



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: 2023-24 NCAA Division I Wrestling Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the wrestling season and in preparing for the 2024 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 selection 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. Wrestling Interpretations. Wrestling interpretations will be located [here](#) for coaches to review. Coaches are required to review the annual rules video through the Optimal Performance Calculator. [NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator For Weight Management - National Wrestling Coaches Association \(nwcaonline.com\)](#)
3. Complimentary Coaches Membership to Center Mat. As a head coach, you should have received an email from RQ+ inviting you to join the Center Mat central hub and create a password. If you did not receive this email or have additional coaches who would like access, please click the link www.refquest.com and register as a coach at no cost. Once registered, please make sure to return to this site throughout the year to review any new rules interpretations by viewing the NCAA Wrestling Case Book, which can be found under the

Rules Book section. After you register, you will receive an email notification anytime a new rules interpretation or rules education article is posted.

4. Certified Officials. The list of NCAA registered officials for the 2023-24 academic year is posted [here](#). 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 Registration Portal. Planning Point will be used again for the team registration portal for the championships in Kansas City. The link will be posted [here](#).
6. 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 compete. However, 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. For more information on skin infection prevention, please visit [Preventing Skin Infection \(Video\) - National Wrestling Coaches Association \(nwcaonline.com\)](#).
7. 2024 Qualifier Allocations. The updated selections criteria grid may be located [here](#).
8. Countable matches. The committee will not consider for championship selections, including conference pre-allocations, any results from extra countable matches. Moreover, only matches that are a part of a traditional dual competition, or open/invitational advancement tournament shall be considered for selections. Any matches contested in nontraditional formats will only be considered for selections if it is a date of competition for the team.

Example: Three teams gather to compete in a tri-meet. Team A has 5 wrestlers, team B has 5 wrestlers, and team C has 7 wrestlers. Bylaw 20.10.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship requires a minimum of 7 wrestlers compete for the contest to count for minimum number of contests/dates of competition purposes. In this case, only team C meets the minimum number of participants with 7, thus the committee would only consider matches for team C members for the purposes of selections and seeding.

9. Championship Tickets. Institutions received email communication from the NCAA regarding the ticket request process. All requests for tickets must be submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, November 3, 2024. Please contact Lori Wolf at lwolf@ncaa.org with questions regarding the ticketing process.

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10. Pre-Championship Manual. Coaches are reminded to review the 2024 Division I Wrestling Pre-Championship Manual. The pre-championship manual is a resource for institutions to prepare for the championships. The 2024 Division I Wrestling Pre-Championship Manual will be posted [here](#) early November.
11. Annual Report. The annual report on the actions taken by the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee at its April 2023 meeting may be located [here](#) under “Committee Proceedings.”

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

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Attachments

cc: NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee