

COLLEGE RUGBY QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

2015-16

Conference Requirement.

Minimum Teams to Form a Conference:

<i>Men's</i>	Five (5) Eligible Teams
<i>Women's</i>	Five (5) Eligible Teams

Minimum Teams for Eligibility to Receive Automatic Qualifying Status:

<i>Men's</i>	Six (6) Eligible Teams
<i>Women's</i>	Six (6) Eligible Teams

National Championship Team Eligibility and Qualification.

Minimum Competitions to Receive Consideration for an At-Large Post-Season Bid (if all other criteria are met):

<i>Men's</i>	Six (6) vs. Eligible Opponents
<i>Women's</i>	Five (5) vs. Eligible Opponents

Minimum Registered Non-Conference or Cross-Divisional Games Required to Qualify for an At-Large Post-Season Bid (if all other criteria met):

<i>Men's</i>	Two (2) vs. Different Eligible Opponents
<i>Women's</i>	One (1) vs. Eligible Opponent

Maximum Registered Non-Conference Games against Eligible Teams of a Different Division that can be used to meet Post-Season Qualifying Criteria:

<i>Men's Division I-AA</i>	No limit with a Division I-A Opponent Maximum of two (2) matches with a Division II Opponent.
<i>Men's Division II</i>	No limit with a Division I Opponent
<i>Women's Division I</i>	No Limit with a Division I and/or II Opponent
<i>Women's Division II</i>	No Limit with a Division I, II and/or III Opponent
<i>Women's Division III</i>	No Limit with a Division I, II and/or III Opponent.

Minimum Registered Games Required for an USA Rugby-Approved Independent Team to receive Consideration for an At-Large Post-Season Bid:

<i>Men's</i>	Six (6) vs. at least Three (3) Different Eligible Opponents
<i>Women's</i>	Five (5) vs. at least Three (3) Different Eligible Opponents

Confirmation of Conference Champion.

Conference competition must be conducted and the conference champion must be determined no later than the date on which participants are selected for the USA Rugby Championship, either by regular in-season competition or a conference tournament. For 2014-15, these deadlines are:

Men's Division II:	3:00pm MST - Sunday, November 8, 2015
Women's Division I and II Fall Regional Participants:	4:00pm MST - Sunday, November 8, 2015
Women's Division I, II and III Spring Regional Participants:	4:00pm MST - Sun, March 20 or Sun, March 27, 2016
Men's Division I-AA:	4:00pm MST - Sunday, April 10, 2016
Men's Division I and II/Small College 7s National Championship:	4:00pm MST - Sunday, May 1, 2016
Women's Division I and II/III College 7s National Championship:	4:00pm MST - Sunday, May 1, 2016

Automatic Qualification.

Champion of USA Rugby-recognized conference that has been awarded an Automatic Qualifier.

At-Large Bid: Conference Teams.

Subjective selections to the USA Rugby play-offs. A team may schedule and compete Registered Non-Conference and/or Registered Cross-Divisional Conference Games against different opponents for post-season selection purposes. The results of these will be used by the competitions committee to assess team and/or conference strength when reviewing at-large bids.

At-Large Bid: USA Rugby Approved Independent Teams.

Must compete at least six (6) Registered Non-Conference Games (men's) or at least five (5) Registered Non-Conference Games (women's) against at least three (3) different opponents. Request to compete as an Independent Team (usarugby.org --> college --> college resource page) must be submitted to the USA Rugby Collegiate Director(s) or Associate Director by the August 1st (Fall season) or January 2nd (Spring season) immediately preceding that team's first competition to be used for post-season eligibility purposes.

Competition Schedule.

Each team is responsible for scheduling games for its League Season by the August 15th (Fall season) or January 2nd (Spring season) immediately preceding the respective season. Once complete, each team shall submit its schedule to its Conference Commissioner or such other person as a conference may designate. Each conference shall be responsible to track the schedules of the teams in their conference and to enforce the eligibility policies established by USA Rugby. Each team shall be responsible for keeping its conference informed of any potential game changes.