





Team Qualification

NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships Selection Information

Allocation of Team Berths			
<i>The championship provides for a field of 72 men's and 72 women's teams</i>			
Automatic Qualification <i>Conference Champions that have been certified as automatic qualifiers advance to the field automatically</i>		At-Large Selection <i>The remainder of the field will be chosen by applying specific, objective regular-season analysis throughout the process</i>	
 <p>ADVANCED 32 men's teams</p>	 <p>ADVANCED 32 women's teams</p>	 <p>SELECTED 40 men's teams</p>	 <p>SELECTED 40 women's teams</p>

Team At-Large Selection Summary



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for at-large consideration:

Teams must face and receive a result against at least 30 opponents during the regular season. Opponents need NOT be unique.

Eligible races:

Must have more than one Division I institution(s) that finish five or more athletes(*intrasquad races and competition against only non-Division I institutions are not eligible*)

First Consideration



RPI Top 50 AND WinPct>.500



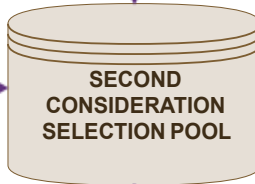
Top 20 teams* (plus ties)



Second Consideration



RPI Top 75



Top 15 teams* (plus ties)



Third Consideration



RPI Top 100

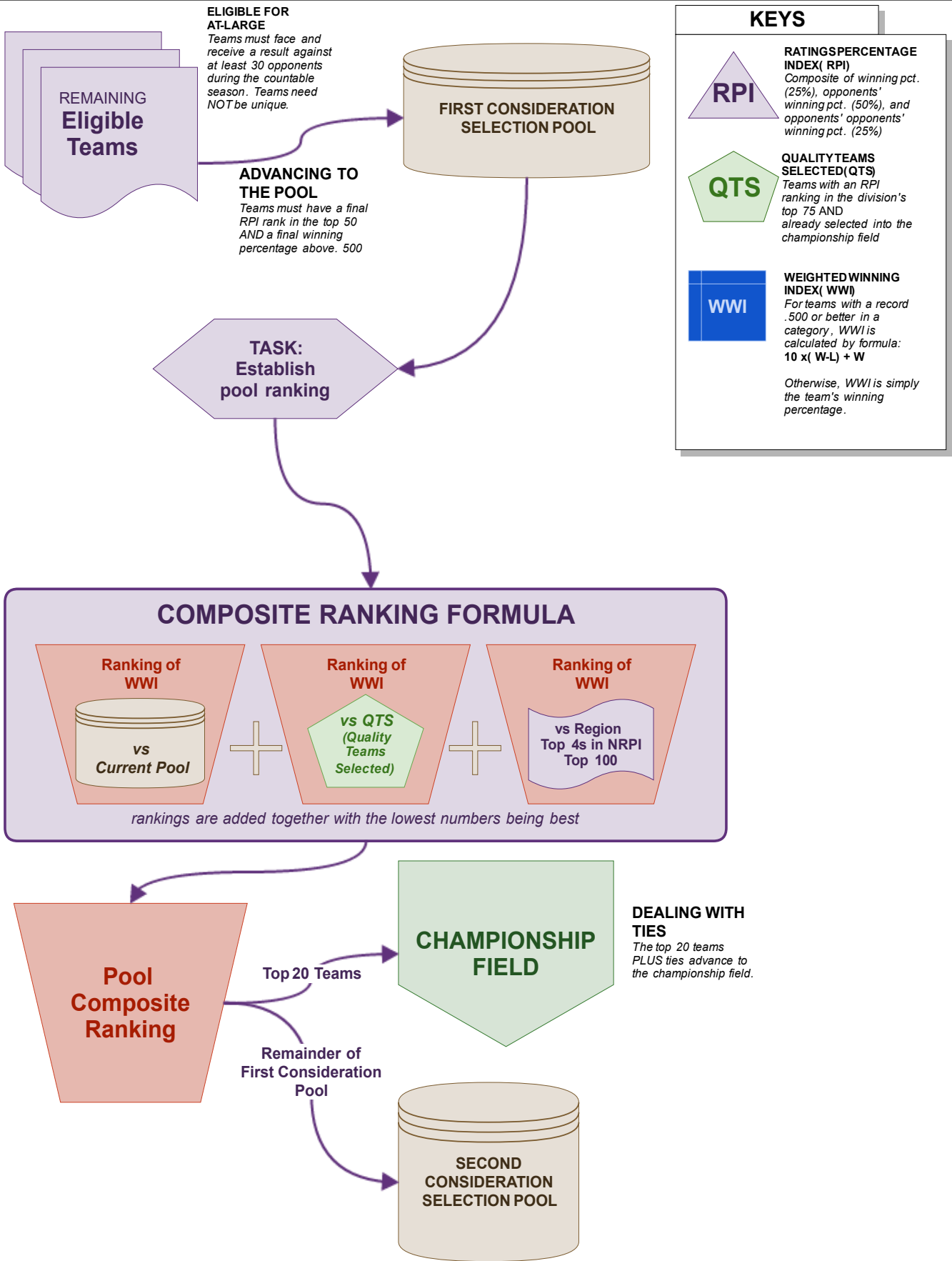


Top 5 teams* (or remainder to 40 cap)

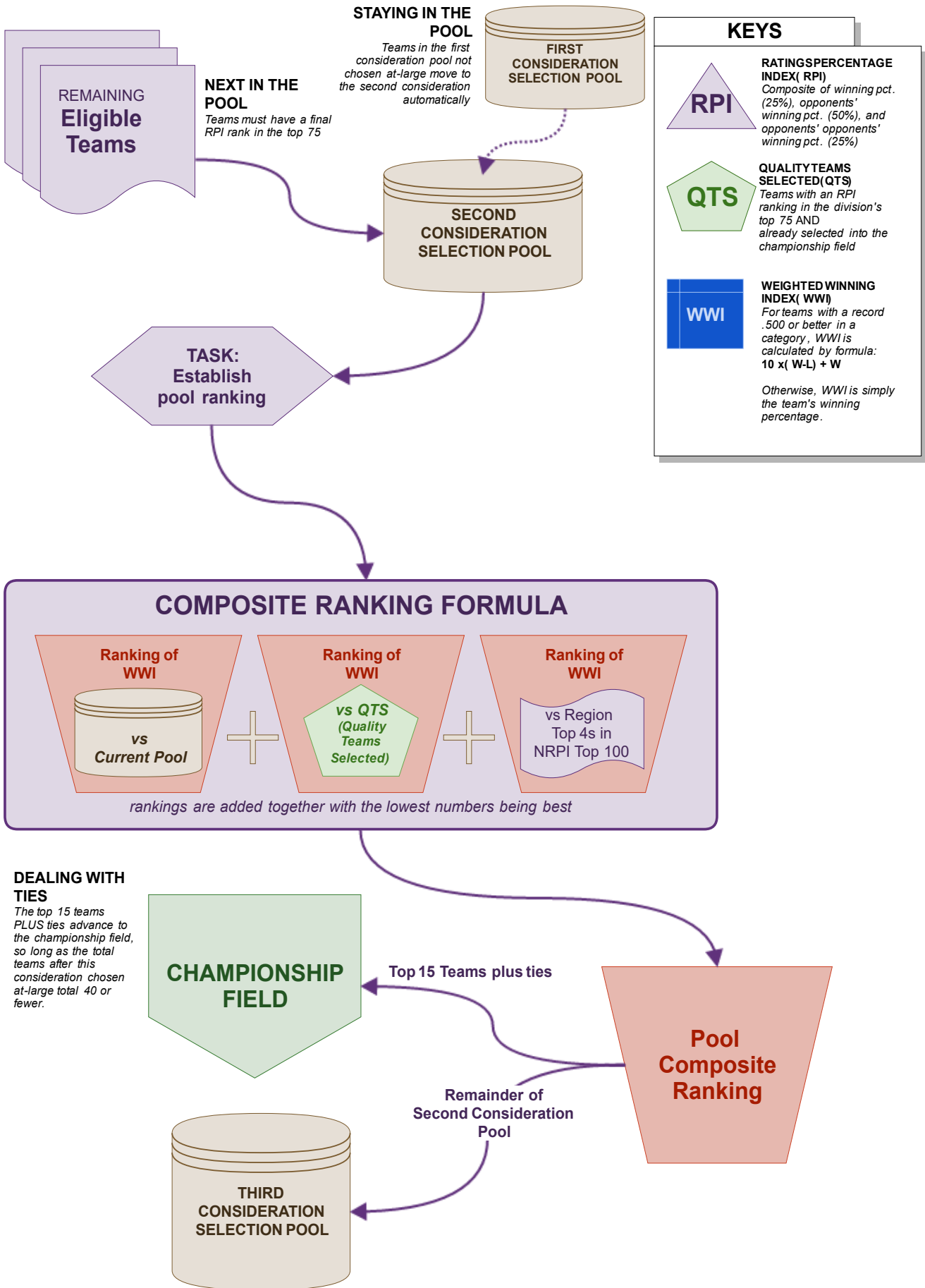


* top teams in composite rank of weighted win index(WWI):
 - performance rank against selection pool
 - performance rank against quality teams already selected (QTS)
 - performance rank against all region top 4s based on national RPI

Team At-Large First Consideration Selection Detail



Team At-Large Second Consideration Selection Detail



Team At-Large Third Consideration Selection Detail

KEYS



RATINGS PERCENTAGE INDEX (RPI)
Composite of winning pct. (25%), opponents' winning pct. (50%), and opponents' opponents' winning pct. (25%)

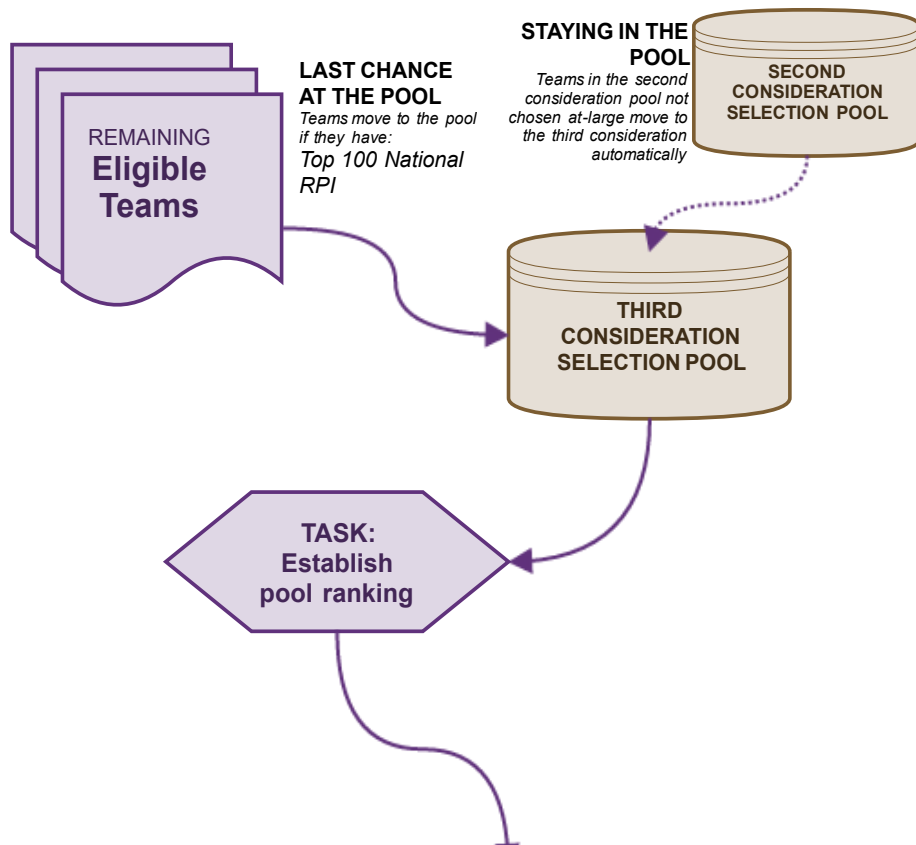


QUALITY TEAMS SELECTED (QTS)
Teams with an RPI ranking in the division's top 75 AND already selected into the championship field

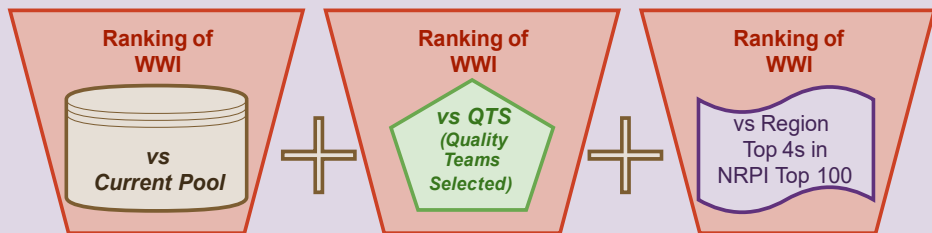


WEIGHTED WINNING INDEX (WWI)
For teams with a record .500 or better in a category, WWI is calculated by formula: $10 \times (W-L) + W$

Otherwise, WWI is simply the team's winning percentage.



COMPOSITE RANKING FORMULA



rankings are added together with the lowest numbers being best

DEALING WITH TIES

Ties for the final spot(s) into the championship field will be broken in the following way(if at anytime the tie(s) are broken, the process stops) ...

- Head-to-head results (the earliest possible result starting with the first-weekend of October) among tied teams with most recent result taking precedence
- Win-loss record versus common opponents
- Win-loss record versus quality teams selected.



Top number of teams needed to fill championship field

FILLING THE REMAINDER

The number of teams remaining to be chosen at-large could be as many as five, but could be less if there are ties in the first or second considerations.

