



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 18-19, 2023, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Super regional site selection.** The committee selected the six host sites for the 2025 super regional tournaments. (See Action Item 2.)
2. **Bracket redraw policy.** The committee agreed to move the official verification deadline for weigh-ins to allow for a redraw of the bracket up until immediately after 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.
3. **Selections, seeding and bracketing.** The committee reviewed the regional and finals site seeding procedures and agreed that for finals site seeding, each of the two seeders per region will be assigned only five weight classes to seed. Additionally, the voting will take place anonymously. The committee feels this will provide a more focused approach when it comes to the finals site seeding. The committee reviewed feedback from the coaches group that supported a potential change to the number of wrestlers seeded at the finals site but ultimately decided a change was not appropriate for this year and would revisit at next year's annual meeting. The committee also provided some added some clarifications to the seeding procedures to address the current language and agreed to implement a pre-seeding instructional meeting with super regional tournament directors as well as preseason and pre-seeding calls with the finals site seeding committee.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**
 - **None.**
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
 - a. **Super regional site selection.**

- 1) Recommendation. Approve the following sites to host super regionals in 2025:

Super Region	Host	Facility
One	Mercyhurst	Mercyhurst Athletic Center
Two	UNC Pembroke	Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court
Three	Tiffin	Heminger Center
Four	William Jewell	Mabee Center
Five	Augustana	Elmen Center
Six	Western Colorado	Mountaineer Fieldhouse

- 2) Effective date. Immediate.

- 3) Rationale. The committee believes these hosts will provide participants with an outstanding championships experience.
- 4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- 5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Super regional site selection.

- 1) Recommendation. Place five newly sponsoring institutions (Allen, Frostburg St., Grand Valley, Montevallo and Sioux Falls) into a super region as noted in the attachment.
- 2) Effective date. September 1, 2023.
- 3) Rationale. These assignments are consistent with the committee's stated priorities, including, in order: 1) balanced number of teams per region, 2) geographic proximity and financial feasibility; and 3) conference affiliation.
- 4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- 5) Student-athlete impact. The placements continue to maintain a balance of teams in each super region.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. 2023 championships review. The Wrestling Committee reviewed the 2023 championships and addressed the following items:

- a. Schedule of events.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events and was pleased with the change from last year to move the Session I start time up one hour. The committee also acknowledged support for an in-person coaches meeting and agreed to combine an NCAA session with the currently scheduled NWCA session on Thursday while still maintaining the virtual coaches meeting on Monday.
- b. Selections, seeding and bracketing.** The committee reviewed the regional and finals site seeding procedures and agreed that for finals site seeding, each of the two seeders per region will be assigned only five weight classes to seed. Additionally, the voting will take place anonymously. The committee feels this will provide a more focused approach when it comes to the finals site seeding. The committee reviewed feedback from the coaches group that supported a potential change to the number of wrestlers seeded at the finals site but ultimately decided a change was not appropriate for this year and would revisit at next year's annual meeting. The committee also provided some added some clarifications to the seeding procedures to address the current language and agreed to implement a pre-

seeding instructional meeting with super regional tournament directors as well as preseason and pre-seeding calls with the finals site seeding committee.

- c. **Medical checks/weigh-ins.** The committee was pleased with the skin check and weigh-in procedures this year.
- d. **Flo/Trackwrestling operations (scoring and video).** The committee discussed some technical issues related to video boards at the finals site. The committee was very pleased with the implementation of independent video review and will support using the approach at the championships moving forward.
- e. **Resilite (mats and mat brackets)/Tanita, Trackwrestling agreements.** The committee was pleased with all of the other providers for the championships.
- f. **Opening ceremonies/Grand March/awards ceremony/awards presenters.** The committee was pleased with the ceremonies that took place in Cedar Rapids.
- g. **Selection of officials/evaluation process.** Tim Shiels, national coordinator of officials, informed the committee he was pleased with the processes and procedures this year. The committee reviewed data around independent video review and expressed its support for this approach moving forward. The committee was pleased overall with the officials and emphasized the need to continue selecting the highest quality officials possible. Additionally, the committee commended Mr. Shiels for his work in his last year as the national coordinator of officials.
- h. **Lodging.** The committee was pleased with the hotels for the championships and acknowledged feedback regarding the proximity to the competition venue.
- i. **Video/web streaming.** The committee reviewed the streaming at the super regional and finals sites.
- j. **Format of each session.** The committee agreed to stagger backside pigtail bouts throughout the first round rather than having them wrestled right away with their assigned weight class to allow for adequate rest time given that the pigtail round goes quickly. Additionally, the committee agreed to hold semifinals and consolation quarterfinals on all four mats until each weight class is finished to allow for equal rest time in the match between the loser of the semifinal and consolation winners.
- k. **Surveys.** The committee reviewed and discussed feedback from participant surveys.
- l. **Head table (announcers).** The committee is pleased with both PA announcers' performance during the past number of championships and wants to retain them for the 2024 championships.

2. **2023 super regional review.** The committee noted some inconsistencies in the format across super regionals that led to some extended competition times and agreed on a more regulated approach in 2024. The committee supported adding a host operations manual specific for super regionals and a pre-tournament meeting with the Trackwrestling operators for all sites.
3. **2024 super regional alignment review.** The committee reviewed regional alignment for 2024 noting additions of five programs including Allen, Frostburg St., Grand Valley, Montevallo and Sioux Falls (see Nonlegislative Action Item No. 2-b). Additionally, the committee established three primary criteria in which they evaluate regional alignment for wrestling in order including: 1) balanced number of teams per region; 2) geographic proximity and financial feasibility; and 3) conference affiliation.
4. **Bracket redraw policy.** The committee agreed to move the official verification deadline for weigh-ins to allow for a redraw of the bracket up until immediately after 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.
5. **Championships misconduct.** The committee reviewed the one potential misconduct and took appropriate actions.
6. **Championships Committee update.** NCAA staff liaison Karen Kirsch provided divisional governance updates to the committee.
7. **Coaches connection update.** The committee discussed the Coaches Connection program with Miles VanHee, Coaches Connection liaison, noting how the program enhances communication with coaches.
8. **Annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its 2022 annual meeting in April.
9. **NWCA update.** The committee discussed feedback presented by Jackie Paquette on behalf of the coaches and received updates from the NWCA on the state of the sport.
10. **Strategic Plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan.
11. **Future site.** The 2024 championships will be held March 15-16 at Park City, Kansas, hosted by Newman University and Visit Wichita.
12. **Bid specs review.** The committee reviewed bid specs and discussed expectations for the upcoming 2027-2030 bid cycle.
13. **Manual review.** Staff asked the committee to submit revisions for the manuals, as necessary.

Committee Chair: Cy Wainwright, Newberry College.
Staff Liaison(s): Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee April 18-19, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Marc Bauer, University of Nebraska at Kearney.	
Rocky Burkett, Northern State University.	
Ryan Courtney, Fairmont State University.	
Shawn Nelson, University of Findlay.	
Todd Steidley, University of Central Oklahoma.	
Cy Wainwright, Newberry College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jackie Paquette, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Tim Shiels, National Coordinator of Officials.	
Miles VanHee, Coaches Connection Liaison.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	

2024 SUPER REGION ALIGNMENT CHART

# of Teams	Super Region One (Yellow on map)		Super Region Two (Blue on map)		Super Region Three (Purple on map)		Super Region Four (Orange on map)		Super Region Five (Green on map)		Super Region Six (Red on map)	
1	Alderson Broaddus	MEC	Allen	C. Carolinas	Ashland	GMAC	Central Missouri	MIAA	Augustana	NSIC	Adams State	RMAC
2	American Int.	Ind.	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas	Bluefield St.	C. Carolinas	Central Oklahoma	MIAA	Mary	NSIC	Chadron State	RMAC
3	East Stroudsburg	PSAC	Coker	C. Carolinas	Davenport	GLVC	Drury	GLVC	Mankato	NSIC	Colorado Mesa	RMAC
4	Fairmont State	MEC	Emmanuel College	C. Carolinas	Davis & Elkins	MEC	Indianapolis	GLVC	Moorhead	NSIC	Colorado Mines	RMAC
5	Frostburg St.	MEC	King	C. Carolinas	Findlay	GMAC	Kentucky Wesleyan	GMAC	Minot State	NSIC	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC
6	Gannon	PSAC	Lander	C. Carolinas	Glenville St.	MEC	Maryville	GLVC	Northern State	NSIC	Fort Hays State	MIAA
7	Kutztown	PSAC	Limestone	C. Carolinas	Grand Valley	Ind.	McKendree	GLVC	Southwest MN	NSIC	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA
8	Mercyhurst	PSAC	Lincoln Memorial	C. Carolinas	Lake Erie	GMAC	Newman	MIAA	St. Cloud St.	NSIC	New Mexico Highlands	RMAC
9	Millersville	PSAC	Montevallo	C. Carolinas	Notre Dame	MEC	Ouachita Baptist	GLVC	Upper Iowa	GLVC	San Francisco State	RMAC
10	Pitt-Johnstown	PSAC	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas	Tiffin	GMAC	Quincy	GLVC	UW-Parkside	NSIC	Simon Fraser	GNAC
11	Seton Hill	PSAC	Newberry	C. Carolinas	West Liberty	MEC	William Jewell	GLVC	Sioux Falls	NSIC	Western State	RMAC
12	Shippensburg	PSAC	UNC-Pembroke	C. Carolinas	Wheeling	MEC						

2024 SUPER REGION ALIGNMENT MAP

