



***PARTICIPANT  
2025-26 MANUAL***

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## 2. 2026 NCAA DII WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS -- COMMITTEE

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## 3. KEY DEADLINES & CHECKLIST

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The following are key administrative championship deadlines:

- Hotel and Credential registration ([online portal](#)) CLOSES at noon Eastern time Wednesday, Mar. 4.
- Elite Scholar-Athlete Award nomination – link [HERE](#) DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Eastern time Friday, Mar. 6.
- Community Service sign-up – email [jwillson@ncaa.org](mailto:jwillson@ncaa.org) DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Eastern time Friday, Mar. 6. See pages 19-20 for details.

## 4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (ALL TIMES ARE IN CENTRAL)

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### Monday, March 9

noon NCAA Coaches Meeting (MANDATORY) [Virtual \(Microsoft Teams\)](#)

### Tuesday, March 10

Noon (eastern) Deadline for Late Replacement Registration

### Wednesday, March 11

5-9 p.m. Registration/Entry Verification/Credential Issue Premier Center

5-9 p.m. Practice Area/Training Room Open Premier Center

### Thursday, March 12

9 a.m.– 4 p.m. Registration/Entry Verification/Credential Issue Premier Center

9 a.m.–8 p.m. Practice Area/Training Room Open Premier Center

noon-1 p.m. Selected coach and student-athlete press conferences Premier Center

1 p.m.-2p.m. Head Coaches Meeting & NWCA Meeting Premier Center

5:30-6:30 p.m. Medical/Skin Check (by appointment only) Premier Center

### Friday, March 13

7 a.m. Practice Area/Training Room Open Premier Center

7:50 a.m. Medical/Skin Check Premier Center

8 a.m. Weigh-Ins Premier Center

9 a.m. Doors Open Premier Center

10 a.m. **Session I** – prelims & 1<sup>st</sup> Round (120 matches),  
6 mats, approx. 3 ½ hours Premier Center

4 p.m. Doors Open Premier Center

5 p.m. **Session II** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Championship,  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Consolation, 6 mats,  
(120 matches), approx. 3 ½ hours Premier Center

### Saturday, March 14

7 a.m. Practice Area/Training Room Open Premier Center

7:50 a.m. Medical/Skin Premier Center

8 a.m. Weigh-Ins Premier Center

9 a.m. Doors Open Premier Center

10 a.m. **Session III** – Championship Semi's,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Round Consolation, Consolation Semi's  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> place matches, (90 matches), 4 mats, approx. 5 hours Premier Center

6 p.m. Doors Open Premier Center

6:25 p.m. Parade of all-Americans Staging Premier Center

6:40 p.m. Parade of All Americans Premier Center

7 p.m. **Session IV** – Championships Finals, (10 matches),  
1 mat, approx. 2 ½ hours - Team Awards Ceremony (immediately following Session IV) Premier Center

## 5. REPLACEMENT DEADLINE

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There will be no line-up replacements accepted after noon eastern time on Tuesday, March 10. If you have replacement submissions, contact Lindsey Eldred at 317-917-6747 or [leldred@ncaa.org](mailto:leldred@ncaa.org).

If there is a scratch to the bracket before the replacement deadline, the next place wrestler from the super region of the scratch is selected and:

IF SEEDED:

- The seeds move up and the bracket is redrawn.

IF UNSEEDED WRESTLER:

- The new wrestler is just put in place of the scratched wrestler and the bracket will NOT be redrawn.

## 6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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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)

## 7. GRAND MARCH

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Similar to previous years, the traditional Grand March will be replaced with a virtual presentation. Teams will be introduced through a brief video shown on the videoboard prior to Session I. Please note that although team registration is available on both Wednesday and Thursday, all video recording will take place on **THURSDAY ONLY**. It is mandatory that each team completes their video recording on Thursday. Upon arrival at registration on Thursday, teams should plan to allow 5–10 minutes for NCAA staff to capture a short video of the student-athletes introducing themselves.

**Please plan to arrive in team apparel or podium jackets.**

## 8. PARADE OF ALL-AMERICANS

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The NCAA would like to recognize All-Americans with a ceremony prior to Session IV. All All-Americans should gather at the designated area at 6:25 p.m. prior to Session IV. The parade will begin at 6:40 p.m. Please note that proper team warmup apparel must be worn for the Parade of All-Americans, including no hats, headgear or headphones being worn.

## 9. TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION

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The NCAA has contracted with Short's Travel Management to provide for all NCAA travel needs. All NCAA championships travel must be arranged through Short's Travel Management. Please contact a member of the NCAA Travel Department at 866-655-9215 or by email at [ncaaalo@shortstravel.com](mailto:ncaaalo@shortstravel.com) to make your travel arrangements.

The NCAA Travel Expense System is to be used for championship transportation and per diem reimbursement. That system, along with information on the Division II travel policies, can be accessed via the NCAA website [HERE](#). Reimbursement must be filed in the Travel Expense System within 30 days following the competition.

Teams and/or individuals should provide themselves with sufficient money to meet all expenses throughout the tournament, including ground transportation, lodging, meal expenses and other miscellaneous expenses.

## 10. TEAM HOTEL INFORMATION

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The hotel property your team will be staying in, along with the number of rooms you are permitted, are determined per the NCAA Guidelines that are set forth below. All teams must stay at the designated property. All hotel reservations will be reserved through the registration portal website:

- <https://go.planningpoint.net/Registration/2026DIIMWRHOTELREQUEST-1>

Each team must complete the registration link for the traveling party ONLY and must submit by Noon EST on Wednesday, March 4. This will register teams for both hotel and credentials within one portal. If your team needs additional rooms, you may contact the respective hotel point person listed below on Friday, March 6.

### Holiday Inn City Centre Sioux Falls

Jessica Rozell: [j.rozell@sfcchotel.com](mailto:j.rozell@sfcchotel.com) / 605-595-54577

### Sheraton Sioux Falls and Convention Center

Kelli Whiteing: [kelli.whiteing@atriumhospitality.com](mailto:kelli.whiteing@atriumhospitality.com) /605-367-9690

No additional rooms will be given out prior to this time. Hotels are instructed not to book rooms or create a waiting list before this date. All additional rooms will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis.

# OF QUALIFIERS ON TEAM	# OF ROOMS PERMITTED
1-3	4
4-5	5
6-7	6
8-10	7

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## 11. FAN HOTEL INFORMATION

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For a list of hotels in Sioux Falls, click [HERE](#)

## 12. RENTAL CAR INFORMATION

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Company	Website	Phone Number
Avis	<a href="http://www.avis.com">www.avis.com</a>	605-336-1184
Enterprise	<a href="http://www.enterprise.com">www.enterprise.com</a>	833-516-2250
Hertz	<a href="http://www.hertz.com">www.hertz.com</a>	605-336-8790
National Car Rental	<a href="http://www.nationalcar.com">www.nationalcar.com</a>	844-370-8931
Budget Car Rental	<a href="http://www.budget.com">www.budget.com</a>	605-336-0796

## 13. PARKING

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### **Holiday Inn City Centre**

The hotel offers complimentary on-site self-parking.

### **Sheraton Sioux Falls**

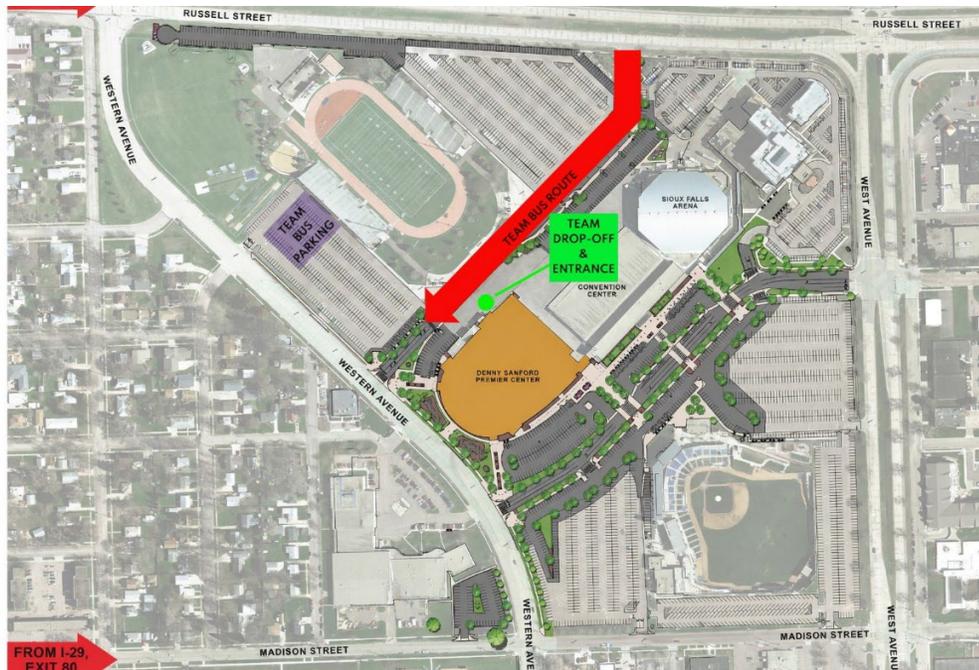
The hotel offers complimentary on-site self-parking.

### **Denny Sanford PREMIER Center (Competition Venue, see image below)**

Free event and competitor parking.

### **Team Bus or Large Vehicle Parking**

Free bus parking at all hotels and competition venues (drop off at loading dock).



## 14. FACILITY ENTRANCES & SECURITY

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Teams must pick up credentials via the North Loading Dock Entrance for practice first before accessing the arena floor. Student-athletes and coaches will have access to the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center floor and warm-up/team locker room areas. To gain access, student-athlete and coach credentials must be visible. The entrance will be marked by signage. Busses are welcome to drop off at this entrance but should park in Lot D located across the street from the team entrance. This entrance will be open at the below times:

Wednesday, March 11: 5pm –9pm

Thursday, March 12: 9am-4pm

Friday, March 13: 7am-9pm

Saturday, March 14: 7am-10pm

NCAA credentials are required for every individual to enter the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center and for access within the venue and must always be worn except when student-athletes are practicing or competing.

Spectators may enter the venue through the main entrance located on the South side of the arena next to the KELOLAND Box Office. The main entrance will be open to the general public beginning at 9:00 a.m. CT on Friday and 9:00 a.m. CT Saturday for competition. Tickets can also be purchased at the KELOLAND Box Office on Thursday from 10:00a.m. CT until 5:00p.m. CT.

Our goal is to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for student-athletes, guests, and staff. The Denny Sanford PREMIER Center provides experienced security staff inside the arena before, during and after the championship.

Is there any safety and security information we should know about heading into this championship or is any security traveling with the team? Please complete the form below in preparation for the championship:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FENCFpqMtG>

## 15. PRACTICE LOCATION/TIMES/FACILITY MAP

**Where:** Practice mats will be located at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center, Holiday Inn City Centre and Sheraton Sioux Falls.

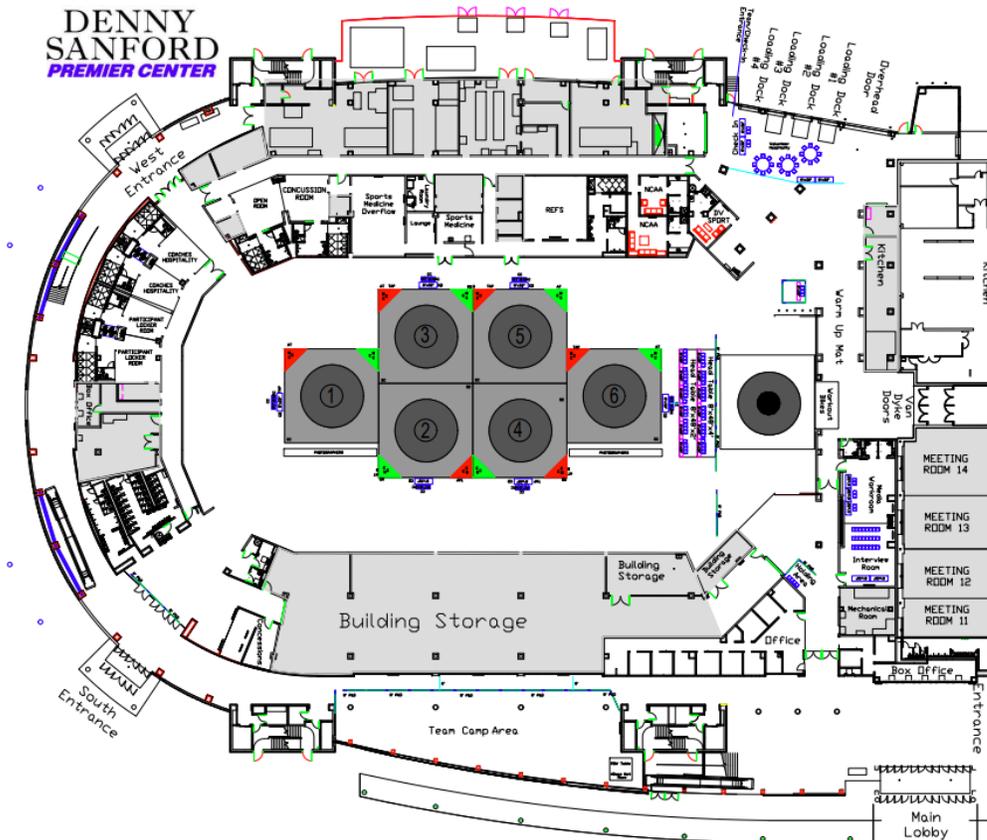
**When:**

Wednesday, March 11 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, March 13 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 from 7 a.m. to 7p.m.



**Locker Rooms/Showers:** There will be locker rooms with showers and bathrooms for student-athlete use. The locker rooms are located along the main back of house hallway in the arena.

## **16. HOSPITALITY AREAS**

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### **Student-Athlete Hospitality (Locker Rooms)**

Student-athlete hospitality will be on tables in the locker room hallway.

**Times:**

Thursday, March 12: 9am-8pm

Friday, March 13: 7am-9pm

Saturday, March 14: 7am-9:30pm

### **Coaches Hospitality Area (Denny Sanford PREMIER Center)**

Hospitality will be provided for coaches and athletic trainers within the travel party. Coach & Athletic Trainer Hospitality will be in Locker Rooms 3 & 4. The locker rooms are located along the main back of house hallway in the arena.

**Times:**

Friday, March 13: 7am-9pm

Saturday, March 14: 7am-9pm

**Meals:**

Friday, March 13

Dinner: 4:30pm-6:30pm

### **Media Hospitality Area**

Hospitality will be provided for media. Media Hospitality will be located in meeting rooms 11 and 12 on the event level floor.

**Hospitality Times:**

Friday, March 13: 6am-9pm

Saturday, March 14: 6am-10pm

**Meals:**

Friday, March 13

Lunch: 11am-1pm

Dinner: 5pm-7pm

Saturday, March 14:

Lunch: 11am-1pm

Dinner: 3:45pm-5:45pm

## 17. STUDENT-ATHLETE SEATING

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For the 2026 Championships, if you are not wrestling in competition, on-deck or in the hole for competition, there is designated seating for all student-athletes. Student-athlete sections are located on the West side of the bowl and are located in section 109. This section can be found in the facility map on page 24.

## 18. GROCERY CARD PROGRAM

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A \$35 grocery gift card will be given to each participant. This gift card will be used as a replacement for the banquet. The card will expire at the conclusion of the 2026 championships. The card can be used at any Hy-Vee grocery store in the Sioux Falls area. Search [hy-vee.com](http://hy-vee.com) locations near your hotel.

The following locations are the three closest Hy-Vees to the PREMIER Center (< 5 miles)  
3000 South Minnesota Ave. / Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
1900 South Marion Road / Sioux Falls, SD 57106  
3020 East 10<sup>th</sup> St. / Sioux Falls, SD 57103

## 19. NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

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NCAA Souvenir Merchandise will be on sale for teams during registration times on Wednesday & Thursday with the stand located near the registration area. The souvenir stand will also be open to the public during each session on Friday and Saturday in the main concourse.

## 20. CREDENTIALS

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All team credentials must be requested via the registration portal during the same process as the hotel requests – [Click here](#) for credential/hotel portal. Participation credentials will be provided to student-athletes, coaches, and managers involved in the championships. The following policy shall determine the number of credentials provided to each institution (not including qualifiers).

Each institution will be awarded four (4) coaches credentials, if requested, regardless of the number of competing student-athletes. Coaches credentials will be issued to only those coaches listed via the registration portal. Each coach must be a recognized member of the coaching staff authorized by the institution.

Regardless of the number of qualifiers, each institution will have the opportunity to purchase two (2) additional **Support Staff/Team Personnel** (e.g., director of operations, strength coach, nutritionist, team manager, etc.) credentials for \$55 per credential. The support staff credentials will not have competition floor access during competition. Each institution must verify the members of its coaching and support staff. *Support personnel does not include athletic trainers, doctors, administrators or sports information, see below for additional information on credentialing those staff members.*

Two complimentary administrator credentials will be provided to each institution that has a qualifier. This credential must be for your director of athletics, University President, Faculty Athletics Representative, Senior Woman Administrator, or person who has oversight for the wrestling program at your institution. Administrator credentials will be allowed access to the facility. This credential does not allow back of house for the 2026 Championship. Competition mats access is limited to before or after the round has concluded with no access during competition. This credential will be provided only to the appropriate person listed in the registration portal. The administrator credential does **NOT** guarantee a seat, however, provides seating opportunities within the participant seating section if seats are available. Administrator credentials may be obtained at registration pick-up on Wednesday and Thursday. After that administrator credentials will be picked-up at will call in the ticket office lobby. Administrators will need to show a photo ID to pick up their credential.

Credentials are also available for your institution's authorized athletic trainer and/or physician accompanying the team. Please provide their names via the registration portal. Athletic trainers and physicians will need to show their appropriate certification credentials, in addition to a photo ID at medical registration.

Each qualifying team can purchase up to three practice partner credentials for \$55 per credential. This credential only allows access to the competition mats on warm-up days along with the warm-up mats on competition days. All other times the practice partner must be in the spectator seating area. If this pass is found in the competition area during competition the pass will be confiscated and the pass bearer will be escorted out of the building. The school associated with this credential then may also be subject to a penalty.

If purchasing additional credentials, be sure to include credit card information via the registration portal.

Sports information contacts from your institution traveling with your team should obtain the necessary credential through the [NCAA media credentialing system](#) in advance of traveling to the championships.

**VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO MISCONDUCT PROVISIONS AS WELL AS REVOCATION OF THE CREDENTIAL.**

**Credential Request Link:** <https://go.planningpoint.net/Registration/2026DIIMWRHOTELREQUEST-1>

Payment will only be accepted through this online registration and can be picked up at team registration. All purchased credentials must be used by coaches/managers/practice partners. Improper use of credentials will result in revocation of the credential, possible ejection from the building and misconduct provisions.

## 21. ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM FACILITIES

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The primary athletic training area will be in the Premier Center on the west side of the venue in the locker room (see the facility map on page 11).

The following modalities will be available for use: ice, heat packs & hydrocollator, and electrical stimulation. If an athlete needs modality treatment and traveling WITHOUT an athletic trainer, please provide written instructions from the team's certified athletic trainer or physician, including treatment type and treatment parameters. This letter can be sent with the team or emailed to Blaney Markman ([blaney.markman@usioxford.edu](mailto:blaney.markman@usioxford.edu)), Wrestling Athletic Trainer at University of Sioux Falls, to complete

It is also requested that each team provide their own supplies for taping and wrapping. General athletic training, first aid supplies, and emergency equipment will be available in the Athletic Training Area and at various locations. The Athletic Training Area will be staffed during the entire tournament and during open practice sessions before the competition.

A dermatologist will be present at all skin checks and will be available prior to competition on Thursday, March 12, **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (5:30 pm to 6:30 pm)**. Please contact Blaney Markman ([blaney.markman@usioxford.edu](mailto:blaney.markman@usioxford.edu)) to schedule an appointment. In addition, a family medicine and/or sport medicine physician will be present during all competition sessions.

## 22. MEDICAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Head Athletic Trainer	Head Physician
Blaney Markman University of Sioux Falls Cell: 507-841-2848	Dr. Jonathan Buchanan Avera Health 605-322-1300
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Secondary Physician
TBD, SFSA	Dr. Derek Day Avera Health 605-504-1100
	Dermatologist
	Dr. Sam Schimelpfenig Avera Health 605-504-5400

## Hospitals:

- Sanford USD Medical Center
  - 1305 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls
  - Open 24 hrs.
  - 605-333-1000
- Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center
  - 1325 S. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls
  - Open 24 hrs.
  - 605-322-8000

## Pharmacies:

- Lewis Pharmacy
  - 136 S. Phillips Ave. #102, Sioux Falls
  - Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am – 6 pm
  - 605-367-2390
- Walgreens Pharmacy
  - 2605 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls
  - Mon-Fri 9 am – 8 pm, Saturday 9 am – 6 pm
  - 605-357-9359
- Lewis Pharmacy
  - 2700 12<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls
  - Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am – 8 pm, Saturday 9 am – 6 pm
  - 605-367-2210

## 23. DRUG TESTING

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Student-athletes who compete in the NCAA Championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 and may be determined ineligible. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing and initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

## 24. RESULTS

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Complete team and individual results from the 2026 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships will be updated throughout the tournament on <https://www.ncaa.com/> as well as the event microsite at <https://northernsun.org/d2Wrestle>.

## 25. AWARDS

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Institutions may order additional awards by submitting the online form at: <http://www.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa/>

## **26. ELITE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINATION**

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The NCAA Elite Scholar-Athlete award honors the exceptional achievements of student-athletes. This prestigious accolade is given to those who have not only excelled at a national championship level in their sport but have also achieved the highest academic standards among their peers. The Elite Scholar-Athlete award is proudly awarded to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

Nomination forms must be submitted [here](#) by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, March 6, 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Olivia Baumhoer of the NCAA national office staff at 317-917-6884 or [elitescholarathlete@ncaa.org](mailto:elitescholarathlete@ncaa.org)

## **27. STUDENT-ATHLETE TRAVEL PARTY MEMENTOS**

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Mementos will be distributed onsite at the finals location for all members of the travel party. If you would like to order additional mementos, please refer to the attachment found on page 23.

## **28. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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All Division II championships will provide community engagement experiences for participating student-athletes and coaches. As a key part of Division II's strategic position, community engagement emphasizes the relationship of athletics in strengthening communities.

This year's Division II's unique approach to community not only connects athletics with outreach opportunities but brings communities inside the division's championship experience. Division II is committed to developing student-athletes and communities by actively engaging in shared experiences. The objective of community engagement is to build relationships by bringing communities to experience Division II events.

For more information, or to schedule community engagement for your athletes, please contact Jill Willson (E-mail: [jwillson@ncaa.org](mailto:jwillson@ncaa.org); Phone: (717)-360-3556). We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this NCAA Division II Community Engagement Event.

## **29. UNIFORMS/LOGO POLICY**

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[Reference: Bylaws 12.5.4, 31.1.7 and 31.1.8 in the NCAA Division II 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, headgear, knee braces, etc.) 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 warmups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, 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.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes, and any and all credentialed personnel in the bench area during the conduct of competition, which includes any practices and pregame or postgame activities. This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff. Non-compliance with this legislation could result in loss of eligibility, forfeiture of points earned by those ineligible student-athletes and adjustment of team standings.

## **30. CODE OF CONDUCT**

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### **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 expects 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 who 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 to the conference commissioners, university chancellor/president, university athletics director, senior woman administrator, sports information director and compliance administrator.

### **Misconduct**

The NCAA Division II Manual Bylaw 31.02.3 defines misconduct as: “... *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.*”

### **Expectations**

Each games committee shall hold a pretournament meeting 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 championships 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 (i.e., 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 sports 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 NCAA championship.
- Cooperate and participate in game ceremonies, team meetings, community engagement and championship events.
- Discuss misconduct and possible consequences with all institutional personnel travelling with the team (official travel party and additional individuals).
- 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 & 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 & 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 incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the championship event. The penalties include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Public or private reprimand of the individual.
- b. Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved.
- c. Banishment of the individual from participating in one or more future championships of the sport involved.
- d. Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee 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 NCAA championships.
- g. Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship.
- h. Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.

All correspondence regarding violation of the Code of Conduct will be sent to the president/chancellor 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 & 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.

## **31. MEDIA SERVICES**

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Important information regarding NCAA media policies can be found online at [NCAA.com/media](https://www.ncaa.com/media). For media questions specific to the 2026 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships, please contact Nick Kornder, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, 651-288-4017 / [kornder@northernsun.org](mailto:kornder@northernsun.org).

### **Media Credentials**

To apply for media credentials, use the following link:

<https://www.ncaa.com/media-credentials>

### **Press Conference/Media Room**

The Press Conference room will also act as the media work room. Seating for 15 working media members is available at the head table and will be given on a first-come basis. For hospitality information, please refer below:

#### **Hospitality Times:**

Friday, March 13: 6am-9pm

Saturday, March 14: 6am-10pm

#### **Meals:**

Friday, March 13

Lunch: 11am-1pm

Dinner: 5pm-7pm

Saturday, March 14:

Lunch: 11am-1pm

Dinner: 3:45pm-5:45pm

### **Media Entrance/ Parking**

Media and volunteer entrance will be on the Northeast corner of the Premier Center. There is no reserved parking, however, there will be plenty of parking near the media entrance.

### **Broadcasts/Live Streams**

The championships will be streamed live on [NCAA.com](http://NCAA.com). A link to view the championships will be available on competition days.

### **Coaches/Student-Athlete Press Conference – Pre-Championships**

The press conference will be at noon Central time Thursday, March 12 in the press conference room located on the event level of the PREMIER Center. Coaches/student-athletes will be notified if selected to participate in the pre-championships press conference.

The direct link to watch that press conference can be found [here](#).

## **32. ACCESSING VIDEO OF MATCHES**

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Following the championships matches can be retrieved through accessing the event on your OPC schedule on [Trackwrestling.com](http://Trackwrestling.com)

1. Log into your OPC account

2. Click on the NCAA Championships event from the schedule page
3. Click the [Videos] button (you may need to click 'More' first)
4. A new window will open with a camera icon that links to each of your videos
5. Click the camera icon to view the video
6. Right-click and click 'Save link as' to download to your device

### 33. BENCH CHAIRS

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Spec Seats, the official bench chair of the NCAA, is providing special exclusive championship chair pricing to participating institutions. To order a 2026 NCAA Wrestling Championship bench chair, please access the site via <https://www.specseats.com/ncaa> and use the passcode **NC@@2026** to order your commemorative chair today. This code is intended for team use and not to be redistributed.

Institutions looking to take bench chairs directly from the site, to avoid shipping costs will need to work with Tournament Director Thomas Lee.

For questions, please feel free to contact Jordan Hergott with Spec Seats at [jh@specseats.com](mailto:jh@specseats.com).

### 34. EVENT DIRECT APP

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**NCAA Event Direct Registration:** The NCAA Event Direct application will be used during this NCAA championship. This application will be used as the primary communication and organizational tool, allowing for direct communication to participating institutional staff via text and email, as well as access to a calendar, important files and other information all directly through the NCAA Event Direct web-based App. If you have not done so, participating institutional staff must download and register through the web-based App. for your specific championship to access the necessary championship information and receive important updates in the lead up to, and during this championship.

Please be sure to reference the directions included within the selection email communication, on how to install and/or register on your mobile device, through the Event Direct web-based App., to get set-up and be confirmed as a user within the NCAA Event Direct application for this championship. If you have previously used Event Direct, please reference the “Returning” user instructions. If you are a new Event Direct user, please reference the “New” user instructions. You may also scan the below QR code to take you directly to the app. for registration. \*Please note that if you register via the QR code, but do NOT follow the directions noted in the selection email to add the app to your phone, you will NOT be able to access information within the app. (e.g., calendar, files, championship home page links, etc.). However, even if you don’t have the app, if you register via the QR code, you will still receive text and email communication sent out via the Event Direct application.



We highly recommend that you share this information with your additional staff (assistant coaches, sport administrators, directors of operations, etcetera) and encourage them to register using their



## 36. ATTACHMENTS

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# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR TEAM'S SUCCESS!

To celebrate your accomplishment, the NCAA is gifting Student-Athlete Mementos on-site at the Championship!



\*The number of Student-Athlete Mementos you receive will match the NCAA-prescribed travel party size.

### HOW TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE MEMENTOS

To purchase additional mementos beyond your travel party allotment, follow the steps below.

1. Navigate to <https://ncaa-champ-mementos.myshopify.com/> OR scan the QR code on this page.
2. Enter the password: DIIGIFT25\_26
3. Select your Championship Logo.
4. Choose the quantity of additional gifts you'd like and add them to your cart.
5. At checkout, provide your contact information and the shipping address for delivery.
6. Enter your payment information (all gifts must be paid for at checkout).
7. Submit your order.



Orders for additional Student-Athlete Mementos will be processed and shipped within two weeks.

### QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Morgan England at [morgan@ylworks.com](mailto:morgan@ylworks.com)