



***Division I Wrestling
Championship Webinar***

THE SPOTLIGHT AWAITS



Agenda

- Selection Process Updates
- Travel Policy
- Team Registration Portal
- Event Direct Registration
- Schedule
- Saint Patrick's Day
- All-Americans
- On-site Operations



Selections

- 2025-26 Qualifier Allocation Criteria
- Selection Process
- Participation at conference tournaments.
 - Automatic Qualifier (AQ) to weight class champions.
 - Pre-allocation spots.
 - Replacement would have met pre-allocation criteria.
- At-large consideration.
 - Must participate in **TWO** countable matches for at-large consideration.
 - Must meet or exceed any **TWO** of the selection criteria.



At-large consideration

- Wrestler must have at least two countable matches (must count towards the wrestler's overall record on the individual season record form) in his respective conference tournament to be considered for at-large selection.
- Examples of two countable matches include:
 - two completed matches,
 - one completed match and an injury default/medical forfeit,
 - or two injury defaults.



At-large standards

- .700 Win% (versus DI opponents at respective weight class)
- Top 33 RPI
- Top 33 Coaches Ranking
- .700 Win% against all competition
- One win against a wrestler receiving automatic qualification via an earned position (pre-allocated).
- Conference placement within one place of the number of pre-allocated positions awarded to the respective conference in that weight class.
- **Earned pre-allocated spot for the conference. (2026)**



Travel Policy

- All air travel **MUST** be booked through **Short's Travel** to be eligible for reimbursement from the NCAA.
- **866-655-9215** is the number for Short's Travel.
- [Travel Policies](#)
- Should plan to arrive on Tuesday.



Team registration

- Hotel room allocation formula
- Hotel property assignments
- Hotel payment and reimbursement policy
- Credential policy



Team Registration Portal

Division I Men's Wrestling

Championship Information

- 2025-26 Coach and Administrator Meeting Slides
- [2025-26 NCAA Division I Wrestling Coaches Ranking Roster](#)
- [2025-26 Season Information Memo](#)
- [2025-26 Qualifier Allocation Criteria](#)
- [2025-26 Team Registration Link](#)
- [2024-25 Championship Webinar](#)
- [2025-26 Championship Timeline](#)

Manuals

- [2025-26 Prechampionships Manual](#)
- [2025-26 Host Operations Manual](#)
- [2024-25 Participant Manual](#)

Links and Resources

- [NCAA Wrestling Registered Officials](#)
- [Skin evaluation and participation status form](#)
- [Division I Men's Wrestling Selection Process](#)
- [Center Mat](#)
- [National Wrestling Coaches Association](#)
- [Wrestling Rules of the Game](#)

Committee Information and Proceedings

[Division I Men's Wrestling Oversight Committee Roster](#)

- **December 2025:** [Dec. 2025 Report](#)
- **October 2025:** [Oct. 2025 Report](#)
- **April 2025:** [2025 Annual Report](#)
- **December 2024:** [Dec. 2024 Report](#)



Hotel Property Assignments

Rooms will be allocated according to the number of student-athletes who have qualified from each institution.

The following formula will be used for the team hotel:

# of Qualifiers	# of Hotel Rooms
1	3 (4 rooms total, including one king administrator room)
2-3	4 (5 rooms total, including one king administrator room)
4-5	5 (6 rooms total, including one king administrator room)
6-7	6 (7 rooms total, including one king administrator room)
8-9	7 (8 rooms total, including one king administrator room)
10	8 (9 rooms total, including one king administrator room)

If you need a room for the administrator, please enter the name on planning point as well as email the information to Jackie Kawamoto jjkawamoto@ncaa.org. The blocks at the hotel do not allow for early/late check-in/out dates. Any asks for check-in prior to the hotel block, please reach out to the hotel contact provided once you receive the rooming list template and instructions from the NCAA.

It is mandatory for participating institutions to stay at the contracted team hotel. The rates may vary depending on the property assigned. Negotiated rates are \$190/night plus applicable taxes. **Hotel assignments will be determined by the NCAA and the NCAA reserves the right to adjust the hotel property as needed.**

Hilton Cleveland Downtown Teams Hotel 100 Lakeside Avenue E Cleveland, OH 44114	Westin Cleveland Downtown Teams Hotel 777 St. Clair Avenue NE Cleveland, OH 44114
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Credentials

ADMINISTRATOR CREDENTIALS

One complimentary administrator credential will be provided to each institution that has a qualifier. This credential must be for your director of athletics or person who has oversight for the wrestling program at your institution.

1. The administrator credential will allow access to the facility and the back-of-house areas only, but not the competition mats. This credential will be provided only to the appropriate person listed in the registration portal. The administrator credential provides seating opportunities within the participant seating sections.
2. In lieu of requesting a credential, a ticket may be purchased through your institution's block, but will not be permitted on the event level.
3. Administrator credentials may be obtained at the team administration registration at Rocket Arena. Administrators will need to show a business card and photo identification to prove identity.

SUPPORT STAFF CREDENTIALS

Regardless of the number of qualifiers, each institution will have the opportunity to receive up to one (1) additional support staff credential. Each institution must verify the members of its coaching and support staff. Support staff credentials will **NOT** have access to competition mats.

ATHLETIC TRAINER/PHYSICIAN CREDENTIALS

Up to two (2) credentials are available for your institution's authorized athletic trainer and/or physician accompanying the team. Please provide their names via the registration portal.

-The Team Medical credentials can ONLY be used by eligible, and legitimate medical personnel.

-These credentials will be provided only to the appropriate personnel at registration at Rocket Arena.

-Any sports information contacts from your institution traveling with your team should obtain the necessary media credential through the NCAA media coordinator.

-Violators are subject to misconduct provisions as well as revocation of the credential.

The fee for replacement of credentials is \$200.



NCAA Event Direct – NEW - First-time installation & registration instructions



1. Navigate to <https://web3.ncaa.org/eventdirect/pwa/index.html> on your mobile device. Do **NOT** utilize this link on a laptop; mobile devices only.
 - a. iOS – In Safari, tap the share icon  in the center at the bottom of your screen. Tap “Add to Home Screen” and click “Add” to confirm. Event Direct will now appear on your phone’s home screen.
 - b. Android – In Chrome, an onscreen prompt will appear with a prompt to add the app to the home screen. If this prompt does not appear, tap the “3 dots” icon to the top right and select “Add to Home Screen.” Event Direct will now appear on your phone’s home screen.

I don’t have or I’m not sure if I have an NCAA/MyApps account

2. On the Event Direct home page, navigate to the dropdown menu via icon in the top left. Choose **Select an Event**.
3. Select the desired event from the list. You will be moved to that event’s home page.
4. Scroll to the bottom and select **Register for This Event**. You will be moved to the registration page for the event.
5. Upon entering your email address, if the app identifies you have an existing NCAA My Apps account, a screen will appear with the option to reset your password. **Skip ahead to step #18.**
6. Otherwise, proceed with entering all the requested information and then select **Register**.
7. A notice will appear indicating a validation email has been sent to the email address provided.
8. Locate the email **NCAA Event Direct System Account Request**. Click the link in the email. A new page will appear.
9. Create and confirm a password and select **Submit**
10. Return to the Event Direct app. On the Home page, navigate to the left column dropdown menu. Choose **Login**.
11. Enter the email address/password that comprise your newly created NCAA My Apps account. You are now logged into Event Direct and will return to the home page of your registered event. **Skip ahead to step #23.**

I have an NCAA/MyApps account and I know my password

12. On the Event Direct home page, navigate to the dropdown menu via icon in the top left. Choose **Login**.
13. Enter the email address and password of your existing NCAA My Apps account. You are now logged into the Event Direct app and will be returned to the app home page.
14. Navigate again to the left column dropdown menu and choose **Select an Event**. Select the desired event from the list. You will be moved to that event’s home page.
15. Scroll to the bottom and select **Register for This Event**. You will be moved to the registration page for the event.
16. Your email address, first/last name, institution/organization will pre-populate. Enter your desired role(s) from the dropdown list of options as well as your mobile phone number. Select **Register**. **Skip ahead to step #23.**

I have an NCAA/MyApps account and I don’t know my password

17. On the Event Direct Home page, navigate to the dropdown menu via the icon in the top left. Choose **Login**.
18. On the login screen, choose the Forgot Password option and proceed through that process. Upon resetting your password, navigate again to the left column dropdown menu of the Event Direct app and choose **Login**.
19. Enter the email address and password that comprise your NCAA My Apps account. You are now logged into the Event Direct app and will be returned to the app home page.
20. Navigate again to the left column dropdown menu and choose **Select an Event**
21. Scroll to the bottom and select **Register for This Event**. You will be moved to the registration page for the event.
22. Your email address, first/last name, institution/organization will pre-populate. Enter your desired role(s) from the dropdown list of options as well as your mobile phone number. Select **Register**.
23. A notice will appear on the bottom of the page indicating you have registered for the event and are awaiting confirmation by an NCAA championships operations administrator. Once confirmed, this message will disappear and you will have access to additional features for your selected event.



NCAA Event Direct - RETURNING - installation & registration instructions

I utilized NCAA Event Direct during the 2022-23 Championship Season

1. Navigate to the NCAA Event Direct app on your phone; this will be the same mobile app you utilized during the 2022-23 championship season. **Move ahead to step #4 or step #10 as appropriate.**
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3. **Move ahead to step #4 or step #10 as appropriate.**

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4. Ensure you are logged out of the app: on the Event Direct Home page, navigate to the dropdown menu via the icon in the top left. Choose **Logout**. If the option shown is “Login”, you are confirmed as already logged out.
5. Immediately then navigate again to the dropdown menu via the icon in the top left. Choose **Login**.
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9. Your email address, first/last name, institution/organization will pre-populate. Enter your desired role(s) from the dropdown list of options as well as your mobile phone number (which is **required** to receive text message notifications). Select **Register**. **Skip ahead to step #15.**

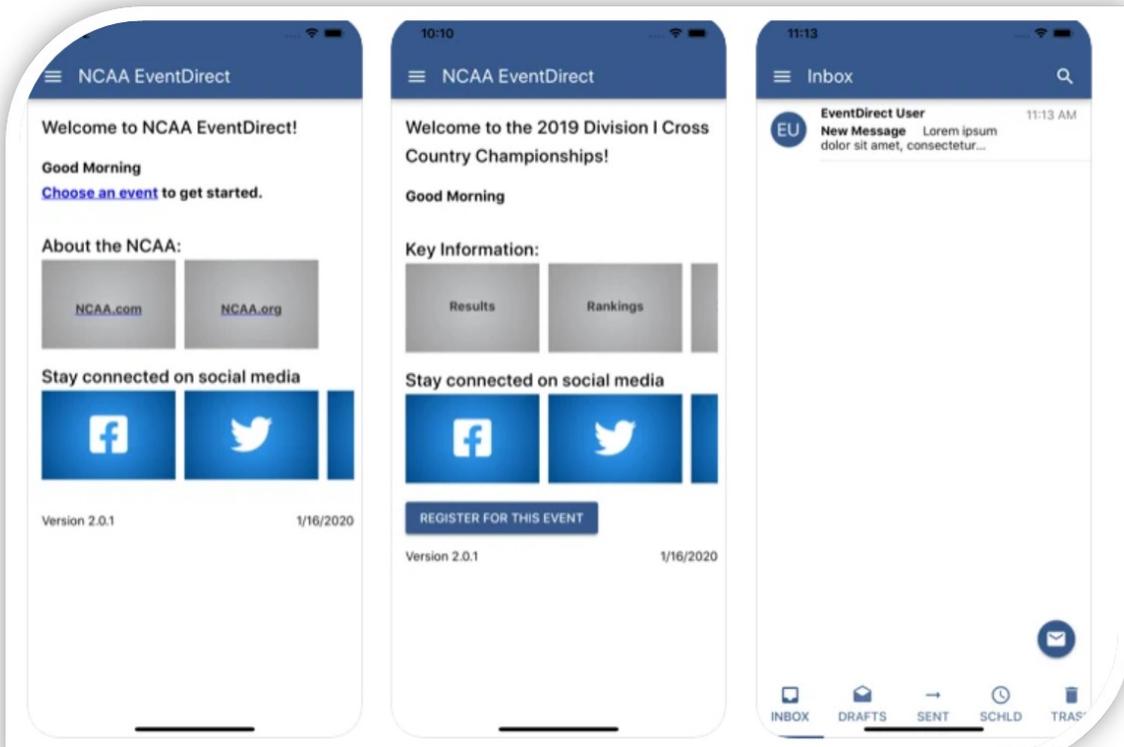
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EVENT DIRECT

NCAA EventDirect application can be found in both the Apple App and Google Play store.
NCAA EventDirect Website's QR Code to register online.



QR Code to
NCAA
EventDirect
Website



PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time (ET)	Location
3/17/26	Team Registration	Noon – 9 p.m.	East Food Court – Rocket Arena
3/17/26	Practice Mats Open	3 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Rocket Arena
3/18/26	Team Registration	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	East Food Court – Rocket Arena
3/18/26	Merchandise Sales	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Concourse – Portal 7
3/18/26	Assigned Team Practices	9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Rocket Arena
3/18/26	Selected Student-Athletes Press Conference	1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lower press area
3/18/26	Selected Coaches Press Conference	1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Lower press area
3/18/26	Medical Skin Checks	3 p.m.	Athletic training area
3/18/26	Coaches/Administrative Meeting	6 p.m.	Virtual



Saint Patrick's Day

- Parade downtown starts Tuesday at 1 p.m.
- Consult participant manual for road closures.



All-Americans

- There will be no parade this year due to needing to start wrestling at 6:30 p.m.
- There will be a reception with food and beverages for the All-Americans in the Hipp room on the lower level prior to the start of the session.
- Even though there is not a parade we do need them back prior to the start of the session so we can make sure they are accounted for and they know where they need to be and when.



Van Parking

**PERSONAL VEHICLES &
15-PASSENGER VANS
(MAX HEIGHT 9'6")**

Rocket Arena Parking

1. Place parking placard on dashboard
2. Head east on Huron Rd E.
3. Turn right into Gateway East Garage
4. Approach parking attendant and come to complete stop
5. Attendant will record license plate number to ensure you do not receive a ticket
6. Drive forward and follow directions of garage staff

Process must be completed every entry
Vehicles may not exceed 9'6" H x 7' W x 19' L

Map Legend

- Parking Garage
- Surface Lot
- P Gateway East Garage
650 Huron Rd E, Cleveland OH 44115
- - - - - → Route #1 into Garage
- - - - - → Route #2 into Garage

Map labels include: SUPERIOR AVE, HURON RD, W. PROSPECT RD, J.A.C.K., ONTARIO ST, EUCLID AVE, VINCENT AVE, CHESTER AVE, PROSPECT, BOLIVAR RD, ERIE CT, SUMNER AVE, CARNEGIE AVE, Progressive Field, Rocket Arena, and RTA. A compass rose is also present.



Bus Parking

BUSES & OVERSIZED VEHICLES (HEIGHT GREATER THAN 9'6")

EVERYONE ON BUS MUST HAVE A CREDENTIAL.

Rocket Arena Parking

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP:

1. Place parking placard & permit on dashboard
2. Head west on Bolivar Rd
3. Turn left into Service Entrance driveway
4. Security officer will verify placard & lower bollards
5. Drive forward to the Command Center Entrance
6. Untoad bus & turn around towards the exit

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Exit underground & turn right on Bolivar Rd
2. Turn left on E. 9th St & immediate right on Prospect
3. Turn right on E. 14th St
4. Turn right on Sumner Ave & park along north curb

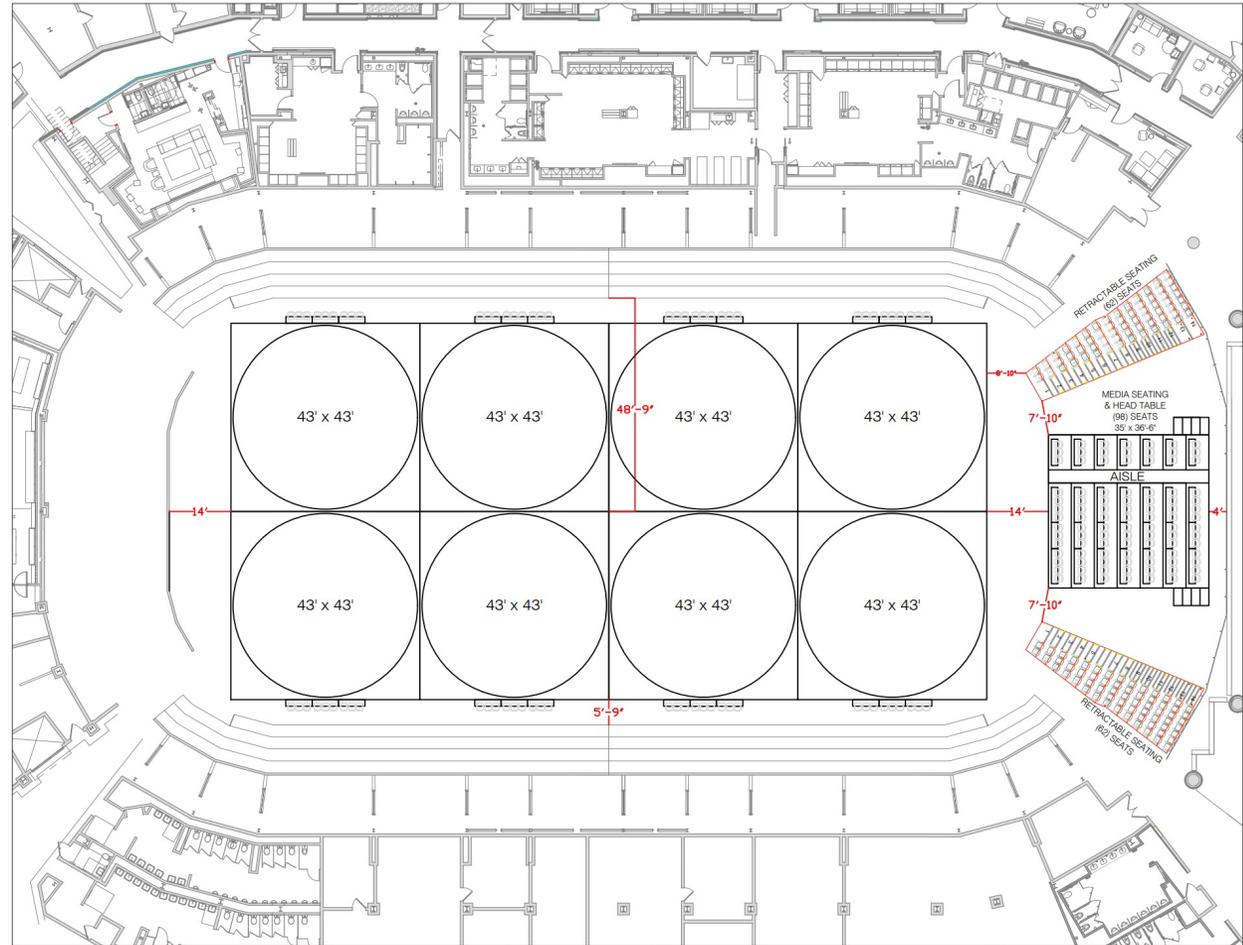
Vehicle may be subject to K-9 sweep / screening prior to accessing USA. Please allow for additional time accordingly.

Map Legend

- Rocket Arena Underground Service Area Entrance
758 Bolivar Rd, Cleveland OH 44115
- Route into Underground Drop-off / Pick-up
- Route to Sumner Ave Bus Parking



Rocket Arena



EVENT: 2026 NCAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
DATE: MARCH 19-21, 2026

Rocket Arena
1 CENTER COURT, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115

SESSIONS I, II & III
8-MAT CONFIGURATION





IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

- ▶ Update starters and notes in OPC System by 7:59 a.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 9.
- ▶ Wrestling committee begins selections and seeding on Monday, March 9 at 5 p.m. Eastern time.
- ▶ Release of all 330 wrestlers on Tuesday, March 10 (TBD).
- ▶ NCAA selection show 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.
- ▶ Team registration is due Thursday, March 12, Noon ET.
- ▶ Elite 90 Award nominations [Nomination Form](#) is due by noon Eastern time, Friday, March 13.
- ▶ Mandatory coaches meeting (Virtual) Wednesday, March 18 at 6 p.m.



MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

- Pre championships press conference on Wednesday.
 - Selected coaches and wrestlers.
- Selected head coaches from press conference to also take part in NCAA promotional interview (if asked).
- Quarterfinal winners in session 3 to mix zone.
- Semifinal winner's press conferences on Friday evening.
- 3rd, 5th, 7th place winners Saturday morning (mixed zone).
- Head coach of national championship Saturday night. (press conference).
- Individual national champions Saturday night (press conference).



VALUABLE RESOURCES

- [Division I Wrestling - NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org)
- Participant Manual will be posted Friday morning.
- [2025-26 Team Registration Link](#)
- [NCAA college wrestling home | NCAA.com](https://www.ncaa.com)



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