

OPERATING REGULATION 6–General Competition and Championship Regulations

6.1 General Competition Principle

All League competition (regular-season and League Championships) shall be governed by the provisions of this Operating Regulation and those of applicable NCAA legislation, playing rules and Championships guidelines.

6.2 Coach and Player Decorum

6.2.1 Philosophical Statement. Coaches, players, officials and administrators will put forth a sincere effort to ensure the game will be conducted and played in a wholesome and sporting manner. For a coach, player, squad member or team attendant to conduct himself/herself in an unsporting manner, or to incite the displeasure of spectators, is intolerable and will be addressed according per **Operating Regulation 21**.

6.2.2 General Principle. A player or coach may not use profanity, vulgarity, taunt, ridicule, make obscene gestures, point a finger, abuse game officials or bait an opponent. Unsporting conduct leads to altercations, fights and crowd violence. Coaches and administrators have the responsibility to set the tone for responsible behavior on the part of their teams and followers. Coaches should promote positive, sporting behavior by (1) conducting themselves in such a manner to ensure professional, sporting behavior and assist in crowd control, and (2) monitoring the proper conduct of their players and all bench personnel. A well-disciplined bench has a positive impact on students, faculty members and spectators.

6.3 Uniforms

6.3.1 General. The Horizon League block logo shall be placed on all uniforms as follows:

6.3.1.1 The Horizon League logo must appear on all team and individual sport uniforms, including but not limited to, the official uniform, practice gear (where feasible), warm-ups and apparel worn by coaching staffs (where feasible) and game management personnel, within the guidelines of NCAA rules.

6.3.1.2 Logo should fit into a space of 2 1/4" square.

6.3.1.3 Logos must conform to the NCAA regulations for each specific sport.

6.3.1.4 The mark should be silkscreened, embroidered or a patch. Silkscreening or embroidery is preferred. Institutions may order patches through the conference office.

6.3.1.5 The Horizon League mark may be reproduced entirely in ONE color – black white or an institutional color OR may be reproduced in the official color palette of a member institution.

6.3.1.6 The cost of uniform logos is the institution's expense or provided by the apparel supplier.

6.3.1.7. The chart below is the recommended uniform placement for each sport:

SPORT	RECOMMENDED LOCATION(S)	SIZE
Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Left Front Chest/Shoulder; or, Left Sleeve; or, Back Between Shoulder Blades	Minimum size 2.25" width
Soccer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Top of Left Sleeve	Minimum size 2.25" width

Cross Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper Left Front Chest; or, Back Between Shoulder Blades; or, Left Front Shorts 	Minimum size 2.25" width
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Right or Top Left Front Shoulder; or, Back Between Shoulder Blades (Men Only) 	2.25" width per NCAA
Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top of Left Sleeve; or, Top of Right Sleeve 	Minimum size 2.25" width
Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top of Left Sleeve; or, Top of Right Sleeve 	Minimum size 2.25" width
Swimming/Diving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left Front Chest; or, Back Between Shoulder Blades <p>Note: Logo on Warm-Up, Not Suit</p>	Minimum size 2.25" width
Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Left Sleeve; or, Top Right Sleeve; or, Back Between Shoulder Blades AND Golf Bag 	Minimum size 2.25" width on polo Minimum size 4" width on bag
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top of Left Sleeve; or, Left Front Chest/Shoulder; or, Front Left Shorts/Skirt 	Minimum size 2.25" width
Track/Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper Left Front Chest; or, Back Between Shoulder Blades; or Front Left Shorts 	Minimum size 2.25" width

6.4 Officials

6.4.1 Officiating Fees for Cancelled Contests. In the sports of men's and women's soccer, volleyball, tennis, softball and baseball, the following principles shall be applied with officiating fees for cancelled contests due to weather or an act of God:

6.4.1.1 On-Site. If officials are on site at the time of cancellation, the officials shall receive the full game fee. Additionally, soccer officials shall also receive mileage reimbursement.

6.4.1.2 En Route. If officials are en route to the site at the time of cancellation, the officials shall receive the full game fee. Additionally, soccer officials shall also receive mileage reimbursement.

6.4.1.3 Not En Route. If officials have not left their home within 24 hours upon notice of cancellation by the home institution, the officials shall not receive the game fee. Additionally, soccer officials shall not receive mileage reimbursement.

6.5 Requirements

6.5.1 General. In order for a member institution's athletics teams and student-athletes to be eligible for Horizon League **Figure 5-1** competition (regular-season and League championships), the member must maintain and actively enforce compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the NCAA and Bylaws and Operating Regulations of the Horizon League.

6.5.2 Student-Athlete Eligibility. Unless otherwise specified in these Operating Regulations, student-athlete eligibility for League competition shall be governed by the provisions of the appropriate NCAA legislation.

6.5.2.1 Eligibility for Horizon League Championships. In order to be eligible to participate in Horizon League championships, a team must have met the NCAA

sponsorship minimums in contests and participant requirements in the prior academic year. These teams, which include individuals, are not eligible to score points or receive awards (except in Track and Field, where they are eligible for individual awards only).

6.5.2.1.1 Sport-Sponsorship Waiver. If an institution's team fails to meet the NCAA sport sponsorship requirements due to extenuating circumstances, the institution may submit a waiver request to the Horizon League Council. If the waiver is approved, the institution's team will be able to participate in the Horizon League championship that year. The waiver is limited to one year.

6.5.2.1.2 Emerging-Sport Waiver. If an institution has declared its intention for a sport to meet the NCAA sport sponsorship requirements for the number of contests and participants, the institution will be granted a one-time waiver to allow them to participate in the sport's Horizon League championship for up to three years without meeting the NCAA sport sponsorship requirements.

6.5.3 Institutional Eligibility. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws and Operating Regulations, institutional eligibility for League competition shall be governed by the appropriate NCAA legislation.

6.5.3.1 Scholarship Funding Requirements. To be eligible for League competition, an institution must meet the requirements of the Horizon League's priority sports program as outlined in **Operating Regulation 5.5.6**.

6.5.3.1.1 Failure to Meet Requirements. The institution will have a two year period to comply with the standard. If after the two year period, the standard is not met, the institution will not be permitted to participate in the Horizon League championship for that sport until it can demonstrate compliance.

6.5.4 Concussion Safety Protocol. Each member institution of the League must annually review and submit the institution's written concussion procedures and protocol to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Committee.

6.5.5 Independent Medical Care. Each member institution of the League must designate a director of medical services to oversee the institution's athletics health care administration and establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care in which primary athletics health care providers (i.e. team physicians and athletic trainers) have unchallengeable authority in the areas of medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes.

6.6 Ineligibility

6.6.1 Obligation of Member Institution. If a student-athlete or team is discovered to be ineligible under the provisions of Horizon League or NCAA legislation, the institution shall be obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule and to withhold the student-athlete or team from all intercollegiate (including League) competition. The institution may appeal to the Commissioner regarding applicable Horizon League Bylaws and Operating Regulations or the NCAA regarding NCAA eligibility rulings.

6.6.2 Penalties. In addition to any applicable NCAA, institutional and individual penalties, all League contests in which an ineligible student-athlete or team has participated shall be declared forfeited by the Commissioner and the overall and divisional records of all affected League teams shall be changed accordingly.

6.6.2.1 Loss of Eligibility for Horizon League Championships. An institution not eligible for NCAA Championships competition shall not participate in a Horizon League Championship in which the League has earned automatic-qualification.

6.6.2.2 Distribution of League Revenue. A member institution not eligible for NCAA and/or Horizon League Championships participation may be considered for an appropriate share of the revenue generated from participation by other League members upon the approval of appropriate Horizon League governing Cabinets, Advisory Groups, Peer Groups or Committees.

6.7 Certification of Eligibility

6.7.1 Responsibility. Each member institution of the League is responsible for certifying the eligibility of its teams and student-athletes under the provisions of applicable NCAA and Horizon League legislation.

6.7.2 Horizon League Championships. The eligibility of all participants will be verified prior to the start of competition for all Horizon League Championships. A student-athlete who is not appropriately verified as eligible shall not be permitted to compete in the League Championship.

6.7.3 National Letter of Intent Program. The League office shall coordinate the National Letter of Intent program for members of the Horizon League. Valid Letters of Intent, records of invalidated Letters and other appropriate information will be kept on file in the League office.

6.7.4 Medical Hardships and Other Waivers. Medical hardships and other waivers/exceptions shall be processed by the League office in accordance with NCAA legislation. The League office shall maintain appropriate files and documentation concerning such cases.

6.8 General Championships Principle

The administration of Horizon League championship events shall be governed by the regulations outlined in this Operating Regulation, with the exception of the Horizon League Men's and Women's Basketball Championships. The Horizon League championships shall be administered by the Horizon League staff. The responsibilities of the League office staff and host institution are outlined in this Operating Regulation. The administration of the Horizon League Men's and Women's Basketball Championships shall be directed by the provisions of **Operating Regulation 7**.

6.8.1 Horizon League Staff Championship Event Management Responsibilities

- (a) Inform host institution of available budget for hosting the championship.
- (b) Work with the supervisor of officials in assigning and payment of officials, if applicable.
- (c) Acquire corporate sponsorship through our marketing partner.
- (d) Assist the host Communications Personnel with publicity, and the distribution of championship results.
- (e) Supply equipment/supplies as designated by specific sports.
- (f) Provide hospitality, if applicable.
- (g) Send to the host all championship awards.
- (h) Assist the host with banquet preparations, if applicable.

- (i) Participate in (pre-championship) coaches meetings either in person or via teleconference, whatever is applicable.
- (j) Produce championship program.
- (k) Conduct championship surveys and compile results.
- (l) Coordinate the awards ceremony.
- (m) Maintain regular communications between host tournament director and League office.
- (n) Update Championships Handbooks and Operations Manuals on an annual basis, and distribute to membership.
- (o) Work with host institution to provide an emergency plan.
- (p) Arrive on site with championship signage.
- (q) Responsible for releasing the results to all national media, key regional media and NCAA committee members. The Horizon League shall also request and produce for distribution (by participating SIDs to their local media) relevant feature story lines.
- (r) Championship results shall be posted on the League web site after each day of competition.

6.8.2 Host Institution Championship Event Management Responsibilities

- (a) Submit a budget for approval to the League office.
- (b) Submit a certificate of insurance to the League office, and if possible, name the Horizon League as additionally insured.
- (c) Submit information to the League office for the Championships handbook.
- (d) Hire and assign event personnel.
- (e) Provide at least four volunteers to assist League staff with the placement of signs before the competition and removal of signs at the conclusion of the event.
- (f) Provide hospitality, if applicable.
- (g) Locate and recommend housing options for the championship.
- (h) Provide equipment/supplies as designated by specific sports.
- (i) Conduct a pre-championship walk through of the facility with the League office liaisons.
- (j) Maintain regular communications with the League office prior to the championship.
- (k) Submit financial reports within 60 days.
- (l) Provide inclement weather contingency plan.
- (m) Submit a post-championship report.
- (n) Host communications personnel to complete the results (e.g., box scores, stat sheets, etc.) and email them at the conclusion of each day of the Championship to the Horizon League. The host SID shall distribute complete results (e.g., box scores, stat sheets, etc.) to the SIDs at each competing school at the conclusion of each day of the championship.
- (o) The SID of each participating institution shall release the results/stories to their local media at the conclusion of each day.
- (p) The host media coordinator shall create a flip card of the participating teams' rosters.

(q) Secure a championship photographer to capture at a minimum the championship game/event (cross country, soccer, volleyball, softball, baseball), event finals (track & field, swimming & diving), and the championship awards ceremony at all sports. (*Adopted 10/16/17*).

6.9 Championship Events

6.9.1 Annual Events. The Horizon League shall conduct the following League championship events on an annual basis:

6.9.1.1 Baseball

6.9.1.2 Men's Basketball.

6.9.1.3 Women's Basketball.

6.9.1.4 Men's Cross Country.

6.9.1.5 Women's Cross Country.

6.9.1.6 Men's Golf.

6.9.1.7 Women's Golf.

6.9.1.8 Men's Indoor Track and Field.

6.9.1.9 Women's Indoor Track and Field.

6.9.1.10 Men's Outdoor Track and Field.

6.9.1.11 Women's Outdoor Track and Field.

6.9.1.12 Men's Soccer.

6.9.1.13 Women's Soccer.

6.9.1.14 Softball.

6.9.1.15 Men's Swimming and Diving.

6.9.1.16 Women's Swimming and Diving.

6.9.1.17 Men's Tennis.

6.9.1.18 Women's Tennis.

6.9.1.19 Women's Volleyball.

6.9.2 Additional Championships. In accordance with **Operating Regulation 5.4**, additional League Championship events may be created by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership during a meeting of the Horizon League Council with each institution entitled to one vote.

6.10 Guidelines for Hosting Horizon League Championships

6.10.1 Facilities. All sites must feature appropriate facilities and staffing for competition, practice, seating, media work, dressing rooms, hospitality, parking (VIP, media, public) and concession areas as specified by sport Operating Regulation. The League office will approve all recommended championship sites. Championships should be hosted at each institution's designated home facility (majority of home contests). No off-campus facility will be permitted. Exceptions are permitted for cross country, golf and tennis.

6.10.1.1 Alcoholic Beverage Sales. The Horizon League shall permit the sale of alcoholic beverages at the site of a League Championship event.

6.10.1.2 Championship Facility Noncompliance Penalty. If an institution does not provide the sport-specific championship facility criteria outlined in each sport operating regulation, the institution will be unable to host future championships for that sport for a three (3) year period starting the next calendar year after noncompliance.

6.10.1.2.1 Process. A Council member may file a complaint with the League office in writing up to five (5) business days after the conclusion of a League championship if he/she can demonstrate a facility did not meet sport championship facility criteria. The League staff, in conjunction with the Competition Cabinet, will review the complaint and render a decision in a reasonable amount of time. The Competition Cabinet member from the institution hosting the championship will be recused from voting. If an institution would like to appeal the championship facility noncompliance penalty, the institution must do so in writing to the Commissioner or his/her designee with three (3) business days. The Commissioner and his/her designee shall review the situation with the Competition Cabinet chair and the institution appealing the decision. A final decision will be rendered in a reasonable amount of time.

6.10.2 Predetermined Championships. Cross country, swimming & diving, indoor track & field, golf, tennis and outdoor track & field.

6.10.2.1 Notification. Institutions unable to host at a predetermined championship site must notify the League office by January 1 of the academic year preceding the championship. The institution scheduled to host the following academic year shall then have the opportunity to host in the year in which the previously scheduled, predetermined host is unable.

6.10.3 On-campus hosting policy for men & women's soccer, volleyball, softball and baseball. If the #1 seed is unable to host then the next highest seed whose facility meets the championship hosting criteria will host.

6.10.3.1 Letter of notification for hosting. By September 1 of each year, all league institutions will receive a letter on behalf of the Competition Cabinet chair advising the institution to complete a championship facility criteria form which confirms eligibility to host Horizon League championships.

6.10.3.2 Response from institution. No later than October 1 of each year, institutions must inform the League office in writing indicating whether or not their campus facilities meet the hosting criteria or if the institution waives its right to host. Institutions will have to answer additional questions regarding each facility. Institutions will also be required to designate a backup facility consistent with **Operating Regulation 6.16.3**. Institutions that fail to provide and/or follow through with the content submitted will be unable to host future championships for that sport for a three (3) year period starting the next calendar year as outlined in **Operating Regulation 6.10.1.2**. If an institution waives the right to host, **Operating Regulation 6.10.1.2** does not apply.

6.11 Eligibility and Participation

6.11.1 Participation Requirement. In accordance with **Bylaw 2.1.2.4** and **Operating Regulation 5.3**, an institution that sponsors a League sport is required to participate in the Horizon League Championship for that sport unless otherwise permitted/prohibited by NCAA or Horizon League legislative action.

6.11.2 Institutional Eligibility. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws and Operating Regulations, institutional eligibility for League Championships shall be governed by the appropriate NCAA legislation.

6.11.3 Individual Eligibility. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws and Operating Regulations, student-athlete eligibility for League championships shall be governed by the provisions of the appropriate NCAA legislation.

6.12 Championships Administration

6.12.1 Merchandising. The Horizon League shall designate an exclusive licensee for Horizon League Championships event merchandise. No other entity may produce and market championship-exclusive merchandise at a Horizon League Championship event without express written permission from the League office. General institutional or facility merchandise not exclusive to the championship may be marketed in conjunction to League products at an Horizon League event, provided prior approval is received from the League office.

6.12.2 Reservations/Expenses. Participating institutions shall be responsible for arranging their own reservations and for payment of all room and incidental charges.

6.12.3 Travel. Participating institutions shall be responsible for their own travel arrangements. Arrangements should allow the institution to arrive at the competition site in time for scheduled championship activities.

6.12.4 Meals. Each participating institution shall be responsible for its own team meal arrangements and expenses.

6.12.5 Complimentary Admissions. Complimentary admissions are for Horizon League student-athletes. In accordance with Horizon League Council policy, there shall be no other complimentary admission to any Horizon League Championship, except for Men's Basketball/Women's Basketball complimentary ticket policy.

6.12.6 Participant Awards. Each student-athlete in their designated Horizon League sport shall receive a participant award. The policies regarding participant awards are outlined in **Operating Regulation 19.3**.

6.12.7 Championship Awards. Awards for League championships and individual place finishes shall be provided in accordance with **Operating Regulation 19.2** and **19.4**.

6.12.8 Corporate Sponsorship. Corporate sponsorship or trade-out arrangements may not conflict with existing League agreements and are subject to advance approval by the Horizon League office.

6.13 Competition Rules

6.13.1. General. Horizon League championships competition shall be governed by the sport-specific playing rules outlined in the sport Operating Regulation.

6.13.2 Horizon League Game Times. Unless otherwise stated in this Operating Regulation the home institution shall set the game time for regular season.

6.14 Financial Procedures

6.14.1 General. Revenue and expenses for all Horizon League championship events shall be addressed in accordance with the Horizon League championship financial procedures outlined in this Operating Regulation.

6.14.2 Entry Fees. Member institutions of the Horizon League shall not be subject to entry fees for League championship events.

6.14.3 Budget Requirement. An institution, facility or organization hosting a League championship event shall develop, in conjunction with the League office, a proposed budget including projected revenue and expenses.

6.14.4 Budget Policies and Guidelines.

6.14.4.1 Responsibility for Expenses. The host institution/organization is initially responsible for all expenses related to the championship. The institution/organization

may then receive reimbursement for those expenses that are approved by the Horizon League office. All expenses that exceed the approved budget will be the responsibility of the host institution.

6.14.4.2 Approved Expenses. The approved budget shall include only those actual items necessary for the administration of the championship. All facility requirements listed in each sport Operating Regulation are a requirement for hosting and will not be reimbursed out of the championship operating budget. The Horizon League office shall determine those expenses that may be included in the approved budget.

6.14.4.2.1 Facility Rental. For on-campus events, where the university controls the venue, facility rental will not be paid by the Horizon League.

6.14.4.2.2 Sponsorship. Host institutions/organizations are encouraged to minimize or defray expenses as much as possible through the arrangement of sponsorships. Arrangements are subject to approval by the Horizon League office.

6.14.4.3 Event Enhancements. Promotional items or other event enhancements (e.g., advertising, elaborate championship publication) are the responsibility of the host institution/organization and shall not be included as part of the approved budget. Host institutions may fund such activities through sponsorship or trade-out arrangements subject to approval by the Horizon League office. If such an arrangement is not available and the host institution/organization does not choose to absorb the expenses of the activities, the activities should not be conducted.

6.14.4.4 Ticket Prices/Complimentary Admission. Ticket prices and reduced admission arrangements must receive prior approval from the Horizon League office. With the exception of Horizon League students, complimentary admissions are not permissible at Horizon League Championship events.

6.14.4.5 Championship Central Page. A championship central page host on the League's website highlighting the championship is the responsibility of the League office.

6.14.4.6 Reconciliation. An accounting of actual income and expenses with receipts must be submitted to the Horizon League office within 60 days of the completion of the event. Reconciliation of the championship budget shall reflect all expenses and all revenue. The Horizon League office shall approve the final accounting and shall disburse necessary reimbursement to the host institution agency.

6.14.4.6.1 Revenue. All revenue (where applicable) from ticket sales and other appropriate sources shall be retained by the host institution. The host institution/agency may retain all income generated by food and beverage concession sales and parking.

6.14.5 Miscellaneous Expenses. As part of its host responsibilities, the host institution/agency shall generally absorb miscellaneous expenses (e.g., photocopy costs, institutional staffing of event, statisticians), inasmuch as the host institution does not experience travel or lodging expenses for its team. Expenses may be approved by the Horizon League office for reimbursement, if appropriate.

6.15 Championship Emergency Medical Procedures The following procedures will be adhered to at all Horizon League Championships:

6.15.1 Athletic Trainers. There shall be at least one certified athletic trainer on-site for the duration of all Horizon League Championships. For any official practice conducted at the site of the championship, if the visiting teams do not travel with an athletic trainer,

the host institution shall have at least one certified athletic trainer on-site for emergent care.

6.15.2 Medical Contact Information. The host institution (or League office if the Horizon League is the host) shall provide the contact information for medical personnel prior to the start of the Championship.

6.15.3 Medical Personnel For Horizon League Championships, the host institution will identify an additional certified medical care individual(s) other than the athletic trainer assigned to the championship. This individual(s) would assist with any medical emergencies that would require the use of additional certified medical personnel in the competition facility.

6.15.4 Ambulance Requirements. The host institution (or League office if the Horizon League is the host) shall provide the following ambulance and EMT services for all persons at the event.

6.15.4.1 For all championships defined as high risk, an ambulance and EMT is required to be on site for the duration of the Championship. An ambulance and EMT shall also be present at official practices for both the cross country and diving championships.

6.15.4.1.1 High Risk Championships. Cross country, swimming & diving, indoor and outdoor track & field, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's soccer and women's soccer.

6.15.4.2 For all championships defined as moderate risk, an ambulance and EMT is not required to be on site.

6.15.4.2.1 Moderate Risk Championships. Volleyball, golf, tennis, softball and baseball.

6.16 Emergency Contingency Plan for Championship. When hosting a Horizon League Championship, the host institution/League must have in place an action plan to cover the following three areas:

6.16.1 Medical.

6.16.1.1. Medical Personal. Certified Athletic Trainers, Physicians (on site or on call), EMT/Ambulance as per the Horizon League policy for that championship.

6.16.1.2. Emergency Communication. Cellular Phone and/or active telephone line & telephone.

6.16.1.3. Emergency Equipment. Equipment which is required by code for the facility (ex. AED).

6.16.1.4. Emergency Procedure. Activation plan for all medical personnel; the on-site certified athletic trainer/doctor will be responsible for directing all emergency action procedures.

6.16.2. Evacuation of Facilities

6.16.2.1. An evacuation plan for a championship site must be written and provided to the coaches and administrators in attendance and the public address announcer. Plan must cover, but not be limited to weather, facility dangers, outside threats, etc.

6.16.2.2. A pre-determined team of individuals must be informed and able to assist with the evacuation of all people in attendance.

6.16.2.3. Pre-determined site/location must be in place for the evacuees to go to for shelter and safety.

6.16.2.4. Announcements/updates of the situation must be provided periodically.

6.16.3. Change of Championship Venue

6.16.3.1. A host institution is required to designate a backup facility(s) should the original facility be affected by circumstances that impact the host's ability to use this facility. All facilities must meet League specifications for hosting championship competition. A local high school facility may be designated as the backup facility(s). This information must be on file with the League office prior to the championship in accordance with **Operating Regulation 6.16.3.**

6.16.3.2. A contingency plan must be prepared in advance of the championship by the host and in conjunction with the League office.

6.16.3.3. The contingency plan must be shared with the teams, administrators, officials and staff of host institution.

6.16.3.4. In the event that there is a championship venue change, the information should be shared with spectators in attendance.

6.16.3.5. Institution and League websites, along with social media, are to be used to inform individuals seeking information on the championship.

6.17 Horizon League Participation in NCAA Championships

6.17.1 Automatic Qualification into NCAA Championships. The Horizon League currently enjoys automatic qualification privileges to the NCAA Division I Championship in the following sports:

6.17.1.1 Baseball

6.17.1.6 Women's Soccer

6.17.1.2 Men's Basketball

6.17.1.7 Softball

6.17.1.3 Women's Basketball

6.17.1.8 Volleyball

6.17.1.4 Men's Golf

6.17.1.9 Men's Tennis

6.17.1.5 Men's Soccer

6.17.1.10 Women's Tennis

6.17.1.11 Women's Golf

6.17.2 Expenses. Institutions participating in NCAA Championships competitions shall be reimbursed by the NCAA in accordance with NCAA policies/procedures.

6.17.3 Annual Responsibility. The Horizon League office shall be responsible for the completion and submission of automatic qualification applications in all League sports in which opportunities are offered by the NCAA.

6.17.4 Designation of Automatic Qualifier (AQ). Unless otherwise stated in the sport Operating Regulation, if the competition to determine the qualifier in any sports is unexpectedly terminated, the highest remaining seed in completed competition would receive the AQ. If no competition has been completed, the regular season champion will receive the AQ. A tie for regular season champion will be broken utilizing the established seeding tie breaking formula in the specific sport.