



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 12-13, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Coaches Rankings.** The Division I Competition Oversight Committee is asked to approve increasing the minimum number of matches for wrestlers to be considered for coaches to rank from five to eight. (See Action Item 2-b.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

a. **Approval of automatic-qualifying conferences.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences be awarded one automatic qualification (AQ) spot for each of the 10 weight classes to the 2022 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships: Atlantic Coast Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association; Mid-American Conference; Pac-12 Conference; and Southern Conference.
- (2) Effective date. 2023 championships.
- (3) Rationale. The conferences listed meet AQ requirements. Each conference receives one automatic-qualifying position for the champion in each weight class. In addition, pre-allocated spots are awarded to conferences on behalf of the wrestlers competing in the respective conference who meet the established standard.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation provides the seven conferences access to the 2023 championships.

b. **Coaches Rankings.**

- (1) Recommendation. Increase the minimum number of matches for wrestlers to be considered for coaches to rank from five to eight.
- (2) Effective date. 2023 championships.

(3) Rationale. Eight matches are the minimum number of matches currently required for a wrestler to trigger winning percentage standard and the number required to be eligible for a pre-allocated spot for their conference. Eight would establish a consistent minimum number of matches to be used for selection criteria.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review and approval of the 2021 annual meeting report.** The Division I Wrestling Committee approved the 2021 annual meeting report as drafted.
2. **Review of the 2022 schedule of events.** The committee recommends continuing to have the doors open to the public 90 minutes prior to competition. The committee agreed to retain the Tuesday afternoon/evening open practice session, as well as scheduled practice times for teams on Wednesday. Based on feedback from event staff, mealtimes at the end of sessions will be extended to ensure food for table workers and contest officials is available.
3. **Operations review.** The committee reviewed operational functions and made several recommendations.
 - a. **Mat assignments.** The committee agreed to move second-round championship matches to the middle four mats and use the outer four mats for consolation matches. This will maintain continuous wrestling with championship and consolation matches by weight class.
 - b. **Uniformity violations.** The committee agreed to discuss with rules committee the modernization of uniforms and whether it remains necessary to retain uniformity rule. If the rule is maintained, the committee proposes an escalating penalty, with each violation being a one-half team point deduction.
 - c. **Team space.** The committee will explore allocating space per team based on the number of qualifiers, and space to include table chairs. The committee also will consider adding the student-athlete lounge to the allocated team space and explore providing warmup mats at team hotel(s).
4. **Credential policy.** The committee agreed to provide each institution with credentials based on the following upon request: four coaches credentials if requested and recognized and authorized by the institution, one administrator credential, up to two credentials for medical personnel and one for team personnel.

5. **Coaches rankings.** The committee agreed to make the votes from the coaches rankings available to the members of the ranking panels and adjust the final ranking period to allow coaches more time to upload rankings following conference tournaments.
6. **Legislative proposals.** The committee supports Proposal No. 2021-25 as written. The committee supports Proposal No. 2019-50 so long that it is clarified that prospective student-athletes should not take part regardless of the location of the regional training center, whether on or off campus.
7. **Review of selection criteria.** The committee discussed several topics related to selection criteria.
 - a. **Quality wins.** All quality wins will be included in the selections formula calculation; they do not have to be unique quality wins.
 - b. **Extra countable matches.** The committee will not consider for championship selections, including conference pre-allocations, any results from extra countable matches.
 - c. **Injury default.** Matches that are declared injury default with no wrestling occurring will not be considered for championship selections and seeding.
 - d. **Seeding.** The committee continues to discuss whether to seed 33 or 16 wrestlers per weight class. The committee will seek input from conferences and coaches.
 - e. **Pre-allocation threshold.** The committee recommends continuing with 700%, Top 30 RPI, Top 30 CR for 2023, but track with 750%, Top 25 CR, and Top 25 RPI during 2023 and run parallel with both thresholds for comparison and future consideration.
 - f. **Subjective criteria.** The committee will add subjective measures to the committee operations manual that can be used to supplement existing selection and seeding criteria.
 - 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 default or medical forfeit wins/losses
 - Best quality win
 - Wrestler availability (injured or medically unable to compete)

Committee Chair: Bob Burda, Big 12 Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances

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April 12-13, 2022, Annual Meeting
Attendees:
Matt Azevedo, Drexel University, Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.
Bob Burda, Big 12 Conference.
Ashley Offerman, California Polytechnic.
Kyle Ruschell, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Southern Conference.
Jennifer Tuscano, University of Pittsburgh, Atlantic Coast Conference.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances
Sadie Foster, Championships and Alliances
Matt Holmes, Championships and Alliances
Guests in Attendance:
Pat Tocci, National Wrestling Coaches Association.
Jim Fallis, National Wrestling Coaches Association.