



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 14-15, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEM.

- **Placement of new programs into super region model.** The committee placed the two newly sponsoring programs into super region three. No other adjustments were needed at this time, but the committee will continue monitoring in order to maintain as close to equal distribution of schools across the super regions as possible. (See Action Item 2-a.)

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Super region adjustments.**

- (1) Recommendation. Place the two newly sponsoring institutions into a super region and remove another institution from the super region model due to the school closing. (See Attachment A.)
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. The committee wants to keep the number of institutions in each of the super regions as equal as possible, and to make travel reasonable. The committee recommends placing the two newly sponsoring institutions (Glenville State and Wheeling) into super region three and removing Urbana University, which announced it will be closing. The committee will continue monitoring sponsorship and recommend adjustments as necessary.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The placements continue to maintain a balance of teams as best as possible within each region.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2020 championships review.** While the 2020 championships were cancelled, the Wrestling Committee reviewed preparations leading up to the championships and addressed the following items:

- a. **Schedule of events.** The committee wants to explore the idea of moving the Grand March to a virtual/video presentation. By conducting the Grand March virtually, student-athletes will still have the opportunity to be recognized, while not taking them away from warm-up time.
- b. **Selections, seeding and bracketing.** The committee was pleased with the standardization of pre-seeding at the super-regional sites and was pleased with the challengeable number of votes being within seven points due to a smaller number of teams in each super region. The committee wants to continue with this practice. The committee was pleased with the second year of seeding at the finals site, as well as with the replacement policy for the finals site. The committee recognized that terms are ending for several members on the finals site seeding committee and replacements will need to be determined. The national committee adjusted the process and has asked staff to contact each super region for nominees. The committee will then select the new members for the seeding committee. Also, the national committee wants to adjust the terms for some of the new appointments to prevent half of the seeding committee rotating off each year.
- c. **Medical checks/weigh-ins.** With the cancellation, medical checks/weigh-ins did not take place this year. The committee reaffirmed recommendations from the previous year to the upcoming year. Those included removing the coaches from the area, having a coordinator of officials present and having athletic trainers pre-assigned to weight classes.
- d. **Trackwrestling operations (scoring and video).** The committee appreciated Trackwrestling's help with championship operations, including video feeds and score clock synchronization, even though the championship was cancelled. The committee wants to continue asking that Trackwrestling members arrive on Tuesday to coordinate setup with facility staff.
- e. **Resilite (mats and mat brackets)/Tanita, Trackwrestling agreements.** The committee was pleased with each of these agreements and asked staff to review and make necessary enhancements. The committee was pleased that the mats arrived with less residue than in previous years.
- f. **Opening ceremonies/Grand March/awards ceremony/awards presenters.** The committee reaffirmed its preference for having the winning coach be among the awards presenters. The committee believes the Parade of All-Americans is important and wants to continue exploring ways to enhance this part of the opening ceremony.
- g. **Selection of officials/evaluation process.** Tim Shiels, national coordinator of officials, addressed the committee and noted that he will make it a priority to add new officials

for next year. The committee was pleased overall with the timeline for confirming and appointing officials and wants to continue that process.

- h. Mementos.** The committee noted that coaches and teams were disappointed by not receiving mementos this year, due to the cancellation of the winter and spring championships. They felt that even if they were not provided as a gift, that they should be able to purchase them.
 - i. Head table (announcer).** The committee is pleased with both PA announcers' performance during the past number of championships and wants to retain them for the 2021 championships.
 - j. Lodging.** The committee was pleased with the hotel locations in Sioux Falls.
 - k. Video.** The committee was pleased with the standardized video streaming at super regional sites this year and the uniform costs across all regions. Streaming viewership numbers were not available at the time of the meeting, but staff will forward those once they become available.
- 2. Regional structure and qualification structure.** The committee reviewed the six super-region model and felt overall it went well but will continue monitoring each year. The committee is recommending placing the two newly sponsoring institutions (Wheeling University and Glenville State) in super region three (see Action Item 2-a). The committee also recognized that Urbana University has announced they will shut down at the end of spring 2020. The committee reviewed the one-day super regional format and received mostly positive feedback. Members agreed to continue the format for the 2021 championships. The committee wants to make sure that a 5th/6th place match is conducted at each super regional, and that each super regional has at least the top three place finishers on the podium for the awards presentation.
 - 3. Future sites and bid specifications.** The 2021 championships will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, hosted by the City of Birmingham, Alabama CrossPlex and the University of Montevallo. The committee did an initial review of the bids for the 2023-26 championships and will reconvene in the summer to make final determinations. The committee will also review bids for the 2022 super regionals at that time.
 - 4. Pre-championships manual/host operations manual/participant manual.** Staff asked the committee to submit revisions for the manuals, as necessary.
 - 5. Championship misconduct.** The committee reviewed the one potential misconduct and materials submitted from the host institution and took appropriate actions.

7. **Coaches Connection.** The committee discussed the Coaches Connection program with Marc Bauer, Coaches Connection liaison, noting how the program enhances communication with coaches.
8. **Annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its 2019 annual meeting.
9. **Legislative items.** Angela Red from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee on the sport sponsorship action that the committee recommended last year and is still going through the process. Ms. Red also noted that the Division II Management Council has asked for feedback regarding the following options for a dead period in recruiting: “Whether the day before the first day of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon on the day after the championships and/or the Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention should be designated as a dead period.” The committee agreed that the dead period around the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention would be good but that the dead period around the Division I Wrestling Championships would not be beneficial for Division II.
10. **Committee chair.** The committee approved Miles Van Hee, director of athletics at Western Colorado University, as the chair beginning September 1, 2020. Mr. Van Hee will replace current chair, Jackie Paquette, associate director of athletics/SWA at the University of Indianapolis, when Ms. Paquette’s term on the committee expires August 31.
11. **Other business.**
 - a. **Order of matches.** The committee reaffirmed maintaining the flexibility to adjust the order in which the finals matches are conducted to accommodate a compelling matchup if necessary.
 - b. **Next budget cycle.** The committee reviewed the budget process and noted that the Championships Committee would be making determinations in September. At this point there have not been any adjustments in this process due to the COVID-19 situation.

Committee Chair: Jackie Paquette, University of Indianapolis
Staff Liaison: Ryan Tressel, NCAA Championships and Alliances

Division II Wrestling Committee April 14-15, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Jackie Paquette, University of Indianapolis.	
Kelly Revells, Limestone College.	
Chas Thompson, Fort Hayes State University.	
Ann Traphagen, Augustana University (South Dakota).	
Brian Tucker, Seton Hill University.	
Miles Van Hee, Western Colorado University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Marc Bauer, Coaches Connection.	
Jim Fallis, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Mike Moyer, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Tim Shiels, National Coordinator of Officials.	
Pat Tocci, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.	
Heidi Wurster, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ryan Jones, Governance.	
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs.	

# 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	American Int.	NEC 10 - E	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas- SE	Ashland	GLIAC - MW	Central Oklahoma	MIAA - C	Augustana	NSIC - C	Adams State	RMAC - SC
2	East Stroudsburg	PSAC - ATL	Coker	SAC - SE	Findlay	GMAC - MW	Central Missouri	MIAA - C	Mary	NSIC - C	Chadron State	RMAC - SC
3	Gannon	PSAC - ATL	Emmanuel College	C. Carolinas- SE	Lake Erie	GMAC - MW	Drury	GLVC-MW	Mankato	NSIC - C	Colorado Mesa	RMAC - SC
4	Kutztown	PSAC - ATL	King	C. Carolinas- SE	Notre Dame	MEC - ATL	Fort Hays State	MIAA - C	Moorhead	NSIC - C	Colorado Mines	RMAC - SC
5	Mercyhurst	PSAC - ATL	Limestone	C. Carolinas- SE	Tiffin	GMAC - MW	Kentucky Wesleyan	GMAC - MW	Minot State	NSIC - C	CSU-Pueblo	RMAC - SC
6	Millersville	PSAC - ATL	Newberry	SAC - SE	West Liberty	MEC - ATL	Lindenwood	MIAA - C	Northern State	NSIC - C	New Mexico Highlands	RMAC - SC
7	Pitt-Johnstown	PSAC - ATL	Queens	SAC - SE	Davenport	GLIAC - MW	Maryville	GLVC - MW	Southwest MN	NSIC - C	Western State	RMAC - SC
8	Seton Hill	PSAC - ATL	UNC-Pembroke	PBC - SE	Ohio Valley	GMAC - MW	McKendree	GLVC - MW	St. Cloud St.	NSIC - C	San Francisco State	W
9	Shippensburg	PSAC - ATL	Davis & Elkins	MEC - ATL	Indianapolis	GLVC - MW	Newman	MIAA - C	Upper Iowa	NSIC - C	Simon Fraser	GNAC - W
10	Alderson Broaddus	GMAC - MW	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas- SE	Wheeling	MEC - ATL	Ouachita Baptist	GAC - C	UW-Parkside	GLIAC - MW	Nebraska-Kearney	MIAA - C
11	Fairmont State	MEC - ATL	Lander	SAC - SE	Glenville St.	MEC						

No longer sponsoring
 Urbana MEC - ATL

