

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



## Men's Basketball

Division I

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### I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### A. Administration

In concert with the Director of Member Relations, the National Men's Basketball Chair and the Championship Director shall comprise the National Men's Basketball Championship Games Committee and shall be responsible for the administration of the National Championship. In the event that the National Basketball Chair and/or the Championship Director's teams are participating in the championship, participation on this committee shall be appointed by either of the men involved.

#### B. National Championship Bid Information (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#))

All necessary information pertaining to the National Championship Bid Contract is answered in the [Forms & Procedures Section](#).

#### C. Date and Site

See the [Directory Section](#) for dates and sites.

#### D. Team Information

1. The National Championship shall be an eight-team championship.
2. Eligibility Certification (See [Eligibility Section](#)): Each participating team shall be expected to send a roster and team photo immediately after qualifying to the Championship Director for use in the championship program. In addition, participating teams must be certified as eligible through the respective Regional Sport Chair.
3. Publicity: Send all publicity releases to the publicity chairman designated by the Championship Director.
4. Squad Size: Participating teams must submit an official roster for the National Championship. The official party size is limited to 15.
5. Transportation: Transportation to the National Championship is the responsibility of the participating institution.
6. Practice: Practice for participating teams shall be arranged through the Championship Director.
7. Community Service: Each team shall be expected to be involved in ministry that shall provide service to the community. This shall be coordinated by the Championship Director.
8. Each participating team in the National Championship shall receive 15 tickets for the Tip-Off Banquet. All teams, including coaches and players, are expected to be in attendance. Coat and tie are strongly recommended for the banquet. Coaches shall be asked to come to the front table and briefly present their squad members and comment on their season.

#### E. NCCAA National Basketball Championship Timetable

Saturday Prior to Championship	Each region shall have determined their representative to the National Championship
Sunday Prior to Championship	All teams shall be seeded
Wednesday	Christian Service Project (TBA) Banquet at 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	First Round Games at 1:00, 3:00, 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. Parade of Champions, prior to the last game.
Friday	Second Round Games at 1:00, 3:00, 6:00 and 8:00 P.M.
Saturday	Seventh Place Game – 1:00 P.M.; Fifth Place Game- 3:00 P.M.; Third Place Game – 6:00 P.M.; Championship Game – 8:00 P.M.

#### F. Additional Administrative Information

1. Insurance: Each participating institution shall furnish its own accident, medical, life and travel insurance.
2. Basketballs
  - a. The official game ball used in the National Championship shall be determined by the Basketball Games Committee. The **Spalding Top Flight – 1000** basketball is presently used.
  - b. Practice balls are available to participating teams during the arranged practice times and before the start of each half of the game in which they are competing.
3. Referees: Officials for the NCCAA National Men's Basketball Championship are selected and assigned by the National Men's Basketball Chair and/or the Championship Director. It is recommended that the two coaches involved in the championship game be allowed to select the officials for the finals from the pool of officials that have worked the championship.

4. Tickets: Each member of the official party of the participating teams shall be provided championship passes that shall be presented to them upon arrival at the championship site.
5. Uniforms: Each participating team in the National Championship shall bring to the championship a complete set of light and a complete set of dark uniforms. The higher seeded team shall wear the light uniforms.
6. Radio and Television: Arrangements for radio and television are available through the NCCAA Executive Director's predetermined rates. **Arrangements should be made at least one week in advance of the broadcast date.**
7. A maximum of \$250 shall be paid to the NCCAA National Office for administrative expenses. A detailed expense sheet shall be submitted.
8. No persons or institutions shall be allowed to videotape any live play during the championship. The host site shall videotape all games and shall make tapes available to the public following the championship at a reasonable cost.

#### G. Selection of Teams

The teams to participate in the National Championship shall be chosen under the following format: Each year there shall be a bi-regional playoff that shall be rotated. Six spots in the National Championship shall go to regional winners, one spot shall go to the bi-regional winner, and one spot shall go to the host school for a total of eight schools. Should the host school be a regional or bi-regional winner, then an at-large team shall be selected to join the field. The at-large team shall be the highest rated team that has declared its intent to play in the championship.

#### H. Seeding

Teams for the National Championship shall be seeded using the Revised Burbridge Rating System (See [Appendix A](#)).

1. Seeding for the National Championship shall take place on the Sunday immediately prior to the Championship event.
2. Teams from the same region shall not play in the first round National Championship games. Therefore, minor adjustments of the teams' pairings may be necessary. (See [Appendix E](#)).
3. If a region does not send a team to the National Championship, there shall be no bi-region game and both regions shall be represented. If two or more regions do not send a team to the National Championship, the Men's Basketball Committee shall select an additional at-large team that is the highest Burbridge seeded team available.

#### I. Awards

1. Championship awards: The following awards shall be presented at the conclusion of the National Championship game.
  - a. Team awards to each of the top four finishers in the National Championship (first, second, third and fourth).
  - b. Individual awards to the official 15-member party of the championship team.
  - c. Seven man All Tournament team (purchased by the host site) shall be selected by the coaches in attendance at the National Championship
  - d. Most Valuable Player Award
  - e. Outstanding Player of the Championship
  - f. All Tournament Coach (purchased by the host site)
2. Pete Maravich Award: The Pete Maravich Award shall be presented at the Tip-Off Banquet of the National Championship. This award is sponsored by Mr. Gary Beck, manager of the Gary Beck Foundation and a former NCCAA All-American student-athlete from Greenville College, IL.
  - a. The recipient: The outstanding Christian men's basketball player in the NCCAA for Division I.
  - b. The nominee must:
    1. Be a team member at an NCCAA institution
    2. Possess a vital Christian testimony both on and off the court
    3. Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities
    4. Be highly skilled in the sport of basketball
    5. Be a senior in good academic standing
  - c. Purpose: To enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition, and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian colleges and universities across our nation.
  - d. Procedures:
    1. Student-athlete must be nominated by the head coach.

2. The nomination form (See [Appendix B](#)) must be used and submitted/postmarked by a date to be announced each year.
3. Final selection shall be made by a selection committee appointed by the National Men's Basketball Chair.

## II. BI-REGIONAL PLAY-OFF GUIDELINES

- A. Pairings:  
 Mid-East vs South  
 East vs Mid-West  
 North Central vs Central  
 West vs TBA
- B. Sites and dates:
1. The bi-regional playoff game is to be played no later than the Saturday prior to the National Championship.
  2. The bi-regional game shall be played at the site of the higher ranked Burbridge team using the final regular season rankings.
- C. Financial Conditions: The visiting team shall take care of its own travel expenses. The home team shall be responsible for officials' expenses and game administration. Any funds above expenses should go to the team advancing to the National Championship.

## III. REGIONAL PLAY-OFF GUIDELINES

- A. Regional Basketball Chairs
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|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. East Region          | Jeff Santarsiero | Geneva College                |
| 2. Mid-East Region      | Jim Aller        | Asbury College                |
| 3. South Region         | Jim Tribbett     | Chowan University             |
| 4. Mid-West Region      | Ryan Cottingham  | Spring Arbor University       |
| 5. North Central Region | Mike Lightfoot   | Bethel College                |
| 6. Central Region       | Chris Reese      | Oklahoma Wesleyan University  |
| 7. West Region          | George Pappas    | Hope International University |
| 8. Northwest Region     | Jim Hill         | Walla Walla College           |
- B. Dates and Sites
1. The regional final game is to be played no later than the Saturday prior to the National Championship. The regions involved in the bi-regional play-off must make allowances to have their regional final earlier so that the bi-regional game can be played in a timely matter.
  2. The site is under the direction of the Regional Basketball Chair, taking into consideration:
    - a. Seeded teams.
    - b. Continuation of past plans of alternating sites among areas.
    - c. Economic status of various sites.
  3. Regional Representation: If only one team in a region declares to participate, it must hold a season winning percentage of .500 or better OR be ranked in the top half of the Burbridge ranked teams in order for that team to receive a bid to the National Championship.
- C. Selection of Teams  
 All member institutions in good standing are eligible to participate.
- D. Eligibility (see [Eligibility Section](#))
1. Individual Eligibility: Each participant in the NCCAA National Basketball Championship must be eligible under the rules of:
    - a. His own institution.
    - b. The NCCAA eligibility rules as set forth in the [Eligibility Section](#).
  2. Institution Eligibility: Any active participating institution of the NCCAA that has paid its dues and statistical fees for the current year and is in good standing is eligible for the National Men's Basketball Championship play-off system.
  3. Team Eligibility

- a. Should an institution elect not to participate in the NCCAA Men's Basketball Statistical Reporting Procedure, that institution shall waive all its rights to participate in postseason competition and to have its student-athletes considered for All-Regional, All-American and Scholar-Athlete recognition. Failure to report two of the last eight reporting dates shall be defined as failing to participate in the NCCAA statistical procedure.
- b. Each member institution is required to declare its intent to participate in the NCCAA playoffs to the Regional Basketball Chair by February 1. Should an institution declare to participate in postseason competition in another association, their declaration to participate in the NCCAA shall be placed on hold until such time as they are eliminated from further play. The institution shall then honor their commitment to participate in the NCCAA postseason competition. No team shall participate in two National Championships in the same year.
- c. Should the institution's Chief Executive Officer determine that the earlier declared team does not meet pre-existing institutional standards to participate, the Chief Executive Officer shall personally notify the NCCAA Director of Member Relations and National Men's Basketball Chair of such a decision within 24 hours of the elimination from a prior committed championship (i.e., .500 rule, budget expectations). A suspension of one year from regional and national play shall be assessed to a team that fails to honor their declaration to participate unless the above procedure is followed.

E. Financial Report

1. Regional play-off game site managers are to submit within 10 days after the completion of the play-offs.
2. Monies in excess of the expenses of administration of the play-off games shall go to the team advancing to the National Championship.

F. Squad Size

The squad size for the regional play-offs shall be to list any number of members on the championship roster, all of whom may dress out.

G. All-Regional Team and Regional Coach of the Year

The All-Regional Team (see [Appendix C](#)) and Regional Coach of the Year shall continue to be developed at the regional level under the direction of the Regional Basketball Chair. This information shall be submitted to the National Men's Basketball Chair for consideration of All-American and National Coach of the Year recognition, which is determined by the National Men's Basketball Coaches' Meeting held at the National Men's Basketball Championship.

H. Publicity

Publicity for Regional Championship play shall be the responsibility of each participating team and shall be supported and encouraged by the Regional Basketball Chairs.

1. Press releases shall be provided by the Regional Basketball Chair to each institution for publicity in their area.
2. Regional Basketball Chairs should publicize the honors within their respective region.

#### IV. NATIONAL AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

A. All-American

1. Players who have finished in the top five of their All-Region teams are eligible to be nominated for All-American. No student-athlete is eligible for All-American if his institution is on NCCAA probation.
2. Individual coaches must complete a nomination form for any of their players who are eligible and forward it to the Region Sport Chair (see [Appendix C](#)).
3. Each Region Sport Chair shall fill out an All-American Nomination and Rating Form (see [Appendix D](#)) and forward it to the National Men's Basketball Chair prior to the National Championship.
4. Selection to the All-American Team shall be made at the coaches' meeting held at the National Championship. The meeting shall take place on Wednesday night after the Tip-Off Banquet. Each region shall have one voting representative.
5. The All-American Team shall consist of 12 members on the first team, 12 members on the second team, and the remainder of the nominees shall be named honorable mention. Members of the first team shall receive plaques and certificates from the National Office and members of the second team shall receive certificates.
6. The purpose of the selection of an All-American team in basketball:
  - a. To recognize outstanding performance in Christian intercollegiate basketball competition.
  - b. To publicize and promote the Christian student-athlete.
  - c. To promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate athletics.

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- d. To publicize and promote the participating institutions within the NCCAA.
  - e. To publicize and promote the NCCAA, its presence and its programs.

**B. Coach of the Year**

- 1. Each Regional Coach of the Year is eligible for National Coach of the Year.
- 2. The Regional Basketball Chair should complete a nomination form (see Forms and Procedures) and forward it to the National Men's Basketball Chair prior to the National Championship.
- 3. No coach is eligible for this honor if his institution is on NCCAA probation.
- 4. Selection of the Coach of the Year shall be made at the coaches' meeting at the National Championship.
- 5. A plaque and certificate shall be presented from the National Office.
- 6. The purpose of the selection of an NCCAA Coach of the Year in basketball:
  - a. To recognize outstanding effort and/or achievement by a Christian coach in intercollegiate basketball.
  - b. To publicize and promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate coaching.
  - c. To promote and publicize NCCAA basketball and the organization as a whole.

**C. Scholar-Athlete**

The Scholar-Athlete nomination form must be presented to the National Basketball Chair prior to the National Championship meetings (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#)).

**V. STATISTICS**

Statistical fees must be paid in full, with membership dues, to the National Office by August 15.

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**Appendix A**  
**NCCAA Men's Basketball**  
**Revised Burbridge Rating System Method**

**I. FORMULA**

For each game played, a team earns power points based on the following formula:

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| 1. If a win                            | 4 points |
| 2. If a loss                           | 0 points |
| 3. If an away or neutral court contest | 1 point  |
| 4. If a home contest                   | 0 points |
| 5. For opponents .667+ ("A" team)      | 3 points |
| 6. For opponents .500-.666 ("B" team)  | 2 points |
| 7. For opponents .333-.499 ("C" team)  | 1 point  |
| 8. For opponents .000-.332 ("D" team)  | 0 points |

**II. POWER POINTS**

- A. The sum of those criteria determines the power points for a game. The maximum points for a game is 12 (win on the road vs. an "A" NCAA I team). The minimum points for a game is 1 (loss at home vs. a losing NCCAA II team).
- B. The rating is determined by adding the power points for the season, dividing by the number of games, and carrying the result to the third decimal place.

**III. RANKINGS BASED ON POWER POINTS**

Teams shall be ranked each week throughout the season using this rating system. The rating system is only as accurate as the information supplied on the game results form. Each institution shall report the most accurate data possible.

**IV. OPPONENT'S RATING**

The opponent's win-loss record for games played in November and December shall be based on their record as of December 14, which is prior to the first report date. **Each institution shall contact the opposing team by the December 14 date to determine if the opponent is a winning or losing team.**

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## Appendix B - Men's Basketball The Pete Maravich Memorial Award Nomination Form

Mail to: *The National Men's Basketball Chair for your respective Division*

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_ - 20\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Lost \_\_\_\_\_

### **Scoring**

Points Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Points \_\_\_\_\_

High Game \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*opposing team*

Individual Field Goal Percentage \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Foul Shot Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assists Per Game \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Assists \_\_\_\_\_

### **Rebounding**

Rebounds Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Rebounds \_\_\_\_\_

High Game \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*opposing team*

Team Rebound Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Team Per Game Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

### **Defense**

(Comment as to the effectiveness and contribution of the player to the total team success)

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**Appendix B - The Pete Maravich Award Nomination Form, page 2**

**Leadership**

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**Scholarship (Academic)**

Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Honors \_\_\_\_\_

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**Christian Character**

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**Honors Received (Athletic)**

Individual \_\_\_\_\_

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Team \_\_\_\_\_

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**Comments and/or Recommendations**

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*Include three recent photos and a varsity schedule.*

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**Appendix C**  
**NCCAA Division I Basketball All-American**  
**Regional Nomination Form**

To be completed by the nominating coach

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown, State \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

20\_\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_\_ Season Record: Won \_\_\_\_\_ Loss \_\_\_\_\_

**Scoring**

Points Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Points \_\_\_\_\_

High Game \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*opposing team*

Individual Field Goal Percentage \_\_\_\_\_ Foul Shot Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

Team Field Goal Percentage \_\_\_\_\_ Team Foul Shot Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

**Rebounding**

Rebounds Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Total Season Rebounds \_\_\_\_\_

High Game \_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*opposing team*

Team Rebounds Per Game Average \_\_\_\_\_ Team Rebounds Per Game Percentage \_\_\_\_\_

**Defense:** Comment as to the effectiveness and contribution of the player to the total team success

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership:** Comment as to the player's contribution to the team's success

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**Scholarship (Academic)**

Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Honors \_\_\_\_\_

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**Appendix C - NCCAA Division I Basketball All-American Regional Nomination Form, Page 2**

**Christian Character** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Honors Received (Athletic)**

**Individual** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Team** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Comments and/or recommendations**

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**Appendix D**  
**NCCAA Division I Basketball**  
**All-American Nomination and Rating Form**

To be completed by Regional Basketball Chair

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Regional Basketball Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Rating	Christian Commitment (Yes/No)	Name	Institution	Pos.	Ht.	Pts/G	Rb/G	Ast/G	Hometown State

**Rating System**

- I = Player is agreed upon to be a definite first team All-American
- II = Player is agreed upon to be a definite second team All-American
- HM = Player is agreed upon to be an honorable mention All-American

Christian Commitment: A “Yes” in this space indicates that the player is in harmony with the ideals of the NCCAA and has the endorsement of the member institution concerning its position on Christian conduct and commitment.

**Guidelines for selecting All-American candidates**

1. The player must be a member of a basketball team at a participating institution in the NCCAA. No student-athlete is eligible for All-American status if his/her institution is on NCCAA probation.
2. The player must be nominated by a participating institution from within the region in which the player is a member.
3. The player must be worthy of consideration for the honor of All-American.
4. An All-American nominee must be one of the top five players from within the region he/she represents. NOTE: A maximum of five players can be nominated by any one region.
5. Each regional player nominated for All-American consideration shall have a nomination form sent to the National Basketball Chair on his/her behalf by the Regional Chair.
6. The player must be a member of an institution that has participated in the NCCAA Regional and National Statistical Reporting Procedure (see Basketball III.D.2.).
7. Each nominating coach shall send a completed All-American and Regional Nomination form to the National Basketball Chair in support of his/her player(s).

**Appendix E**  
**NCCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Basketball Playoffs**

