



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Head Wrestling Coaches and Sports Information Directors at NCAA
Division I Institutions that Sponsor Wrestling.

FROM: Anthony Holman
Managing Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: 2020-21 NCAA Division I Wrestling Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the wrestling season and in preparing for the 2021 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships:

1. Travel. Per the NCAA travel policies, you are permitted to book travel for individual team sports prior to the official selections announcement. However, please be advised that your institution will be billed for any charges incurred as a result of any of the following situations:
 - Any student-athlete who does not qualify for reimbursement.
 - Any student-athlete who becomes injured, has an illness or does not travel for any reason.
 - Any non-athlete above the reimbursable number, based on the number of student-athletes who qualify.
 - Any name changes or flight changes that result in penalties.
 - Any charges incurred when group space is blocked and then canceled.

Understanding these potential charges, which will be reviewed with you prior to any tickets being charged, you may book your individual team sports as early as you feel comfortable. If you have any questions about this policy, please feel free to contact Short's Travel at 866-655-9215, or the NCAA travel department at 317-917-6757.

2. Complimentary Coaches Membership to the Arbiter Center Mat Website. Head coaches will receive complimentary access to the Center Mat website. Please click [here](#) to begin registration. Registrations must be under the head coach's name and email address. This information will be verified by NCAA staff.
3. Wrestling Rules Interpretations. Throughout the upcoming season wrestling rules interpretations will be located in the newly revised NCAA Wrestling Case Book, which can be found on [Center Mat](#) or [here](#). Coaches are also required to review the annual rules video. The video is located on [Center Mat](#).

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4. Certified Officials. The list of NCAA registered officials for the 2020-21 academic year will be posted [here](#) following the Arbiter registration deadline of Oct. 26. If you use an assignor or conference to select officials for matches, please make sure officials used are included in this registration list. Consequences of using a non-registered official will be decided by the NCAA Wrestling Committee.
5. Championship Team Registration Portal. Planning Point will be used again for the team registration portal for the championships in St. Louis. Team contact information is again to be submitted within the team registration portal. All team contacts will be maintained/updated via the team registration portal throughout the season, however current contacts must be submitted by all institutions no later than Nov. 1. The link is available [here](#) under **Championship information**.
6. **DEADLINE – Staff Headshots**. For credentialing purposes, headshots are **REQUIRED for the head coach, assistant coaches, administrators and support staff** (i.e., director of operations, strength coach, nutritionist, team manager, etc. Athletic trainers and sports information are credentialed differently and should not be labeled as support staff). Please follow the instructions below to submit your headshots to the NCAA. All headshots must be submitted by Nov. 1. Only those staff members with headshots submitted by the deadline will be issued credentials.

To Submit:

- Email headshots to Matt Holmes at mholmes@ncaa.org.
 - Label files in the following manner: School_LastName_FirstName (ex. OhioU_Doe_John).
7. Skin Checks. Coaches are reminded that if a student-athlete has been diagnosed as having a skin condition and is currently being treated by a physician (ideally a dermatologist) who has determined that it is safe for that individual to compete without jeopardizing the health of the opponent, the student-athlete may present themselves for competition. However, when presenting themselves, the student-athlete, coach or athletic trainer shall provide current, original written documentation from the treating physician, not the team trainer, to the medical professional at the medical examination with the approved NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form. Please note: Final medical determination of the entrant's ability to compete shall be made by the host site's physician or certified athletic trainer who conducts the medical examination after review of any such documentation and the completion of the exam. For more information on skin infection prevention, please visit <http://www.nwcaonline.com/nwcawebsite/sportssafetyhome/skinprevention.aspx>.
 8. Championship Tickets. Given the current state of affairs caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, ticket plans are on hold. Institutions will receive email communication in January from the NCAA regarding the ticket request process. Please contact Lori Wolf at lwolf@ncaa.org or Tricia Krummen at tkrummen@ncaa.org with questions regarding the ticketing process.

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9. Pre-Championship Manual. Coaches are reminded to review the 2021 Division I Wrestling Pre-Championship Manual. The pre-championship manual is a resource for institutions to prepare for the championships. The 2021 Division I Wrestling Pre-Championship Manual will be posted [here](#) in December.
10. Annual Report. The annual report on the actions taken by the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee at its April 2020 meeting may be located [here](#) under “Committee Proceedings.”
11. Championship Updates. Coaches should regularly check the [Division I Wrestling](#) page for information and updates related to the 2021 championships.

We look forward to assisting you this year and wish you the best of luck this wrestling season.

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cc: NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee