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Kansas City submits bids for the opportunity to host NCAA Championships

KANSAS CITY, MO (August 19, 2016) – The Kansas City Sports Commission, along with multiple bid partners, have submitted a record 55 bids for NCAA championships between 2018-2022. Working long hours for several months, the staff submitted the bids by the August 12 deadline.

Just as in the 2013 NCAA bid cycle, the Kansas City Sports Commission decided to cast a wide net to show interest in bringing diverse championships to the Kansas City community. Kansas City is fortunate to have had numerous opportunities to prove our expertise in hosting collegiate championships. Bids were submitted to continue hosting championships that were awarded in 2013, which includes Division II Football, Division II Men's and Women's Soccer and Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. Bids were also submitted for women's gymnastics, Division I Wrestling, Men's Division I Ice Hockey Frozen Four, Division II Cross Country Regional and National Championships, women's bowling along with Division II Volleyball Championship, and Division I Men's Basketball.

"We pride ourselves as being the City of Champions with successful professional teams like our world series champions the Kansas City Royals, collegiate national champions to high school state champions," said Kathy Nelson President & CEO of the Kansas City Sports Commission. "Kansas City loves its sports. We know hosting NCAA championships is an extraordinary privilege and we don't take that responsibility lightly."

In 2013 Kansas City was awarded 14 different NCAA Championships. Later we were awarded two more with the 2017 Men's Basketball Regionals and the 2018 Women's Basketball Regionals. Kansas City was awarded more championships than any other city in the country. This submission process gives us the chance to continue our tradition of championships.

Kansas City is centrally located, affordable and can be easily reached from all over the country. The Kansas City Sports Commission has an expert team focused on details and they are prepared to ensure each championship is successful. Our passion for hosting collegiate championships can be seen 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, with the vision of making a better Kansas City through Sports. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on Twitter, Facebook Instagram and YouTube. Also follow the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, www.sportkc.org

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