



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

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 2020 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships: Atlantic Coast Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association; Mid-American Conference; Southern Conference.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship.
- (3) Rationale. The conferences listed meet AQ requirements. Each conference receives automatic-qualifying positions 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 six conferences access to the 2020 championships.

b. Third-party video review.

- (1) Recommendation. That a third-party video review system be used at the national championships. An independent reviewer, without consultation from the working referees, will review the call and make the final decision. Independent reviewers will be required to complete and pass the annual rules test, complete the rules and officiating clinic, and complete the reviewer training course developed by the National Coordinator of Officials. The independent reviewers may be current or former wrestling referee, former coach, administrator or official's assignor.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championships.

- (3) Rationale. The current rule allows for an independent reviewer and is being used in several qualifying tournaments. The recommendation provides an unbiased reviewer removed from the action to issue a ruling. The infrastructure and technology are in place and can be managed at the national championships.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The approximate \$10,000 cost for equipment and staffing will be re-allocated within the current budget. Officials evaluators no longer attend the championship to evaluate and rate officials, those savings will be reallocated to pay independent reviewers. The proposed change will eliminate the need for mat-side cameras and staffing, as the video feeds will come directly from the broadcast. Thus, those savings will be re-directed to cover the equipment and staffing to implement the third-party video review process, no additional funding is requested or necessary.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will benefit from more accurate rulings during the championships.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None.**

Committee Chair: Karen Langston, California State University, Bakersfield, Pac-12 Conference
Staff Liaison: Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee July 16, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Rob Hjerling, The Citadel, Southern Conference.	
Andy Noel, Cornell University, Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.	
Brian Smith, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mid-American Conference.	
Phillip Wille, University of Wyoming, Big 12 Conference.	
Absentees:	
Karen Langston, California State University, Bakersfield, Pac-12 Conference.	
Tom Ryan, The Ohio State University, Big Ten Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.	
Trina Simerly, Championships and Alliances.	
Other Guests in Attendance:	
Jim Fallis, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Pat Tocci, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	