regions cannot limit nominations based on regular season or postseason finish.
11. Regions are permitted to have Honorable Mention.
12. 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.
13. Regions must have tiebreaking procedures in place. Ties may not be submitted within the rank order for All-American purposes.
14. 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.

G. All-American Honors
1. Candidates must be submitted using the All-Regional Nomination Form (see Appendix A).
2. Each region shall submit a slate of candidates in rank order from their All-Regional Team and ranked by position. A player must be on a regional team to be considered for All-American (see Appendix D).
3. A committee consisting of each region's representative and the National Soccer Chair, or his representative, shall select the NCCAA All-American teams. 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.
4. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least one week prior to the vote.
5. The First Team shall be an 11-member squad comprised of one goalkeeper, three forwards, three midfielders, three defenders, and one alternate.
6. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the full All-American team selection. The top vote getter from each position (F, MF, D, GK) shall be reviewed again, and then another vote shall be taken to determine the Player of the Year.
7. The Second Team shall be an 11-member squad comprised of one goalkeeper, three forwards, three midfielders, three defenders, and one alternate.
8. The All-American voting procedure is listed in Appendix D.

H. Coaching Honors

1. Regional Coach of the Year
   a. Each region shall name its Regional Coach of the Year by the recommended date for conclusion of regional play. The Regional Soccer Chair shall notify the National Soccer Chair of their selection immediately.
   b. Voting procedure:
      1.) The ballot shall allow selection of two individuals: five points for the first choice and three points for the second choice.
      2.) It is considered unethical for a member institution to vote for its own representative.
2. National Coach of the Year (see Forms & Procedures section)
   The NCCAA National Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the All-American Committee. Candidates shall consist of the Regional Coaches of the Year and any coach whose team qualifies for the National Championship in the NCCAA, NAIA, or NCAA.

I. 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.

J. 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.

K. The NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week award shall be given to two student-athletes (one offensive and one defensive) in Division I Men's Soccer during the regular season, chosen from the list of nominees submitted by institutions. Only one student-athlete per school per award (offensive/defensive) 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. 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 Code of Conduct in Competition Policy.

C. Meetings
1. A meeting of the coaches of the competing teams, host coach, and members of the Championship Committee shall be held prior to all championships to review playing rules, interpretations, and any other administrative matters that may be necessary.
2. A meeting of all NCCAA soccer coaches shall be held annually. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on any Handbook changes the soccer coaches wish to submit to the National Office.

D. Regional Men's Soccer Chair Job Profile
1. Function
The Regional Soccer Chair shall be responsible for:
   a. The NCCAA Regional Soccer Championship Competition.
   b. Coordination of the balloting for the NCCAA All-Regional Team and the NCCAA Regional Coach of the Year.
   c. Participation in the NCCAA All-American selection process.
2. Selection
   a. The Regional Soccer Chair shall be nominated by an NCCAA Regional Chair or Regional Coach.
   b. The coaches within the respective region shall vote on the nominations.
   c. The NCCAA National Men's Soccer Chair shall confirm the elected Regional Soccer Chair and shall communicate the results to the respective region coaches.
   d. The Regional Soccer Chair shall serve a three-year term. Re-elections are permitted. There is no limit to the number of terms one can serve, but one must be elected for each term by coaches within the respective region.
   e. Nominations, voting, and announcement of results must be completed by January 31.
3. Duties
   a. Conduct the NCCAA Regional Championship for men's soccer.
   b. Conduct regional coaches' meetings on issues of importance to the NCCAA Region, the NCCAA Regional Championships, and NCCAA National Championships.
   c. Submit policy changes, procedures, and recommendations from the coaches' meetings to the NCCAA National Men's Soccer Chair.
   d. Conduct the balloting for the NCCAA All-Regional Team and the NCCAA Regional Soccer Coach of the Year.
   e. By the selected date, submit the regional playoffs format to the NCCAA National Men's Soccer Chair.
   f. By the selected date, submit the results of the regional balloting for the Regional Coach of the Year and the All-Regional team along with all supporting documentation.
   g. Serve as a liaison between the NCCAA National Men's Soccer Chair and the soccer coaches of the respective NCCAA Region.

E. 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 Division I Men's Soccer
All-Regional Nomination Form

Player Rank #_____

Name _____ Jersey # _____ (H) _____ (A) _____

Nominee's Position _____ Year: ___Fr ___So ___Jr ___Sr ___Gr

Institution _____ Region _____

Coach _____ Mobile Phone (_____) _____-_____

Work Phone (_____) _____-_____

			Goalkeepers			
Season	Goals	Assists	Saves	GA	Captain Yes/No	Cautions/ Ejections
20_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors _____

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Comments _____

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

_____ _____
Coach's Signature Date

Appendix B
NCCAA Kyle Rote Jr. Award
Division I Men's Soccer

I. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The award was established in order to:
1. Enhance the Christian purpose of athletics.
2. Enhance excellence in Christian athletic competition.
3. Perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in NCCAA institutions across the nation.

II. RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD

The recipient shall be the outstanding NCCAA Christian men's soccer player (Division I) of the nation. Recipients of this award must:
1. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the field, including Christian service activities.
2. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
3. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member.
4. Demonstrate leadership ability.
5. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.

III. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The following procedures shall be used in selecting the recipient:
1. Student-athletes must be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID). Only one nominee allowed per institution. The nominations must be sent to the National Office.
2. The nomination form must be used and submitted to the National Office by November 1.
3. The National Office shall submit complete dossiers of all nominees to members of the Selection Committee by November 5.
4. Final selection of the recipient shall be made prior to the National Championship by the selection committee. 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).
5. The presentation of the award shall be made during the NCCAA Soccer National Championship Kick-Off Event.

IV. SELECTION COMMITTEE

Kyle Rote Jr., former NASL player and 2011 Soccer Hall of Fame Inductee; National Men's Soccer Chair; National Men's Soccer Vice-Chair; and the Regional Men's Soccer Chairs.

V. NATURE OF THE AWARDS

An award shall be given to the recipient.

VI. RECIPIENT

The recipient of the Kyle Rote, Jr 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.

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NCCAA Men's Soccer Division I Kyle Rote Jr. 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 field.

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

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Current Season Field Stats (Season Team Record: W_____ L_____ T_____)

GP	GS	G	A	PTS	S	SOG	GWG	YC	RC
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Current Season Goalkeeper Stats (Season Team Record: W_____ L_____ T_____)

GP	GS	GA	GA/G	SV	SHO	YC	RC
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Career Field Stats (Career Team Record: W_____ L_____ T_____)

GP	GS	G	A	PTS	S	SOG	GWG	YC	RC
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Career Goalkeeper Stats (Career Team Record: W_____ L_____ T_____)

GP	GS	GA	GA/G	SV	SHO	YC	RC
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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NCCAA Men's Soccer Division I Kyle Rote Jr. 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 field, 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 the nomination data is accurate.

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

Due by November 1 to jcampbell@thenccaa.org.

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Appendix C
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 them 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 D
NCCAA All-American Voting Procedures

All-American Voting Procedure for NCCAA Division I Men's Soccer 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 both in rank order from most points to least as well as in rank order by position such as the top four defenders, top four forwards, top four midfielders, etc. All ties must be 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. An 11-member squad shall be selected comprised of one goalkeeper, three forwards, three midfielders, three defenders, and one optional position.
   b. The NCCAA shall recognize an NCCAA All-American Second Team. The Second Team shall be an 11-member squad comprised of one goalkeeper, three forwards, three midfielders, three defenders, and one optional position.
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. An order of nomination shall be determined by the National Chair (e.g., West first, Central second, etc.). The process shall begin with each regional representative nominating the top defenders (no limit on nomination) from his/her region. The representative shall briefly 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 regional team.
5. Then the regional representatives shall each vote for their top four players in each position (defender, midfielder, forward, and goalkeeper). 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 with the National Chair who records it, or an electronic method can be determined to have vote emailed or texted to the National Chair..
6. The optional player vote shall include the highest rated player from the highest vote getter not selected from each position vote. A vote for these four players shall be held to make the last selection. Region rank must still be followed. If there is more than one player from the same region in this vote, the lower ranked player(s) shall be eliminated from the vote.
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 from highest to lowest (e.g., four players nominated for a position, top player receives four points, second three, third two, 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 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.
9. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the full All-American Team selections. The top vote getter from each position (forward, midfielder, defender, goalkeeper) shall be reviewed again, and then another vote shall be taken to determine the Player of the Year. Region rank must still be followed. If there is more than one player from the same region in this vote, the lower ranked player(s) shall be eliminated from the vote.
10. The All-American Second Team selection shall proceed in the same manner as the First Team.
11. There are no honorable mention teams in the NCCAA.
12. Once the team is selected, it is reviewed by the sport leadership and the National Office before being announced on the NCCAA website.

Appendix E
NCCAA Men's Soccer National Nine Team Pool Play Tournament

The NCCAA Division I Men's Soccer National Championship shall be a nine team pool play National Championship.

Format:
The NCCAA Division I Men's Soccer National Championship shall consist of six regional winners and three at-large bids. The nine teams shall be seeded by the NCCAA National Men's Soccer Committee (adhering to NCCAA Men's Soccer guidelines).

The nine teams shall be divided into three pools. Each team plays the two opponents in their pool (a minimum of two games).
Pool A (Seeds #1, #6, #9)
Pool B (Seeds #2, #5, #8)
Pool C (Seeds #3, #4, #7)

The Pool Play Games shall be played on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Each team shall have an open day without competition during this three day period.

Monday:	#1 vs. #9	#2 vs. #8	#3 vs. #7
Tuesday:	#6 vs. #9	#5 vs. #8	#4 vs. #7
Wednesday:	#1 vs. #6	#2 vs. #5	#3 vs. #4

The three teams (winners from Pool A, B, C) that win the Pool Play competition based on the two game Pool Play winning percentage shall advance to the NCCAA National Championship Semifinals bracket.

Points shall be awarded as follows: three points for a win, one point for a tie, and the NCCAA Men's Soccer National Championship Tie Breaking Guidelines (see Appendix F).

The fourth team to join the three Pool Play winners for the semifinals shall be the team that has the highest point total from pool play of the six remaining teams (three points for a win, one point for a tie, and the NCCAA Men's Soccer National Championship Tie Breaking Guidelines) (see Appendix F).

Once the semifinal teams are determined, the remaining five teams that did not qualify for the semifinals may depart back to their academic institutions after completion of play on Wednesday.

The four teams that advanced to the semifinals shall be reseeded based on their NCCAA National Championship Pool Play two game point total and the NCCAA Men's Soccer National Championship Tie Breaking Guidelines.

The semifinals shall be played on Friday and the National Championship on Saturday.

NCCAA National Championship schedule

Sunday:	Coaches Meeting and Tournament Banquet
Monday:	First day of Pool Play Competition
Tuesday:	Second day of Pool Play Competition
Wednesday:	Third day of Pool Play Competition
	Four teams advance to the semifinals.
	The remaining five teams may depart to their academic institutions.
Thursday:	No Matches Scheduled.
Friday:	Semifinal Matches
Saturday:	NCCAA National Championship Final

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Appendix F
NCCAA Men's Soccer National Championship Tie Breaking Guidelines

NCCAA Men's Soccer National Championship Tie Breaking Guidelines:

1. Winning Percentage Total Points: three points for win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss.
2. Head to Head Result: Matches that occurred during Pool Play only.
3. Goal Differential: Teams can only receive a maximum of +4 goal differential or a minimum of -4 goal differential for each match.
4. Goals Against: Teams can only receive a maximum of three goals against for each match.
5. Goals Scored: Teams can only receive a maximum of three goals for each match.
6. Last Tie Breaker: Teams that are still tied shall do a penalty kick shoot out to determine who shall advance to the semifinals. If teams that are tied will advance to the semifinals and are still tied, the tie breaker shall go to the higher seed from pool play for seeding in the semifinals.

Appendix G
Division I Men's and Woman's Soccer National Championship Pool Play Schedule

Sunday	**Event**	**Site**
4:30-5:30 PM	Championship Coaches Meeting	Hotel
6:00-7:20 PM 7:45-9:00 PM	Kick-off Dinners	Hotel
Monday		
1:00-3:00 PM	Pool A1 vs A3 (W) Pool A1 vs A3 (M)	All matches at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex
3:30-5:30 PM	Pool B1 vs B3 (W) Pool B1 vs B3 (M)	
6:00-8:00 PM	Pool C1 vs C3 (W) Pool C1 vs C3 (M)	
Tuesday		
1:00-3:00 PM	Pool A2 vs A3 (W) Pool A2 vs A3 (M)	All matches at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex
3:30-5:30 PM	Pool B2 vs B3 (W) Pool B2 vs B3 (M)	
6:00-8:00 PM	Pool C2 vs C3 (W) Pool C2 vs C3 (M)	
Wednesday		
1:00-3:00 PM	Pool A1 vs A2 (W) Pool A1 vs A2 (M)	All matches at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex
3:30-5:30 PM	Pool B1 vs B2 (W) Pool B1 vs B2 (M)	
6:00-8:00 PM	Pool C1 vs C2 (W) Pool C1 vs C2 (M)	
Thursday No Matches Scheduled		
Friday	*Teams reseeded after pool play*	
12:00-2:00 PM	Semifinal: #1 vs #4 (M)	All matches at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex
2:30-4:30 PM	Semifinal: #2 vs #3 (M)	
5:00-7:00 PM	Semifinal: #1 vs #4 (W)	
7:30-9:30 PM	Semifinal: #2 vs #3 (W)	
Saturday		
4:00 PM	Early Final & Awards	All matches at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex
7:30 PM	Late Final & Awards	

NOTE: 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.