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**DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES
2018 CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD**

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball committee announced the 64-team field that will compete in the 2018 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. Thirty-two conferences were awarded an automatic qualification, while the remaining 32 positions were filled with at-large selections to complete the bracket.

Stanford University earned the top seed and will compete in the NCAA postseason for the 38th consecutive time. The Cardinal is one of only two programs to have appeared in every NCAA DI Women's Volleyball Tournament since its inception in 1981.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities is the second seed followed by No. 3 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Brigham Young University earned the fourth seed. The top 16 teams were seeded nationally and placed within four regions. Per the established bracketing principles, the top 16 seeds were provided the opportunity to host. Additionally, team pairings were determined by geographic proximity, with the exception that teams from the same conference were not paired during the first- and second-rounds.

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The Pac-12 led all conferences with eight teams selected from their league to compete in the championship tournament. The Big Ten Conference was second with seven programs advancing to the tournament. Pennsylvania State University and Stanford are the only two teams that have earned berths to all 38 championship tournaments.

Six programs are making their first appearances in the tournament: Bryant University, Eastern Michigan University, Florida Gulf Coast University, University of South Dakota, Syracuse University and the U.S. Naval Academy.

During the previous 37 years of the championship 10 schools have won a national title, seven of which earned a place in this year's bracket.

Previous winners competing in the field are: University of Hawaii, Manoa (1982, 1983, 1987), University of Nebraska, Lincoln (1995, 2000, 06, 15, 17), University of Southern California (1981, 2002, 03), Stanford (1992, 94, 96, 97, 2001, 04, 16), Penn State (1999, 2007, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14), University of Texas at Austin (1988, 2012) and the University of Washington (2005).

First- and second-round matches will be played November 29 through December 1 at 16 campus sites. Teams winning both matches will move on to regional play December 7 and 8. Regionals for the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship will be held at four non-predetermined campus sites, which will be announced after play concludes, on December 1. At each site, four teams will compete in single-elimination regional semifinal competition.

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The regional winners will advance to the national semifinals and championship final hosted by Minnesota on December 13 and 15 at the Target Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The national semifinal matches will broadcast on ESPN and the championship match will broadcast on ESPN2.

All regional and championship site match times can be found on the attached championship bracket or online at www.ncaa.com/volleyball.

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**2018 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS (32)**

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>2018 Record</u>	<u>Previous App.</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Last Appearance</u>
America East	Stony Brook	21-8	1	0	1	2017
American Athletic	UCF	27-3	8	2	8	2014
Atlantic Coast	Pittsburgh	29-1	13	5	13	2017
Atlantic Sun	FGCU	26-6	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Atlantic 10	Dayton	23-7	12	7	12	2016
Big East	Creighton	28-4	7	9	7	2017
Big Sky	Northern Ariz.	26-8	2	0	2	2015
Big South	High Point	21-9	3	0	3	2017
Big Ten	Minnesota	25-3	22	49	22	2017
Big 12	Texas	20-4	34	92	32	2017
Big West	Cal Poly	25-2	15	14	15	2017
Colonial	Hofstra	25-7	8	1	8	2014
Conference USA	Rice	24-6	3	0	3	2009
Horizon	Green Bay	20-10	1	0	1	2003
Ivy	Yale	19-4	6	2	6	2014
Metro Atlantic	Iona	20-7	1	0	1	2004
Mid-American	Eastern Mich.	21-13	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mid-Eastern	Howard	20-10	3	0	3	2017
Missouri Valley	UNI	24-9	21	15	21	2017
Mountain West	Colorado St.	23-7	29	25	29	2017
Northeast	Bryant	22-12	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Ohio Valley	Murray St.	22-9	3	0	3	2016
Pac-12	Stanford	28-1	37	119	31	2017
Patriot	Navy	23-8	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Southeastern	Kentucky	24-4	19	20	19	2017
Southern	Samford	19-14	3	0	3	2016
Southland	Stephen F. Austin	32-2	4	1	4	2006
Southwestern	Alabama St.	23-17	4	0	4	2017
Summit	South Dakota	21-9	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Sun Belt	Texas St.	26-6	9	0	9	2013
Western Athletic	New Mexico St.	24-7	8	1	8	2015
West Coast	BYU	27-1	30	46	30	2017

**2018 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
AT-LARGE SELECTIONS (32)**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>2018 Record</u>	<u>Previous App.</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Last Appearance</u>
Arizona	Pac-12	22-10	28	30	28	2016
Baylor	Big 12	19-8	6	5	6	2017
Cincinnati	American	25-7	11	4	11	2016
Colorado	Pac-12	18-13	19	13	19	2017
Denver	Summit	27-2	4	0	4	2017
Duke	ACC	16-11	19	13	19	2014
ETSU	SoCon	28-6	2	0	2	2017
Florida	SEC	24-6	28	71	28	2017
Florida St.	ACC	19-9	20	17	20	2017
Hawaii	Big West	18-8	36	79	33	2017
Illinois	Big Ten	28-3	24	40	24	2017
Illinois St.	Missouri Valley	25-7	13	3	13	2014
Louisville	ACC	21-8	26	16	26	2017
Loyola Marymount	West Coast	20-9	13	7	13	2015
Marquette	Big East	26-6	7	3	7	2017
Michigan	Big Ten	22-9	17	21	17	2017
Missouri	SEC	23-7	14	14	14	2017
Nebraska	Big Ten	24-6	36	109	31	2017
Oregon	Pac-12	20-10	15	16	15	2017
Pepperdine	West Coast	21-8	22	17	22	2012
Penn St.	Big Ten	23-7	37	98	30	2017
Purdue	Big Ten	23-8	19	27	19	2017
San Diego	West Coast	16-12	21	15	21	2017
South Carolina	SEC	19-9	7	4	7	2002
Southern California	Pac-12	21-10	35	79	32	2017
St. Mary's (CA)	West Coast	19-9	6	4	6	2012
Syracuse	ACC	18-8	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Tennessee	SEC	25-5	14	13	14	2012
Utah	Pac-12	18-13	14	14	14	2017
Washington	Pac-12	18-12	22	48	21	2017
Washington St.	Pac-12	21-9	12	11	12	2017
Wisconsin	Big Ten	22-6	21	44	21	2017

2018 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
NUMBER OF APPEARANCES BY TEAMS

38th APPEARANCE (2)

Penn St. (1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

Stanford (1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

37th APPEARANCE (2)

Hawaii (1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

Nebraska (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

36th APPEARANCE (1)

Southern California (1981-82-83-84-85-87-88-89-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

35th APPEARANCE (1)

Texas (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2001-02-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

31st APPEARANCE (1)

BYU (1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-03-05-06-07-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

30th APPEARANCE (1)

Colorado St. (1983-84-85-86-87-88-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

29th APPEARANCE (2)

Arizona (1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-93-94-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-09-10-11-13-14-15-16-18)

Florida (1987-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

27th APPEARANCE (1)

Louisville (1982-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-15-16-17-18)

25th APPEARANCE (1)

Illinois (1985-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-98-99-2001-03-04-08-09-10-11-13-14-15-17-18)

23rd APPEARANCE (3)

Minnesota (1989-93-96-97-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-15-16-17-18)

Pepperdine (1981-82-84-86-87-88-89-90-91-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-05-06-07-08-11-12-18)

Washington (1986-88-89-94-96-97-2002-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

22nd APPEARANCE (3)

UNI (1986-87-91-94-95-98-99-2000-01-02-03-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-16-17-18)
San Diego (1993-96-97-98-99-2001-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)
Wisconsin (1990-91-93-94-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-13-14-15-16-17-18)

21st APPEARANCE (1)

Florida St. (1983-85-87-88-89-90-92-93-97-98-2002-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

20th APPEARANCE (4)

Colorado (1989-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-03-04-05-06-13-14-17-18)
Duke (1984-85-86-91-92-93-94-2000-01-02-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-13-14-18)
Kentucky (1983-87-88-90-92-93-2005-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)
Purdue (1981-82-83-84-85-87-90-2004-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-15-16-17-18)

18th APPEARANCE (1)

Michigan (1997-99-2000-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-15-16-17-18)

16th APPEARANCE (2)

Cal Poly (1981-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-99-2000-02-06-07-17-18)
Oregon (1984-86-87-89-2006-07-08-09-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

15th APPEARANCE (3)

Missouri (2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-10-11-13-15-16-17-18)
Tennessee (1981-82-83-84-93-2000-04-05-06-08-09-10-11-12-18)
Utah (1998-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-08-13-14-16-17-18)

14th APPEARANCE (3)

Illinois St. (1982-83-84-85-88-89-92-93-96-97-98-2007-14-18)
Loyola Marymount (1986-94-95-96-97-99-2000-03-04-05-12-14-15-18)
Pittsburgh (1982-84-86-87-90-91-92-93-94-2003-04-16-17-18)

13th APPEARANCE (2)

Dayton (2003-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-12-14-15-16-18)
Washington St. (1991-93-94-95-96-97-2000-01-02-09-16-17-18)

12th APPEARANCE (1)

Cincinnati (1981-99-2000-01-02-03-08-09-10-11-16-18)

10th APPEARANCE (1)

Texas St. (1986-91-98-2004-05-07-09-11-13-18)

NINTH APPEARANCE (3)

Hofstra (1995-96-97-99-2000-06-12-14-18)
New Mexico St. (2003-04-06-07-08-12-13-15-18)
UCF (1994-95-96-97-2001-02-03-14-18)

EIGHTH APPEARANCE (3)

Creighton (2010-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)

Marquette (2011-12-13-14-15-16-17-18)
South Carolina (1984-95-97-98-2000-01-02-18)

SEVENTH APPEARANCE (3)

Baylor (1999-2001-09-11-16-17-18)
St. Mary's (CA) (2003-04-05-08-09-12-18)
Yale (2004-08-11-12-13-14-18)

FIFTH APPEARANCE (3)

Alabama St. (2013-14-16-17-18)
Denver (2014-15-16-17-18)
SFA (1994-97-99-2006-18)

FOURTH APPEARANCE (5)

High Point (2010-16-17-18)
Howard (2015-16-17-18)
Rice (2004-08-09-18)
Murray St. (2003-14-16-18)
Samford (2011-14-16-18)

THIRD APPEARANCE (2)

ETSU (2012-17-18)
Northern Ariz. (1999-15-18)

SECOND APPEARANCE (3)

Green Bay (2003-18)
Iona (2004-18)
Stony Brook (2017-18)

FIRST APPEARANCE (6)

Bryant (2018)
Eastern Mich. (2018)
FGCU (2018)
Navy (2018)
South Dakota (2018)
Syracuse (2018)