

NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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The NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken during the past year and provide notice of upcoming issues. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Ryan Tressel (phone: 317-917-6316; email: rtressel@ncaa.org).

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Review of 2019 Championship

The 2019 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship consisted of ten weight classes with 18 participants per weight class for a total of 180 participants. Fifty-two (52) institutions were represented at the championship site. The finals were held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the Premier Center. The host was Augustana University and the South Falls Sports Authority. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 NCAA Division II Wrestling championships were canceled the night before competition was to begin.**

Future Championship Dates

Year	Selections	Regionals	Championship	Location
2021*	Mar. 1	Feb. 26-28	Mar. 12-13	Birmingham, Alabama
2022	Feb. 28	Feb. 25-27	Mar. 11-12	St. Louis, Missouri

*Indicates festival year.

2019-20 Wrestling Sponsorship (as of September 2019)

Division I	78	Division II	64	Division III	109
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Annual Meeting

The 2021 national committee meeting is currently scheduled for **April 12-14, 2021** via videoconference.

Rules Committee

As a reminder a separate rules committee was formed such that the sport committee retains oversight of the championships and related processes and the rules committee will specifically handle all rules-related matters. The 2020-21 Members of this committee include the following individuals.

Division I.

John W. Smith, Oklahoma State University	Jack Maughan, North Dakota State University
Jonathan Reeder, Appalachian State University	John Hangey, Rider University

Division II.

Cy Wainwright, Newberry College	Austin DeVoe, Colorado School of Mines
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Division III.

Brad Bruhn, State University of New York at Cortland
Robert Fox, Waynesburg University

Chuck Barbee (Secretary-Rules Editor), Tim Shiels (National Coordinator of Officials), Jim Thornton (Athletic Trainer Liaison) and Ashlee Follis (NCAA Rules Liaison) will also work with the committee.

For more information, please visit the [Wrestling Playing Rules](#) page located on the ncaa.org website.

Officiating Program

The committee will work with the National Coordinator of Officials, Tim Shiels, to enhance the identification, recruitment, training and evaluation of officials.

The postseason selection criteria that will be used to select the referees for championship assignment (super regionals, finals) across all three divisions are as follows:

- Score 86 percent or higher on the annual rules test (which will be managed through the NCAA's Center Mat website through ArbiterSports at <http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com>).
- Evaluations through NCAA evaluators program.
- Coaches rankings.
- Referee an NCAA qualifying tournament.
- Referee a minimum of 10 NCAA dates during the current wrestling season.
- Participate in an NCAA referee/rules clinic annually.
- Past performance at NCAA tournament.

All wrestling officials who wish to officiate NCAA wrestling matches during the regular season and NCAA postseason must be registered on ArbiterSports. The NCAA has created the Center Mat website, which is housed on the ArbiterSports platform and will serve as the official site for NCAA wrestling rules and officiating. The site will house the NCAA rules book, interpretations, points of emphasis, as well as videos, testing and periodic rules and mechanics updates. Clinic information, postseason assignments and the annual rules test will be administered through the site.

Key Items

- University of Montevallo and the City of Birmingham are the hosts for the 2021 Championship, which will take place at the Alabama CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama.
- All information pertinent to NCAA championships will continue to be communicated through the monthly newsletters and will be posted to each respective championship page on NCAA.org. *If you have any questions or would like to have someone added to the distribution list, please contact NCAAchampsnewsDII@ncaa.org*
- Reminder that coaches have complimentary access to Center Mat to review rules updates, as well as search registered officials. Coaches are encouraged to routinely visit Center Mat for rules updates and officiating points of emphasis. <http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com/front/107525/Site>
- Updated super region alignment can be found on the Division II wrestling sport landing page – [LINK](#).
- Super Regional hosts for 2022 are currently being submitted with anticipation of announcement in September.
- Final Sites Championships hosts for 2023-26 will be announced October 2020.