



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 22, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

- **Manipulation of matches.** The Division I Wrestling committee reviewed results from several extra matches that were declared injury defaults after only a few seconds without any wrestling taking place. The committee expressed concern that the matches were not legitimate because no wrestling took place and outcomes were pre-determined by competing coaches.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

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- **Manipulation of matches.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee will not consider for championship selections, including conference pre-allocations, any results from extra matches that ended with injury defaults where the wrestlers did not wrestle.

(2) Effective date. 2021-2022 Season.

(3) Rationale. While wrestling playing rules allow for extra matches to be contested, the spirit and intent of that rule is to provide opportunities for actual competition. The allowance for extra matches was added to the wrestling rules book in 2021 to assist teams in the COVID environment. The extra matches allowance was intended to help teams have a meaningful season and reach the match requirements needed for championships selections. When that spirit and intent are not at play, and the rule is manipulated to inappropriately effect NCAA championship criteria, those results should not be considered.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None

(5) Student-athlete impact. Wrestlers that may have taken part in extra matches where there was no competition will have those results removed from NCAA championship consideration.

*Committee Chair:* Bob Burda, Big 12 Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee February 22, 2022, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Matthew Azevedo, Drexel University. Bob Burda, Big 12 Conference. Andy Noel, Cornell University. Ashley Offermann, California Polytechnic State University. Kyle Ruschell, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Jennifer Tuscano, University of Pittsburgh.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Pat Tocci, National Wrestling Coaches Association	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>	
Anthony Holman	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Matt Holmes	