



**2017 WOMEN'S
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE
GYMNASTICS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS
2016-17 MANUAL**

NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women, and three for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information, and Appendixes.

The first section applies to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the other two sections are sport-specific

Section 1•1 Definitions

Pre-Championship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Pre-championship meeting for coaches and administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Administrator. The NCAA staff member responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA National Committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the selection process.

Site Selection. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. Number of student-athletes per team allowed to dress in uniform and participate at the championship.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries, etc.).

Section 3 • Concussion Management

[Reference: Concussion Management in Constitution 3.2.4.18 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Constitution 3.3.4.16 in the NCAA Division II Manual, and Constitution 3.2.4.16 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

The NCAA has adopted legislation that requires all active member institutions to have a concussion management plan for their student-athletes. Traveling institutions shall follow their concussion management plan while participating in NCAA championships. If a participating team lacks appropriate medical staff to activate its concussion management plan, the host championship concussion management plan will be activated.

The legislation notes, in part, that a student-athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be removed from athletics activities (e.g., competition, practice, conditioning sessions) and evaluated by a medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) with experience in the evaluation and management of concussions; a student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion is precluded from returning to athletics activity for at least the remainder of that calendar day; and medical clearance for return to athletics activity shall be determined by the team physician or the physician's designee from the student-athlete's institution. In the absence of a team physician or their designee, the NCAA tournament physician will examine the student-athlete and will determine medical clearance. Within the rules of the sport and policies established for the championship, medical staff should have access to the injured student-athlete without interference (e.g., coach).

A concussion is a brain injury that may be caused by a blow to the head, face, neck or elsewhere on the body with an "impulsive" force transmitted to the head. Concussions can occur without loss of consciousness or other obvious signs. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the previous one (hours, days or weeks) can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having more severe and/or long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in brain swelling, permanent brain damage and even death.

For further details, please refer to the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook for additional guidance on concussions online at: <http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4374-2014-15-ncaa-sports-medicine-handbook.aspx>.

Section 4 • Conduct

Section 4•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I, Manuals Constitution 3.3.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaws 31.2.2 and 31.2.1.5 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. 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 NCAA 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 championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal

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shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 4•2 Drug Testing

[Reference: Bylaws 18.4.1.4 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division II, and III Manuals.]

Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.4 (Division I); 18.4.1.5 (Divisions II and III) 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.

Section 4•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 4•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. [Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere policy and procedure and fines.

Section 4•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

No predetermined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Section 4•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

After each championship, student-athletes will be asked to participate in a post-event survey intended to capture feedback on their recent championship experience. Institutional administrators will be copied on the email and asked to ensure participation from all student-athletes and coaches.

Section 5 • Elite 90 Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative GPA of all student-athletes on all teams competing at the finals site. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the final round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. To receive more information or access the online form and submit a nomination, go to NCAA.org.

Section 6 • Fan Travel

NCAA Travel provides an easy and affordable way for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athletes and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to NCAA.com/travel to search and book online hotel, car and air travel, all in one easy transaction.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics

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equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and
2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2¼ square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

It is essential that all research efforts be coordinated by a single entity within the national office structure in order to ensure maximum efficiency and quality, avoid unnecessary duplication of effort on the part of staff and membership, allow the NCAA to prioritize research efforts given the limited time and resources of our members and adhere to federal guidelines on the responsibilities of researchers to properly protect research participants from harm.

For the purpose of this policy, "research" is defined as any systematic collection of data for the purpose of drawing generalized conclusions.

Any proposal to conduct research must be submitted to the NCAA research staff for review at least six weeks before the project begins. Research to be conducted during NCAA championships or related events, and which involves competing student-athletes or attendees, is also subject to review. This includes all research, including that conducted by or under the direction of any employee, contractor or paid consultant of the NCAA. It also includes any research conducted by other persons, but funded totally or in part by the NCAA. Any research that detracts from the student-athlete experience or requires physical activity may not be permitted at the championships (preliminary and finals sites). The NCAA retains sole discretion as to whether to allow such research.

Examples of activities considered research include: Conducting surveys of athletics administrators, college presidents, faculty, coaches and student-athletes; leading an organized focus group; funding an outside study under the auspices of the NCAA; conducting market research at championship events; secondary analysis of data originally collected by the NCAA from people for other purposes; any systematic collection of data from the membership or other entities; etc.

Section 9 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. (Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

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Section 1 • General Administration

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The National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee.

Current members of the committee are:

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Section 1•3 Score Verification Coordinators

The national committee appoints a regional score verification coordinator in each of its respective regions to assist in the evaluation of teams and assist with verification of scores throughout the season.

REGION	SCORE VERIFICATION COORDINATOR	EMAIL
Central	Christina MacDonald; Central Michigan University	macdo1cn@cmich.edu
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Southeast	Vicki Chliszczyk; Towson University	vchliszczyk@towson.edu
West	Tanya Chaplin; Oregon State University	tanya.chaplin@oregonstate.edu

The responsibilities of each regional score verification coordinator may include: (1) gathering and sharing of results for teams within their conference or geographical area; (2) provision of input in the selection of judges for the championships; (3) provision of input in the selection of sites for championships competition; and, if requested, (4) service as a sounding board for the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee. Regional coordinators function actively during the competitive season and when needed during the rest of the academic year.

Regional coordinators are recommended and approved by all members of the Women's Gymnastics Committee. Regions are constituted so as to adequately and fairly represent the institutions in that region. Regional coordinators generally serve for three years but are evaluated annually by the committee. A former regional coordinator generally is not eligible for reappointment for an additional three-year period once his/her term has expired.

Section 1•4 Important Dates

Thursday, Dec. 1	Deadline for institutions to submit their schedule of meets to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator.
Monday, Feb. 6	Deadline for regional and national participant manuals to be submitted by the tournament director to John Kuzio (jkuzio@ncaa.org).
Monday, March 6	All coaches must submit a completed RQS form to their respective regional score verification coordinator.
Monday, March 6	Regional and national participant manuals posted to NCAA website.
Saturday, March 18	Deadline for scores used for qualification purposes.
Sunday, March 19	Deadline for institutions to submit final RQS form to regional score verification coordinator (noon Eastern time).
Monday, March 20	Team, all-arounder and individual event specialist selections to regional competition announced by 4 p.m. Eastern time via an online selection show on NCAA.com.
Wednesday, March 22	Deadline for institutions that have qualified for regional competition to accept or decline the invitation to participate. [Note: Not later than noon (local time of host institution).] Accept by submitting the official entry form to the appropriate regional tournament director and Molly Simons. All declines must be in writing to msimons@ncaa.org .
Monday, March 27	Tournament directors to conduct teleconferences with participating head coaches and administrators [teams, all-arounders (AA) and individual event specialists (IES)], site representatives and meet referees. (Six separate calls shall be conducted.) The assigned site representative along with the tournament director will lead the call.
Friday, March 31	Deadline to replace individual competitors.
Saturday, April 1	Regional competition.

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Monday, April 3	Selection to the national championships announced. Selection information will be available on the NCAA website not later than noon Eastern time.
Wednesday, April 5	Deadline for institutions that have qualified for the national championships to accept or decline the invitation to participate. [Note: Not later than noon Eastern time.] Accept by submitting the official entry form to the national tournament director and Molly Simons. All declines must be in writing to msimons@ncaa.org .
Thursday, April 6	National tournament director to conduct teleconference with participating head coaches and administrators (teams, AA and IES), committee chair and meet referee at noon Eastern time. The committee chair will lead this call along with the tournament director and NCAA staff.
Friday-Saturday, April 14-15	National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2017 Regionals: April 1

Champaign Regional (Central)	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Fayetteville Regional (South Central)	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Gainesville Regional (Southeast)	University of Florida
Lincoln Regional (North Central)	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Morgantown Regional (Northeast)	West Virginia University
Seattle Regional (West)	University of Washington

2017 Finals: April 14-15

St. Louis

FUTURE DATES

Regional and National Competition

April 7, 2018, and April 20-21, 2018

April 6, 2019, and April 19-20, 2019

April 4, 2020, and April 17-18, 2020

April 3, 2021, and April 16-17, 2021

DATE FORMULA

Regional competition will be the first Saturday in April; the national championships will be two weeks later, either the third Friday and Saturday or the third Saturday and Sunday in April.

ANNUAL FORMS

Reporting Forms. The reporting form used by institutions to submit their schedule of meets to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator is due Dec. 1. If changes need to be made to the form, please submit a written request to Molly Simons and Adina Stock.

Judges Evaluation Form. Coaches will submit the online judges' evaluation form within 72 hours of each meet. Host institutions shall provide each coach with the judges' names, event and state of residence. The online judges evaluation form is available at http://web1.ncaa.org/wgy_judges/exec/login. Hard copies of the evaluation form will not be accepted.

RQS Form. Institutions must submit the RQS form electronically to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator not later than Tuesday, February 28. The final RQS must be submitted by noon Eastern time, March 19. Institutions that do not submit the RQS sheet by the published deadlines are subject to a financial penalty (up to a maximum of \$600). Handwritten score sheets will not be accepted.

Section 1•5 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships

[Reference: Bylaw 20.8 in the NCAA Manual.]

In those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution participating in the championships is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional- and individual-eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue.)

Since more than two-thirds of the institutions that participate in women's gymnastics are Division I institutions, all student-athletes selected to participate in the women's gymnastics championships must meet Division I eligibility requirements.

Section 1•6 Equipment

American Athletic, Inc. (AAI) will furnish the equipment that will be used at the 2017 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships. Teams, all-around competitors and individual event specialists may bring one vaulting board and one small beam pad (not a sting or suede mat) to be used at regional competition and the national championships. The small beam pad may not be left on the floor during the competition (both regionals and nationals). All other equipment and matting (e.g., sting mats, vault entry pads, plywood, etc.) will be provided by the host institution and/or equipment manufacturer.

Equipment Specifications. All equipment must conform to USA Gymnastics equipment specifications as outlined in the 2016-17 USA Gymnastics Women's Rules and Policies, Operating Code (Junior Olympic-Level 10). Copies may be obtained from USA Gymnastics, 132 East Washington Street, Suite 700, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 (317-237-5050). Additionally, NCAA rules modifications will be used as referenced in Section 1.7.

Institutions and individuals must compete using the vault table apparatus that is approved by USA Gymnastics for Level 10 JO competition in order for the scores from a meet to be used in the calculation of regional qualifying scores (RQS). Please note that the TAC/10 LZT vault table will be used with NCAA regional and national competition.

Foreign Substance. Foreign substances may NOT be placed on the hands and/or feet of the gymnasts or any piece of equipment (e.g., honey and sugar, tuff skin, etc.).

Grips. A broken or completely torn hand-grip will be treated as equipment failure, and the gymnast has the right to repeat the exercise. Loose grips, unraveled wrist straps, etc., do not constitute broken grips. *Note: If an injury or equipment failure occurs and competition is halted for 20 minutes or more, a 30-second touch per student-athlete will be allowed.*

The gymnast will repeat her routine as the last team competitor or after the all-around competitor/individual event specialist. If this does not allow for a sufficient amount of time to change grips or enough time to prepare, the gymnast will repeat the routine as soon as safely possible. The time should not exceed five minutes (common sense and safety must prevail).

Regional Mat Color. Regional hosts may use any solid color floor exercise carpet, provided any corporate logos are covered. If the host institution rents or borrows a mat for regional competition, then a blue AAI mat shall be used.

Vault Height. The vault table may be raised to the maximum height specified by the equipment manufacturer.

Vault Table. The TAC/10 LZT vault table will be used at regional competition and the national championships.

Section 1•7 Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Manual.]

The NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications are available on the NCAA website at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/gymnastics-rules-game>.

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships, and all meets used to qualify for them, will be conducted according to USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Women's Code of Points (Level 10 Rules) and the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications.

Section 1•8 Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Manual.]

For all sessions of the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships, an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (i.e., tights, T-shirts, warm-ups, tennis shoes) must be identical if worn on either practice or competition day. During the march-in and awards ceremony, team members must be in identical warm-up apparel.

For NCAA women's gymnastics competition, the following uniform policies must be followed:

All competitors are required to be in identical team-issued uniforms for all official practices, warm-ups and competitions, including the awards ceremony.

1. Gymnasts must wear one-piece leotards that include briefs that are the same color of the leotard or are skin-tone in color. There is no deduction for an exposed sports bra that is in contrast to or matches the color of the leotard as long as it is identical in color worn by all team members.
2. Leotard straps must be a minimum of 2 cm (7/8") in width.
3. Swimsuit apparel is permitted during practice and warm-up only, provided the apparel meets all other requirements.
4. Deduction of .10 for leotard above the hipbone. A warning will be given by the judge on the competition floor.
5. During the individual event finals, individual leotards that meet all other apparel requirements may be worn.
6. The meet referee will instruct a gymnast who does not meet the uniform policies that she is "out of uniform." The gymnast must comply with the uniform rules or a .30 team deduction will be taken during team competition or a .30 deduction off the individual's score during individual competition.

When a team (or individual qualifiers from the same school) is on the competition floor, the competitors must be in identical team uniforms. During the individual competition, individual leotards may be worn.

LOGOS

Refer to [General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7](#).

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The top 36 teams based on regional qualifying score (RQS) will be selected for regional competition. The committee will identify the top 18 teams and seed them in the bracket. Standard bracketing procedures will be followed with teams seeded 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12 placed on the left side of the bracket and teams seeded 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 11 placed on the right side of the bracket ([Appendix A](#)). Seeding determined at the time of regional selections will be maintained throughout the championships. Teams 19-36 will be placed geographically at one of the six regional sites. All host teams stay home to compete, whether they are a top-18 seed or not. All-around competitors and event specialists remain in region.

Regional competition consisting of six teams, four all-around competitors and two individual specialists per event (all of whom are not on a qualifying team) will be conducted in each of six regions to determine the participants in the national championships.

The National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships will consist of 12 teams and 12 all-around competitors and event specialists. The top two teams and the top two all-around competitors (who are not on an advancing team) from each regional will receive an automatic berth to the national championships. In addition, the event winners at regional competition advance to the national championships (in that event only) if they are not part of a qualifying team or an all-around qualifier.

Semifinals, all-around and individual event specialist competition will be conducted in two sessions Friday, April 14. The top three teams from each semifinal will advance to Super Six competition Saturday, April 15. The individual event and all-around champions will be determined on Friday during semifinal competition.

The team championship will be awarded to the team with the highest cumulative team score, with five scores counting per event. The all-around and individual event champions will be awarded to the individuals with the highest cumulative score during semifinal competition.

REGIONAL FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

There will be one session of six rotations with four events and two byes, beginning between 4 and 6 p.m. Hosts must submit a request for their preferred start times to Molly Simons by November 4, 2016, for approval. All-arounders will compete after the team in each event; individual event specialists also will compete after the team on their respective events. The order of events will be as follows:

Vault — Bye before Bars — Bars — Beam — Bye before Floor — Floor

Regional team, all-around and event specialist competition and warm-ups will be conducted in the same manner as at the championships.

The Women's Gymnastics Committee conducted a random draw for 2017 regional competition: All regions will follow the same draw.

EVENT	TEAM
Vault	Team 2
Bye/Bars	Team 4
Bars	Team 1
Beam	Team 5
Bye/Floor	Team 3
Floor	Team 6

Friday, March 31: Practice Day

Two practice sessions will be conducted. Each will be one hour and 46 minutes, and will consist of one 20-minute stretching period and four 20-minute rotations. A two-minute transition period will be allotted between events. All-around competitors and event specialists will practice with their assigned teams. Bars and beam will be timed in the same format as the competitive warm-up with any remaining time shared between the team and individual(s). Three teams, and the individual(s) assigned to rotate with the team, shall be assigned to each practice session. Practice sessions are assigned according to their competitive starting events. *Note: During practice, teams will start on the same event in which they will begin competition. Teams starting on a bye will begin practice on their actual first event (i.e., team starting on bye before floor will begin practice session No. 1 on floor).*

PRACTICE SESSION	COMPETITIVE STARTING EVENT
No. 1 (1:15-3:01 p.m.)	Vault, bars, bye before floor
No. 2 (4-5:46 p.m.)	Bye before bars, beam, floor

Saturday, April 1: Competition Day

REGIONAL WARM-UP ROTATION

1:45-2 p.m.	Stretching
2-2:15 p.m.	Rotation I
2:15-2:17 p.m.	Transition
2:17-2:32 p.m.	Rotation II
2:32-2:34 p.m.	Transition
2:34-2:49 p.m.	Rotation III
2:49-2:51 p.m.	Transition
2:51-3:06 p.m.	Rotation IV
3:06-3:08 p.m.	Transition
3:08-3:23 p.m.	Rotation V
3:23-3:25 p.m.	Transition
3:25-3:40 p.m.	Rotation VI
4 p.m.	March-in

Note: The above rotation is based on a 4 p.m. start time. Please adjust to your regional's start time, as necessary.

Ties — Regionals. In regional team competition, ties for second place will be broken by counting six scores per event. If a tie still exists, the team score will be determined by using six scores per event, dropping the high and the low scores and adding the four middle scores. In case of a tie for the second all-around berth from a regional into the national championships, the all-around competitor with the highest individual event score at regional competition will advance. If a tie still exists, the competitor with the next highest individual event score will qualify. Continue this process until the tie is broken. Ties for individual event winners will not be broken.

NATIONAL FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

Order of Events. Semifinal team, all-around and individual event specialist competition will be conducted in two sessions Friday, April 14. The top three teams from each semifinal will advance to the Super Six competition Saturday, April 15. The event order for each session is as follows:

Vault — *Bye before Bars* — Bars — Beam — *Bye before Floor* — Floor

Thursday, April 13: Practice Day

Three practice sessions will be conducted jointly for the teams, all-arounders and individual event specialists (10:30 a.m., 1:01 p.m. and 3:32 p.m.). All practices will be one hour and 46 minutes — one 20-minute stretching period and four 20-minute rotations. A two-minute transition period will be allotted between events. Bars and beam will be timed in the same format as the competitive warm-up with any remaining time shared between the team and the individual. Since a team's/all-arounder's semifinal placement and starting event is determined by random draw, a team's/all-arounder's practice session will be based on its semifinal placement and starting event, as follows:

SEMIFINAL & STARTING POSITION	PRACTICE SESSION	PRACTICE STARTING EVENT
Semifinal I Vault	Session 1	Vault
Semifinal I Bye before Bars	Session 2	Vault
Semifinal I Bars	Session 1	Bars
Semifinal I Beam	Session 1	Beam
Semifinal I Bye before Floor	Session 2	Floor
Semifinal I Floor	Session 1	Floor
Semifinal II Vault	Session 3	Vault
Semifinal II Bye before Bars	Session 2	Bars
Semifinal II Bars	Session 3	Bars
Semifinal II Beam	Session 3	Beam
Semifinal II Bye before Floor	Session 2	Beam
Semifinal II Floor	Session 3	Floor

The competition venue will not open to coaches until one hour before the first practice session or 10 minutes before the beginning of the next session. Please adhere to these time frames so the tournament director has sufficient time to prepare the venue for the competitors.

Friday, April 14: Semifinals, All-Around and Individual Event Specialist Competition

Team. The top two teams from each of the six regionals advance to semifinal competition. The host team and its corresponding group will compete in the second semifinal. If the host does not qualify or the championships are held at a neutral site, a random draw will be used to determine which group is placed in semifinal I or II. A random draw will be conducted to determine event rotation.

All-Around. A random draw will be used to place half of the first-place all-arounders from regionals into Group A and half into Group B. The same procedure will be followed for the second-place all-arounders. A random draw will be used to determine placement into either semifinal I or II.

Individual Event Specialists. If any event specialists qualify (i.e., those who won their event at regional competition and are not a member of a team or an all-around competitor), they will compete after the all-around qualifier and be placed into a semifinal and rotation using the following procedures:

- One qualifier on an event — place qualifier in rotation III and draw for semifinal;
- Two qualifiers on the same event (compete in rotation III) — draw to place one qualifier in each semifinal;
- Three qualifiers on the same event — follow procedures for two qualifiers, placing the third qualifier in rotation IV and draw for semifinal; and
- Four qualifiers on the same event — draw to place one qualifier in each semifinal in rotations III and IV.

[Note: If a gymnast qualifies in more than one event, she will compete in only one session during rotations III, IV, etc. An additional two-minute warm-up will be added to accommodate these individuals (2:10 added to beam).]

Each semifinal will include six teams, six all-arounders and various individual event specialists. The last competitor will be the all-arounder unless an individual event specialist also is competing. If injuries or scratches result in a team having fewer than five gymnasts in an event, it still shall compete as a team with a zero being included for each missing score.

The warm-up rotation is as follows:

SEMIFINAL I — 1 P.M.*

10:45-11 a.m.	Stretching
11-11:15 a.m.	Warm-up Rotation I
11:15-11:17 a.m.	Transition
11:17-11:32 a.m.	Warm-up Rotation II
11:32-11:34 a.m.	Transition
11:34-11:49 a.m.	Warm-up Rotation III

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11:49-11:51 a.m.	Transition
11:51 a.m.-12:06 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation IV
12:06-12:08 p.m.	Transition
12:08-12:23 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation V
12:23-12:25 p.m.	Transition
12:25-12:40 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation VI
12:50 p.m.	Begin lining up
1 p.m.	March-in

SEMIFINAL II - 8 P.M.*

5:45-6 p.m.	Stretching
6-6:15 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation I
6:15-6:17 p.m.	Transition
6:17-6:32 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation II
6:32-6:34 p.m.	Transition
6:34-6:49 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation III
6:49-6:51 p.m.	Transition
6:51-7:06 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation IV
7:06-7:08 p.m.	Transition
7:08-7:23 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation V
7:23-7:25 p.m.	Transition
7:25-7:40 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation VI
7:50 p.m.	Begin lining up
8 p.m.	March-in

*All times listed are Eastern.

Saturday, April 15: Super Six - 9 p.m.*

The top three teams from each semifinal will advance to Super Six competition. The Women's Gymnastics Committee conducted a random draw placing teams finishing first and second during semifinal I and II on vault, beam, bye before bars and bye before floor to ensure these four teams are on an event in the sixth rotation, with teams finishing third in either semifinal placed randomly on either bars or floor. The draw for the 2017 Super Six is as follows:

EVENT	TEAM
Vault	Semifinal I, Team 2
Bye/Bars	Semifinal I, Team 1
Bars	Semifinal II, Team 3
Beam	Semifinal II, Team 2
Bye/Floor	Semifinal II, Team 1
Floor	Semifinal I, Team 3

The warm-up rotation is as follows:

6:45-7 p.m.	Stretching
7-7:15 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation I
7:15-7:17 p.m.	Transition
7:17-7:32 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation II

7:32-7:34 p.m.	Transition
7:34-7:49 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation III
7:49-7:51 p.m.	Transition
7:51-8:06 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation IV
8:06-8:08 p.m.	Transition
8:08-8:23 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation V
8:23-8:25 p.m.	Transition
8:25-8:40 p.m.	Warm-up Rotation VI
8:50 p.m.	Begin Lining up
9 p.m.	March-in

*All times listed are Eastern.

Ties — Nationals

- Day 1 — Semifinals (team competition): Ties for third place in each semifinal will be broken by counting six scores per event. If a tie still exists, the team score will be determined by using six scores per event, dropping the high and low scores, and adding the four middle scores.
- Day 2 — Team Finals: Ties will not be broken.

WARM-UPS

Practice Day. Teams will use the matting surrounding their first event on competition day for open stretch. Teams with a bye will open stretch on the floor. Gymnasts warming up on vault, bars and beam may use the apparatus for stretching purposes without mounting the equipment. On bars, the low bar may be raised but not removed; the high bar may not be used. Group dances are not allowed. There are no restrictions on flight or inverted skills for the duration of the open stretch.

Competition Day. Teams will use the matting surrounding their first event for open stretch. The floor exercise mat will be used by the team that begins on floor, as well as the two teams that begin on byes. Each team will have one-third of the floor exercise mat. Gymnasts warming up on vault, bars and beam may use the apparatus for stretching purposes without mounting the equipment. On bars, the low bar may be raised but not removed; the high bar may not be used. Group dances are not allowed. There are no restrictions on flight or inverted skills for the duration of the open stretch.

After a 15-minute stretch, each rotation will be 15 minutes plus two minutes for transition between events. An additional two minutes (or 2:10 if beam) will be added if an event specialist is in the rotation. Bars and beam will be timed as indicated below and the warm-up will begin when all four green flags are raised. Each team or group will begin the warm-up session on the same event on which it begins the competitive rotation and will follow Olympic order.

The rotation of teams, all-around competitors and specialists (if applicable) during warm-up sessions must be as follows:

BARS

Team	3:15
All-around competitor	:30
Specialist	:30
Team	3:15
All-around competitor	:30
Specialist	:30
Team	3:15
All-around competitor	:30
Specialist	:30
Team	3:15
All-around competitor	:30
Specialist	:30

BEAM

Team	6:25
All-around competitor	1:05
Specialist	1:05
Team	6:25
All-around competitor	1:05
Specialist	1:05

TOUCH

During NCAA postseason competition, as competitors arrive at each event for competition there will be a 4:00 touch warm-up on each event. At the NCAA regionals and national championships, 0:30 will be added for each all-around and individual competitor. All participants on each event may use the entire touch warm-up time and all warm-ups will begin at the same time, regardless of duration. At the NCAA regionals and national championships, the two-minute transition between events will begin at the conclusion of the march-in ceremony, when all teams reach their respective corrals. After each rotation and the initial score is flashed, the PA announcer will announce the beginning of the two-minute transition period. This protocol is also recommended for regular season. For the NCAA regionals and national championships, the 2:00 transition will be announced and any adjustments may be made to extend the time, as necessary, for an orderly processional between events. [Note: During the competition, all participants and coaches must remain in uniform and on the competition floor (or in team seating) until the completion of the awards ceremony.]

(Note: For all competition, if an injury or equipment failure occurs and competition is halted for 20 minutes or more, a 30-second touch warm-up per student-athlete will be allowed.)

Section 2•2 Qualifying Procedures

CRITERIA

To qualify for regional competition and the national championships, each institution must comply with the following criteria. Failure to do so may result in the assessment of a financial penalty in accordance with Bylaw 31.1.11.1:

1. Schedule of Meets. Each institution's schedule of meets (refer to 2017 schedule of meets form) must be sent to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator by Dec. 1, 2016. Meets not listed on the schedule will not be accepted for qualification purposes.
2. Regular-Season Scoresheets. Complete, electronic scoresheets must be emailed or faxed to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator within 72 hours of the meet. Only results that have been submitted on either a typed NCAA scoresheet or a computer printout will be accepted. The scoresheet must include the judges' names and ratings, all judges' scores, neutral deductions, the all-around scores, the final team score, attendance figures and the coach's signature. Each judge also must sign the score sheet verifying the accuracy of each gymnast's average score.
3. Regional Qualifying Scoresheets. Complete, electronic regional qualifying scoresheets must be emailed to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator by Feb. 28. (Scores from meets between that date and March 18, the cut-off date, must be either emailed or faxed to the appropriate regional score verification coordinator by noon Eastern time, March 19. When submitting scores March 19, the revised RQS also must be submitted.)

(Note 1: The RQS must be carried out to four digits.)

(Note 2: The regional qualifying scoresheet will be available to coaches before the start of the season at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/national-collegiate-womens-gymnastics>.)

4. Scores from meets conducted between Jan. 1 and March 18, 2017, may be used for qualification purposes. Meets that may be used for qualification purposes are as follows: (a) Dual meets — only those against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions; (b) quadrangular, triangular or other invitational meets — only those in which at least half of the competing teams are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions; and (c) conference championship meets. (Note: A conference championship held at an institution's home facility counts as a home score for that institution.) All-around meets and any meets in which gymnasts from private clubs compete may not be used for qualification.

PROCESS

For regional competition, the top 36 teams based on the RQS will be selected, with the top 18 teams seeded. Qualification for regional competition is based on a team's, an all-around competitor's and an individual event specialist's six best regular-season meet scores, three of which must be contested away. To obtain the RQS, the high score is eliminated and the remaining five scores are averaged. Individual event specialists must have a minimum regional RQS of 9.4. Meet officials must be assigned using the Judges Assigning System (JAS).

In years when there are not a sufficient number of all-around competitors qualifying for regional competition, the allocated slots will be filled with individual event specialists with the next highest score and who have achieved the minimum RQS of 9.4. The additional event specialists will compete within their region.

In case of ties for the last berth into the regional competition and for seeding purposes, the team, all-around competitor or event specialist with the highest score, not including the six used for the regional qualifying score, will qualify. If a tie still exists, the process is continued until the tie is broken.

ALTERNATE

Regional. In the event a team, all-around competitor or individual event specialist who qualifies for regional competition cannot compete, alternates will be notified through **10 p.m. (local time of host institution) Friday, March 31**. No replacements will be made after that time. Six all-around competitors and two teams will be named as alternates for regional competition. Additionally, four individual event specialists (per event) will be named as alternates. If the alternate attends, she may attend practice on the open event and will share the entire practice time as do others on the apparatus. The alternate will practice on the open event even if team members from the same institution were selected and are practicing on other events. The host is not required to make lodging arrangements for alternates. When an alternate is entered into the meet, she will assume the vacated position. If an all-arounder scratches and there is not another eligible all-arounder to replace her, four slots will be filled by event specialists with a minimum RQS of 9.4.

For regionals, if a team declines, then the team with the next highest RQS meeting the selection criteria will be selected. If an all-around or individual event competitor declines, the respective competitor from that region with the next highest RQS meeting the selection criteria will be invited.

National Championships. In the event a team, all-around competitor or individual event specialist who qualifies for national championships cannot compete, alternates will be notified through 5 p.m. (local time of host institution) the Tuesday before the competition. Six all-around competitors and two teams will be named as alternates for the national championships. The vacated spot will be filled with a team or all-around competitor with the next highest score from the respective regional. For individual event competition, no alternates will be named.

TRAVEL PARTY

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Manual.]

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 15 student-athletes plus five non-athletes; and a maximum of six gymnasts per event may compete. Institutions qualifying one to three student-athletes are permitted two non-athletes and those qualifying four to six student-athletes are permitted three non-athletes.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at <http://www.ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information>.

Transportation expenses and per diem shall be paid only for competition at the site of the national championships; reimbursement is not provided at regional competition.

Section 2•3 Seeding and Pairing Guidelines

When seeding/pairing teams for regional competition, the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee will seed 18 teams; however, circumstances may require departure from these guidelines. The recognized format for 18 seeded teams is as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6
12	11	10	9	8	7
13	14	15	16	17	18

Teams will be seeded 1-18 on a national basis, based on RQS, and placed in the bracket. Standard bracketing procedures will be followed with teams seeded 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12 placed on the left side of the bracket and teams seeded 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 11 placed on the right side of the bracket (**Appendix A**). Seeding determined at the time of selections will be maintained throughout the championships.

1. Each of the six host sites will consist of three seeded teams (i.e., 18 seeds).
2. Because of pre-selected hosts, the following guidelines will be used to place seeded teams into regional sites:
 - Pair according to the recognized 18-seed format.
 - Identify hosts.

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- All host teams stay home to compete, whether they are a top-18 seed or not.
- If two or three host teams are paired, the lowest-seeded host in the group will be exchanged with a non-host that holds a spot not greater or less than two seeded positions (and preferably one position), when possible.
- When teams are paired or when a seeded pairing does not have a seeded host, every effort will be made to maintain geographic proximity for the higher-seeded team, while at the same time trying to avoid, when possible, pairing all in-region seeded teams and pairing conference rematches of the seeded teams.
- Teams 19-36 will be placed geographically at one of the six regional sites, while at the same time trying to avoid, when possible, pairing multiple in-region teams and pairing conference rematches of the teams.
- All-around competitors and event specialists remain in region.

Notification. All teams, all-around competitors and event specialists will be notified of their selection and competitive rotation for regionals and the national championships via email from the NCAA March 20 and April 3, respectively. An online selection show on NCAA.com will air March 20 at 4 p.m. Eastern time announcing all teams and individual competitors for regional competition.

Once an institution has been notified that a team or individual(s) has qualified for the competition, it must submit the following materials to the host institution or NCAA national office, as designated:

1. Official Entry Form to the regional tournament director at the host institution and Molly Simons by Wednesday, March 22 (noon Eastern time).
2. Official Entry Form to the national tournament director at the host institution and Molly Simons by Wednesday, April 5 (noon Eastern time).

Any changes to the 15 student-athlete roster must be made before 10 p.m. Eastern time the day before competition. All changes should be made in writing to the meet director, NCAA committee chair, and NCAA championship manager. For both regionals and national championships, if an institution declines an invitation to participate, Molly Simons at the NCAA national office must be notified in writing (msimons@ncaa.org) immediately.

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Appendix A • Bracket



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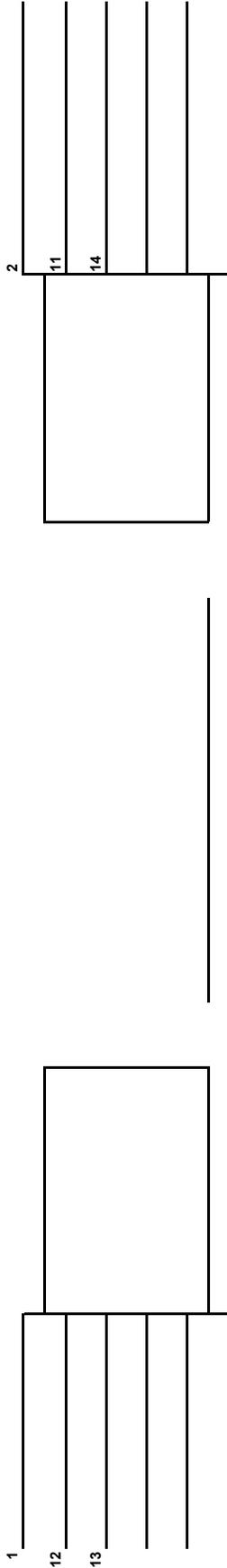
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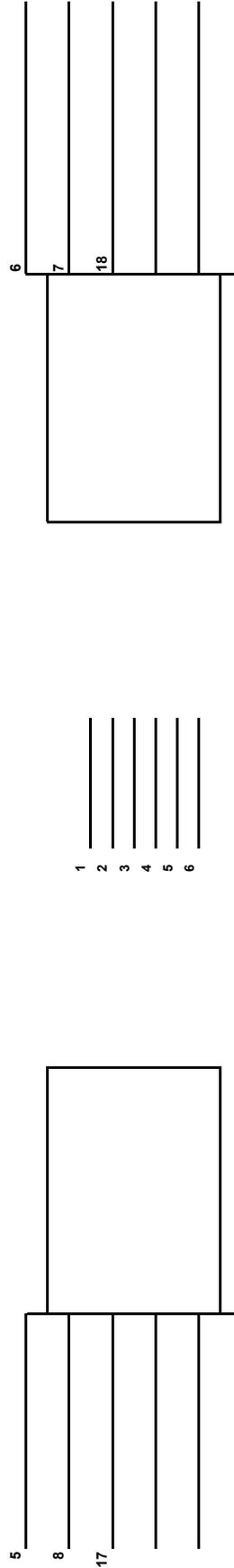
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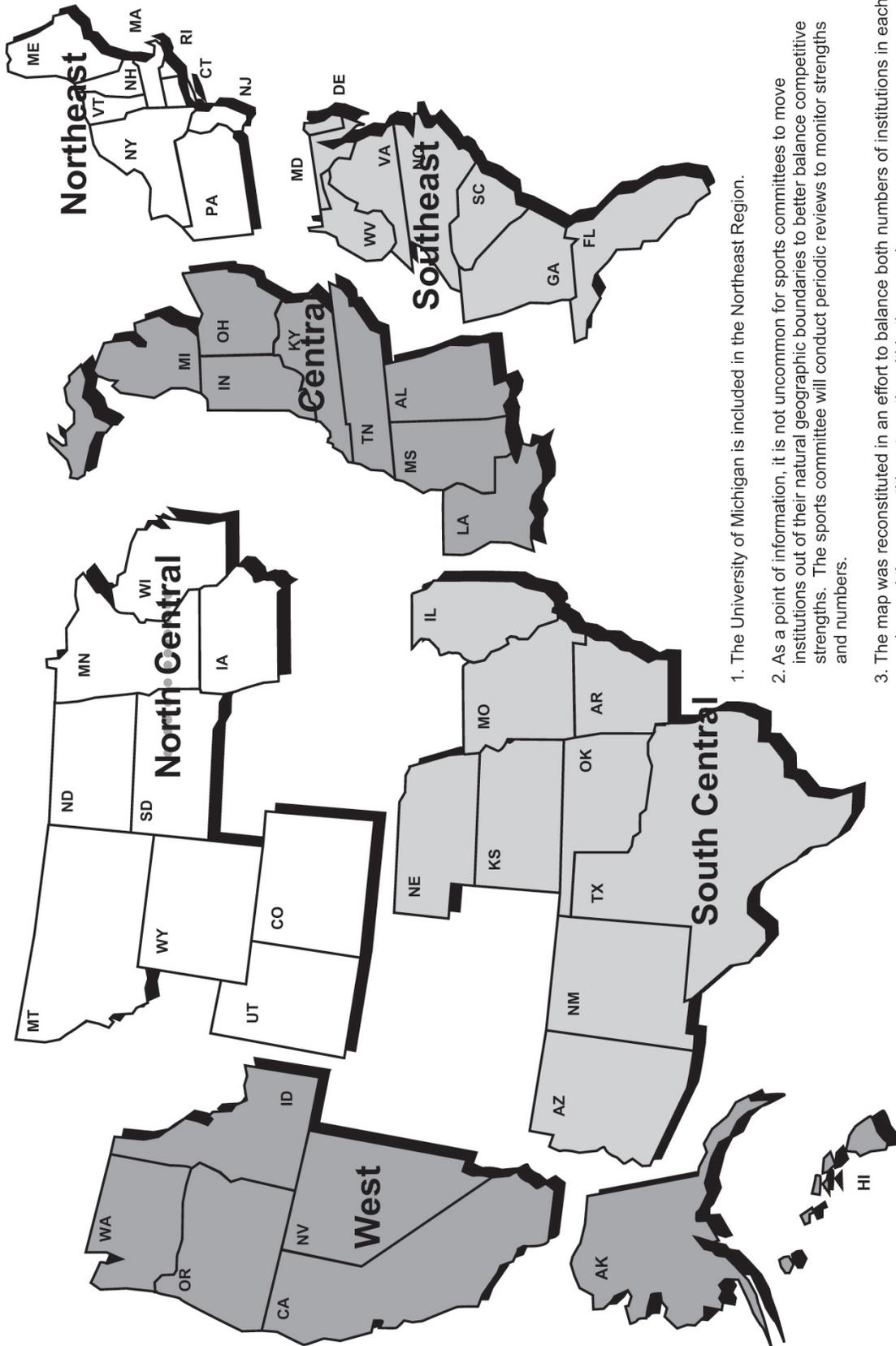


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Appendix B • Regions

Women's Regions



1. The University of Michigan is included in the Northeast Region.

2. As a point of information, it is not uncommon for sports committees to move institutions out of their natural geographic boundaries to better balance competitive strengths. The sports committee will conduct periodic reviews to monitor strengths and numbers.

3. The map was reconstituted in an effort to balance both numbers of institutions in each region and the competitive strengths within those regions.

Appendix C • Sport Sponsorship

CENTRAL REGION

Division I (12)

University of Alabama
Auburn University
Ball State University
Bowling Green State University
Central Michigan University
Eastern Michigan University

Kent State University
University of Kentucky
Louisiana State University
Michigan State University
The Ohio State University
Western Michigan University

Division II (0)

Division III (1)

Centenary College (Louisiana)

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Division I (9)

Brigham Young University
University of Denver
University of Iowa
Iowa State University
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Southern Utah University
U.S. Air Force Academy
University of Utah
Utah State University

Division II (0)

Division III (8)

Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Winona State University
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
University of Wisconsin-Stout
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

NORTHEAST REGION

Division I (10)

Brown University
 Cornell University
 University of Michigan
 University of New Hampshire
 University of Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania State University

University of Pittsburgh
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
 New Brunswick
 Temple University
 Yale University

Division II (3)

University of Bridgeport
 Southern Connecticut State University

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Division III (6)

College at Brockport, State University of New York
 State University of New York at Cortland
 Ithaca College

Rhode Island College
 Springfield College
 Ursinus College

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Division I (11)

University of Arizona
 Arizona State University
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 Illinois State University
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Missouri, Columbia
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln
 Northern Illinois University
 University of Oklahoma
 Southeast Missouri State University

Division II (2)

Lindenwood University

Texas Woman's University

Division III (0)

SOUTHEAST REGION

Division I (9)

University of Florida
 George Washington University
 University of Georgia
 University of Maryland, College Park
 North Carolina State University

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 Towson University
 West Virginia University
 College of William and Mary

Division II (1)

Glennville State College

Division III (0)

WEST REGION

Division I (10)

University of Alaska Anchorage

Boise State University

California State University, Sacramento

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of California, Los Angeles

Oregon State University

San Jose State University

Stanford University

University of Washington

Division II (1)

Seattle Pacific University

Division III (0)

Appendix D • Judges' Selections

GENERAL POLICIES

The committee will attempt to assign, for both regional competition and the national championships, judges who have judged at least four regular-season collegiate meets during the preceding year.

No judge with an affiliation with an NCAA member institution that sponsors women's gymnastics will be assigned to the national championships; however, a judge may be assigned to a regional competition where she/he is not affiliated. Examples of affiliation would be, but are not limited to, coaching-staff member, works for spouse or relative of a coach, former team member, relative of a gymnast or parent of a team member, an athletics-related booster club member, gymnastics alumni and/or coach that has been away from the program for less than five years. Any individual with a current financial interest in a coach or team is not eligible.

All officials must have a Brevet, National or Level 10 rating. All chief judges and the meet referee must have at least a National rating. At regional competition, six judges will judge each event. At the national championships, six officials will judge each event in the team and all-around competition. Judges will judge a different event during team finals than they judged during the semifinals. The four chief judges and eight selected panel judges will judge during the individual event competition, six per event.

REGIONAL COMPETITION

1. The meet referee from each region will be selected first. This selection will be based on experience, recommendations from coaches and regional chairs, and approval by the committee. A regional meet referee will serve no more than two consecutive years. An alternate meet referee will be selected and will serve as a panel judge at regionals (and count for one of the in-region judges).
2. Fifteen judges from each region will be selected. This selection will be based, in part, on experience and recommendations from the coaches, submitted to the NCAA after each regular-season meet.
 - Six judges, one from each region, will be assigned to each regional site.
 - All remaining judges will be selected and assigned based on geographic proximity. Best efforts will be made to assign no more than two judges from the same state to a regional.
 - The state of California will be divided into two regions: north and south. Two judges from the north or two judges from the south can be assigned to a regional. However, not more than three judges from the state will be assigned to one regional.
 - Alternate judges will be selected from the remaining names in the pool, with emphasis on obtaining the most qualified judges.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION

1. An official must judge regional competition to qualify to judge at the national championships.
2. Meet Referee: The selection of the national meet referee will rotate regionally. The meet referee will serve a two-year term. Additionally, an alternate meet referee will be selected. The national meet referee and alternate meet referee shall not be a representative from the same region in which the national championships are conducted. In years in which this occurs, the committee will switch the predetermined judges' rotation (see below) with the subsequent year (e.g., 2015 becomes 2016 and 2016 becomes 2015).
3. Chief Judges: The remaining regional meet referees will judge at nationals. Four will be selected as chief judges, the fifth will be a panel judge.
4. Panel Judges: The remaining panel judges will be selected from each of the six regions. The selection will be based on experience and input from coaches.
5. Alternate Judges: A local alternate judge will be identified for each region.
6. Every attempt will be made to select only one judge per state (excluding the meet referee and the state of California). The rotation of judges selection (nationals) will be as follows:

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MEET	REFEREE 1	PANEL JUDGE	NO CHIEF JUDGE
2016 & 2017	Northeast	West	South Central
2018 & 2019	Southeast	North Central	Central
2020 & 2021	West	South Central	Northeast
2022 & 2023	North Central	Central	Southeast
2024 & 2025	South Central	Northeast	West
2026 & 2027	Central	Southeast	North Central

*The one additional panel judge will come from this region at nationals.