

D-III Championship Field Announced!

Thirty-two teams selected to compete in championship

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NDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee announced today the team and individual qualifiers for the 2008 Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

In order to be eligible to participate in the championships, teams and individuals must qualify in their respective NCAA regions.

Thirty-two teams were selected to participate in each championship. The top two, seven-person teams automatically qualified from each of the eight regions, for a total of 16 teams. Sixteen additional teams were selected at-large.

Fifty-six individuals, the first seven athletes from each region who are not a part of a qualifying team, were selected to participate in each championship.

Hanover College will host the championships, November 22, at the L.S. Ayres Complex in Hanover, Indiana. The men's race will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern time followed by the women's race at noon Eastern time.

The following teams and individuals were selected to the championships:

Men's Automatic Qualifying Teams

Allegheny
Amherst
Calvin
Carnegie Mellon
Centre
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
Cortland State
Emory
Nebraska Wesleyan
New York University
North Central (Illinois)
Ohio Northern
St. John's (Minnesota)
Whitworth
Williams
Wisconsin-La Crosse

Men's At-large Teams

Augustana (Illinois)
Brandeis
Case Western Reserve
Dickinson
Geneseo State
Grinnell
Haverford
Heidelberg
Mount Union
Plattsburgh State
St. Lawrence
St. Olaf
Trinity (Connecticut)
Willamette
Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Women's Automatic Qualifying Team

Calvin
Case Western
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
Cortland State

Women's At-large Teams

Amherst
Bethel (Minnesota)
Carleton
Colby

Dickinson
Emory
Geneseo State
Johns Hopkins
Luther
Middlebury
Pomona-Pitzer
Trinity (Texas)
Wartburg
Williams
Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Wisconsin-La Crosse

DePauw
Ithaca
Kenyon
Messiah
MIT
The College of New Jersey
St. Lawrence
St. Thomas (Minnesota)
Washington U. in St. Louis
Wheaton (Illinois)
Willamette
Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Men's Individual Automatic Qualifiers

Atlantic Region

Peter	Kosgei	Hamilton
Chris	Guerriero	TCNJ
Tom	Bocchino	TCNJ
Nick	Stenuf	Nazareth
Travis	Stewart	Rutgers-Camden
Tom	Williams	Fredonia State
Curt	Bell	Ithaca

Central Region

David	McKay	Luther
Daniel	Greeno	Bethel (Minnesota)
Brandon	Gleason	Hamline
Brian	Chenoweth	Wartburg
Carl	Gladitsch	Bethel (Minnesota)
Brent	Haglund	Augsburg
Brad	O'Neil	Coe

Great Lakes Region

Andy	Williams	Manchester
Grant	Russo	Denison
Seth	Weener	Hope
Brandon	Wolti	Franklin
Seth	Einterz	Wabash
Tim	Murray	Trine
Makorobo	Salukombo	Denison

Midwest Region

Eddie	Penatar	Cabrini
Francis	Eanes	Messiah
Tim	Van Syckle	Muhlenberg
Paul	Thistle	Susquehanna
Chris	Wasnetsky	Scranton
Garrett	Cichowitz	Grove City

David Chorney Muhlenberg

Midwest Region

Brandon	Mull	Wheaton (Illinois)
Brian	Wurtz	Wheaton (Illinois)
Pat	Austin	Elmhurst
Dominic	Maio	Milwaukee Engr.
Christopher	Wirtz	Wis.-Eau Claire
Mathias	Werve	Wis.-Whitewater
Zach	Shiels	Wisconsin Lutheran

New England Region

Jesse	Faller	Tufts
Brian	Murtagh	Connecticut College
Thompson	Ogilvie	Bowdoin
Michael	Griffin	Springfield
Tyler	Jasud	Southern Maine
Alex	Gomes	Southern Maine
Avery	Bouchard	Bridgewater State

South/Southeast Region

David	Woodson	Chris. Newport
Ricky	Flynn	Lynchburg
Bryant	Wright	Trinity (Texas)
Ben	Donnan	Texas-Tyler
Ken	Wheeler	McMurry
Warren	Brown	Texas-Tyler
Mark	Handelman	Rhodes

West Region

Francis	Reynolds	Puget Sound
Eric	Kleinsasser	Occidental
Torrey	Olson	Pomona-Pitzer
Shawn	Fisher	Linfield
Keith	Blumenfeld	Occidental
Jackson	Brainerd	Colorado College
Clay	Hoadley	Occidental

Women's Individual Automatic Qualifiers

Atlantic Region

Jennifer	Schaffhouser	Plattsburgh State
Kelsey	Conn	College of Brockport

Johanna	Spangler	Vassar
Joan	Kanarkiewicz	New York University
Sarah	Gollub	Rochester
Lauren	Norton	Rochester
Erin	Kyle	Rensselaer

Central Region

Jackie	Spelts	Nebraska Wesleyan
Mary	Corken	Loras
Bridget		
Rachelle	Hawkins	Cornell College
Ashley	Schnell	Coe
Katelyn	Meger	St. Scholastica
Margot	Branigan	Hamline
Jennifer	Carlson	St. Olaf

Great Lakes Region

Joanna	Johnson	Oberlin
Allison	Iott	Kalamazoo
Katie	Navarre	Denison
Jillian	McLaughlin	Kalamazoo
Ashley	Scullion	Baldwin-Wallace
D'Arcy	Hlavin	Baldwin-Wallace
Nicky	Ouellet	Oberlin

Midwest Region

Christa	Johnson	Ursinus
Kristen	Carter	Grove City
Julia	Seward	Grove City
Jackie	Kirby	Keystone
Tiffany	Kulp	Elizabethtown
Alycia	Woodruff	Susquehanna
Emily	Lipman	Haverford

Midwest Region

Becca	Jordahl	Wis.-River Falls
Jenny	Scherer	St. Norbert
Mary	Beyer	Monmouth (Illinois)

Kate		
Jessica	Scott	Wis.-Platteville
Rachel	Venezia	Chicago
Kelly	Haen	Wis.-Stevens Point
Elizabeth	Lawton	Chicago

New England Region

Stephanie	McNamara	Tufts
Ravenna	Neville	Wesleyan
Anne	Monjar	Bowdoin
Kerry	Arouca	Westfield State
Nora	Youngs	Smith
Liz	Wheatley	Wesleyan
Amy	Wilfert	Tufts

South/Southeast Region

Taylor	Stephens	Rhodes
Lolly	Plummer	Hendrix

Hayley	Sullivan	Mary Washington
Cybil	Covic	Rhodes
Jessica	Shaw	Washington and Lee
Elizabeth	Webb	Washington and Lee
Amy	Wampler	Christopher Newport

West Region

Mikayla	Murphy	UC Santa Cruz
Michele	Callaway	Whittier
Kelsey	Owens	Pacific (Oregon)
Hannah	Palmer	Lewis & Clark
Kristen	Balinger	Whitman
Marci	Klimek	Linfield
Carina	Hendricks	UC Santa Cruz

In 2007, New York University men's team captured the championship hosted by St. Olaf College. They finished with 128 points to defeat runner-up Haverford College, which finished with 150 points.

On the women's side, Amherst College defeated Plattsburg State University of New York to win their first championship. Amherst totaled 120 points to Plattsburg St.'s 159.

Individual honors went to Sarah Zerzan of Willamette University who won the individual title, finishing 23 seconds ahead of State University College at Geneseo's Liz Montgomery. In the men's championship, individual honors went to Tyler Sigl of the University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Sigl finished 13 seconds ahead of Peter Kosgei of Hamilton College.

For more information regarding the championships, log on to www.ncaa.com.