



WRESTLING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Anthony Holman, managing director, championships and alliances.

1. **2019-20 Committee Members.**

Matt Azevedo, Drexel University (Term begins Sept. 1)
Bob Berda, Big 12 Conference (Term begins Sept. 1)
Rob Hjerling, The Citadel
Karen Langston, California State University, Bakersfield
Andy Noel, Cornell University
Phillip Wille, University of Wyoming

Secretary-Rules Editor: Chuck Barbee
National Coordinator of Officials: Tim Shiels
Certified Athletic Trainers' Liaison: Jim Thornton

2. **Legislative Updates.**

The committee put forth the following recommendations to the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee.

- To amend NCAA Bylaw 17.27.5.1.1 to allow institutions to count not more than two two-day meets or more than two occasions in which the dual meets are held over a three-day period each as a single date of competition.

3. **Officiating.**

Tim Shiels, NCAA national coordinator of officials, will be conducting a series of officials training and enhancement clinics over the coming months. The materials and information shared at the clinics will also be available to coaches on "Center Mat".

4. **Rules.**

Visit the link below to review the rules changes that were approved by the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. They will be incorporated into the rules book for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/playing-rules/wrestling-rules-game>

5. **Dates for 2020 Championships.**

Selections	March 9-11
Championships – Minneapolis, MN	March 19-21

Future Dates and Sites.

2021	March 18–20, St. Louis, MO – Scottrade Center
2022	March 17–19, Detroit, MI – Little Caesars Arena

6. **Selection and Seeding Criteria.**

It was recommended that the minimum number of matches required for a wrestler to be eligible to earn a rating percentage index (RPI) be reduced from 17 to 15.

7. **Selection, Seeding and Committee Procedures.**

The coaches ranking panel will be increased from one to two coaches per weight class per conference. Adding a coach per

weight class and conference will provide supplementary perspective to assist in the selection process.

8. **At-Large Consideration.**

Wrestlers not in a conference that conducts a qualifying tournament will be considered for at-large selection if they meet the established standards in two or more of the secondary selection criteria.

9. **Third-Party Video Review.**

A third-party video review system to be used at the national championships. An independent reviewer, without consultation from the working referees, will review the call and make the final decision. Subject to final approval from Competition Oversight Committee.

10. **Schedule of Events.**

- Doors will open to the public 90 minutes before each session.
- Practice times on Wednesday will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

11. **Primary and secondary criteria.** The committee agreed to eliminate Gold, Silver and Bronze as identifiers for wrestlers who meet or exceed threshold levels and simply state that wrestlers who meet or exceed threshold levels for two of the three measures will earn a pre-allocated spot for their respective conference tournament. Wrestlers who meet or exceed two or more of the established criteria shall be considered for at-large selection.

12. **Competition order.** The committee agreed that to keep fans engaged during session two, the 10 pig-tail matches will be contested first, followed by splitting the consolation and championship round matches among four mats to run simultaneously. This format change also will limit the number of conflicts with coaches having multiple wrestlers competing at the same times in the championship rounds.

13. **Annual Meeting.**

The NCAA Wrestling Committee's 2020 annual meeting will take place April 14-15 in Indianapolis.

14. **Center Mat.**

Coaches have complimentary access to Center Mat to review rules updates, as well as search registered officials. Coaches are encouraged to routinely visit Center Mat for rules updates and officiating points of emphasis. <http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com/front/107525/Site>

15. **Coaching Staff Contacts.**

Coaching staff contacts will now be managed through the online team registration site instead of a paper form. Staff contacts will need to be entered into the team registration site by November 1 and should continue to be updated throughout the season. The portal will be available in the fall on the Division I Wrestling page. Teams must submit staff contacts to be issued credentials.

<http://www.ncaa.org/championships/division-i-wrestling>