

DIVISION II REGIONALIZATION MODEL

At the recent NCAA Division II Championships Committee meeting, the committee reviewed information presented at the issues forum during the 2006 NCAA Convention. In addition, the committee reviewed membership comments during the issues forum and post-Convention suggestions. The committee made a few changes to the model presented (changing the name of two regions and moving the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference from the Midwest region to the Atlantic region) and presents this new regionalization model to the NCAA Division II Management Council and the NCAA Division II Presidents Council for review. The new model will be implemented for all sports by fall 2008. The regionalization model is as follows:

Principles for establishing regions :

- Regions will be determined by state boundaries.
- A state may reside in more than one region.
- Conferences will be assigned to specific regions for automatic qualification and post-season competition.
- Conference opponents will count as in-region contests, regardless of geographic location.
- All opponents within your geographic region are in-region contests.
- Opponents residing within your state, regardless of conference affiliation, are in-region contests.
- All opponents (regardless of conference affiliation) in states contiguous to your state are in-region contests.

Additional Principles:

- Schools in the state of Montana will be able to consider Nebraska and Colorado as contiguous states (and vice versa). (There are no Division II institutions in states contiguous to Montana.)
- For FOOTBALL ONLY, the west region may consider North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, and New Mexico as contiguous states (and vice versa). (There are no football playing schools in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho or Wyoming.)
- Schools located in MINNESOTA and MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA may compete against each other and count the contest as in-region.

Conference regional assignments for automatic qualification and post-season competition:

REGION	CONFERENCES
West	California Collegiate Athletic Association Great Northwest Athletic Conference
Central	North Central Conference Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
South Central	Heartland Conference Lone Star Conference Mid-American Athletic Association
Midwest	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Great Lakes Valley Conference
South	Gulf South Conference Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Sunshine State Athletic Conference
Southeast	Carolina-Virginias Athletic Conference Peach Belt Conference South Atlantic Conference
Atlantic	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
New England	Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference New York Collegiate Conference Northeast 10 Conference