



## **News Release**

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### **NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE SELECTS CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD**

INDIANAPOLIS --- The NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee announced today the field of 63 teams for the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship.

Forty conferences were awarded automatic qualification for the 2009 championship. Two teams were selected from Pool B, which consists of independent institutions, and institutions that are members of conferences that do not meet the requirements for automatic qualification. The final 21 berths were reserved for Pool C, which are institutions from automatic-qualifying conferences that are not the conference champion and any remaining Pool B teams.

One team will receive a first-round bye. One two-team first-round match will be played to determine the team that advances to the second round to play the team that received a first-round bye. Fifteen four-team sites will conduct first- and second-round play on the first weekend of the championship, November 13-14 or 14-15. Second-round winners will advance to one of four sectional sites November 20-21 or 21-22. All games, except the semifinals and final, will be played on the campuses of competing institutions. Winners of the four sectionals will advance to the semifinals December 4-5, at Blossom Soccer Stadium in San Antonio, Texas.

#### **Conferences and Teams Receiving Automatic Qualification (40):**

Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference  
American Southwest Conference  
Capital Athletic Conference

Frostburg State  
Hardin-Simmons  
Mary Washington

Centennial Conference	Johns Hopkins
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	Augustana (Illinois)
Colonial States Athletic Conference	Cabrini
Commonwealth Conference	Messiah
The Commonwealth Coast Conference	Endicott
Empire 8	Ithaca
Freedom Conference	Eastern
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	Simmons
Great South Conference	Maryville (Tennessee)
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	Transylvania
Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Dubuque
Landmark Conference	Catholic
Liberty League	William Smith
Little East Conference	Eastern Connecticut State
Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference	Westfield State
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Albion
Midwest Conference	Carroll (Wisconsin)
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Carleton
New England Small College Athletic Conference	Williams
New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	MIT
New Jersey Athletic Conference	The College of New Jersey
North Atlantic Conference	Husson
North Coast Athletic Conference	Wittenberg
North Eastern Athletic Conference	Keuka
Northern Athletics Conference	Aurora
Northwest Conference	Puget Sound
Ohio Athletic Conference	Otterbein
Old Dominion Athletic Conference	Washington & Lee
Presidents' Athletic Conference	Washington & Jefferson
St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Webster
Skyline Conference	Farmingdale State
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference	Trinity (Texas)
State University of New York Athletic Conference	SUNY Geneseo
University Athletic Association	Washington U. in St. Louis
USA South Athletic Conference	Christopher Newport
Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Wisconsin-Stevens Point

**Pool B Berths (2):**

UC Santa Cruz  
St. Scholastica

**Pool C Berths (21):**

Amherst  
Calvin  
Chicago  
Concordia-Moorhead  
Denison  
Illinois Wesleyan  
Lynchburg  
Macalester  
Middlebury  
Muhlenberg  
Ohio Northern  
Oneonta State  
Plattsburgh State  
Richard Stockton  
Rochester (New York)  
Rowan  
Skidmore  
St. Thomas (Minnesota)  
Virginia Wesleyan  
Wheaton (Illinois)  
Wheaton (Massachusetts)

In last year's finals, Messiah defeated Wheaton (Illinois) by a score of 5-0, to win the championship. It was Messiah's second national championship in the last four years.