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### **NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2015 BRACKET**

**INDIANAPOLIS**—University of Florida, the defending national champion, was named the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship today when the NCAA Division I Softball Committee announced the 64-team field. The Gators will play Florida A&M, an automatic qualifier from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Thirty-two conferences were awarded an automatic qualification, while the remaining 32 slots were filled with at-large selections to complete the bracket. The top 16 teams were seeded nationally and will play at campus sites this weekend.

Team pairings were determined by geographic proximity, with the exception that teams from the same conference were not paired during regional competition.

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) led all leagues with 11 teams selected to the championship tournament. The Pac-12 Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference each placed seven teams in the championship tournament, respectively. Seven teams are making their first appearance in the tournament: Binghamton University, University of Central Arkansas, Fairfield University, Indiana State University, University of Pittsburgh, St. John's (NY) University, and Weber State University.

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Only 12 schools have been crowned the NCAA Division I softball champion since the tournament started in 1982, and 11 will compete in this year's bracket.

**DATES/SITES/PAIRINGS:** Gainesville Regional – May 15-17 at Gainesville, Florida  
\*Indicates Host Institution No. 1 seed Florida\* (50-6) vs. Florida A&M (18-37)  
Florida Atlantic (37-17-1) vs. Hofstra (37-12-1)

South Bend Regional – May 15-17 at Notre Dame, Indiana  
Kentucky (29-2-4) vs. Northwestern (28-21)  
Ball State (33-23) vs. No. 16 seed Notre Dame\* (40-13)

Tallahassee Regional – May 15-17 at Tallahassee, Florida  
No. 9 seed Florida St.\* (45-12) vs. Dartmouth (25-16)  
South Carolina (37-20) vs. UCF (48-7)

Knoxville Regional – May 15-17 at Knoxville, Tennessee  
Utah (34-17) vs. Virginia Tech (34-21)  
Longwood (33-23) vs. No. 8 seed Tennessee\* (42-14)

Baton Rouge Regional – May 15-17 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
No. 5 seed LSU\* (44-11) vs. Texas Southern (25-16)  
Nebraska (34-21) vs. Arizona St. (34-20)

Tucson Regional – May 15-17 at Tucson, Arizona  
Minnesota (46-9) vs. New Mexico St. (46-14)  
St. John's (NY) (28-17) vs. No. 12 seed Arizona\* (38-17)

Lafayette Regional – May 15-17 at Lafayette, Louisiana  
No. 13 seed La.-Lafayette\* (39-9) vs. Weber St. (38-17)  
Mississippi St. (35-19) vs. Baylor (38-14)

Auburn Regional – May 15-17 at Auburn, Alabama  
South Ala. (38-11) vs. Chattanooga (35-13)  
Tennessee Tech (32-26) vs. No. 4 seed Auburn\* (49-9)

Ann Arbor Regional – May 15-17 at Ann Arbor, Michigan  
No. 3 seed Michigan (51-6) vs. Oakland (27-22)  
Pittsburgh (35-20) vs. California (38-16)

Athens Regional – May 15-17 at Athens, Georgia  
North Carolina (36-14) vs. Western Ky. (34-12)  
Central Conn. St. (31-12) vs. No. 14 seed Georgia\* (40-14)

Norman Regional – May 15-17 at Norman, Oklahoma  
No. 11 seed Oklahoma\* (45-7) vs. Central Ark. (35-19)  
Lehigh (39-7) vs. Texas A&M (38-18)

Tuscaloosa Regional – May 15-17 at Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Washington (40-15) vs. USC Upstate (43-8)  
Fairfield (25-22) vs. No. 6 seed Alabama\* (42-12)

Los Angeles Regional – May 15-17 at Los Angeles, California  
No. 7 seed UCLA\* (45-10) vs. CSUN (41-15)  
San Diego St. (36-18) vs. Texas (36-15)

Columbia Regional – May 15-17 at Columbia, Missouri  
Kansas (38-13) vs. Louisville (30-17)  
Indiana St. (26-29) vs. No. 10 seed Missouri\* (39-14)

Harrisonburg Regional – May 15-17 at Harrisonburg, Virginia  
No. 15 seed James Madison\* (47-8) vs. Binghamton (24-19)  
Fordham (36-18) vs. North Carolina St. (35-20)

Eugene Regional – May 14-16 at Eugene, Oregon  
North Dakota St. (43-9) vs Fresno St. (40-14)  
BYU (39-12) vs. No. 2 seed Oregon\* (46-6)

**CHAMPIONSHIP  
STRUCTURE:**

The championship will be three weekends of competition. Four teams will participate at each of 16 campus sites in a double-elimination tournament.

The committee held selections for the 2015 NCAA Division I Softball Championship May 8-10. The 64-team field was selected from 295 NCAA Division I institutions sponsoring softball. Of the 64 teams, 32 teams received an automatic qualification with the remaining best 32 teams were selected on an at-large basis.

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Regionals for the NCAA Division I Softball Championship will be held May 14-17 on 16 campus sites. At each campus site, a four-team, double-elimination tournament will be conducted and the 16 winning teams advance to the Super Regionals.

Super Regionals for the championship will be held May 21-24 on eight campus sites. At each site, two teams play in a best-of-three tournament format. The winners from each site advance to the NCAA<sup>®</sup> Women's College World Series.

**SEEDING/SITES:**

Teams were selected to the field of 64 teams. The top 16 teams were seeded in order, and the remaining teams are paired by geographic proximity, with the exception that teams within the same conference were not paired during regional competition.

**CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES:**

2014 Highlights: The University of Florida won its first national championship defeating the University of Alabama, 6-3. It was the first time that two SEC teams met in the championship series.

For complete championship details log on to [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).

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## 2015 NCAA® WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TV COVERAGE

Day	Date	Game	Time (EST)*	Network*
Thursday	5/28	1	Noon	ESPN
Thursday	5/28	2	2:30 p.m.	ESPN
Thursday	5/28	3	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Thursday	5/28	4	9:30 p.m.	ESPN2

Friday	5/29	5	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Friday	5/29	6	9:30 p.m.	ESPN2

Saturday	5/30	7	Noon	ESPN
Saturday	5/30	8	2:30 p.m.	ESPN
Saturday	5/30	9	7 p.m.	ESPN
Saturday	5/30	10	9:30 p.m.	ESPN

Sunday	5/31	11	1 p.m.	ESPN
Sunday	5/31	12	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sunday	5/31	13 (if necessary)	7 p.m.	ESPNU
Sunday	5/31	14 (if necessary)	9:30 p.m.	ESPNU

Monday	6/1	Championship Final Game 1	8 p.m.	ESPN2
Tuesday	6/2	Championship Final Game 2	8 p.m.	ESPN
Wednesday	6/3	Championship Final Game 3 (if necessary)	8 p.m.	ESPN

\*Please go to [www.ncaa.com/broadcast](http://www.ncaa.com/broadcast) for updates. Game times and networks are subject to change.

**TV COVERAGE NOTES:** ESPN will provide coverage from 10 Regional sites, the most to date, which was announced during the *NCAA Division I Softball Selection Show*. ESPN will televise every game of the Super Regionals for the ninth consecutive year. This year also marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year that ESPN will televise every game during the WCWS. ESPN will announce additional telecast information this week.

**2015 NCAA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOMATIC  
QUALIFIERS (32)**

Conference	Team	2015 Record	Previous App.	Won	Lost	Last Appearance
America East	Binghamton	24-19	FIRST APPEARANCE			
American Athletic	UCF	48-7	5	7	10	2014
Atlantic Coast	Florida St.	45-12	27	58	60	2014
Atlantic Sun	USC Upstate	43-8	2	2	4	2014
Atlantic 10	Fordham	36-18	4	4	8	2014
Big East	St. John's (NY)	28-17	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Big Sky	Weber St.	38-17	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Big South	Longwood	33-23	1	0	2	2013
Big Ten	Michigan	51-6	22	80	49	2014
Big 12	Oklahoma	45-7	21	85	41	2014
Big West	CSUN	41-15	13	17	28	2007
Colonial	Hofstra	37-12-1	15	25	30	2014
Conference USA	Western Ky.	34-12	1	2	2	2013
Horizon	Oakland	27-22	2	2	4	2003
Ivy	Dartmouth	25-16	1	0	2	2014
Metro Atlantic	Fairfield	25-22	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mid-American	Ball St.	32-23	2	0	4	2010
Mid-Eastern	Florida A&M	18-37	5	1	10	2014
Missouri Valley	Indiana St.	26-29	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mountain West	Fresno St.	40-14	30	89	61	2011
Northeast	Central Conn. St.	31-12	1	1	2	2013
Ohio Valley	Tennessee Tech	32-26	4	2	8	2007
Pac-12	Oregon	46-6	16	49	34	2014
Patriot	Lehigh	39-7	8	6	15	2012
Southeastern	Auburn	48-9	10	10	20	2014
Southern	Chattanooga	35-13	9	6	18	2014
Southland	Central Ark.	35-19	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Southwestern	Texas Southern	25-16	1	0	2	2014
Summit	North Dakota St.	43-9	5	5	10	2014
Sun Belt	South Ala.	38-11	3	7	6	2014
West Coast	BYU	39-12	11	15	22	2014
Western Athletic	New Mexico St.	46-14	1	1	2	2011

**2015 NCAA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AT-LARGE  
SELECTIONS (32)**

Team	Conference	2015 Record	Previous App.	Won	Lost	Last Appearance	
Alabama	Southeastern	42-12	16	75	35	2014	
Arizona	Pac-12	38-17	28	153	54	2014	
Arizona St.	Pac-12	34-20	26	85	51	2014	
Baylor	Big 12	38-14	9	35	21	2014	
California	Pac-12	38-16	29	97	65	2013	
Florida	Southeastern	50-6	15	59	32	2014	
Florida Atlantic	Conference USA	37-17-1	7	11	14	2006	
Georgia	Southeastern	40-14	13	50	27	2014	
James Madison	Colonial	47-8	3	2	6	2014	
Kansas	Big 12	38-13	11	14	22	2014	
Kentucky	Southeastern	29-24	6	17	15	2014	
La.-Lafayette	Sun Belt	39-9	24	65	50	2014	
LSU	Southeastern	44-11	16	49	33	2014	
Louisville	ACC	30-17	11	14	22	2014	
Minnesota	Big Ten	46-9	9	11	19	2014	
Mississippi St.	Southeastern	35-19	11	11	22	2014	
Missouri	Southeastern	39-14	18	46	41	2014	
Nebraska	Big Ten	34-21	22	59	58	2014	
North Carolina	ACC	36-14	11	13	22	2013	
North Carolina St.	ACC	35-20	4	6	8	2014	
Northwestern	Big Ten	28-21	14	41	32	2014	
Notre Dame	ACC	40-13	19	28	38	2014	
Pittsburgh	ACC	35-20	FIRST APPEARANCE				
San Diego St.	Mountain West	36-18	10	14	20	2014	
South Carolina	Southeastern	37-20	17	34	37	2014	
Tennessee	Southeastern	42-14	12	59	28	2014	
Texas	Big 12	36-15	15	47	31	2014	
Texas A&M	Southeastern	38-18	25	71	54	2014	
UCLA	Pac-12	45-10	30	191	48	2014	
Utah	Pac-12	34-17	12	16	27	2006	
Virginia Tech	ACC	34-21	7	14	16	2014	
Washington	Pac-12	40-15	21	94	42	2014	

**2015 NCAA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
TEAMS BY CONFERENCE**

\*Automatic Qualifier

**America East (1)**

Binghamton\*

**American Athletic (1)**

UCF\*

**Atlantic Coast (7)**

Florida St.\*

Louisville

Pittsburgh

North Carolina

North Carolina St.

Notre Dame

Virginia Tech

**Atlantic Sun (1)**

USC Upstate\*

**Atlantic 10 (1)**

Fordham\*

**Big East (1)**

St. John's (NY)\*

**Big Sky (1)**

Weber St.

**Big South (1)**

Longwood\*

**Big Ten (4)**

Michigan\*

Minnesota

Nebraska

Northwestern

**Big 12 (4)**

Baylor

Kansas

Oklahoma\*

Texas

**Big West (1)**

CSUN\*

**Colonial (2)**

Hofstra\*

James Madison

**Conference USA (2)**

Florida Atlantic

Western Ky.\*

**Horizon (1)**

Oakland\*

**Ivy (1)**

Dartmouth\*

**Metro Atlantic (1)**

Fairfield\*

**Mid-American (1)**

Ball St.\*

**Mid-Eastern (1)**

Florida A&M\*

**Missouri Valley (1)**

Indiana St.\*

**Mountain West (2)**

Fresno St.\*

San Diego St.

**Northeast (1)**

Central Conn. St.\*

**Ohio Valley (1)**

Tennessee Tech\*

**Pac-12 (7)**

Arizona

Arizona St.

California

Oregon\*

UCLA

Utah

Washington

**Patriot (1)**

Lehigh\*

**Southeastern (11)**

Alabama

Auburn\*

Florida

Georgia

Kentucky

LSU

Mississippi St.

Missouri

South Carolina

Tennessee

Texas A&M

**Southern (1)**

Chattanooga\*

**Southland (1)**

Central Ark.\*

**Southwestern (1)**

Texas Southern\*

**Summit (1)**

North Dakota St.\*

**Sun Belt (2)**

South Ala.\*

La.-Lafayette

**West Coast (1)**

BYU\*

**Western Athletic (1)**

New Mexico St. \*



**2015 NCAA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
NUMBER OF APPEARANCES BY TEAMS**

31<sup>st</sup> Appearance (2)

Fresno St. (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-15)

UCLA (1982-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-96-97-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

30<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

California (1982-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15)

29<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Arizona (1987-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

28<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Florida St. (1986-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-98-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

27<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Arizona St. (1982-84-85-86-87-89-90-91-93-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

26<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Texas A&M (1983-84-85-86-87-88-90-91-94-96-99-2000-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

25<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

La.-Lafayette (1990-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

23<sup>rd</sup> APPEARANCE (2)

Nebraska (1982-84-87-88-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-09-10-11-13-14-15)

Michigan (1992-93-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

22<sup>nd</sup> APPEARANCE (2)

Oklahoma (1994-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

Washington (1994-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

20<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Notre Dame (1994-95-96-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

19<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Missouri (1982-83-91-94-95-97-99-2003-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

18<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

South Carolina (1982-83-88-89-94-95-96-97-99-2000-01-02-03-04-07-13-14-15)

17<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (3)

Alabama (1999-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

LSU (1998-99-2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

Oregon (1989-90-94-98-99-2000-03-04-05-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15)

16<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (3)

Florida (1998-2000-01-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

Hofstra (1993-95-99-2000-01-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15)

Texas (1998-99-2000-02-03-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

15<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (1)

Northwestern (1984-85-86-87-2000-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-12-14-15)

14<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (2)

CSUN (1992-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-03-04-07-15)

Georgia (2002-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

13<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (2)

Tennessee (1999-2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

Utah (1984-85-87-91-92-94-95-97-2000-02-04-06-15)

12<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (5)

BYU (2001-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

Kansas (1983-85-86-92-93-94-97-99-2005-06-14-15)

Louisville (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

Mississippi St. (2000-02-03-04-05-07-08-09-12-13-14-15)

North Carolina (2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-15)

11<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (2)

Auburn (2002-04-05-06-08-09-10-11-12-14-15)

San Diego St. (2001-03-06-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)

10<sup>th</sup> APPEARANCE (3)

Baylor (2004-05-06-07-09-11-12-13-14-15)

Chattanooga (2000-01-02-03-04-08-09-11-14-15)

Minnesota (1988-91-96-98-99-2002-03-13-14-15)

NINTH APPEARANCE (1)

Lehigh (2001-04-05-06-08-09-11-12-15)

EIGHTH APPEARANCE (2)

Fla. Atlantic (1999-2000-01-02-03-04-06-15)

Virginia Tech (2005-06-07-08-12-13-14-15)

SEVENTH APPEARANCE (1)

Kentucky (2009-10-11-12-13-14-15)

SIXTH APPEARANCE (3)

Florida A&M (1999-2005-06-09-14-15)

North Dakota St. (2009-10-11-12-14-15)

UCF (2005-08-10-12-14-15)

FIFTH APPEARANCE (3)

Fordham (2010-11-13-14-15)

North Carolina St. (2006-07-13-14-15)

Tennessee Tech (2003-05-06-07-15)

FOURTH APPEARANCE (2)

James Madison (2009-13-14-15)

South Ala. (2012-13-14-15)

THIRD APPEARANCE (3)

Ball St. (1998-2010-15)

Oakland (2002-03-15)

USC Upstate (2013-14-15)

SECOND APPEARANCE (6)

Central Conn. St. (2013-15)

Dartmouth (2014-15)

Longwood (2013-15)

New Mexico St. (2011-15)

Texas Southern (2014-15)

Western Ky. (2013-15)

FIRST APPEARANCE (7)

Binghamton

Central Ark.

Fairfield

Indiana St.

Pittsburgh

St. John's (NY)

Weber St.