**OLD**
6 REGIONS, 1 DAY (SATURDAY)

1 SESSION OF 6 TEAMS
(1 DAY)

4 AA X 6 = 24 AA
2 IES/EVENT X 6 = 48 SPECIALISTS

24 + 48 = 72

**NEW**
4 REGIONS, 3 DAYS (TH. - SAT.)

1 DUAL MEET
2 SESSIONS OF 4 TEAMS
1 SESSION OF 4 TEAMS

3 X 4 SITES = 12 AA
4 IES/SITES = 16 IES/EVENT
64 SPECIALISTS

12 + 64 = 76

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**12 TEAMS**

SEMIS:
2 SESSIONS, 6 TEAMS

12 AA

? IES

DIDN’T BREAK TIES FOR ADVANCING IES

**8 TEAMS**

SEMIS:
2 SESSIONS, 4 TEAMS

4 AA

4 IES/EVENT
= 16 IES

TIES WILL BE BROKEN

SCORE VERIFICATION PROCESS
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS PROCEDURES

- Top 36 teams based on national qualifying score (NQS) selected for regional competition.

- Committee identifies the top 18 teams and seed them in the bracket.
  Seeds: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16 (left side of bracket)
  Seeds: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 (right side of bracket)

- Teams 17-36: placed geographically at one of the four regional sites. All host teams stay home to compete, top 16 seed or not.

- Top 12 all-around competitors and top 16 event specialists will be selected based on NQS and will be placed geographically. Individuals from the same team are kept together.

- Seeding determined at the time of regional selections will be maintained throughout the championships.

Regional sites will host competition over a three-day period:

FIRST ROUND: 2 teams
SECOND ROUND: 8 teams
REGIONAL FINAL: 4 teams

Regional competition consisting of 9 teams, 3 all-around competitors and 4 individual specialists per event (all of whom are not on a qualifying team) will be conducted in each of four regions to determine the participants in the national championships.

NOTE: The number of all-around and event specialists assigned to each regional may very depending on the number of individuals qualifying from a given school. Overall, 12 all-arounders and 16 event specialists for each event will be selected nationwide.

The top 12 all-arounders and top 16 event specialists based on national qualifying score and not on a qualifying team will be selected. The list of top 12 all-arounders and top 16 individual event specialists will include individual qualifying scores from the teams competing in the first round to ensure those individuals compete in the individual competition, regardless of whether their teams advance from the first round.

Individuals will compete in the second round at regionals. Scores achieved in the second round will be used to determine advancing individuals once the regional final is finished (to account for individuals on teams that are eliminated in the regional final) and then the top all-arounder (not on an advancing team) and top specialist for each event (not on an advancing team) will advance to the national championship, in that event only. This method ensures 4 all-arounders and 16 specialists advance to the championship.

Ties for the advancing all-arounder will be broken by evaluating the highest event score, then the next highest, and will continue until the tie is broken. If not broken, all four judges’ scores will be counted for all four events. Ties for advancing event specialists will be broken by counting all four scores on the event. If not broken, the head judge score will be the tiebreaker. If a tie still exists, the advancing individual will be the one with the higher NQS.

When seeding/pairing teams for regional competition, the NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee will seed 16 teams.

Recognized format for 16 seeded teams:

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- Teams will be seeded 1-16 on a national basis, based on NQS, and placed in the bracket.

- Seeding determined at the time of selections will be maintained throughout the championships.

- Seeds in the bracket will not always correspond to NQS ranking due to pre-determined host sites.

Because of pre-selected hosts, the following guidelines will be used to place seeded teams into regional sites:

- Pair according to the recognized 16-seed format.
- Identify hosts.
- All host teams stay home to compete, whether they are a top 16 seed or not.
- If two or three host teams are paired, the lowest-seeded host in the group will be exchanged with a non-host that holds a spot not greater or less than two seeded positions (and preferably one position), when possible.
- When teams are paired or when a seeded pairing does not have a seeded host, every effort will be made to maintain geographic proximity for the higher seeded team, when possible.
- Teams 17-36 will be placed geographically at one of the four regional sites, while at the same time trying to avoid, when possible, pairing conference rematches of the teams.
- Unseeded hosts will be placed into the bracket based on NQS to maintain the integrity of the bracket.
- All-around competitors and event specialists will be placed geographically at one of the four regional sites. All-arounders and individuals from the same team will be placed at the same regional, but not necessarily in the same session.
- To ensure the top-seeded teams have the least number of individuals competing with them, the committee will pair the highest ranked all-arounder at the site with the lowest-seeded team (or lowest NQS team at the site first, then proceed to the seeded teams), the next highest all-arounder with the next lowest-seeded team, etc. to ensure the top-seeded teams have the fewest number of individuals competing with them, which maintains integrity of the bracket and fairness for both teams and individuals.
- The committee reserves discretion with individual and all-around pairings since part of the process is dependent on how many individuals are selected from teams placed at each regional and on what events those individuals are competing.