

each championship site must be submitted online to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition.

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Schedule Form. Schedules must be completed by coaches not later than February 24 at <https://web1.ncaa.org/indsport/exec/login>. This web site is password protected and your institution's athletics director should have the necessary membership database username and password. If you need username and password information, please contact Rachel Thomason at rthomason@ncaa.org.

Regular-Season Results Form. Results from every regular-season competition must be submitted to <https://web1.ncaa.org/indsport/exec/login> by 5 p.m. the Monday after the completion of the event and must include lineups for I Eights, II Eights and Fours. Please note that your membership database username and password will be needed to access this site.

If results are not submitted, institutions may not be ranked or be selected to the championship and are subject to a fine (see page 11).

Determination of Participants

Championship Structure

The NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Championships are comprised of 312 total competitors (344 including spares) and provides for three events (I Eights, II Eights and Fours), each covering a 2,000-meter course. Twelve teams will be selected and each team is required to field two boats of eight rowers each and one boat of four rowers. In addition, four eight-women boats from institutions not represented in the team competition will be selected. There will be no fours selected on an "at-large" basis. Individual rowers are not permitted to double at championships.

Selection Procedures

Participants in the 2006 championships will be selected by the NCAA Division I Women's Rowing Committee. One team from each region will be selected. Race results against boats using male coxswains will not count toward rankings or selections. Participation by male coxswains is not permitted. In accordance with Bylaw 31.3, the following criteria will be used in selecting teams and individual boats:

- Eligibility and availability of student-athletes.
- End of Season championship results.
- Regional ranking.
- Late-season performance.
- Head-to-head results.
- Results versus team already selected.
- Results versus common opponents.
- Results versus regionally ranked team.

The committee would like to strongly encourage teams to travel out of their regions for competition against ranked teams.

Note: In order to be selected for the championship, in the varsity eight and second varsity eight boats, 50 percent of the declared lineup, excluding coxswains, must race together in that event at least once during the regular season. There is open substitutions for the Four Boat. For ranking and selection purposes, every race result counts regardless of lineup. The committee reserves the right to consider all results from spring competition, including those raced on courses that deviate from the recommended 2,000-meter distance. [However, due to uncontrollable circumstances that would not allow for a 2,000-meter race, more consideration will be given to races closest to that distance.]

Entry Procedures

Schedule Form. Schedules must be verified on the rowing results web site <https://web1.ncaa.org/indsport/exec/login> not later than February 24.

Lineup Form. The lineup form must be received not later than 4 p.m. Eastern time Monday, May 15. Forms may be faxed, e-mailed or sent by regular mail to your

regional advisory committee chair and John Jentz, the national committee chair (fax: 608/265-3036).

Late Lineup Form. Forms received after the deadline will be considered late and subject to a fine of \$50 per team up to a maximum of \$300 per team.

Substitutions. Once lineups have been declared in the varsity eight and second varsity eight boats, up to 50 percent of the rowers in each may be substituted up to the time of submission of final lineups at the coaches meeting conducted at the championships site. In addition, coxswain and spares may be substituted up to the time of submission of lineup forms at the coaches meeting. There will be open substitution for Fours boats.

Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 3.2.4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition. Member institutions are reminded to notify the national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championships competition.

For this championship, the championships liaison must be notified before May 15.

Instructions to Participants

Adjusted Place Standings

[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.4-(a) in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association.

Audio Coverage (Radio and Internet)

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines at www.ncaasports.com/broadcast.

Awards

[Reference: Awards in the Division I General Section.]

Official NCAA awards will be presented to the top eight finishers in each event. Trophies will be presented to the top four teams in the championship. If two or more teams are tied for an award, the tie will be broken by the team's place finish in the I Eights. Participation awards will be presented to all student-athletes competing or in uniform in the championships. These awards will be sent to the institutions' director of athletics after the competition.

Bow Numbers

Bow numbers shall be issued for each event to correspond with the team's starting lane.

Drug Testing

[Reference: Drug Testing in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in the championship may be subject to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Equipment

[Reference: Appendix B.]

All boats, oars and other equipment must conform to USRowing Rules 3-101 through 3-205, except for rules pertaining to uniforms, male coxswains and equipment, where NCAA rules will apply. All boats are required to have the name of the institution in letters at least 2 inches high on each side of the boat. It is preferred that the name be placed near the coxswain on the Eights boats. A boat that fails to have the name of the institution on both sides will be given a warning during the first practice session. After the warning, a boat will not be allowed on the water until the institutional name