



2004-05 Independent Championships Information
Exempted Postseason Competition Policies
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General Policies for all Championships

Selection Criteria

Participation in independent championships competition is open to any Division III independent institution (i.e., a Division III member institution that is not a member of an NCAA-recognized conference) or an institution that is a member of a non-recognized NCAA conference that does not sponsor postseason championship opportunities for the particular sport.

Seed Criteria

After the institutions have committed to participating in the championship, the following criteria (in priority ranking) would be used to seed the teams:

- Won-lost record
- Head-to-head competition
- Record against common opponents
- Strength of schedule (e.g., number of ranked teams played, top conference teams played)

[Note: The Independent Championships Working Group will review the seeding process and criteria after the fall championship competitions and develop the seed criteria for winter and spring championships at that time.]

Host Institution Selection Criteria

The participating institutions will be surveyed as to their interest in serving as the host institution for the championship. The following criteria will be followed to determine the host:

- Affordability for all participating schools
- Quality and availability of facility
- Highest-seeded team interested in hosting

Competition Format

A championships committee, made up of the athletics directors of the participating teams in the competition, will meet via conference call to decide the bracket format used and issues related to the conduct of the championship (e.g., seeding of teams, two-day competition schedule).

A member of the Independent Championships Working Group, who does not have a team in the championship, will serve as the chair of the championships committee.

Financial Considerations

- Each participating school that travels would be responsible for its own expenses (e.g., ground transportation, lodging, meals).
 - The host institution would be expected to host and create an experience for the student-athletes to meet and share a meal, preferably the evening between competition days. This would add to the overall student-athlete experience and offset meal costs for all traveling teams.
 - The host institution would be responsible for all expenses for running the championship tournament, including costs for officials, golf course, indoor tennis facility, awards and the reception/meal for all participating teams.
 - Admission charges would be left to the discretion of the host institution.
 - Association staff will handle the procurement and shipping of awards. It is expected that an all-tournament team will be selected at each championship competition.
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Fall 2004 Exempted Independent Championships Competition

Men's Soccer

Interested/Available Institutions for *October 30-31, 2004*

University of Maine-Presque Isle (ME)
New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)
Newbury College (Boston, MA)
St. Joseph's College (Standish, ME)

Women's Volleyball

Interested/Available Institutions for *November 5-6, 2004*

University of Maine-Presque Isle (ME)
Meredith College (Raleigh, NC)
New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ)
Newbury College (Boston, MA)
Russell Sage College (Albany, NY)
St. Joseph's College (Standish, ME)

Notes about Fall Championships

In **men's soccer**, four teams must be interested and available to schedule regional championship competition. If more than four teams are interested in participating, the seeding criteria would be used to select the top four teams.

In **women's volleyball**, a minimum of four and a maximum of six institutions would participate in a regional championship. If more than six teams are interested in participating, the seeding criteria would be used to select the top six teams.

Winter 2005 Exempted Independent Championships Competition

Men's Basketball

Eligible institutions for *February 25-26, 2005*, independent championships:

Atlantic & Mid-Atlantic Regions

Finlandia University (MI)

East & Northeast Regions

St. Joseph's College (ME)
Mitchell College (CT)
Newbury College (MA)
Lincoln University (PA)
New Jersey City University (NJ)
University of Maine-Presque Isle (ME)

South & Midwest Regions

University of Dallas (TX)
Rust College (MS)

West Region

University of California-Santa Cruz (CA)
Chapman University (CA)
Colorado College (CO)
Nebraska Wesleyan University (NE)

Women's Basketball

Eligible institutions for *February 25-26, 2005*, independent championships:

Atlantic & Mid-Atlantic Regions

College of St. Elizabeth (NJ)
New Jersey City University (NJ)
Lincoln University (PA)

Great Lakes & Central & Northeast Regions

Mount Mary College (WI)
Finlandia University (MI)

East Region

College of New Rochelle (NY)
Newbury College (MA)
Russell Sage College (NY)
Mitchell College (CT)
St. Joseph's College (ME)
University of Maine-Presque Isle (ME)

West Region

University of California-Santa Cruz (CA)
Chapman University (CA)
Nebraska Wesleyan University (NE)
Colorado College (CO)

South Region

University of Dallas (TX)
Meredith College (NC)
Rust College (MS)
Bennett College (NC)

Notes about Winter Championships

In both **men's and women's basketball**, four teams must be interested and available to schedule regional championship competition. If more than four

teams are interested in participating in the same region, the seeding criteria would be used to select the top four teams.

Spring 2005 Exempted Independent Championships Competition

Men's Golf

Eligible institutions for *April 22-23, 2005*, independent championships:

East Region

- St. Joseph's College (ME)
- Mitchell College (CT)
- Newbury College (MA)
- Hood College (MD)
- University of Maine-Presque Isle (ME)

West Region

- California State University-Hayward (CA)
- University of Dallas (TX)
- Chapman University (CA)
- Menlo College (CA)
- Nebraska Wesleyan University (NE)

Women's Tennis

Eligible institutions for *April 29-30, 2005*, independent championships:

South Region

- Rust College (MS)
- Bennett College (NC)
- Meredith College (NC)

Central Region

- Nebraska Wesleyan University (NE)
- University of Dallas (TX)
- Mount Mary College (WI)

Northeast and Atlantic Regions

- Russell Sage College (NY)
- Newbury College (MA)
- Mitchell College (CT)
- College of St. Elizabeth (NJ)
- College of New Rochelle (NY)
- Lincoln University (PA)

West Region

University of California-Santa Cruz (CA)
Chapman University (CA)
Mills College (CA)
Menlo College (CA)
Colorado College (CO)

Notes about Spring Championships

In **men's golf**, the championships committee will be assembled as early as possible to select a host institution and secure a golf course for the dates of competition.

The championships committee will decide the bracket format used and issues related to the conduct of the individual and team championships (e.g., number of teams, number of individual players, number of holes required to determine a team and individual champion, pairings and tee times, tiebreaking procedures).

In **women's tennis**, it is recommended that the championships committee select a host institution that has access to an indoor facility in case inclement weather precludes outdoor competition.

The championships committee will decide the bracket format used and issues related to the conduct of the individual and team championships (e.g., number of teams, number of singles players, number of doubles teams, single-elimination tournament to decide a team champion, the format for the singles and doubles matches to arrive at a team champion, the scoring system and tiebreakers, seeding of teammates, best-of-three sets, schedule for the two-day competition).

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