



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

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

FROM: Mark Bedics
Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: 2026-27 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the wrestling season and in preparing for the 2026-27 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Season and Championships:

1. Travel. Per the [NCAA Division I Championships Travel Policies](#), you are permitted to book travel for individual team sports before 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 2026-27 academic year is posted [here](#). If you use an assignor or conference to select officials for matches, please make sure the officials used are included in this registration list. Consequences of using a non-registered official will be decided by the NCAA Wrestling Committee.
5. 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 \(nwcaonline.com\)](#).
6. 2027 Qualifier Allocations. The updated selection criteria grid may be located [here](#).
7. Countable matches. The committee will not consider for championship selections, including conference pre-allocations, any results from extra countable matches. Moreover, only results from 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 the events were registered in the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) system by September 1 and contested by January 1 of the respective academic year.
8. Results and Statistics reporting. The NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships Subcommittee will utilize FloSports's scoring software to support its score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to input their roster, schedule, and all statistics and results for all events in which they participate into the Trackwrestling Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) according to the following procedures:
 - a. Per the Wrestling Rulebook, all tournament hosts must register all individual-advancement and pool/round robin events in the OPC no later than September 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and wish to host a tournament may be assessed a monetary fine. Complete schedules must be submitted in the OPC by September 1.
 - b. For any results to be considered for selection purposes, the host must accurately and completely input the statistics and results into the OPC within 24 hours (1 day) of event completion or it may be assessed a monetary fine.

- c. In addition to match results, full statistics must be input for each event. The host institution shall be responsible for all dual and/or tournament scoring and statistics.
- d. Those not hosting events are responsible for reviewing and approving the inputted statistics and results from those events in which they participated within 48 hours (2 days) of event completion.
- e. Institutions that fail to accurately and completely input statistics and results for its events may be assessed a monetary fine.

For information about inputting statistics and results into the OPC, contact Jackie Paquette at the NWCA: jpaquette@nwca.cc.

- 9. Championship Tickets. Institutions received email communication from the NCAA regarding the ticket request process on Oct. 6. The deadline for all ticket requests for tickets are to be submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, October 30, 2026. Please contact Lori Wolf at lwolf@ncaa.org with questions regarding the ticketing process.
- 10. Pre-Championship Manual. Coaches are reminded to review the 2026-27 Division I Men's Wrestling Pre-Championship Manual. The pre-championship manual is a resource for institutions to prepare for the championships. The 2026-27 Division I Men's Wrestling Pre-Championship Manual will be posted [here](#) by early November.
- 11. Committee Meeting Reports. The monthly meeting reports on the actions taken by the NCAA Division I Wrestling Oversight Committee may be located [here](#) under "Committee Information and Proceedings."
- 12. Team Registration. The team registration link for the 2027 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships is now live [here](#).

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

cc: NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships Subcommittee