

NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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NISC GUIDEBOOK

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Important 2019 Dates

Selection Day:

Sunday, May 12 (hours after NCAA Selections)

Regionals:

May 16- May 18*

(May 19 is weather day)

Championship:

May 24- Saturday, May 26*

(May 27 is weather day)

Tournament History

The National Invitation Softball Championships (NISC) returns for its third year, offering a postseason opportunity for dozens of talented D-I softball programs. In 2018 the Postseason National Invitational Softball Championship crowned Loyola Marymount as tournament champion.

Tournament Format

The Postseason National Invitation Softball Championship is an annual event for women's NCAA Division I softball involving 24-32 women's Division I softball teams in a two round double elimination format. All NISC games are played at the home facility or an acceptable alternate facility of host schools for Regionals. In 2019, the new home of the Championship Round will be the TC Colorado Field in Fort Collins, CO.

Tournament Jurisdiction

The National Invitation Softball Championship is operated, supervised and directed by Triple Crown Sports (TCS), a sports event company based in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Liability

Neither TCS nor the School, shall be held responsible for personal injury or property damage or other loss except resulting from its own negligence and/or willful misconduct, or the negligence of anyone within its control. Each party, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall defend with competent counsel, indemnify, and hold harmless the other party and its trustees, directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses, causes of action, suits, judgments, and claims by or on behalf of any person, firm, corporation, entity or governmental authority if caused by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the indemnifying party, its contractors, officers, servants, agents, or employees.

Enacting Legislation

Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women's Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship and the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitations in those sports. *NCAA Division 1 Manual- August (2016-17) (p.226) item (f)*



Selection and Bracketing Process

The NISC committee uses three stages in this order to implement the final bracket: 1) Select teams; 2) Group teams according to team strength and region; and 3) Bracket the selected teams.

Selection Procedures/Selection Day

The NISC committee will choose 24-32 teams for the Postseason NISC. The field will offer 32 automatic berths – one from each established conference (some conferences may decline berth) and at-large teams. The intention of the NISC Selection Committee is to select the best available teams in the nation, regardless of conference affiliation or geographical location. The field will be announced late Sunday, May 12. All information will be disseminated via the website at www.womensnisc.com that night, after the NCAA bracket is announced.

Selecting Teams: Automatic Berths

Thirty-two (32) spots in the Postseason NISC will be offered and/or filled automatically by the best team available in each of the nation's 32 conferences, AFTER the NCAA Tournament committee makes its picks.

1. A team that is offered an automatic berth by the NISC shall be the team that is a.) The highest-finishing team in its conference's regular-season standings, and b.) is then not selected for the NCAA Tournament. It does not matter what the team's overall record is. For the automatic qualifying berth, the NISC believes that a team's conference record is a more fair comparison among teams within their own conference, and that the conference record should pre-empt overall records among teams from the same conference. The automatic qualifying team is rewarded with the AQ spot for its in-conference play, pre-determined by the conference.
2. Should a conference's automatic qualifier team decline the NISC invitation, it will be allowed one pass down berth based on the next seeded conference team. No RPI contingency. This is a one-time pass down.
3. In the event of a tie among teams under consideration for the NISC automatic berth, the NISC will abide by conference bylaws that have been set up specifically to address a tiebreaking situation in that specific conference.
4. In the event of a tie among teams with identical conference records and there are no specific conference bylaws to address it, the NISC will recognize the conference tiebreaker, and select the team with the best seed from its conference tournament.
5. Multiple-division conferences receive one NISC automatic berth. The qualifying process is the same as that for single-division conferences. However, if a conference designates more than one top seed (i.e. a No. 1 seed for each division), then the conference office shall determine, before its conference tournament begins, a seeding order for NISC purposes.

Selecting Teams: At-large Berths

After the automatic berths have been offered, the remaining spots in the Postseason NISC will be filled by the top teams available. Any team from a Division I conference, or a Division I independent team, shall be considered. Overall record includes conference tournament games

- Any team with an NCAA RPI of 100 or better will be considered for the NISC as an At-large team, regardless of overall record.
 - Anyone with an RPI of 100 or higher must have an overall record of .500 or better to be considered.
1. The NISC committee will use the NCAA Softball Final RPI, win/loss record, last 10 games played, key injuries or additions, consideration of teams with 30+ wins, and other pertinent information gathered on all considered teams, to select At-Large berths.

The Process

After the NISC committee chooses the field of teams adhering to the above-mentioned selection process, the teams will be grouped into regions of 4-8 teams by drive radius for Regionals. Regional Winners will advance to the Championship round.

The Bracket Process

Bracket guidelines

1. First-round regional pairings will be determined initially on team RPI (i.e. a top tier team plays a bottom tier team; a middle tier team plays a middle tier team)
2. Teams from the same conference will not meet in the first round.
3. Factors can preclude teams from being placed in their natural grouping when it comes to bracketing. These factors include travel constraints, school location, facility availability, lodging constraints, previous games against NISC opponents, etc.
4. The committee strives to achieve competitive balance within each region of the bracket, as well as to try to limit teams' travel days.
5. Host teams will get preferred game time slots.

Basic Costs

All expenses are paid upfront by the school. If there is an approved reimbursement due from the NISC, schools must submit proper paperwork and will get reimbursed at the conclusion of the event. Approved expenses include bus transportation, airfare, lodging, and meals.

Travel Party

Expense reimbursement is based on a maximum travel party of twenty-six (26) people for all rounds and up to 13 hotel rooms. Air tickets and rooms above the NISC allotment are at the expense of the school.

Per Diem

A food reimbursement of \$500 per team for each full day a team is away from home, while \$250 is reimbursed for travel days. This is credited against the \$10,000.

Regional Round Costs to the School

- Travel Teams to a Regional Site-
 - The school is responsible to pay up to the first \$10,000 of costs.
 - Costs includes bus, air, lodging, meals. NISC only covers **approved costs over \$10k.**
- \$8,000 to HOST Regional Round at your school- **School keeps all gate, concessions, or parking revenues.**
 - Host School covers game costs including staffing, facility, officials and streaming of all games.

Championship Round Costs to the School

- If the out-of-pocket amount to Regionals was less than \$10k, school will pay additional expenses up to meet the max out-of-pocket expense
 - Costs includes bus, air, lodging, meals. NISC only covers approved costs over \$10k
- Regional round hosts-
 - The school is responsible to pay for the first \$10,000 of expenses
 - Costs includes bus, air, lodging, meals. NISC only covers approved costs over \$10k. If the amount does not exceed

Basic Travel Arrangement Responsibilities

- All travel arrangements for **air transportation** and **lodging** *must* be made through the resources identified below in order for teams to be eligible to receive reimbursement for these expenses.
- All **ground/bus** arrangements are *made by the traveling team*.
- Air travel as a choice will be the sole decision of the NISC

How to Book Lodging for Regionals-

Southwest Host Services- Rooming List must be completed.

Contact Lisa Dixon at: 970-420-9617, 970-223-6665 or (e-mail) swhost@comcast.net

Championship round in Colorado- Hotels are already booked, we will just need a rooming list.

How to Book Airfare

Vista Travel- Air Travel Roster list must be completed

Contact Peter Scocca II at: 732-574-1100, ext. 118 or 848-250-6373, peter@travelwithvista.com OR
[Renee Schiess](mailto:corp@travelwithvista.com): 732-574-1100, ext. 153, corp@travelwithvista.com
[Emma Manera](mailto:corp@travelwithvista.com): 732-574-1100, ext. 151, corp@travelwithvista.com

Hosting Basics

Regional Host and/or Championship Round

Requirements to Host-

1. Provide their home playing facility or an acceptable alternative location for all games
 2. Produce and Pay all game related expenses (this includes booking officials, officials pay, game day staff, and all costs associated with producing a college softball tournament.
 3. Provide Streaming of all games.
- As a Regional host, an institution is responsible for all activities normally associated with promoting and producing a college tournament softball game(s) of this type and pay all game related expenses, including game officials.
 - Includes scheduling practice times, BP, bat testing, pre-game timing, etc...
 - The NISC will provide a staff member (full access pass needed) and Banners and Decals that will need to be placed around the facility.
 - Visiting teams will have lodging secured with our lodging partner Southwest
 - It is understood that the NISC shall have no control over the personnel or the facility used by the institution in performing its duties in the production of the game.
 - The host school agrees to compensate the NISC \$8,000 to host the Regional round.

Host Institution

Host Revenue Guarantee

Each Regional Host school will pay the NISC an \$8,000 hosting bid fee

Game Revenue Disbursement Responsibilities

1. A complete disclosure is required for all revenues collected.
2. The NISC will provide the requisite revenue forms to the host institution.
3. An initial revenue disbursement is required within five (5) days from the completion of the tournament. This amount shall be the full amount of the host budget guarantee.
4. The remainder of any additional net proceeds from a game must be received by the NISC within thirty (30) days after the day of the game. All checks should be made payable to the National Invitational Softball Championship.
5. A penalty charge of one (1) percent per month may be charged against an institution's share for any payments made after 30 days.

Facility and Equipment Responsibilities of the Host School

1. Provide the appropriate facilities and equipment necessary to conduct a collegiate softball game in accordance with NCAA regulations. This is to cover equipment and facilities necessary for the teams, game officials, fans, and members of the media.
2. Provide priority status for the scheduling of practice times in the game facility for the visiting team. Practice times must be at a reasonable hour. A team will not be required to start a practice session later than 9 p.m. on days prior to a tournament game. The visiting teams will be given equal practice time and field advantage as given to the host team.
3. Provide adequate liability insurance coverage for an event of this type.
4. Provide adequate security for crowd control which shall include adequate police and fire protection as required by local and state ordinances. Additionally, a trainer shall be present during all tournament games.
5. Pay all game related expenses

Game Official Basics

Game Officials Assignment

- Game Officials are assigned by the host school's conference assignor.
- All Division I conferences may recommend officials to work NISC games.
- Three-official crews will be utilized for all games.
- Prior to each game, host institutions will be provided with the officials' names. At the game, the host school should gather all information it needs to mail checks to each official following the game.

Game Fee

Game officials are compensated \$150 per game in Regionals and \$175 for working the Regional Championship game. This is a host school expense.

Officials' Ground Transportation

- Personal automobile usage will be reimbursed at \$.50 per mile for round trip mileage OR you will use the allotment per the host schools conference, for travel reimbursement amounts
- For officials using air transportation to a game site, actual rental car expenses while at the site are reimbursed in full.

Officials' Air Travel

- Officials should make all air transportation arrangements through Vista Travel. Contact Renee Schiess or Emma Manera at Vista Travel at 732-574-1100 (Renee ext.153 / email: corp@travelwithvista.com or Emma ext. 151 / email: corp@travelwithvista.com for air travel reservations.
- Officials should use a credit card to pay Vista Travel for the airfare and ticketing fees, and then apply for reimbursement of that actual amount from the school at which they officiated. Reimbursement will be for actual airfare incurred and issued only if game officials use Vista Travel to book their flights.

Officials' Lodging

- Game officials should contact the Host School or call Southwest Host at 970-420-9617 or 970-223-6665
- Reimbursement for lodging can be denied if hotel arrangements are not made through Southwest Host Services.
- Otherwise, actual lodging expenses will be reimbursed in full.

Payment to Officials

- The host institution shall compensate each official for their game fee. The host institution should mail the game fee check and any applicable travel reimbursement check to each official following the game.
- Officials shall be reimbursed for actual costs of their air, ground and lodging expenses by the host school.
- Officials should turn in the NISC Game Official Expenses with verifying receipts to the host school on the day of the game or as soon as possible thereafter.

Officials' Tickets

Game officials may request directly from the host school up to two tickets each for the game they are officiating at no cost. They may not sell their tickets at any price.

Determination Home/Away Teams

For all regional and championship rounds, the home team shall occupy the third base dugout, warm-up first and select the color of the uniform jersey. The visiting team must wear a contrasting uniform jersey. The committee or its designee will resolve any conflict in the selection of uniforms. As a reminder, when teams play back-to-back games, they must be prepared to change uniforms, if necessary. By mutual agreement of the participating teams, teams playing back-to-back games may agree to stay in the same uniform color.

All Rounds. The home team for the first round of regionals and championship round, will be the higher-seeded (based on RPI) team. In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to the following formula:

1. The games committee shall designate as home team the institution that has been home team the fewest times (regionals and finals are considered separately).
2. If two teams have been home team an equal number of times but visiting team an unequal number of times, the team that has been the visitor most often shall be designated as home team.
3. If two teams have been both home team and visiting team an equal number of times, and if the two teams previously met, the visitor in the initial game shall be the home team in the second game.
4. If games between the same teams are back to back, the home teams shall be the visitor in the previous game regardless of the number of times either team have been home or visitors.
5. If two teams have been both home team and visiting team an equal number of times, the team that was the visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were the visitor in their preceding games.
6. If the preceding formula does not prevail, the higher seeded team shall have the choice of being home team or visitors.
7. When teams play back-to-back games, they must be prepared to change uniforms and dugouts, if necessary.

The Fine Print

General Travel Information

1. Teams must make air and hotel reservations through the NISC travel partners (details are below). Teams make their own bus reservations.
 2. The NISC assumes the financial risk for all traveling teams. For example, a team pays the first \$10,000* of its approved travel expenses (air, hotel, bus, and per diem) during the tournament and the NISC reimburses the team for all expenses above that level. It does not matter how many games that includes; once the approved \$10,000* has been met, the reimbursement kicks in and covers the remainder of the tournament. **(*Exception Clause: The University of Hawaii is responsible to pay the first \$25,000 of travel expenses, unless school is already stateside. It is not the intent of the NISC to choose Hawaii as a Host site.) (revised 4/10/2017)**
 3. Participating schools pay up front by credit card for their travel expenses, and then are reimbursed according to the guidelines below.
 4. Teams should file for reimbursement upon conclusion of their games in the NISC.
 5. All teams should be prepared to immediately travel once the Postseason NISC field is announced on Selection Night. Teams should pack for two rounds, due to the quick turnaround required at times and an inability to return to campus between rounds.
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1. No reimbursement is allowed for expenses incurred more than the day prior to or more than the day following a tournament game, unless approved by the NISC.

Travel Reimbursement for Airfare, Ground Transportation and Lodging

1. The traveling school pays the first \$10,000* incurred in air/bus/hotel/per diem expenses for its entire tournament travel; then the NISC pays 100% of any amount above \$10,000* for the entire tournament. **The maximum out-of-pocket contribution by a participating school is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00*) for the official travel party size of 24 individuals for the entire tournament. (*Exception Clause: The University of Hawaii is responsible to pay the first \$30,000 of travel expenses. It is**



- not the intent of the NISC to choose Hawaii as a Host site.) (revised 4/10/2017)** Air travel is reimbursed at the best available commercial fare. Reimbursement for charter air transportation is only allowed if no commercial air space is available.
2. Airline baggage fees are not included in reimbursable costs.
 3. Expenses for travelers over the party size of 24 are not eligible for reimbursement.

Travel Arrangement Responsibilities

Lodging Arrangements

1. All lodging arrangements must be made through Southwest Host Services.
 - a. Please contact Lisa Dixon at: 503-746-4371 or email denise@sw-host.com
2. A headquarter hotel will be established for each host site. If a team wishes to use a different hotel, they must first contact Southwest Host Services and work through them, with final approval by the NISC. In many cases, the traveling team may be required to use the headquarter hotel or be responsible for a price variance.
3. At least two weeks prior to the start of the NISC, prospective teams should communicate with Southwest Host Services and email them the Team Rooming List form, including all contact information and a team credit card for guarantee purposes. Adjustments to names and details can be made before each round of travel.
4. It is necessary for teams to have a credit card available to pay for or at least guarantee hotel rooms up front.
5. Lodging reimbursement is based on 12 rooms of lodging, as included with air and ground transportation above. If the NISC has negotiated a comp room for the team's head coach, then the NISC will reimburse that team for nine rooms.

Air Travel Arrangements

1. All air travel arrangements must be made through Vista Travel.
 - a. Please contact Peter Scocca II at: 732-574-1100, ext. 118 or 848-250-6373, peter@travelwithvista.com OR
 - b. Renee Schiess 732-574-1100, ext. 153, corp@travelwithvista.com
 - c. Emma Manera 732-574-1100, ext. 151, corp@travelwithvista.com
2. At least two weeks prior to the start of the NISC, prospective teams should communicate with Vista Travel and email them the NISC Team Travel Roster. Adjustments to names and details can be made before each round of travel.
3. Following each round, Vista Travel is available to finalize air travel arrangements for schools having to travel to a next round game site. This will ensure that a travel professional is available between rounds of the tournament when arrangements often are made late at night or on the weekend.
4. It is necessary for teams to have a credit card available to pay for or at least guarantee travel arrangements up front.
5. Air travel will be at the best available commercial fare and no allowance will be made for first class travel or charter flights, unless the NISC deems that there are no commercial flights available.
6. Institutions that fly should be prepared to have connecting flights, and/or split their travel party, and adjust departure and return times to allow for commercial travel.
7. If a team decides to charter instead of fly commercially, the reimbursement will be calculated at a prorated amount for 24 people at the commercial fare. Vista Travel works with charter companies and will provide the best quote possible for a chartering team. Teams wishing to charter should contact Vista Travel as early as possible to talk about securing a charter plane in later rounds.

Ground Travel Arrangements

Schools should make their own arrangements for ground transportation to a game site or between the airport and a game site, and include that cost in the reimbursement package.

Filing for Reimbursement

1. Once teams conclude their tournament play, all approved air, per diem, ground and lodging expenses should be itemized on the Team Travel Reimbursement form. In order to be eligible for reimbursement for air, ground and lodging, teams must have used the services of Vista Travel and Southwest Host Services.
2. Email or fax the reimbursement form with copies of invoices/receipts verifying air/bus/lodging expenses to NISC Assistant Director Kelly Berry at kellyberry@triplecrownsports.com.

Ticket Responsibilities

1. School shall provide the printing and sale of game tickets along with proper accounting of all ticket sales.
2. All tickets should go on sale as early as possible.
4. Tickets must be made available for sponsors and advertisers at the request of the NISC.
5. Space for NISC tournament personnel shall be provided.
6. The NISC may authorize the exchange of game tickets for media and/or other game promotion activities. These tickets shall not be charged as income for the host site.

Ticketing- Suggested Pricing

1. When a host school submits a host budget form, it should provide details of various ticket pricing levels.
2. For regionals, no lower than \$5 for students, \$8 for general admission, \$12 for reserved. Host schools have flexibility in setting their ticket prices for individuals and groups.
3. Championship Round game per ticket or session pricing will be at a minimum of \$5.00 over regular season ticket prices at the host school. Minimum ticket pricing shall be no less than \$6.00 for students, \$10.00 for general admission, and \$15.00 for reserved. Event passes prices shall be \$15.00 for students, \$25.00 for general admission, and \$40.00 for reserved.

Host Compensation

100% of all revenues generated from ticket sales, sponsorship, parking, and concessions.

Game Expenses

Game expenses are costs directly related to the administration and production of a tournament game. Game expenses are the responsibility of the host school. Specifically, game expenses shall include the following:

1. Printing and selling of game tickets
2. Game officials' fees and travel expenses
3. Scorekeeper, statisticians, etc.
4. Security and ushers
5. Printing of tournament related materials
6. Promotional and marketing activities

Parking and Concessions

All revenues from concessions and parking may be retained by each host institution. If revenue is collected from concessions or parking, then no expenses related to these items may be passed on to the NISC or the tournament. The NISC does not restrict the sale of alcohol.

Programs and Tournament Merchandise

Programs are available on-line and may be printed by the public at no cost. For all rounds, the host school may print and/or sell programs at their discretion, and keep all revenue.

A host school may sell its own merchandise, with no commission returned to the NISC. If a school chooses to sell merchandise with any reference to the NISC on it, the school must pay the NISC a commission of 10% of gross sales.

General Guidelines & Information

Live Stream or Web cast all Regional Games

A participating institution is required to live stream or web cast all games.

Player Eligibility

A participating institution guarantees that all of its players are eligible at the time of the tournament, as defined by the NCAA and/or its member conference. Should an institution or any of its players be declared ineligible by an appropriate authorizing body (i.e. NCAA or conference, etc.), or be barred from appearing on television, the NISC reserves the right to withdraw its invitation.

Playing Rules

Playing rules for all games shall be the most current official NCAA regulations.

Official Ball

Host teams shall provide game-ready softballs for NISC games and practices.

Site Surveying

The NISC reserves the right to administer spectator surveys at game sites. Any demographic information generated from surveys will be shared with the host institution.

Site Sampling

The NISC retains the right to on-site sampling of products and/or services.

Marketing

For marketing purposes, the athletic department agrees to utilize its e-mailing lists to distribute tournament-only promotional material for the NISC, if asked.

Postgame Press Conference

A postgame press conference shall be arranged by the host institution in an appropriate meeting area immediately after the teams' dressing rooms open. This should occur no more than 15 minutes after the head coach enters the dressing room for the team's postgame meeting. Each head coach will make himself or herself available to the media covering the tournament.

Media Accommodations

1. Seats at the press table shall be made available to the press working the game.
2. Should seat availability be limited then priority should be given as indicated below:
 - a. Media who have regularly covered the team throughout the season.
 - b. Working press from the immediate vicinity of the participating institutions.
 - c. Working press representing all other locations.

Credentials

Credentials are issued by the participating home school, and should include the NISC logo if possible.

Timeouts

Each NISC game shall adhere to the standard media timeout format.

All-Tournament Awards

The NISC All-Tournament Team is voted on by media and NISC personnel at the championship game. The team is announced at the postgame ceremony at the championship game, and also posted on the website at www.womensnisc.com. The NISC All-Tournament Team consists of eighteen (18) players. One player will be from each of the final 8 teams; and four players will come from each of the championship game teams. One of those 14 players will be designated as the Most Valuable Player.

A team trophy ceremony will be conducted immediately following the championship game. The champion and runner-up trophies will be presented, as will the All-Tournament player trophies. The All-Tournament Team players that are on semifinal teams not present at the championship game will have their trophies sent to them following the tournament.

Pre-game Team Introductions

- Host teams may follow their standard public address announcements and introductions that they do for regular-season home games.
- Host teams may conduct inning contests, PA announcements, etc., as in the regular season, as well as use their video boards at their own expense.
- All games and announcements must abide by quality sportsmanship values, and enhance the tournament experience for both teams.

Coach Responsibilities

Head coaches are required to attend the postgame news conference and speak to host and visiting media. Head coaches participating in games that are televised by the NISC or its broadcast partners are required to participate in pre-game and halftime interviews, if asked

NISC Rights

Sponsorship and Advertising

- All rights to sell sponsorship and advertising for the event are held by the NISC.
- The NISC may allow a host institution to sell single-game sponsorships, proceeds from which can be used to offset bid or game expenses.
- The rights to all or part of these event sponsorship and advertising rights may be sold by the NISC to another party or agency with the money received being included in the tournament's gross receipts.

Television and Radio Rights

- The NISC reserves all television and radio rights for televising and broadcasting all NISC games.
- This covers, but is not limited to, commercial and non-commercial broadcasts, all forms of cable or broadband broadcasts, either live or tape delayed, whole or in part.
- Information on purchasing television rights is provided upon request.
- Radio stations wishing to broadcast a NISC game must fill out the Radio and Internet Rights form and fax or email it back to the NISC prior to airing a NISC game. Refer to the form for applicable rights fees. \$150 Fee.

Internet Rights

- The NISC holds all Internet broadcast rights for NISC games.
- Schools that wish to air games on the Internet may do so at no cost IF the school does not charge its viewers.
- If the school charges its viewers to access the NISC game on the Internet, the school shall pay the NISC a \$150 per-game fee. The school will fill out the Radio and Internet Rights form and fax or email it to the NISC prior to the NISC game.
- The school shall give NISC staff free access to its Internet broadcast.



Tournament Notes/Game Programs

- The NISC publishes tournament notes online at www.womensnisc.com for public download and school access. Each school should provide a link on their own website to the NISC's notes.
- Host schools may print and distribute their own game programs for all of their home tournament games, either for free or for their own profit.

Merchandise

- The NISC owns the rights to all tournament related merchandise at all NISC games.
- Merchandise and material with NISC references to be sold at these events must have prior approval of NISC Director David King. If a school chooses to sell merchandise with any reference to the NISC on it, the school must pay the NISC a commission of 10% of gross sales.
- Host sites are allowed to sell their own school merchandise (as long as it does not include any reference to the NISC) during NISC games, with no compensation owed to the NISC.
- If the NISC sends tournament merchandise to a school, the host school is required to provide staffing to handle event merchandise sales. Compensation from the NISC to the host school shall amount to 10% of the net sales (gross sales less sales taxes).

Signage Display

- Schools are required to display NISC banners on the fences.
- If the host school has an electronic display, it may choose to display the words "National Invitational Softball Championship" or "NISC" electronically throughout the game. For the first five rounds, the NISC signage can be interchanged with host school sponsors; however, the NISC signage must be visible for at least 50% of the entire pre-game, during-game, and post-game time. At the championship game, the electronic signage must be locked on the NISC tournament name and logo signage for 100% of the time.
- Schools are required to display NISC decals on the backstop pad. The decals are produced by Shafer Display, which makes NCAA decals.
- Beyond reserving space for the NISC banners and decals, if the NISC does not require other signage spaces, host schools may leave their normal signage in place for NISC games.