



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S WRESTLING COMMITTEE  
JULY 7, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Regional assignments.**

- a. Recommendation. Assign institutions to one of the six regions as specified in the Attachment.
- b. Effective date. Immediate (to be established for the inaugural championship in 2026).
- c. Rationale. With the recent approval of six regions, the committee discussed the model in which teams will be assigned to a region. Among the committee's goals was to balance the number of teams per region as closely as possible while adhering to geographical proximity. The committee will review these assignments annually as sport sponsorship grows, but members believe this recommendation represents a good starting point.
- d. Estimated budget impact. For women's wrestling regionals, institutions are responsible for all travel (this includes transportation, food and lodging), so the only budget impact would be for each individual school to travel to their respective regional, which in some cases may mean a flight. The committee will continue exploring ways to increase the number of qualifiers, which could increase the number of regions, which in turn could create fewer teams per region and help create smaller geographic regions, subsequently reducing travel for some of the participating institutions along with lower travel costs.
- e. Student-athlete impact. The regions are proposed with the intent to mitigate travel as much as possible. In some cases there will be flights, but overall it keeps a good balance of the teams across the regions. This format would allow for more opportunities for student-athletes and continued growth of the sport.

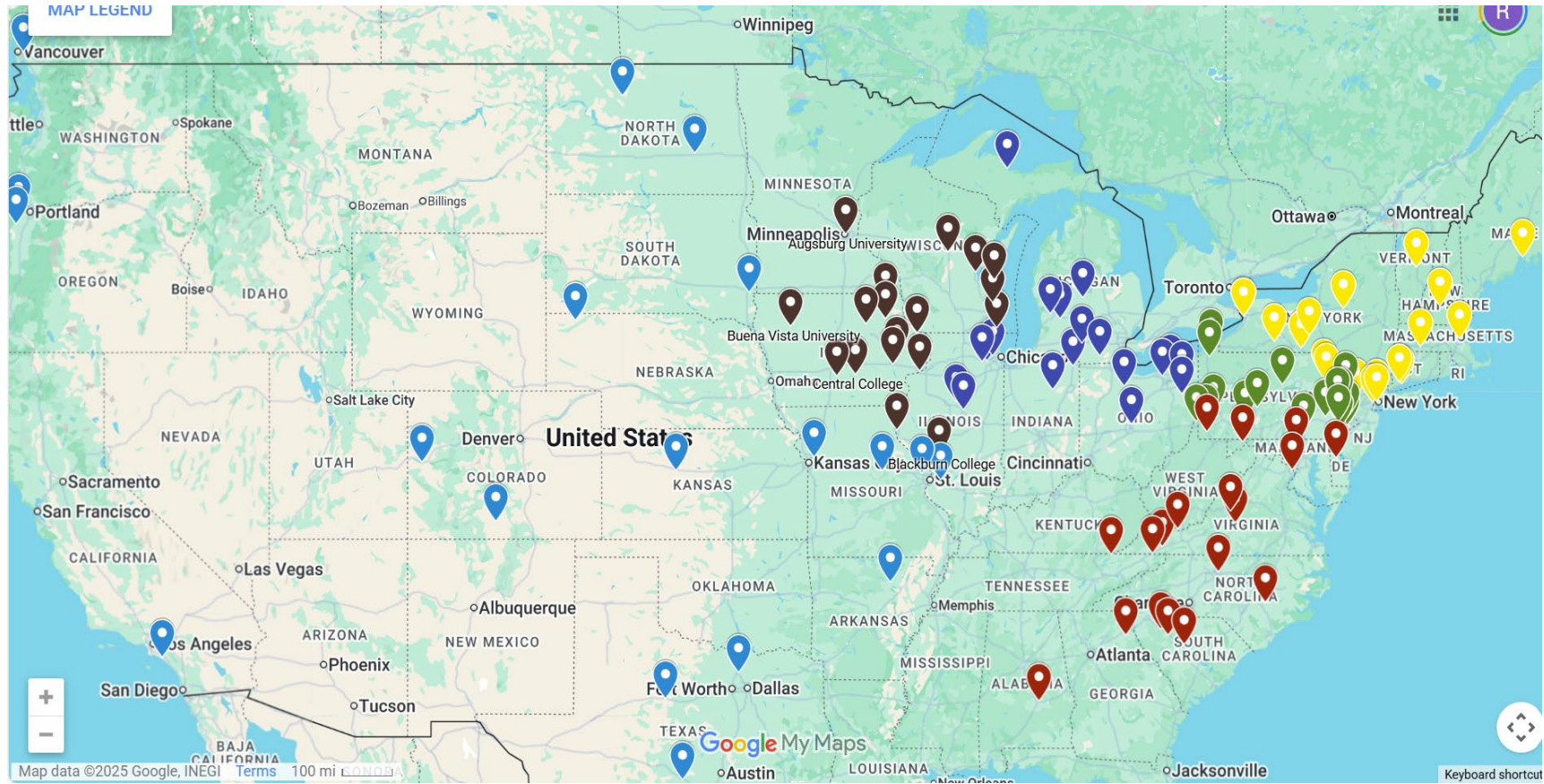
**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Broadcast updates.** Kristen Jacob Smith from the NCAA broadcasting team reviewed the current broadcasting plans for the championship. As the committee continues planning the event schedule and other items, it will be important to keep broadcast partners aware for their planning purposes.
2. **Regional hosts.** The committee discussed for this first year targeting potential regional hosts who hosted in previous non-NCAA regionals in prior years. After the initial year the committee will consider a formal bid process to include all prospective hosts.

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*Staff Liaison(s):* Ryan Tressel, Championships & Alliances

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Cody Griswold, Elmira College.	
Mark Hawald, John Carroll University.	
Jeff McGinness, Simpson College.	
Lisa Goddard McGuirk, Gannon University.	
Oscar Ramirez, Colorado Mesa University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Clarissa Chun, University of Iowa.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Carla Laster, Championships and Alliances.	
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances.	
Kristen Jacob Smith, Championships and Alliances.	

## 2026 RECOMMENDED Regional Alignment for 6-Region Model



	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
1	Alfred State, NY	Alvernia, PA	Allen, SC	Adrian College, MI	Augsburg, MN	Adams State, CO
2	Buffalo State, NY	Arcadia	Bluefield State, WV	Albion, MI	Augustana (IL), IL	Chadron, NE
3	Centenary, NJ	Cedar Crest, PA	Delaware State, DE	Alma, MI	Blackburn College	Colorado Mesa, CO
4	D'Youville, NY	Delaware Valley, PA	Emmanuel University, GA	Aurora, IL	Buena Vista, IA	Fort Hays State, KS
5	Elmira College, NY	East Stroudsburg, PA	Emory & Henry, VA	Baldwin Wallace, OH	Carthage, WI	Lindenwood, MO
6	Emmanuel College, MA	Eastern	Frostburg State, MD	Davenport	Central College, IA	Linfield University, OR
7	Felician, NJ	Gannon, PA	Greensboro College, NC	Elmhurst	Concordia Wisconsin	Lyon College
8	Ithaca College, NY	Lehigh, PA	Huntingdon, AL	Eureka, IL	Cornell College, IA	McKendree, IL
9	Kean University, NJ	Lock Haven, PA	King University, TN	Grand Valley State, MI	Dubuque, IA	McMurry
10	Maine Maritime, ME	Muhlenberg, PA	Lincoln Memorial, TN	Heidelberg	Iowa, IA	Minot State, ND
11	Misericordia, PA	Penn State Altoona	Marymount, VA	Hiram, OH	Lakeland, WI	Pacific University, OR
12	New England College, NH	Penn West Edinboro	McDaniel, MD	Illinois Wesleyan	Loras College	Schreiner, TX
13	New Jersey City, NJ	Point Park University	Mount Olive, NC	John Carroll, OH	Luther College	Simon Fraser, BC
14	Norwich, VT	Pittsburgh at Johnstown	Newberry College	Manchester, IN	Quincy, IL	Sioux Falls, SD
15	Sacred Heart, CT	Ursinus, PA	Presbyterian, SC	North Central College, IL	Simpson, IA	Texas Woman's, TX
16	University of Bridgeport, CT	Washington & Jefferson	Randolph, VA	Northern Michigan, MI	Upper Iowa, IA	Jamestown, ND
17	Utica, NY	West Liberty, WV	Southern Virginia, VA	Otterbein, OH	Wartburg, IA	Westminster College
18	Western New England, MA	York College of PA	Waynesburg	Tiffin, OH	Wisconsin - Oshkosh, WI	William Jewell, MO
19	Wilkes, PA			Trine, IN	Wisconsin Stevens Point, WI	Vanguard, CA
20				Mount Union, OH		