



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 18, 2026, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Additional qualifiers.** The committee continues to evaluate potential selection criteria should it be granted 20 additional qualifiers as part of the new triennial budget cycle beginning in 2027-28. Following discussions with coaches at the National Wrestling Coaches Association convention in July, the committee reviewed the possibility of wrestling true fourth-place matches at Super Regionals. During that review, the committee identified a concern that, in rare instances, a wrestler could be required to compete in seven matches in a single day if true fourth-place matches were implemented. Current rules limit wrestlers to a maximum of six matches per day. To better understand the potential impact, the committee analyzed Super Regional data from the past four years and found 14 instances in which a wrestler would have exceeded the six-match limit and been required to wrestle a seventh bout. The committee subsequently sought feedback from coaches within their respective regions regarding the need for true fourth-place matches and whether, in the limited instances where a fourth-place match could not be contested, both the fourth- and fifth-place wrestlers should be included in the selection pool. After reviewing that feedback and the available data, the committee will continue to evaluate the most appropriate approach should additional qualifiers be approved. The committee also acknowledged that this issue may ultimately become moot if approval is granted for two-day Super Regional tournaments.

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

NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee August 18, 2026, Teleconference	
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:	
Jackie Paquette, National Wrestling Coaches Association	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	

Lindsey Eldred, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Tracy McClendon, Championships and Alliances