



## **NCR Divisional Appeal Information**

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Due to unusual circumstances and/or unique situations on many campuses, NCR has determined it will accept appeals from teams that wish to compete in a rugby division that does not align with that of the institution's varsity athletics program.

In order for each 'NCAA Division' team's status to be reviewed for alternative NCR postseason eligibility, rugby programs, identified as candidates to compete in a "higher" division, seeking to appeal this requirement must file for an appeal prior to October 1st of the academic year..

This appeal shall be reviewed by the designated NCR Competitions Committee which will render a determination within ten (10) business days of receiving the form. NCR and the respective Competitions Committee will either deny or approve the appeal.

If approved, the program shall only have post-season eligibility in the mandated division for the upcoming season UNLESS stipulated otherwise by NCR. In event of the latter determination, the team will be awarded a probationary status for a specific period. Prior to requiring the team to transition to a higher division, and/or at the mid-point of any extension with this change in status, there shall be follow-up review to determine if progress has been made. Depending on the review at this time, the team shall either be found to be adequately prepared for reclassification after one year or have the exemption extended for the duration of the original time frame.

If denied, the program may compete in a conference consisting of teams who compete in a different NCR postseason competition (it will not be required to join a conference populated solely by teams of the higher division). However, this team will only be considered for a postseason berth in the appropriate division as an At Large selection if they have applied and been accepted by the designated CC.

In addition to what has been established within the Competition Placement Matrix, the following criteria are examples of factors which may help Competitions Committees discuss and review each request to extend eligibility to a team competing at a divisional level below institutional current or NCAA intercollegiate designation:

- \* Historical rugby success as evidenced by competitive record over the last three-four years.
- \* Average roster size (number of participants) over the last three-four years.
- \* Administrative structure: coaching, faculty advisor, student leaders' responsibilities, adult interaction with school officials.
- \* Competitive access to (financially/competitively reasonable or geographically isolated situation) conference of like-competitive schools.
- \* Specific challenges for this institution that the CC should consider.

### Competition Placement Matrix

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Status	Scale	Points				
Coaching	PC, VPT, PPT, PFT	-1, 0, 3, 5	PC = Player Coach	VPT = Volunteer Part Time	PPT = Paid Part Time	PFT = Paid Full Time
Field	Non DF, DF	0, 2	DF = Dedicated Field			
Trainers, S&C	T, SC, SCT	1, 2, 3	T = Athletic Trainer Accet SC = Strength & Conditionir SCT = Access to Both			
Scholarships	None, Tuition/Housing Asst. PS, FS	0, 1, 3, 5	PS = Partial Scholarship FS = Full Scholarship			
Acceptance Rate	10%, 30%, 50%, 70%	0, 1, 2, 3				
Admissions Assistance	No, Yes	0, 4				
Undergraduate Population	2k, 5k, 10k, 20k, 30k	0, 1, 2, 3, 4				
NCAA Status + Football	D3, D2, NAIA, DI	1, 2, 3, 4				
Budget + Alumni	5k, 10k, 20k, 50k, 100k	0, 1, 2, 3, 4				
Team Size	30, 40, 50, 60	0, 1, 2, 3				
History of Success (cumulative last 3 years)	LR, WR, CC, RC, F4, NC	-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4	LR = Losing Record	WR = Winning Record	CC = Conference Champ	RC = Regional Champ
		Best Score 41	F4 = Final 4	NC = National Champ		
Metric Ranges						
Small College Champion	0-15					
D2 Grand	0-15					
D1 Elite	15-24					
D1 Premier	24+					