

**2020-21 NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
SELECTION CRITERIA GRID**

Area	Current Rule	Additional Comments
Pre-Allocations Formula	Historical data from the past five years will be used to pre-allocate spots across eligible conferences.	<p>(1) 70 AQ's (Conference Champions at each weight class).</p> <p>(2) Pre-allocations allotted based on 5-year average (2016-20) of earned allocations at each weight class in each conference.</p> <p>(3) The remaining spots available in each weight class will be filled by at-large qualifiers selected by the Division I Wrestling Committee.</p>
Definition of a Pre-Allocated Spot	A pre-allocated spot is NOT an AQ. Pre-allocated spots are spots the committee has elected to award based on established criteria. For 2021 Championships, that criteria is based on historical data. AQ's are awarded to the conference champion at each weight class.	A wrestler who does not compete in his respective conference tournament, <u>MAY</u> still be eligible for an at-large selection. <u>ONLY</u> if he was unable to participate due to COVID related issues, and he was not replaced by a teammate in the conference tournament.
Pre-allocation Spots	The release of pre-allocated spots by qualifying tournaments will be on Thursday, February 11.	The first coaches rank will also be released Thursday, February 11.

Minimum Number of Division I Matches	Wrestler must have a minimum of 4 Division I Matches at the designated weight class to receive a pre-allocated spot or be considered for at-large selections.	Wrestler with less than 4 matches would not be eligible for a pre-allocated spot for their conference, nor would they be considered for at-large selections. A wrestler who wins the conference championship with less than 4 matches may retain that AQ spot. If the second place finisher in a weight class does not have 4 matches, but the third place finisher does have 4 matches, the third place finisher can be awarded the pre-allocated spot, as the second place finisher is not eligible. The pre-allocated spots belong to the respective conferences to award.
RPI	The RPI will NOT be used as an objective criterion to award pre-allocated spots to conferences, or as an objective measure for at-large selections or seeding purposes for the 2021 Championships.	The RPI as an objective selection criterion will be obscured because of the limited number of matches wrestlers may have for the 2020-21 season. Moreover, many wrestlers may be limited to conference only competition, further making the RPI less reliable as a true measure. The committee may use the RPI subjectively to compare wrestlers with similar resumes. However, the RPI will NOT be included in the established selection criteria nor included in the aggregate selection formula.
Coaches Ranking	To be considered in the first coaches ranking, a wrestler must have a total of 2-Division I Matches at the designated weight at the time of rankings, 3-Division I Matches to be considered in the second coaches ranking, and 4-Division I Matches to be considered in the final coaches ranking. One match must have occurred within 30-days of the latest ranking period.	1st Coaches Ranking - February 8 = 2 Matches 2nd Coaches Ranking - February 22 = 3 Matches 3rd Coaches Ranking - March 7 = 4 Matches The Division I match minimums must be at the designated weight class.

Coaches Ranking	There are at least 14 rankers per weight class representing each of the qualifying tournaments. A point value is assigned to each ranking spot. Wrestlers are ranked based on the total points	The high and low vote is removed from the ranking for each wrestler.
At-large consideration selection process	Wrestlers that meet two or more of the at-large consideration standards will be eligible for at-large selection. Minimum standards include: .700 overall winning percentage; .700 Division I winning percentage at the weight class; Top 33 Coaches Ranking (Taken after the qualifying tournament); One win against a wrestler who qualified via a pre-allocated spot or AQ; Qualifying event placement one below pre-allocated spots; Seeded in top 16 during 2020 selections; Finished in top 8 during 2019 Championships.	Refer to the NCAA PowerPoint at www.ncaa.org/championships/division-i-wrestling for a complete breakdown of the selection process.