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## **Kansas City is awarded 6 NCAA Championships**

KANSAS CITY, MO (April 18, 2017) – The Kansas City Sports Commission is pleased to announce that Kansas City has been selected to host 6 NCAA Championships over four academic years, spanning 2018-19 through 2021-22.

The Kansas City Sports Commission, along with multiple bid partners, submitted 55 bids across 9 sports for NCAA championships for the 2018-2022 seasons. The following championships were awarded to Kansas City:

Division I Men's Basketball Regional (2019); National Collegiate Women's Bowling (2021); Division II Football (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021).

Division I Men's Basketball will be hosted at Sprint Center. National Collegiate Women's Bowling will be hosted at AMF Pro Bowl Lanes (North Kansas City, MO). Division II Football will be played at Children's Mercy Park.

These 6 events will have an estimated economic impact of \$27 million. "Kansas City loves its sports and we are excited to continue hosting championship events that benefit our city and the region. Managing the bid process is challenging and requires collaboration across multiple entities and venues," said Kathy Nelson, President & CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission. "We'd like to thank our many partners in this effort including, but not limited to, Visit KC, Sprint Center, Sporting KC and the City of Kansas City. This cooperative effort ensures that we will deliver the highest quality experience for the student-athletes, coaches and fans that travel to Kansas City in the coming years."

Additionally, The Kansas City Sports Commission would like to thank the host institutions and conferences who helped make the championship bids possible: Division I Men's Basketball – Big 12 & Missouri Valley Conferences; National Collegiate Women's Bowling – University of Central Missouri; Division II Cross Country – William Jewell College; Division II Football – MIAA Conference; National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics – Iowa State University; Division I Men's Ice Hockey – National Collegiate Hockey Conference; Division II Men's & Women's Soccer and Division II Women's Volleyball – MIAA Conference & Rockhurst University; Division I Women's Volleyball – UMKC & University of Kansas; Division I Wrestling – Oklahoma State University.

The NCAA received more than 3,000 bid submissions from NCAA member schools, conferences, sports commissions and cities vying to host predetermined rounds for 84 of the NCAA's 90 championships. A total of 613 sites were awarded for this cycle. There were 43 states selected to host at least one round of an NCAA championship, with Pennsylvania leading the way with a total of 53.

For a complete list of championship event sites selected, [click here](#). To view the *That's How We Do KC Championships* video, [click here](#).

### **About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation**

The mission of the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation is to drive Kansas City's overall sports strategy, to enrich the quality of life, create economic impact and raise visibility for our region. As a privately-funded nonprofit, we are entirely dependent on your support. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Also follow the Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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