



**2024 DIVISION II  
WRESTLING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2023-24 MANUAL***

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# NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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# Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2023-24 academic year, the Association will sponsor 90 national championships – 42 for men, 45 for women and three for both men and women. Of the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, six are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Pre-Championship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 90 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

## Section 1•1 Definitions

**Pre-championship Manual.** Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

**Administrative Meeting.** Pre-championship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

**Appendixes.** Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

**Championship Manager.** The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

**Games Committee.** The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

**NCAA National Committee.** The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

**Non-predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

**Playing Rules.** The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

**Predetermined Sites.** Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

**Preliminary Rounds.** The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

**Regional Alignment.** The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

**Schedule of Events.** Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets, etc.).

**Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

**Site Selection Criteria.** Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

**Squad Size.** In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of competition.

**Tournament Physician.** The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

## Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

**Ensuring** student-athletes' optimal experience.

**Executing** championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders – student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

**Coordinating** all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

**Integrating** championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

**Assuring** effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

**Enhancing** the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

## Section 3 • Conduct

### Section 3.1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

*[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]*

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

#### DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

### Section 3.2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

### Section 3.3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

### Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

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#### MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

#### FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition.

[Click here](#) to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

### Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

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Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

#### POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

#### HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

### Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

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During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how championships

can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

## Section 4 • Elite 90™ Award

The Elite 90 award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, [click here](#).

## Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to [NCAA.com/travel](https://ncaa.com/travel) to search and book online hotel reservations.

## Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the [NCAA Sport Science Institute website](#). In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the [NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events](#).

## Section 7 • Logo Policy

*[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Bylaw 12.5.3 in the NCAA Division III Manual .]*

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met:

1. Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

2. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

## Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

## Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online [here](#). Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

## Section 10 • Division II

### Section 10.1 Division II Philosophy

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern. *(Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)*

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning, Service, Passion, Sportsmanship, Resourcefulness and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II also believes in the following principles, which assist in defining the division: *(Revised: 1/14/97)*



- a. Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- b. That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- c. Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- d. That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions; *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- e. Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities; *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- f. Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- g. That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large; *(Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)*
- h. Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit; *(Revised: 1/14/97)*
- i. Recognizing the need to "Balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state); *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- j. Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes; *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*
- k. That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget, and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)*
- l. That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

## Section 10•2 Division II Code of Conduct

### CONDUCT POLICY STATEMENT

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the Championships Committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and a misconduct incident at the competition.

Any institution that fails to submit the online form required for the sport administrator and have a complete and accurate signature page on file at the institution before the start of the first competition of the championship will be issued a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, institutional chancellor/president, institutional athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director.



### MISCONDUCT

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 18.02.4 defines misconduct as: “... **any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.**”

### EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold a pre-championship meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.4). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship(s) packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship(s) events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sport committee.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Have on file at the institution an accurate and complete Division II Code of Conduct signature page before the start of the first competition of the championship(s).
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship competition.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel traveling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in a honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship(s) site.
- Abide by federal, state and local laws and regulations and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

### POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Division II Championships Committee policy, the governing sport committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual;
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship(s) involved;
- c. Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved;
- d. Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individual involved;

- e. Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;
- f. Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more
- g. NCAA championships;
- h. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship(s); and
- i. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding a violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the chancellor/president of the institution, with a copy to the director of athletics and person(s) involved.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such.

### Section 10•3 On-Site Administrator at Team Championships

All team sports require that a designated individual be identified from each institution participating in the championship as the on-site administrator. This person may be any individual from that school with no on-site responsibilities. The role of the on-site administrator is to be present at the competition site and attend all events that are mandated for the team (e.g., travel from institution to and from the championship site, teleconferences/videoconferences, pre-championship meetings, practices, competition and community engagement, where applicable).

If no one is sent or identified, the site representative is to notify the NCAA championship manager and Division II Championships Committee liaison to administer a fine of \$500, with a private letter of reprimand to be sent to the conference commissioner, university chancellor/president university director of athletics, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance director. The NCAA championship manager will administer the fine and letter of reprimand to the institution(s).

### Section 10•4 Make Game Day Yours

Division II promotes a game environment that is respectful and engaging for everyone through the Make Game Day Yours initiative. The initiative aims to create a positive game environment at Division II contests and promotes excellent customer service among hosts to both teams' fans, student-athletes, coaches and game officials.

Championship hosts should keep in mind the importance of safety, responsiveness and dignity in order to achieve a positive experience. We ask that each participant and fan be personally accountable for their actions and do their part to ensure this event is a positive reflection of Make Game Day Yours.

### Section 10•5 Religious Conflicts

*[Reference: Division II Championships Committee Policy.]*

**Institutional Policy.** If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office before September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Revised: 1/12/99, 1/8/01, 1/9/01)*

**Individual Championships.** In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete Sunday if required by the schedule).

# Division II Wrestling

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# Section 1 • General Administration

## Section 1.1 NCAA Tournament Operations Staff Contact Information

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## Section 1.2 National Committee

<b>SUPER REGION ONE</b> Term Expiration: September 2026  Ryan Courtney Deputy Director of Athletics Fairmont State University	<b>SUPER REGION TWO</b> Term Expiration: September 2025  <b>Cy Wainwright</b> , chair Head Wrestling Coach Newberry College
<b>SUPER REGION THREE</b> Term Expiration: September 2026  <b>Shawn Nelson</b> Head Wrestling Coach University of Findlay	<b>SUPER REGION FOUR</b> Term Expiration: September 2024  <b>Todd Steidley</b> Head Wrestling Coach University of Central Oklahoma
<b>SUPER REGION FIVE</b> Term Expiration: September 2026  <b>Rocky Burkett</b> Head Wrestling Coach Northern State University	<b>SUPER REGION SIX</b> Term Expiration: September 2026  <b>Marc Bauer</b> Director of Athletics University of Nebraska at Kearney

## Section 1.3 Division II Code of Conduct

The NCAA expects each championship to exhibit an experience that represents the highest level of fair play and good sportsmanship. The NCAA and the NCAA Division II Championships Committee expect that student-athletes, coaches and administrators do their best to ensure that participation in intercollegiate athletics promotes character development for all participants, enhances the integrity of higher education and promotes civility; therefore, championship events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should manifest not only in athletic participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities associated with the championship event. Accordingly, the championships committee will take strong action in response to any form of misconduct by student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators during the entire championship. This includes criticism of officials and misconduct incident to the competition.

### MISCONDUCT

The pre-championship manual and NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 define misconduct as: “...any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.”

### EXPECTATIONS

Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting before the start of the championship with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3). The Division II Championships Code of Conduct is to be part of the championship packet and delivered to all institutional representatives attending the championship events.

If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances, the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament), or when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other actions of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship ceremonies.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all members of the travel party.
- Have an administrator or designee present at all competitions.
- Communicate issues and concerns in an honest and timely manner with NCAA staff.
- Follow team, university and NCAA guidelines throughout all championship-related activities.
- Be respectful of other participants, spectators, coaches, administrators and other individuals at the championship site.
- Abide by state and federal laws and facility requirements throughout the championship event.
- Display acceptable behavior on and off the playing field to ensure a positive experience for all participants.

### POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT

In accordance with Bylaw 31.1.8.3, the governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one, or a combination of, the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs en route to, from or at the locale of the championship event. The penalties include, but are not limited to:

- Public or private reprimand of the individual.
- Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved and/or banishment of the individual from participating in one or more subsequent championships of the sport involved.
- Cancellation of payment of the Association's travel guarantee to the institution for the individuals involved.
- Withholding of all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution.
- Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more subsequent championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate.
- Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships.
- Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.

Participation in an NCAA championship is an accomplishment, and it is expected that individuals and teams are committed to ensuring that the championship is a positive experience for all participants, fans and volunteers. Participation in these championship events is a privilege for the student-athletes, coaches and administrators and should be treated as such. Again, congratulations to you and your team. We hope this year's championship experience is one that you will cherish for years to come.

## Section 1•4 Important Dates

### CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Tournament	Date	Site	Tournament Director
Super Regional One	March 2, 2024	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Renee Hellert
Super Regional Two	March 2, 2024	Lander University	Kent Atkins
Super Regional Three	March 2, 2024	West Liberty University	Lynn Ullom
Super Regional Four	March 2, 2024	University of Indianapolis	Bob Brubeck
Super Regional Five	March 2, 2024	Minot State University	Kevin Forde
Super Regional Six	March 2, 2024	Colorado State University, Pueblo	Mannie Reinsch
Finals	March 15-16, 2024	Hartman Arena	Brian Hargrove

### DATE FORMULA

**Regionals (6)** Two weekends before finals (Friday-Saturday, Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday).

**Finals** Competition will occur on the Friday-Saturday of the second full weekend in March (full weekend is defined as Thursday-Saturday).

### FUTURE DATES

**2025 Championships** March 14-15, 2025 (Hosted by University of Indianapolis and the Indiana Sports Corp).

## Section 1•5 Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization. The 2023-24 and 2024-25 NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations will be followed. Questions regarding rules interpretations should be directed to Jimmy Chung, secretary-rules editor; phone: 949-525-6004; email: [ncaawrestling.sre@gmail.com](mailto:ncaawrestling.sre@gmail.com).

## Section 1•6 Uniforms

### LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

# Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

## Section 2•1 Championship Format

The NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships shall be conducted in the following 10 weight classes:

125 pounds	165 pounds
133 pounds	174 pounds
141 pounds	184 pounds
149 pounds	197 pounds
157 pounds	Heavyweight (183-285 pounds)

### START TIMES (TENTATIVE)

#### Friday, March 15

10 a.m.	Preliminaries and first rounds.
5 p.m.	Quarterfinals and first- and second-round consolations.

#### Saturday, March 16

10 a.m.	Semifinals and wrestle-backs.
7 p.m.	Championships finals.

\*All times are local and subject to change.

### TRAVEL PARTY

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at [ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information](https://ncaa.org/championships/travel/championships-travel-information).

### HOUSING

Hotel reservations for the official travel parties of the competing teams, the referees and the Division II Wrestling Committee representatives shall be made by the NCAA in consultation with the host institution. Rooms will be allocated according to the number of student-athletes who have qualified from each institution. The following formula will be used for the team hotels:

**\*During Festival years, number of rooms provided may be different than other championships years.**

Qualifiers	Number of Rooms
1-3	4
4-5	5
6-7	6
8-10	7

Requests for hotel rooms must be made immediately upon communication from the national office. A deadline will be given. After this deadline, institutions will have to make their own hotel arrangements. Once the teams/qualifiers have been determined and assigned to a team hotel, the reservations should be reconfirmed in the names of the institutions and, thereafter, the institutions shall be responsible for the reservations.

Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the NCAA. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, the institution must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, the institution is responsible for securing arrangements at another property. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of the rooms at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms.



## Section 2•2 Results

### QUALIFYING INFORMATION/FORMS

The tournament managers of all qualifying tournaments are responsible for ensuring the list of qualifiers and alternates, in rank order, are correct in the Trackwrestling system immediately following the conclusion of the tournament.

## Section 2•3 Selection Information

### ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

For 2024, the Championships Committee has allocated 180 positions for the championships:

Regional	Qualifiers
Super Regional One	30
Super Regional Two	30
Super Regional Three	30
Super Regional Four	30
Super Regional Five	30
Super Regional Six	30
Total	180

### QUALIFYING STANDARDS

To be eligible to participate in the 2024 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, all participants must qualify through their respective qualifying tournament.

### REPLACEMENT POLICY

Qualifying-tournament personnel must submit the names of the individuals who have qualified for the championships before the established deadlines. Only those individuals listed on the qualifiers list for the respective national championships will be allowed to compete. Replacements on the list are permitted until the established deadline. In Division II, a replacement must be the next-best wrestler from the qualifying tournament at the weight class in which the replacement is required. As such, it is imperative that Division II qualifying tournaments list the fourth-place finishers in each weight class. There will be no replacements after noon Eastern time on Tuesday, March 12. The contact person for replacements is Lindsey Eldred. She can be reached at 317-917-6747 or [leldred@ncaa.org](mailto:leldred@ncaa.org).

If, before the bracket is made official (Friday, March 8 at noon Eastern time):

- The wrestler being replaced is seeded, then seeds move up one (pulling the 9th seed) and the bracket is redrawn.
- The wrestler being replaced is NOT seeded, then the new wrestler is inserted into the bracket at the same location as the replaced wrestler.

Once the bracket is official at noon Eastern time on Tuesday, March 12, the wrestler would be removed from the bracket and no replacement will be made.

### SEEDING COMMITTEE

Finals site seeding committee will consist of two representatives from each super region (for a total of 12). For more details on the seeding committee visit the sport landing page: [ncaa.org/championships/division-ii-wrestling](https://ncaa.org/championships/division-ii-wrestling).

### SEEDING

When compiling a student-athlete's won-lost record for seeding purposes at the qualifying tournaments, all matches in which NCAA rules are followed shall be counted, including open or unattached competition. For final site seeding, both of the two seeds per region will be assigned five weight classes to seed. The voting shall be anonymous.

## BRACKETING

The top eight seeded wrestlers will be placed in the bracket according to their seed. The remaining ten wrestlers will be drawn randomly. Regional matchups shall be avoided through the round of sixteen.

Unofficial brackets will be released on Friday, March 8. Please note that brackets will not become official and are subject to change up to the replacement deadline.

Bracket Redraw Policy. The bracket verification deadline shall be immediately following weigh-ins for super regionals and finals. This allows the tournament committee to redraw the bracket should there be any missed weights, failed skin checks, injuries, etc.

## REGISTRATION

The list of entrants submitted by the qualifying tournament managers does not constitute the official entry. Each head coach, or the appointed institutional representative, must verify the entry of the student-athlete(s) at the site of the national championships before the competition.

Failure to meet the entry and registration deadline of noon Eastern time on Thursday, March 14, will eliminate a contestant from the championships.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE)

Location: Hartman Arena, Park City, Kansas

Hosted by: Newman University and Visit Wichita

### Monday, March 11

<b>Noon</b>	Virtual mandatory administrative meeting.
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### Tuesday, March 12

<b>Noon</b>	Replacement deadline.
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### Wednesday, March 13

<b>Noon-8 p.m.</b>	Registration.
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### Thursday, March 14

<b>9 a.m.</b>	Registration opens.
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<b>Noon</b>	Registration closes.
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<b>NWCA/NCAA Coaches Meeting</b>	TBD.
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### Friday, March 15

<b>6 a.m.</b>	Practice.
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<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	Medical/skin examinations.
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<b>8 a.m.</b>	Weigh-ins.
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<b>10 a.m.</b>	Preliminaries and first round.
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<b>5 p.m.</b>	Quarterfinals and first- and second-round consolations.
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### Saturday, March 16

<b>6 a.m.</b>	Practice.
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<b>7:55 a.m.</b>	Medical/skin examinations.
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<b>8 a.m.</b>	Weigh-ins.
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<b>10 a.m.</b>	Semifinals, wrestle-backs (seventh-, fifth- and third-place matches).
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<b>6:40 p.m.</b>	Parade of All-Americans.
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<b>7 p.m.</b>	Championships finals. Trophies and awards follow the next weight class final.
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\* All times are local.

## Section 2•4 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the Division II Wrestling Championships must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid Portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "championships available for bid" and select "add bid." This process typically starts in January for the championship that will occur two years later (e.g., the portal opens in January 2024 for the 2026 super regional bids).

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org) or contact the respective championships manager.

As a reminder, prospective hosts' budgets should include committee/site representative's lodging expense, game officials' lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RefQ System for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

### FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the Division II Wrestling Championships must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org). Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

### KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal at [championships.ncaa.org](https://championships.ncaa.org).

### SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located at [ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_Venue\\_Safety\\_and\\_Security.pdf](https://ncaa.org/sites/default/files/Best_Practices_for_Venue_Safety_and_Security.pdf).

### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the championships manager at 317-917-6747 or email us at [championshipbid@ncaa.org](mailto:championshipbid@ncaa.org).

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## Appendix A • Regionalization

### Structure for 2024 Championships Season

#### SUPER REGIONAL ONE

Alderson Broaddus University  
American International College  
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania  
Fairmont State University  
Frostburg State University  
Gannon University

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
Mercyhurst University  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown  
Seton Hill University  
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

#### SUPER REGIONAL TWO

Belmont Abbey College  
Coker University  
Emmanuel University (Georgia)  
King University  
Lander University  
Limestone University

Lincoln Memorial University  
University of Montevallo  
University of Mount Olive  
Newberry College  
University of North Carolina at Pembroke

#### SUPER REGIONAL THREE

Ashland University  
Bluefield State University  
Davenport University  
Davis and Elkins College  
University of Findlay  
Glenville State University

Grand Valley State University  
Lake Erie College  
Notre Dame College (Ohio)  
Tiffin University  
West Liberty University  
Wheeling University

#### SUPER REGIONAL FOUR

University of Central Missouri  
University of Central Oklahoma  
Drury University  
University of Indianapolis  
Kentucky Wesleyan College  
Maryville University of Saint Louis

McKendree University  
Newman University  
Ouachita Baptist University  
Quincy University  
William Jewell College

#### SUPER REGIONAL FIVE

Augustana University (South Dakota)  
University of Mary  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Minnesota State University Moorhead  
Minot State University  
Northern State University

University of Sioux Falls  
Southwest Minnesota State University  
St. Cloud State University  
Upper Iowa University  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside

#### SUPER REGIONAL SIX

Adams State University  
Chadron State University  
Colorado Mesa University  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University Pueblo  
Fort Hays State University

University of Nebraska at Kearney  
New Mexico Highlands University  
San Francisco State University  
Simon Fraser University  
Western Colorado University

\*Not eligible for NCAA championship competition

## Appendix B • Sports Information

**Bye Points.** A bye point will be awarded to wrestlers who win their next match after the bye.

**Medical Examination/Skin Checks.** All student-athletes shall be examined by qualified physicians (at the national tournament, one of them must be a dermatologist; a dermatologist is recommended at regionals) and/or certified athletic trainers for communicable diseases before the competition.

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 or his or her coach or athletic trainer shall provide current written documentation from the treating physician to the medical professional at the medical examination with the approved NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form describing (1) the diagnosed skin disease or condition, (2) the prescribed treatment and the time necessary for it to take effect, and (3) that the skin disease or condition would not be communicable or harmful to the opponent at the time of competition. Such documentation shall be furnished at the medical examination. (The NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form is available online in the OPC system at [NWCAonline.com](http://NWCAonline.com).)

The medical/skin examination shall be conducted in a private, secure area. Only participants will be admitted to the medical check area. Student-athletes who fail to pass the skin examination will not have their transportation and per diem paid by the NCAA.

Medical checks will also be performed before weigh-ins during all days of competition at the regional and championship sites.

Failure to receive a medical examination during the designated time will result in disqualification. The tournament physician, as designated by the host institution and the NCAA, shall examine the skin of all participants during the medical examinations. The tournament physician/dermatologist shall report the results of positive skin examinations to the chair of the governing committee or a designated representative, who shall then be responsible for the administrative enforcement of the medical recommendation if it involves disqualification from the tournament. Any participant who fails the medical/skin check at the official time is able to have the same doctor/dermatologist re-examine him the morning of the first day of competition before weigh-ins to see if the condition has improved to an acceptable level.

No media are permitted at the medical examinations.

**Weigh-Ins.** It is mandatory that all participants in each weight class weigh in. The weigh-ins will be supervised by the Division II Wrestling Committee (at championships).

Digital scales are recommended for use at all weigh-ins.

The weigh-ins shall be conducted in a private and secure area only. Only participants and properly credentialed tournament officials will be admitted to the weigh-in area. All participants must report to all weigh-ins clean shaven, nails trimmed and hair at proper length. Student-athletes who fail to make weight will not have their transportation and per diem paid by the NCAA. In addition, participants who fail to weigh in during the designated time will be disqualified.

Student-athletes must complete a medical/skin check and receive medical clearance before weigh-ins on the two days of competition. Media are not permitted at weigh-ins.

The weigh-ins will be conducted at the following times:

- 8 a.m. Friday, March 15
- 8 a.m. Saturday, March 16

Times are subject to change if the session times change.