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#### 2021 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTIONS

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee has selected the 16 teams that will be participating in the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

The championship playoff format involves four predetermined regional sites with four teams assigned to each site. The regional winners advance to the Men's Frozen Four. The entire championship uses a single-elimination format.

Automatic qualification privileges are granted to the postseason champions of the six conferences. The remainder of the field is selected at large.

North Dakota was the No. 1 overall seed. The other No. 1 seeds, in order, include Boston College, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The dates, sites, times and pairings of this year's championship are as follows:

Fargo Regional, March 26-27 Scheels Arena, Fargo, North Dakota

Friday, March 26, 4 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN No. 2 Minnesota Duluth (14-10-2) vs. No. 3 Michigan (15-10-1)

Friday, March 26, 9:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN3/WatchESPN No. 1 North Dakota (21-5-1) vs. No. 4 American Int'l (15-3-0)

Saturday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN Fargo Regional Championship

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## Bridgeport Regional, March 26-27 Webster Bank Arena, Bridgeport, Connecticut

Friday, March 26, 1 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN2/WatchESPN No. 1 Wisconsin (20-9-1) vs. No. 4 Bemidji State (15-9-3)

Friday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN No. 2 Massachusetts (16-5-4) vs. No. 3 Lake Superior State (19-6-3)

Saturday, March 27, 4 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN Bridgeport Regional Championship

## Loveland Regional, March 27-28 Budweiser Events Center, Loveland, Colorado

Saturday, March 27, 4 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN3/WatchESPN No. 2 Minnesota State (20-4-1) vs. No. 3 Quinnipiac (17-7-4)

Saturday, March 27, 9 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNU/WatchESPN No. 1 Minnesota (23-6-0) vs. No. 4 Omaha (14-10-1)

Sunday, March 28, 8 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN2/WatchESPN Loveland Regional Championship

#### Albany Regional, March 27-28 Times Union Center, Albany, New York

Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNews/WatchESPN No. 1 Boston College (17-5-1) vs. No. 4 Notre Dame (14-13-2)

Saturday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPNews/WatchESPN No. 2 St. Cloud State (17-10-0) vs. No. 3 Boston U. (10-4-1)

Saturday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN2/WatchESPN Albany Regional Championship

# Men's Frozen Four, April 8 and 10 PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Thursday, April 8, 5 and 9 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN2/WatchESPN (order of games TBD) Fargo Regional Champion vs. Bridgeport Regional Champion Albany Regional Champion vs. Loveland Regional Champion

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Saturday, April 10, 7 p.m. Eastern time, ESPN or ESPN2/WatchESPN National Championship

The following conferences and teams received automatic qualification:

Atlantic Hockey Association – American International Big Ten Conference – Minnesota ECAC Hockey – Saint Lawrence\*

\*Saint Lawrence was replaced as ECAC Hockey's Automatic Qualifier by Quinnipiac after Saint Lawrence had to withdraw from the championship due to NCAA Health and Safety protocols.

Hockey East Association – Massachusetts

National Collegiate Hockey Conference - North Dakota

Western Collegiate Hockey Association – Lake Superior State

For all information about the championship, log on to www.NCAA.com/FrozenFour.

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