Team Qualification
NCAA Division I Cross Country
Championships Selection Information

Allocation of Team Berths
The championship provides for a field of 72 men’s and 72 women’s teams

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<td>Conference Champions that have been certified as automatic qualifiers advance to the field automatically</td>
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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
REMAINING Eligible Teams
RPI Top 50 AND WinPct > .500
Top 20 teams* (plus ties)
SELECTED 20 at-large teams

Second Consideration
REMAINING Eligible Teams
RPI Top 75
Top 15 teams* (plus ties)
SELECTED 15 at-large teams

Third Consideration
REMAINING Eligible Teams
RPI Top 100
Top 5 teams* (or remainder to 40 cap)
SELECTED 5 at-large teams
**Team At-Large First Consideration Selection Detail**

**COMPOSITE RANKING FORMULA**

- **First Consideration Selection Pool**
  - **Ranking of WWI (vs Current Pool)**
  - **Ranking of WWI (vs QTS)**
  - **Ranking of WWI (vs Region Top 4s in NRPI/Top 100)**

**Advancing to the Pool**

- Teams must have a final RPI rank in the top 50 and a final winning percentage above .500.

**Eligible for At-Large**

- Teams must face and receive a result against at least 30 opponents during the countable season. Teams need not be unique.

**Remainder of Eligible Teams**

**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 x (W-L) + W. Otherwise, WWI is simply the team's winning percentage.

**Dealing with Ties**

- The top 20 teams plus ties advance to the championship field.

**Pool Composite Ranking**

- Top 20 Teams

- Remainder of First Consideration Pool

**Championship Field**

- The top 20 teams plus ties advance to the championship field.
**Team At-Large Second Consideration Selection Detail**

**REMANNING Eligible Teams**

**TASK:** Establish pool ranking

**STAYING IN THE POOL**
Teams in the first consideration pool not chosen at-large move to the second consideration automatically

**NEXT IN THE POOL**
Teams must have a final RPI rank in the top 75

**FIRST CONSIDERATION SELECTION POOL**

**SECOND CONSIDERATION SELECTION POOL**

**COMPOSITE RANKING FORMULA**

- **Ranking of WWI** (current pool)
- **Ranking of WWI** (Quality Teams Selected)
- **Ranking of WWI** (Region Top 4s in NRPI Top 100)

**DEALING WITH TIES**
The top 15 teams PLUS ties advance to the championship field, so long as the total teams after this consideration chosen at-large total 40 or fewer.

**KEYS**

- **RPI**:
  - Composite of winning pct. (25%), opponents’ winning pct. (50%), and opponents’ opponents’ winning pct. (25%)

- **QTS**:
  - Teams with an RPI ranking in the division’s top 75 AND already selected into the championship field

- **WWI**:
  - For teams with a record .500 or better in a category, WWI is calculated by formula: 10 x (W-L) + W
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**RATINGS PERCENTAGE INDEX (RPI)**

**QUALITY TEAMS SELECTED (QTS)**

**WEIGHTED WINNING INDEX (WWI)**
Task: Establish pool ranking

**Composite Ranking Formula**

1. **Ranking of WWI**
   - vs Current Pool
2. **Ranking of WWI**
   - vs QTS (Quality Teams Selected)
3. **Ranking of WWI**
   - vs Region Top 4s in NRPI Top 100

**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.

**Dealing with Ties**
- Ties for the final spot(s) into the championship field will be broken in the following way if at any time the tie(s) are broken, the process stops:
  1. Head-to-head results (the earliest possible result starting with the first weekend of October) among tied teams with most recent result taking precedence
  2. Win-loss record versus common opponents
  3. Win-loss record versus quality teams selected

**Championship Field**
- 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.

**Remaining Eligible Teams**
- Last chance at the pool
- Teams move to the pool if they have:
  - Top 100 National RPI

**Staying in the Pool**
- Teams in the second consideration pool not chosen at-large move to the third consideration automatically

**Third Consideration Selection Pool**
- Remaining eligible teams

**Second Consideration Selection Pool**
- Teams in the second consideration pool not chosen at-large move to the third consideration automatically

**Third Consideration Selection Pool**
- Teams move to the pool if they have:
  - Top 100 National RPI