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NCAAM¹ PLAYOFF ACHIEVEMENT Class Certification of NCAAM Playoff Achievement Swaps Pursuant to CFTC Regulation 40.2(d) Includes: 1. Cover Letter (with Certifications) (Public)		

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SUBMITTED VIA CFTC PORTAL

Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: Class Certification of NCAA Playoff Achievement Swaps Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC Regulation 40.2(d)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the “Act”), 7 U.S.C. § 7a-2(c), and Commission Regulation 40.2(d), 17 C.F.R. § 40.2(d), Ludlow Exchange, LLC (“Ludlow” or the “Exchange”), a registered designated contract market doing business as Novig, hereby certifies a class of NCAA Playoff Achievement swaps (the “Class”) for listing on the Exchange.

A description of the Class and the certifications required by Regulation 40.2(d) follow:

The Previously Certified Contract. On October 14, 2026, the Exchange submitted and certified the NCAA Playoff Achievement Contract pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.2(a), CFTC Submission No. 2610-1414-0040-34 (the “Previously Certified Contract”). The submission included the complete terms and conditions governing the Previously Certified Contract, including its pricing sources, formulas, procedures, and methodologies for determining reference values and payment obligations.

The Class. Each particular swap within the Class is an outright event contract based on the official result of a specified NCAA Division I men’s basketball achievement. Each swap will be governed by the terms and conditions of the Previously Certified Contract. The values assigned to <participant> and <achievement> may vary among swaps within the Class and will be specified by the Exchange before the applicable swap is listed. No other term affecting the pricing source, calculation of the reference value, payment obligations, settlement procedure, or settlement currency may vary among swaps within the Class.

Identical Pricing Sources and Methodology. Each swap within the Class will use the National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) as the Source Agency and the identical source hierarchy specified in the Previously Certified Contract, applied in order: (i) the official box score or, for a qualification/advancement <achievement>, the official tournament bracket, as published by the NCAA; (ii) ESPN; (iii) the Associated Press; and (iv) Fox Sports. No other source may be used to determine the Expiration Value. The reference value for each swap is the official result of <achievement>, as reported by the Source Agency at Expiration under the Settlement Finality Rule; any revision after Expiration will not be considered. Settlement follows the Payout Criterion, and each swap settles as an Outright Contract: if the first official final result of <achievement> is, or is achieved by, <participant>, the Member holding the YES side receives the Settlement Value, and if it is not, the Member holding the NO side receives the

Settlement Value. Where <achievement> is qualification for the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, the Tournament Qualification Rule governs, and <participant> achieves <achievement> if included in the official tournament field as announced by the Source Agency. On ties, under the Dead-Heat Rule the Exchange does not apply dead-heat treatment unless the Market Title or Market Description expressly provides for it: where multiple participants are reported as the result of <achievement>, each such participant is treated as satisfying the Payout Criterion and resolves Yes in full at the full Settlement Value without dead-heat reduction, with the corresponding No positions resolving at \$0.00; where dead-heat treatment is expressly provided for, each such participant instead resolves Yes at a Payout of \$1.00 divided by the number of participants declared as the result of <achievement>, rounded down to the nearest Minimum Tick, and No at \$1.00 minus that Yes Payout. Contingencies affecting <participant> are governed by the identical rules: a swap settles No under the Withdrawal Rule where <participant> forfeits or withdraws from consideration, under the Disqualification Rule where <participant> is disqualified before the swap expires, and under the Elimination Rule where <participant> is eliminated from contention; under the Re-Entry Rule an original swap that settled No remains resolved No even if <participant> is later re-entered into contention. Under the Early Conclusion Rule, where the official result of <achievement> is reported even though the events necessary to determine it were truncated or ended early, the swap settles on that reported result; and the Final-Event Timing Rule defines the final event as the event or events necessary to determine the official result of <achievement> and governs a postponed, suspended, or advanced final event. Where the final event is cancelled outright before it concludes, or <achievement> is cancelled, will not have an official result, or will have an official result of nothing or no one, swaps for eligible participants are resolved under the Cancellation Rule and the Fair Value Settlement Rule. Where a swap settles to Void—including under the Extraordinary Circumstances Rule, the General Market Suspension Rule, or the Contingencies provisions—or where any other provision otherwise provides for settlement at fair value, the swap will be resolved under the identical Fair Value Settlement Rule, including its Reference Time, Calculation Window, composite Fair Value Price sources, normalization methodology, Data Integrity exclusions, Fallbacks, and payment allocation. Each swap will be denominated and settled in United States dollars.

Certifications. Pursuant to Section 5c of the Act and Commission Regulations 40.2(a)(3)(iv), 40.2(a)(3)(vi), and 40.2(d), the Exchange hereby certifies that:

- (i) each particular swap within the Class is based upon an excluded commodity specified in Commission Regulation 40.2(d)(1), specifically an occurrence, extent of an occurrence, or contingency within Section 1a(19)(iv) of the Act;
- (ii) each particular swap within the Class is based upon an excluded commodity with an identical pricing source, formula, procedure, and methodology for calculating reference prices and payment obligations;
- (iii) the pricing source, formula, procedure, and methodology for calculating reference prices and payment obligations in each particular swap within the Class are identical to those used in the Previously Certified Contract;
- (iv) each particular swap within the Class is based upon an excluded commodity involving an identical currency, the United States dollar;



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(v) each particular swap within the Class complies with the Act and the Commission's regulations thereunder; and

(vi) concurrently with the filing of this submission, the Exchange has posted on its public website at <https://www.ludlowexchange.com/filings> a notice of pending class certification and a copy of this submission.

Submission Timing. The Exchange has filed this submission electronically through the CFTC Portal and will not list or facilitate trading in any swap within the Class unless the Commission has received this submission by the open of business on the business day preceding the listing, as required by Commission Regulation 40.2(a)(2).

Sincerely,

Calvin Smith
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Ludlow Exchange, LLC