



Men's Soccer

Division I

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I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The NCCAA National Soccer Championship and all events related thereto are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA soccer coaches and are subject to standards developed by these coaches and subsequent approval of the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the Championship Games Committee at the National Soccer Meeting in January of each year.

The Championship Games Committee shall be appointed and approved annually at the NCCAA National Soccer Meeting. The Championship Games Committee shall consist of the following: The NCCAA National Soccer Chair, who shall serve as chair of the Championship Games Committee, the NCCAA National Soccer Vice-Chair or Past Chair, the NCCAA National Office representative and three soccer coaches with broad geographical representation. This committee shall have responsibility to administer the National Soccer Championship.

II. SELECTION OF TEAMS

A. Regional Championship

1. Selection of teams for regional competition shall be made no later than one week prior to regional playoffs. To ensure that the chair of the selection committee has complete information on each team in the region, it is important that each institution inform its Regional Soccer Chair of the results of each regular season game prior to the initiation of the selection process. The Regional Soccer Chair shall inform the soccer coaches in the region of the procedure to be followed.
2. There shall be eight regions which shall be named as follows:
 - a. Central
 - b. East
 - c. Mid-East
 - d. Mid-West
 - e. North Central
 - f. Northwest
 - g. South
 - h. West
3. Criteria to be used in the selection of teams for regional playoffs might include the following (not in preferential order):
 - a. Longo (see [Appendix C](#))
 - b. Win-loss record
 - c. Strength of record
 - d. National Championship host
 - e. Rating systems
 - f. Results of games against regional opponents

B. Regional Representative to the National Championship

1. If a region has only one team that wishes to participate, that team may be declared the regional representative.
2. The regional representative must have a .500 or better regular season record.
3. The regional representative shall be required to send a \$250 fee to the National Soccer Chair.

C. National Championship At-Large Berth

1. The Championship Games Committee shall select the team(s) for the at-large berth to the National Championship.
2. Selection of the team(s) shall be made on a conference telephone call (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#)) the Sunday evening following the completion of regional play.
3. Coaches of teams wishing to be considered must call the National Soccer Chair following regional play and include their complete season Longo (see [Appendix C](#)), 10 days prior to the start of competition at the National Championship.
4. Criteria to be used in the selection of the at-large berth(s) shall include the following (not in preferential order):
 - a. Win-Loss record.
 - b. Strength of schedule.
 - c. Longo rating (regular season games). (see [Appendix C](#))
5. In difficult decisions, the number of participants in a region and geographical considerations may play a part in the decision of the Championship Games Committee.

6. A team that does not compete in the NCCAA Regional Championship due to NAIA or NCAA playoff schedule may submit an at-large bid for consideration.

III. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Guidelines for Regional Championships

1. Regions must conduct a playoff to determine a regional champion, which shall then move on to the National Championship. Whenever possible, the regional playoffs shall involve a minimum of four teams.
2. The region must have at least a two-team NCCAA playoff to declare a regional winner.
3. Dates for the Regional Championship completion shall be approved by vote of the soccer coaches at the Annual NSCAA Meeting.
4. All regional playoff games shall be played at a site, date and time mutually agreed upon by regional coaches. The Regional Soccer Chair shall be responsible to guide this selection process.
5. A team shall not be required to play more than one game per day in post-season play.
6. Competing teams in regional playoffs shall be seeded, and, in the first round of the championship, the higher seeded team shall play the lower seeded team. Consideration shall be given to both higher seeded and geographical location in determining the site for playoffs.
7. Sites for all playoff games must conform to all minimum regulations with reference to the field and all related appurtenances as listed in the NCAA College Soccer Rulebook.
8. Any team that enters and begins play in an NCCAA Regional Championship is making a commitment to the NCCAA that said team shall continue through the Regional and National Championship playoffs. Any failure to comply with this commitment shall result in review of the said team by the NCCAA Administration Committee.
9. Any institution failing to report weekly statistics three times during the regular season, or failing to pay its statistical fee, shall be ineligible for postseason participation and/or awards.
10. Regional Championships shall be conducted in the best interest of soccer at the national level of the NCCAA.
11. Assignment of officials – see Section XIV.

B. Guidelines for National Championship

1. It is recommended that the date of the National Championship be the weekend before Thanksgiving.
2. It is recommended that the site of the National Championship be determined two years in advance and be approved by vote of the soccer coaches at the Annual NSCAA Meeting.
3. Teams shall qualify for the National Championship by winning their regional playoff championship match.
4. Sites for all championship games must conform to all minimum regulations with reference to the field and all related appurtenances as listed in the official NCAA College Soccer Rulebook.
5. The host institution of the championship must provide a satisfactory means for charging admission to the games.
6. The host institution shall receive an automatic bid, which must be accepted by the completion date of regional playoffs.
7. Any team failing to submit a team photo and roster to the National Championship Director by October 15 shall be assessed a \$50 late fee if that team should advance to the National Championship.
8. The National Championship field shall be seeded strictly by Longo rating (see [Appendix C](#)).

IV. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A. As proceeds are realized from any part of the national soccer playoffs' structure, these funds shall be used for pro rata reimbursement for travel expenses of competing teams. All proceeds realized from any part of the championship are under the direct control and administration of the Championship Games Committee to be used to meet expenses of national, then regional, play.
- B. Any institution serving as host for regional game(s) must send \$150 per date. However, no institution shall be required to send more than \$250 should they host two or more regional dates. The National Soccer Chair must receive these fees within ten days of completion of the match. Failure to do so shall result in a \$50 fine.

V. ADVERTISING

The host institution of a Regional or National Championship shall not accept advertising nor promote in any way the marketing of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs in connection with the NCCAA soccer program, merchandise or signage.

VI. MEETINGS

- A. A meeting of the coaches of the competing teams, host coach and members of the Championship Games Committee shall be held prior to all championships in order to review playing rules, interpretations and any other administrative matters that may be necessary.
- B. A meeting of all NCCAA soccer coaches shall be held in conjunction with the Annual NSCAA Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on any Handbook changes the soccer coaches wish to submit to the Administration Committee of the Board of Directors for adoption at the NCCAA Annual Convention. Agenda items are to be sent to the National Soccer Chair by December 10 so that agendas may be sent to all member institutions one week prior to the NSCAA Convention.
- C. One other meeting of the NCCAA soccer coaches shall be held annually at the National Championship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss pertinent matters at hand and to prepare, in advance, any recommendations that need to be acted upon at the meeting held in conjunction with the Annual NSCAA Meeting.

VII. AWARDS

The National Championship team shall receive a championship banner, medallions and t-shirts. Teams finishing 2nd-5th, shall receive a plaque designating their finish. All other participating teams shall receive a participant plaque. The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Championships. Team, Most Valuable Player, and Coach of the Year awards are ordered and paid for by the National Office. All-American awards shall be provided by the NSCAA. All other awards (i.e. All-Tournament, etc.) are paid for by the championship gate income. Individual and team awards at the regional level shall be paid for by the treasury of the winning region or the winning institution.

VIII. SELECTION OF AN ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM AND MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

- A. An All-Tournament team may be named at the regional and national levels. The All-Tournament team shall consist of one goalkeeper, four backs, four midfielders, and three forwards. Each head coach of the competing teams and members of the Championship Games Committee shall vote for the All-Tournament selections. Coaches shall not be permitted to vote for their own players. Coaches shall provide nominees of their own players and players they have played against and shall submit to the National Chair after the 2nd day of play. The Games Committee shall then construct a final ballot to be voted on by the coaches during the final day of competition.
- B. The ballot for the All-Tournament Team must be submitted to the Championship Director by halftime of the championship game. The Most Valuable Player shall be the player receiving the most votes on the National Championship winning team.
- C. The outstanding defensive player and offensive player shall be determined by the votes of the eight participating coaches and the Championship Director, with the player(s) receiving the most votes in the respective categories receiving the appropriate recognition. These two players shall be added to the All-Tournament Team.

IX. TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The Team Sportsmanship Award shall be determined by vote of the Championship Games Committee and referees.

X. SQUAD SIZE

For Regional and National Championships, unlimited players may participate in any game. The “official” traveling party shall be limited to 25 members including coaches, players, managers, scorekeepers, and trainers. Teams will be allowed to have no more than 30 on the bench as designated on the official roster submitted prior to the start of the championship.

XI. BALLS

The Championship Games Committee shall select the balls to be used for the National Championship. A minimum of eight new balls shall be provided for the championship games. One of the balls shall be presented as an honorary gift to each participating team. Currently, the Brine ball is the official ball used.

XII. UNIFORMS

Competing teams shall have both light and dark uniforms for use in all championships. These uniforms must conform to NCAA regulations. Choice of uniform color shall be made by the Championship Games Committee.

XIII. PROCEDURES FOR TIED GAMES

The NCAA Rulebook shall be the official guide for all tied games with the following exceptions:

1. Consolation Matches: No overtime and match is a tie.
2. Championship Match: Two 10-minute sudden victory periods and penalty kicks (conducted according to NCAA Rulebook guidelines), if necessary, to determine a champion.
3. If the 7th and 8th place game concludes in regulation time with a tied score, the game shall conclude as a draw.

XIV. OFFICIALS

Regional and National Championship officials must be NISOA approved officials and shall not hold an official relationship with any NCCAA member institution.

XV. COACHING HONORS

- A. Regional Coach of the Year
 1. Each region shall name its Regional Coach of the Year by the recommended date for conclusion of regional play. The Regional Soccer Chair shall notify the National Soccer Chair of their selection immediately.
 2. Voting procedure
 - a. The ballot shall allow selection of two individuals: five points for the first choice and three points for the second choice.
 - b. It is considered unethical for a member institution to vote for its own representative.
- B. National Coach of the Year (see [Forms & Procedures Section](#))
 1. The National Coach of the Year shall be named at the NSCAA Convention. All nominees must be a member of the NSCAA.
 2. Voting procedure
 - a. The ballot shall be mailed to all dues-paying member institutions on the Monday following the conclusion of the National Championship.
 - b. The ballot shall consist of the Regional Coaches of the Year and any coach whose team qualifies for the National Championship.
 - c. The ballot shall allow selection of three individuals: five points for the first choice, three points for second and one point for third.
 - d. It is considered unethical for a member institution to vote for its own representative.

XVI. ALL-AMERICAN HONORS (NSCAA APPROVED)

- A. All coaches wishing to have their players eligible for NCCAA All-American honors must be members of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).
- B. Candidates must be submitted using All-Regional Nomination form (see [Appendix A](#)).
- C. Each region shall submit a slate of candidates in rank order from their All-Regional Team.
- D. A committee consisting of each region's representative and the National Soccer Chair, or his representative, shall select the first team by December 10 and submit it to the NSCAA for recognition.
- E. An 11-man squad shall be selected comprised of 1 goalkeeper, 3 forwards, 3 midfielders, 3 defenders and one optional position. Neither candidates, nor their teammates, can have been recognized All-American by the NAIA or NCAA in order to be eligible for the NSCAA/NCCAA honor. Coaches who are not members of NSCAA may not have members of their team recognized as First Team All-American by the NSCAA. All coaches are highly encouraged to become NSCAA members.

XVII. SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

See [Forms & Procedures Section](#).

XVIII. THE NCCAA KYLE ROTE JR. NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding NCCAA student-athlete in Men’s Soccer and highlights excellence in competition, skill and service. 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. The award shall be presented annually at the National Men’s Soccer Championships. See [Appendix B](#)

XIX. THREE YEAR CALENDAR

Region Completed
November 10, 2007
November 9, 2008

National Championship
November 15-19, 2007
November 20-24, 2008

XX. FEES

- A. Host Site guarantee of \$150, which provides income toward traveling expenses for teams participating in the National Championship (maximum \$250 per institution). Region representatives and at-large selections not participating in NCCAA Regional play must submit the \$250 fee.
- B. Late Fee of \$50 for failure to supply roster and photo to National Championship host by October 14.
- C. Late Fee of \$50 for failure to send host site fees to National Soccer Chair within ten days of match.

XXI. OFFICERS

Chairman	Paul Furey	Mt. Vernon Nazarene University
Vice-Chairman	Kevin Wardlaw	MidAmerica Nazarene University
Statistics and Rating Service	Gabe Wallis	National Office

**Appendix A
NCCAA Men's Soccer Division I
All-Regional Nomination Form**

Name _____ Jersey # _____ (H) _____ (A) _____

Nominee's Position _____

Institution _____ Region _____

Coach _____ Home Phone (____) ____ - _____

Work Phone (____) ____ - _____ NSCAA Member # _____

Season	Goals	Assists	Goalkeepers		Captain Yes/No	Cautions/ Ejections
			Saves	GA		
20____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Honors _____

Comments _____

The above named student-athlete has my support as a viable nominee for NCCAA postseason honors. His behavior both on and off the field is complimentary to the NCCAA and its Christ-like standards.

Coach's Signature

Date

Appendix B

NCCAA Kyle Rote Jr. National Player of the Year Award

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I. SPONSOR

The NCCAA Kyle Rote Jr. National Player of the Year Award shall be sponsored by Universal Marketing. (See Section XVIII).

II. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The award was established in order to:

1. Enhance the Christian purpose of athletics.
2. Enhance excellence in Christian athletic competition.
3. Perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in NCCAA institutions across the nation.

III. RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD

The recipient shall be the outstanding NCCAA Christian men's soccer player (Division I) of the nation.

Qualifications for the award:

1. Be a team member of a Christian college recognized by the NCCAA.
2. Must possess a vital Christian testimony on and off the field.
3. Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities, including Christian service activities.
4. Be highly skilled with a minimum of NCCAA All-Regional Honors.
5. Be a junior or senior student in good academic standing.
6. Statistical fees and membership dues must be paid to the National Office by August 15.

IV. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The following procedures shall be used in selecting the recipient:

1. Student-athletes must be nominated by their coach. The nominations must be sent to the National Championship Director at the host school.
2. The nomination form must be used and submitted to the National Championship Director at the host school by November 1.
3. The Championship Director shall submit complete dossiers of all nominees to members of the Selection Committee by November 5.
4. Final selection of the recipient shall be made by the selection committee composed of nationally prominent sports personalities.
5. Presentation of the award shall be made during the NCCAA National Soccer Championship Kick-Off Banquet.

V. SELECTION COMMITTEE

Kyle Rote Jr., former professional player with the Dallas Tornados; Desmond Armstrong, former US World Cup Player; Michelle Akers, former Gold Medalist and Captain of the USA National Women's Soccer Team; Chair and Vice-Chair of the NCCAA Soccer Association; Gary Beck, CEO Universal Marketing; Terry Eichorst, Honorary Chair.

VI. NATURE OF THE AWARDS

A trophy and an engraved watch shall be given to the recipient.

VII. AWARD SPONSOR

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NCCAA Men's Soccer Division I
NCCAA Kyle Rote Jr. National Player of the Year Nomination Form

Mail this form to the NCCAA National Championship Director at the host institution by November 1. *Include three copies of a recent photo.*

Region _____ Chair _____

Player's Name _____ Class _____

Hometown _____ State _____ Zip _____

College _____ 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

Season	Games Played	Goals Scored	Assists
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____

Goalkeeper

Season	Games Played	Shut Outs/ Saves	Goals Allowed	Goals Allowed Per Game
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____	_____
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____	_____
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____	_____
20____ - 20____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Appendix B – NCCAA Kyle Rote Jr. Nomination Form, page 3

Leadership (comment regarding the player’s contribution to the team’s success)

Scholarship (Academic information)

Degree Program _____ Major _____

GPA _____ Academic Honors _____

Christian Character (comment regarding involvement, witness, influence, etc.)

Honors Received (athletic)

Individual _____

Team _____

Comments and/or Recommendations

Please attach a varsity schedule.

Appendix C Longo Rating System

Class A-Team - winning percentage of .800 or better
 Class B-Team - winning percentage of .600 thru .799
 Class C-Team - winning percentage of .400 thru .599

Class D-Team - winning percentage of .200 thru .399
 Class E-Team - winning percentage of .199 or lower

	<u>NCCAA/USCAA</u>		<u>NAIA & NCAA III</u>		<u>NCAA III Top 25 NCAA II</u>		<u>NAIA Top 25 NCAA II Top 25 NCAA I</u>	
	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>
Defeat an A-Team by 3 or more goals	375	450	500	575	525	600	575	650
Defeat an A-Team by 2 goals	325	400	425	500	450	525	500	575
Defeat an A-Team by 1 goal	275	350	350	425	375	450	425	500
Tie an A-Team	225	300	250	325	275	350	325	400
Lose to an A-Team by 1 goal	175	250	200	275	225	300	275	350
Lose to an A-Team by 2 goals	125	200	150	225	175	250	225	300
Lose to an A-Team by 3 or more goals	75	150	100	175	125	200	175	250
Defeat a B-Team by 3 or more goals	300	350	400	475	425	500	475	550
Defeat a B-Team by 2 goals	250	300	300	375	325	400	375	450
Defeat a B-Team by 1 goal	200	250	250	325	275	350	325	400
Tie a B-Team	150	200	200	275	225	300	275	350
Lose to a B-Team by 1 goal	100	150	150	225	175	250	225	300
Lose to a B-Team by 2 goals	50	100	100	175	125	200	175	250
Lose to a B-Team by 3 or more goals	25	75	50	125	75	150	125	200
Defeat a C-Team by 3 or more goals	250	275	300	350	325	375	375	425
Defeat a C-Team by 2 goals	200	225	250	300	275	325	325	375
Defeat a C-Team by 1 goal	150	175	200	250	225	275	275	325
Tie a C-Team	100	125	150	200	175	225	225	275
Lose to a C-Team by 1 goal	50	75	100	150	125	175	175	225
Lose to a C-Team by 2 goals	25	50	50	100	75	125	125	175
Lose to a C-Team by 3 or more goals	25	25	25	75	50	100	100	150
Defeat a D-Team by 3 or more goals	150	175	200	250	225	275	275	325
Defeat a D-Team by 2 goals	125	150	150	200	175	225	225	275
Defeat a D-Team by 1 goal	100	125	100	150	125	175	175	225
Tie a D-Team	50	75	50	100	75	125	125	175
Lose to a D-Team by 1 goal	0	50	25	75	50	100	100	150
Lose to a D-Team by 2 goals	0	25	0	50	25	75	75	125
Lose to a D-Team by 3 or more goals	0	0	0	25	25	50	75	100
Defeat an E-Team by 3 or more goals	125	150	150	175	175	200	225	250
Defeat an E-Team by 2 goals	75	100	100	125	125	150	175	200
Defeat an E-Team by 1 goal	50	75	50	75	75	100	125	150
Tie an E-Team	25	50	25	50	50	75	100	125
Lose to an E-Team by 1 goal	0	0	0	0	25	25	75	75
Lose to an E-Team by 2 goals	0	0	0	0	25	25	75	75
Lose to an E-Team by 3 or more goals	0	0	0	0	25	25	75	75

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Appendix C – Longo Rating System, page two

SPECIAL REMINDERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Neutral sites utilize the "away" column for points. Please note that a neutral site is defined as a location where both schools share responsibility as hosts and agree it is a neutral site or where both teams play away at a tournament.
2. Percentage/rating should be based on all **regular-season games played through the Saturday prior to the deadline for the completion of affiliated conference/independent tournaments listed in the NAIA Men's Soccer Handbook (2007 date is October 27)**. Rating prior to affiliated conference/independent tournament (final rating of October 31) will be used for regional and national seeding purposes. Only regular season games should be used when calculating Longo Rating.
3. In selecting and seeding teams for all post-season competition, teams within 25 rating points of each other shall switch places if they met during the regular season, and the lower-rated team won the game. Teams move only one place at a time, and movement is applied from bottom to top. This will be reapplied as many times as necessary until no further changes in position take place.
4. A forfeit win must not weaken a Longo rating, but may strengthen it. A forfeit loss must not strengthen a rating, but may weaken it by including the result in the appropriate team's schedule (record) and giving it a zero value in the calculation process. (If in the calculation of Longo rating, inclusion of a forfeit win results in a lower rating, then the contest is not included in the calculation. The forfeit is included in the team's won-loss record.)
5. Ties count half-win, half-loss when figuring winning percentages.
6. If a team is a dual NAIA/NCAA member, the appropriate NAIA column **MUST** be used.
7. For all games against CIAU teams, use the middle "NCAA III Top 25 and NCAA II" column.
8. When calculating Longo rating, use the NCAA rating corresponding with the same NAIA rating (same dates for both polls).
9. If an opponent has not played a minimum of ten regular-season games, then that contest cannot be counted in calculation of Longo rating.