



**2006-07 Independent Championships Information**  
**Exempted Postseason Competition Policies**  
**Developed by the**  
**Association of Division III Independents**  
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**General Policies for all Championships**

**Championships and Dates**

Fall 2006

Men's Golf NE @ Mitchell (Saint Joseph's [ME]), Maine-Presque Isle, Newbury, Mitchell, Green Mountain)	October 28
Men's and Women's Cross Country	October 28 or 29
Men's and Women's Soccer	November 4-5
Women's Volleyball	November 4-5

Winter 2007

Men's and Women's Basketball	February 23-24
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Spring 2007

Softball	April 28-29
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**Selection Criteria**

Participation in independent championships competition is open to all 24 Division III independent institutions that are members or associate members of the Association of Division III Independents.

**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)

### **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).

### **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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### **Notes about Fall Championships**

In **men's golf**, Mitchell College will host the Northeast Championship.

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 **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.

**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.

**Notes about Spring Championships**

In **softball**, 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.

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