



Qualifying Standards for 2012 Collegiate National Championships

Midwest Conference

The Midwest Conference has been allocated the following numbers of spots for the 2012 Collegiate National Championship race, to distribute among members of the conference.

Women: 6 full teams + 4 individual spots = 46 total spots

Men: 7 full teams + 6 individual spots = 55 total spots

The official representatives from teams in the conference have voted to approve the following criteria, which will be used to distribute these spots.

Full team spots (sets of 7 individual spots)

Team Method 1: Two men's team spots and two women's team spots will be awarded to the conference's highest scoring teams from the 2011 Collegiate National Championships.

Team Method 2: Once the teams who qualify via Team Method 1 are removed, three men's and three women's qualifying teams will be the teams with the highest scores derived by summing the top USAT sanctioned triathlon race ranking score attained between (and including) the 2011 Collegiate National Championships (04/09/11) and 02/01/12 for each of up to four team members who are eligible to race at the 2012 Collegiate National Championships and would be likely to do so. The races used toward this criterion may differ by team member. See Appendix A.

Team Method 3: Once the teams who qualify via Team Methods 1 and 2 are removed, the remaining two highest scoring men's teams and the single highest scoring women's team from the conference race team omnium will also qualify for team spots.

If a team earns a team slot of 7 and is unable or unwilling to use them all, the extra slots will be added to the pot of total conference individual slots for roll down. Teams that qualify via Team Methods 1 or 2 must report the number of slots they are donating to roll-down by February 8, 2012. Teams that qualify via Team Method 3 must report the number of slots they are donating to roll-down by 4 days after the last conference race.

Teams are responsible for distributing their 7 slots among their eligible members, and may select individuals in any manner they wish.

Individual spots:

Individual Method 1: Half of the individual spots will be distributed to the athletes with the highest USAT race ranking score attained between (and including) the 2011 Collegiate National Championships (04/09/11) and 02/01/12, who belong to teams that have not qualified. This means that the spots will be tentatively distributed after removal of individuals belonging to teams that have qualified via Team Methods 1 or 2 on February 1, but they will not be finalized until after the remaining teams are selected following the last conference race.

Individual Method 2: Once individuals who belong to teams that have qualified via Team Methods 1, 2, or 3 and individuals that have personally qualified via Individual Method 1 have been removed, the second half of the individual spots will be awarded to the highest scoring individuals in the conference race individual omnium.

If the number of total available individual slots is odd, the extra slot will be given out by Method 1 (race USAT ranking score).

Other notes:

The names of any eligible athletes the team wants considered under the Team Method 2 and/or Individual Method 1 ranking criteria must be submitted to the Collegiate Committee representative for the Midwest conference no later than 11:59 CT on January 31, 2012 in order to be considered.

If for any reason the Midwest is awarded additional spots above the ones specified at the top of this document, those spots will be designated as individual spots and distributed as such.

Any unused individual slots by the set deadline for schools to claim them will be opened to the public as overflow/open.

The conference race point standings and the top USAT race ranking scores for athletes wishing to qualify by those methods will be kept up to date on the conference website, mwctc.com. *It is the responsibility of each team to send the Collegiate Committee Midwest Representative the names of athletes interested in qualifying via the USAT race ranking option and to double-check the accuracy of the scores recorded for their athletes.* All USAT race ranking standings will be considered final on February 1, 2012 and all conference race standings will be considered final 2 days after the last race.

Any questions or comments about the Collegiate Nationals qualifying criteria for the Midwest should be addressed to the current [Collegiate Committee representative for the Midwest conference, Summer Ohlendorf \(summer.ohlendorf@gmail.com\)](#).

Appendices

A. Individual USAT sanctioned race ranking scores can be looked up here:

http://membership.usatriathlon.org/RNK_Ranking_Report_Wrapper.aspx

Go to "Race Results" tab and enter the correct information to search for yourself. To ensure that it displays all of your results, check all three "Category" boxes in the "Race" column. Also check "Show Race Details" and "Show Unranked" at the bottom of the page.

B. Conference Individual Points. Individual points at each event are awarded separately to males and female athletes on a linear scale as follows:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	100	8	86
2	98	9	84
3	96	10	82
4	94	20	62
5	92	30	42
6	90	40	22
7	88	50	2

The sum of each individual's point totals from all conference events within the season will be that individual's omnium score. Any ties in the final individual omnium will be broken by the athlete's placing at the conference championship race.

Points awarded at the Conference Championship race will be double the points awarded at standard conference races.

C. Conference Team Points. Team points at each event are awarded separately to each male and female team on a linear scale according to the following table:

Place	Points	Place	Points
1	100	6	50
2	90	7	40
3	80	8	30
4	70	9	20
5	60	10	10

Scoring for both the male teams and female teams is calculated by combining up to the top 4 individual points for each team member for a school. Male and female teams score separately.

The sum of each team's point totals from all conference events within the season will be that team's omnium score. Any ties in the final team omnium in a specific gender will be broken by the team's highest individual athlete's placing at the conference championship race.

Points awarded at the Conference Championship race will be double the points awarded at standard conference races.