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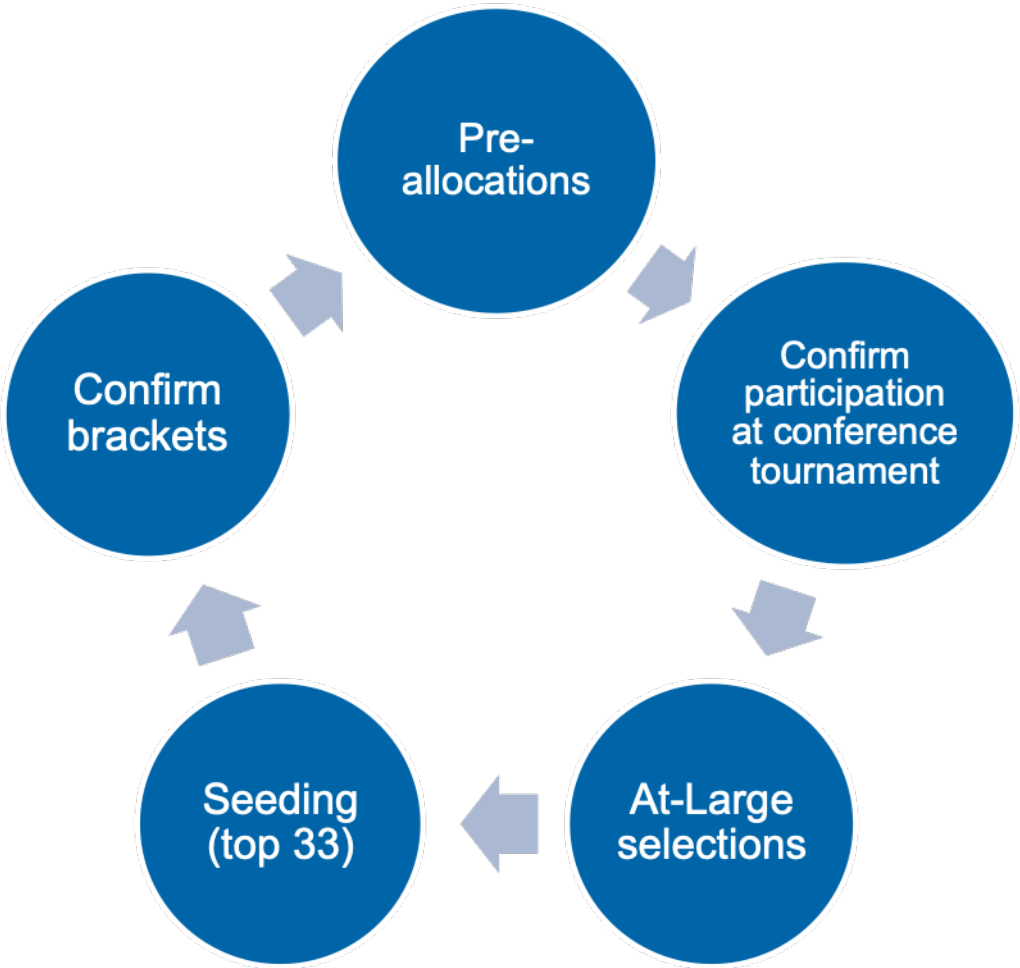
DIVISION I MEN'S WRESTLING SELECTION PROCESS

SELECTION PHASES



PRE-ALLOCATION PROCESS

- The NCAA Wrestling Committee will allocate a maximum of 29 spots per weight class.
- Each of the eligible conference tournaments will receive at least one Automatic Qualifier per weight class for the conference champion at each weight class.
- There is a sliding scale of three thresholds that move in unison, to determine the cut line for the pre-allocated spots in each weight class. (SEE NEXT SLIDE)
- The scale includes the wrestlers winning % (Win%), Coaches rank (CR) and RPI rank (RPI).
- The committee will not go below the minimum threshold of .700 DI weight class winning percentage, Top 30 Coach Rank and Top 30 RPI Rank.

SLIDING SCALE TO DETERMINE PRE-ALLOCATIONS

WINNING %	COACH RANK	RPI RANK
.750	25	25
.740	26	26
.730	27	27
.720	28	28
.710	29	29
.700	30	30

Wrestlers need to meet 2 of the 3 criteria at each threshold level to earn a pre-allocated spot for the conference tournament.

PRE-ALLOCATIONS

Win% = .720 CR = 28 RPI = 28

Weight	First Name	Last Name	Team	Wins	Loses	Win %	Coach Rank	RPI	RPI Rank	League	Standard	Count
125	Sean	Fausz	North Carolina State	13	8	0.619	20	0.57243	20	ACC	A-Allocated	1
125	Lorenzo	Bentley	Pittsburgh	15	8	0.6522	25	0.55318	26	ACC	A-Allocated	1
125	Nick	Herrmann	Virginia	12	6	0.6667	28	0.55162	28	ACC	A-Allocated	1
125	Joey	Dance	Virginia Tech	24	1	0.96	3	0.65576	6	ACC	A-Allocated	1
125	Joshua	Rodriguez	North Dakota State University	29	7	0.8056	16	0.62153	13	Big 12	A-Allocated	1
125	ryan	millhof	Oklahoma	16	6	0.7273	8	0.65534	7	Big 12	A-Allocated	1
125	Eddie	Klimara	Oklahoma State	21	4	0.84	5	0.6355	9	Big 12	A-Allocated	1
125	Chasen	Tolbert	Utah Valley University	14	4	0.7778	18	0.59672	16	Big 12	A-Allocated	1
125	Zeke	Moisey	West Virginia	23	9	0.7188	14	0.61386	14	Big 12	A-Allocated	1
125	Drew	Templeman	Wyoming	12	6	0.6667	17	0.58688	19	Big 12	A-Allocated	1
125	Elijah	Oliver	Indiana	22	5	0.8148	19	0.63501	10	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	Thomas	Gilman	Iowa	18	0	1	2	0.66003	3	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	Conor	Youtsey	Michigan	9	10	0.4737	24	0.5639	22	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	Tim	Lambert	Nebraska	18	7	0.72	13	0.64046	8	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	Nathan	Tomasello	Ohio State	17	0	1	1	0.69827	1	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	Nico	Megaludis	Penn State	24	2	0.9231	4	0.65637	5	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	Sean	McCabe	Rutgers	12	11	0.5217	27	0.55167	27	Big Ten	A-Allocated	1
125	David	Terao	American	21	3	0.875	11	0.62338	12	EIWA	A-Allocated	1
125	Paul	Petrov	Bucknell	26	4	0.8667	9	0.59162	17	EIWA	A-Allocated	1
125	Darian	Cruz	Lehigh	24	5	0.8276	12	0.62638	11	EIWA	A-Allocated	1
125	Sean	Russell	Edinboro	20	7	0.7407	21	0.56934	21	EWL	A-Allocated	1
125	Brent	Fleetwood	Central Michigan	14	9	0.6087	22	0.6027	15	MAC	A-Allocated	1
125	Barlow	McGhee	Missouri	17	7	0.7083	10	0.67483	2	MAC	A-Allocated	1
125	Dylan	Peters	Northern Iowa	10	1	0.9091	5	NO RPI	NR	MAC	A-Allocated	1
125	Shakur	Laney	Ohio	18	9	0.6667	26	0.56201	23	MAC	A-Allocated	1
125	Ronnie	Rios	Oregon State	22	6	0.7857	7	0.65828	4	Pac 12	A-Allocated	1
125	Connor	Schram	Stanford	16	5	0.7619	15	0.58746	18	Pac 12	A-Allocated	1
125	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	SoCon	B-Weight Class Champion	1

AT-LARGE STANDARDS

Updated (2026)

To be eligible for at-large consideration, a wrestler must have participated in two (2) matches in his respective conference tournament AND, meet or exceed any two of the following criteria:

- .700 Win %.
- 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).
- Qualifying event placement one below automatic qualification.
- Earned pre-allocated spot for conference.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Head-to-Head Competition = 25%
- Quality Wins = 20%
- Conference tournament placement = 15%
- Coaches Rank = 10%
- Results vs. common opponents = 10%
- Win percentage = 10%
- RPI = 10%

(Changed in 2017) QUALITY WIN DEFINITION

- A win over any wrestler in the field. Throughout at-large consideration, that will include wins over AQ, and pre-allocated spot earned wrestlers. During seeding, that will include all 33 wrestlers at each weight class.
- The wrestling committee will seed all 33 wrestlers in each weight class using the same criteria used for selection purposes.

SUBJECTIVE CONSIDERATIONS

(Added in 2026)

- Bad losses (Under .500% win percentage).
- Outside the top 30 Coaches Rank and/or top 30 RPI.
- Conference champion.
- Performance in last five matches (including conference tournament).
- Number of injury defaults or medical forfeit wins/losses.
- Best quality win.
- Wrestler availability (Injured or medically unable to compete).
- Recency of win. (Added for 2026)

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SELECTION PROCESS

Criteria	Points Available	Possible Points Split
Head-to-Head	25	25/0 16.667/8.333 12.5/12.5
Quality Wins	20	20/0 15/5 10/10
Coach Rank	10	10/0
Conference Finish	15	15/0
Common Opponent	10	10/0
Win percentage	10	10/0
RPI	10	10/0
Total Points	100	100

SELECTION CRITERIA SCORING

Rank	Name	Points
1	Wrestler A	32.0
2	Wrestler B	31.0
3	Wrestler C	30.0
4	Wrestler D	29.0
5	Wrestler E	27.5
6	Wrestler F	27.0
7	Wrestler G	25.5
8	Wrestler H	25.0
9	Wrestler I	23.5
10	Wrestler J	22.0
11	Wrestler K	21.5
12	Wrestler L	20.5

COMPARISON EXAMPLES

Wrestler	H-2-H	QW	CR	RPI	Conf. Finish	Common Opponent	Win %	Total
A	25	20	0	0	0	10	0	55
B	0	0	15	10	10	0	10	45

Wrestler	H-2-H	QW	CR	RPI	Conf. Finish	Common Opponent	Win %	Total
A	12.5	15	15	0	0	0	0	42.5
C	12.5	5	0	10	10	10	10	57.5

Wrestler	H-2-H	QW	CR	RPI	Conf. Finish	Common Opponent	Win %	Total
B	25	10	0	10	0	0	10	55
C	0	10	15	0	10	10	0	45

QUALITY WIN TIERING

Tier	Win %	Coach Rank	RPI Rank	Points
1	.900	5	5	6
2	.800	10	10	4.5
3	.700	15	15	3
4	.620	20	20	2
5	.550	25	25	1
6	.000	77	77	0.5

QUALITY WIN TIERING COMPARISON

Wrestler	# of QW	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Total
A	6	1				3	2	10
B	4		3	1				16.5

Wrestler	# of QW	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Total
A	6	1				3	2	10
C	4		1		2		1	9

Wrestler	# of QW	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6	Total
B	4		3	1				16.5
C	4		1		2		1	9

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