



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 20-21, 2026, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. 2028 super regional site selections.

- 1) Recommendation. Approve the following sites to host super regionals in 2028:

Super Region	Host	Facility
One	Fairmont State	Feaster Center
Two	UNC - Pembroke	English E. Jones Center
Three	Glenville State	Waco Center
Four	Central Missouri	Jerry M. Hughes Athletics Center
Five	UW - Parkside	De Simone Arena
Six	Colorado Mesa	Brownson Arena

- 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. 2026-2027 Super regional alignment.

- 1) Recommendation. Place two newly sponsoring institutions (University of Bridgeport and Thomas More University) into super regions as noted in the attachment.
- 2) Effective date. Sept. 1, 2026.
- 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. **Annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its 2025 annual meeting in April.
2. **Championship recap.** The committee reviewed the championship recap form and noted categories in need of improvement and those categories that went well at the regional and final sites.
3. **Governance updates.** Maritza Jones, managing director of governance and policy, joined the meeting to review Division II priorities.
4. **Legislation updates.** Jeremy Christoffels, assistant director of governance and member services, provided an update of upcoming legislation changes.
5. **Coaches Connection update.** The committee discussed the Coaches Connection program with Miles VanHee, Coaches Connection liaison, noting how the program enhances communication with coaches. Recommendations for first session schedule at the national championship changes were proposed and discussed.
6. **Coordinator of officials update.** Mike McCormick, coordinator of officials, provided an update to the committee that included evaluator attendance at super regionals and the future use of onsite evaluators at those events. The committee discussed the current coaches' evaluator form process and the potential for utilizing technology to allow coaches to submit feedback more efficiently. The committee also noted the possibility that the 2028–2031 triennial budget may need to include funding for an officials evaluator at each Super Regional site, as well as the addition of one more official at the national championship in order to more closely mirror the Division I officials allotment at nationals.
7. **Championships Committee update.** Karen Kirsch, director of championships and alliances, and Ahleasha McNeal, senior associate athletic director at Lincoln Memorial University, provided an update of items that the Championships Committee will be reviewing in the upcoming academic year. The committee asked for guidance regarding a reprimand for a misconduct incident.
8. **Wrestling Rules Committee update.** Jimmy Chung, secretary-rules editor, and Connor Lancashire, assistant director of championships and alliances, joined the meeting to provide a rules update.
9. **NWCA update.** The committee discussed feedback from Jackie Paquette on behalf of the coaches and received updates from the NWCA on the state of the sport.
10. **Super regional mat allocation.** The committee reviewed feedback from coaches in Super Region 6, where the host was permitted to use four mats for competition. Based on the positive feedback, the committee agreed that beginning in 2027 and beyond, super regional hosts may use up to four mats, provided the facility can accommodate the setup and all mats

meet NCAA playing rules and mat-size requirements. Hosts whose facilities can only accommodate three mats will continue to be eligible to host super regional championships.

- 11. Additional qualifiers and mock selection.** The committee ran a mock selection assuming the Championships Committee approves the request for 20 additional qualifiers in 2028. This exercise examined all fourth-place finishers from each super regional and selected the top two wrestlers per weight class based on wins against others in the field, overall winning percentage, and Division II winning percentage at the weight. The goal was to see where the process could be improved or streamlined. The committee noted that additional factors, such as head-to-head results and how the criteria are weighted, would likely need to be added. The committee will continue reviewing this approach over the next couple of months and, if additional qualifiers are approved, plans to share the process with coaches in the future.
- 12. 2026 championships review.** The committee reviewed the 2026 championships and addressed the following items:

 - a. Schedule of events.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events and agreed on minor changes that are needed for next year.
 - b. Misconduct.** The committee reviewed and discussed misconduct incidents involving two participating institutions during the championship. Following review, the committee took formal action in response to the incidents.
 - c. Selections, seeding and bracketing.** The committee discussed the potential of imposing a fine to coaches who submit their votes for Super Regionals after the deadline.
 - d. Medical checks/weigh-ins.** The committee was pleased with the skin check and weigh-in procedures this year.
 - e. Flo/Trackwrestling operations (scoring and video).** The committee was pleased with Flo/Trackwrestling operations at the finals including continuing to request that Cy Wainwright attend as a commentator.
 - f. Resilite/Tanita (mats and scales).** The committee discussed mat issues experienced at this year's championships, noting that a combination of mats arriving on ice, very thin carpet, and insufficient time for the mats to be fully laid out prior to competition likely contributed to the problems experienced at the site. Additionally, Resilite mats were not labeled this year, which made proper assembly extremely difficult. The committee noted that there were no issues with the Tanita scales.
 - g. Opening ceremonies/Grand March/awards ceremony/awards presenters.** The committee was pleased with the ceremonies that took place in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The committee will meet later this summer to reevaluate the possibility of distributing NCAA statistical awards to winners following the championship and is currently awaiting feedback from Division I.
 - h. Lodging.** The committee was pleased with hotels overall. The committee would like to consider the option of contracting with one hotel that can house all teams for future

c. The 2028 super regional sites were discussed and approved.

17. Election of chair. The committee approved Shawn Nelson, head wrestling coach at University of Findlay, to serve as chair through the 2026-27 academic year. He will replace Ryan Courtney, whose term will expire Aug. 31, 2026.

18. Other business. The tentative dates for the annual meeting in 2027 are April 12-13.

Committee Chair: Ryan Courtney, Fairmont State University.
Staff Liaison(s): Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee April 20-21, 2026, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Marc Bauer, University of Nebraska at Kearney.	
Rocky Burkett, Northern State University.	
Christina Chow, University of North Carolina at Pembroke	
Ryan Courtney, Fairmont State University.	
Shawn Nelson, University of Findlay.	
Jason Warthan, University of Indianapolis.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jimmy Chung, Secretary-Rules Editor. (virtual)	
Mike McCormick, Coordinator of Officials. (virtual)	
Ahleasha McNeal, Lincoln Memorial University. (virtual)	
Jackie Paquette, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Miles VanHee, Coaches Connection. (virtual)	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels, Martiza Jones, Karen Kirsch (virtual), Connor Lancashire and Tracy McClendon.	

2026-27 Division II Men's Wrestling Super Regional Model

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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)	
Bridgeport	Ind.	Allen	C.Carolinas	Ashland	GMAC	Central Mo.	MIAA	Augustana	NSIC	Adams State	RMAC
East Stroudsburg	PSAC	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas	Bluefield St.	C. Carolinas	Central Okla.	MIAA	Jamestown	NSIC	Cal Poly Humbolt	GNAC
Fairmont St.	MEC	Coker	C. Carolinas	Davenport	GMAC	Drury	GLVC	Mary	NSIC	Chadron State	RMAC
Felician	CACC	Emmanuel (GA)	C. Carolinas	Davis & Elkins	MEC	UIndy	GLVC	Mankato	NSIC	Colorado Mesa	RMAC
Frostburg St.	MEC	King (TN)	C. Carolinas	Emory & Henry	C. Carolinas	Ky. Wesleyan	GMAC	Moorhead	NSIC	Colorado Mines	RMAC
Gannon	PSAC	Lander	C. Carolinas	Findlay	GMAC	Maryville (MO)	GLVC	Minot State	NSIC	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC
Kutztown	PSAC	Lincoln Memorial	C. Carolinas	Glenville St.	MEC	McKendree	GLVC	Northern State	NSIC	Fort Hays State	MIAA
Millersville	PSAC	Montevallo	C. Carolinas	Grand Valley St.	GLVC	Newman	MIAA	Southwest MN	NSIC	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA
Pitt.-Johnstown	PSAC	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas	Lake Erie	GMAC	NSU	MIAA	St. Cloud St.	NSIC	New Mexico Highland	RMAC
Seton Hill	PSAC	Newberry	C. Carolinas	Salem	Ind.	Ouachita Baptist	MIAA	Sioux Falls	NSIC	San Francisco State	RMAC
Shippensburg	PSAC	Shorter	C. Carolinas	Tiffin	GMAC	Quincy	GLVC	Upper Iowa	GLVC	Simon Fraser	GNAC
Wheeling	MEC	UNC-Pembroke	C.Carolinas	West Liberty	MEC	Thomas More	GMAC	UW-Parkside	NSIC	Western State	RMAC
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