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2027
**NCAA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S WRESTLING
REGIONALS**
SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION



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IN THE EVENT OF ANY CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE SPECIFICATIONS THAT FOLLOW AND ANY SUCH SPECIFICATIONS IN THE HOST CITY BID SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT, THE FORMER SHALL PREVAIL AND GOVERN THE MATTER. IF THE FORMAT AND/OR REGIONAL ALIGNMENT OF THE REGION ADJUSTS, THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO HOSTING.



SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA” and/or “Association”) is pleased to provide to member institutions/conferences the opportunity to submit a proposal to host one or more NCAA championships. The information contained in this document and the accompanying attachments provides the minimum bid specifications for hosting any of these championships, as well as essential information that will provide assistance in the development of a creative, comprehensive and competitive bid proposal. The NCAA awards the privilege of hosting an NCAA championship to institutions several years in advance so those communities may work collaboratively with the NCAA to create positive experiences for its student-athletes, participating institutions, fans and the community.

A member institution or member conference of the NCAA must be designated as the host institution/conference for the championship. The administration of the championship is under the authority of the respective sports committee subject to final authority of the appropriate NCAA Championships Cabinet or Committee. All activities and events associated with the championship are to be approved by the sports committee.



SECTION II: BID PROCESS

Following is a schedule of anticipated activities/meetings which comprise the bid process. As needed, adjustments in schedule and logistics may be made, at the discretion of the NCAA.

A member institution or member conference of the NCAA must be designated as the host institution/conference for all NCAA championships. The administration of the championships is under the authority of the respective NCAA sport committee, subject to final authority the Division I Cabinet.

To submit a bid, please visit <http://championships.ncaa.org>.

*The deadline for submitting a proposal to host a championship(s) is **11:59 p.m. Eastern June 8**. The appropriate NCAA sport committee will review all proposals and will forward its recommendations to the NCAA Division II Championships Committee. NCAA sports committee decisions are not considered final until they are approved by the respective NCAA Championships Cabinet or Committee.*

Each prospective host will be notified directly and in advance by the NCAA staff prior to an official announcement of championship hosts being issued by the NCAA regarding the status of their bid.

Bids are awarded in principal pending the successful negotiation/resolution of any exceptions declared in bid documents as well as if necessary the negotiation and contracting of sufficient hotel and ancillary space as defined in the bid specifications.

Timeline:

<i>April 15</i>	<i>Bid Specifications published and bid portal open</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>Bid portal closes (11:50 p.m. Eastern)</i>
<i>Summer 2026</i>	<i>Hosts and sites announced</i>

The NCAA, in conjunction with the selected host, will develop a communication plan for the announcement of the bid award. Each prospective host will be notified directly by the NCAA staff. By bidding on the championship, each prospective host agrees that it shall coordinate in advance with the NCAA regarding media and all other public discussions, including but not limited to press releases and any public comments or announcements.

Prospective hosts shall not announce to the media whether they have been awarded the bid without



first consulting the NCAA. Prospective hosts not receiving bids will be notified in advance by the NCAA’s championship staff and shall not release this information publicly until authorized to do so. Cities that are awarded a future championship shall not conduct a press conference, issue a press release or make any public comments or announcement until cleared by the NCAA.

SECTION III: CHAMPIONSHIP STRUCTURE

DATE FORMULAS	
Regionals (6):	Two weeks prior to finals (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) Two-day tournaments subject to adjust. Feb. 19-21-2027
Finals:	First full weekend (Thursday-Sunday) in March (Friday-Saturday competition). March 5-6, 2027

The National Collegiate Women’s Wrestling Championships shall be conducted in the following ten weight classes: The same ten weights will also be used in regional qualifying tournaments:

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| 103 pounds | 138 pounds |
| 110 pounds | 145 pounds |
| 117 pounds | 160 pounds |
| 124 pounds | 180 pounds |
| 131 pounds | 207 pounds |

* Note: 2027 will be the last year with Division III institutions competing in the National Collegiate Championships. Potential bidders should be aware that regions can adjust year to year on the number of teams involved and what teams are within their region. If a regional host is selected and then moved to another region, the committee will look to re-bid that region and keep the team that moved in consideration for hosting future regionals.

**Also note: There may be institutions within a region that is a no-Sunday play institution. Bidders should be prepared to host Friday-Saturday in the case of a no-Sunday play institution being in their region.

The National Collegiate Women’s Wrestling Committee will determine annually the total number of



qualifying positions. For the 2027 championships, the National Collegiate Women’s Championships Committee has allocated 180 positions. Consideration should be given in the case the qualifiers increase or adjust in any way:

Qualifiers

Regional One	30
Regional Two	30
Regional Three	30
Regional Four	30
Region Five	30
Region Six	30
Total Qualifiers	180

In the event that the National Collegiate Women’s Wrestling Championships realign into a different number of regions or the number of teams in each region adjusts, then this contract would be revised allowing the currently selected bids first right of refusal in regard to any new or revised regional format which would include an adjusted number of teams at each site.

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SECTION IV: GENERAL FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. *The Americans with Disabilities Act, which went into effect January 26, 1992, requires that public establishments offer equal access and services to people who are physically and mentally disabled. The facility must agree that it will be in compliance with all applicable city, state or Federal regulations concerning access and seating for people with disabilities.*
2. *The facility must be available for the exclusive use of the NCAA from 9 a.m. the day preceding the competition through midnight after the conclusion of competition for the purpose of preparing for, practicing for and conducting the competition.*
3. *During this period of time, the facility will be clean and accessible, and playing conditions must be safe and of championships caliber. The sponsoring agency must agree that throughout the championships, the facility will be lighted and heated in the standard manner, and that the scoreboards and public-address system will be in good working order.*
4. *The NCAA specifically disclaims any responsibility to investigate the safety or code compliance of the facility and parking lots or the component products, equipment, materials, designs and constructions.*
5. *The arena floor and mat areas shall be arranged in accordance with the NCAA Women's Wrestling Rules as far in advance as possible, but in no event later than one day prior to competition/practices. The arena floor space should be large enough (minimum of 200' x 100' is suggested), excluding any media or press seating and the head table, to accommodate three (3) full-size wrestling mats, 42' x 42', mat-side tables, video equipment and chairs for evaluators and medical personnel.*
6. *The facility must be modern, clean and accessible and preference will be given to facilities with a seating capacity of at least 500 seats.*
7. *The facility must have a comprehensive security and evacuation plan in case of emergencies.*
8. *At the discretion of the NCAA, practice sessions may be open to the public free of charge. Programs, merchandise and concessions may be sold.*
9. *The NCAA shall determine in its sole discretion whether alcohol will be sold or distributed at the ancillary event. The venue, LOC/host and/or caterer shall be responsible for any permits unless otherwise directed by the NCAA.*

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10. *The facility must furnish the following locker room accommodations:*
 - a. *At least two clean and equipped non-assigned locker rooms for use by student-athletes.*
 - b. *One locker room for officials to accommodate 12 individuals.*

11. *The facility must provide the following additional space and equipment, at its expense, with all areas subject to the approval of the NCAA:*
 - a. *An athletic training room.*
 - b. *The facility shall provide all necessary computer terminals, personal computers, printers and any other necessary equipment to operate the software package, if applicable, for bracketing, scoring, etc.*
 - c. *It is preferred that a warm-up space should be located near the competition area, which will need to be made available to the participants for use throughout the regional.*
 - d. *A secure and private area large enough to accommodate the weighing-in of approximately 200+ wrestlers.*

12. *The NCAA shall control all meeting rooms, private clubs and restaurant space whose patrons have access into the arena without passing a ticket- or credential-checking station during the term of this lease, and all such space shall be provided at no cost to the NCAA.*

13. *The NCAA owns the exclusive rights to broadcast the event on television and radio, to record the event and broadcasts thereof and to photograph the event by means of still, videotape or other motion-picture cameras. The NCAA shall have the sole right and authority to designate usage of all broadcast, telecast and press locations, tables, and work areas.*

14. *The facility agrees that the NCAA will be paid the predetermined ticket admission rate for each suite admission, not to exceed the cost of tickets in the general seating area. The host agrees championships receipts shall include the predetermined ticket admission rate for each suite admission and that all users of the suites shall purchase tickets to access suites for attendance of all sessions of the championships. Children two years of age and under may be admitted without a ticket, provided the child sits on the lap of a person with a valid admission ticket.*

15. *The NCAA will design the official National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships logo for the event. All entities involved in the championships shall use this logo and no other.*

16. *All activities using the NCAA's name or registered marks (e.g., NCAA, National Collegiate Championships) must have the prior approval of the NCAA.*



17. *The facility agrees that no advertisements denoting, publicizing or promoting the sale of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and tobacco products, professional sports organizations, or organizations or individuals promoting gambling shall be hung, installed or displayed anywhere within the facility during the term of the rental period. Any such advertisements existing at the time an agreement is reached between the NCAA and the facility, institution or sponsoring agency shall be covered during the rental period.*
18. *The facility shall not permit any advertising, commercial identification, banners, signs, decals or displays of any kind, including NCAA corporate partners, to be hung, posted or displayed anywhere within the facility property (i.e., any place that can be seen from spectator seating areas), including the scoreboard, mats or floor, during the term of this contract, other than NCAA banners and television and radio banners as approved in advance by the NCAA. Any permanently affixed (or previously leased) advertising, commercial identification, banners, signs, decals or displays in the facility shall be covered by the facility at its expense, as designated by the NCAA. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. *Lighted advertising displays or dioramas.*
 - b. *Advertising displays for lotteries, casinos or organizations promoting open sports gambling.*
 - c. *Banners, signs, displays or advertising mentioning or promoting any professional sports organizations.*
 - d. *Advertising displays for liquor, tobacco, beer (including nonalcoholic beer) or wine products.**
19. *The facility shall not permit any temporary banners, signs, displays or advertising to be posted, hung or displayed in the arena during any session of the championships.*
20. *No advertisements shall be displayed on the press tables prior to or during the conduct of the championships.*
21. *No advertisements shall be displayed on the mats prior to or during the conduct of the championships.*
22. *No announcements, except those approved in advance by the NCAA, or for public emergencies, shall be allowed over the public-address system.*
23. *No newspaper, handbills, fliers, memorabilia or promotional announcements of any nature may be distributed or dispensed in the arena, nor may any messages be displayed on an electronic message board or scoreboard at any time without the prior approval of the NCAA.*
24. *Review all host operations manuals for any other specifics needed as requirements may change at any time.*

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YES

NO

NO with Exception

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SECTION V: EVENT HISTORY

Past/Future Hosts.

Region	2026	2027
1	<i>Elmira</i>	<i>TBD</i>
2	<i>West Liberty</i>	<i>TBD</i>
3	<i>Emmanuel (GA)</i>	<i>TBD</i>
4	<i>Tiffin</i>	<i>TBD</i>
5	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>TBD</i>
6	<i>Lindenwood</i>	<i>TBD</i>

Attendance History:

2026 Average Attendance - 150 per site

Ticket Price Points:

Adult \$15-20

Child/Student \$10-\$5

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SECTION VI: LODGING

The host institution is responsible for reserving hotel accommodations for twelve (12) officials and the NCAA site representative. The tournament manager conducts a survey of the recommended properties and executes contracts with those selected. The host institution is financially responsible for the official accommodations to be reimbursed by the NCAA.

Hosts are not required to block a set number of rooms in advance of the Regionals for participating teams; however, hosts shall provide notice to local hotels upon receipt of the bid. Teams participating are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements, but hosts can and are encouraged to assist teams with arrangements upon request.

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SECTION VII: NCAA/HOST RESPONSIBILITY

NCAA PROVIDES:

1. *Transportation, lodging (room and tax), per diem, and game fee for the officials.*
2. *Transportation, lodging (room and tax) and per diem for the NCAA Site representative.*
3. *Awards for the participating teams.*
4. *Official souvenir program (if applicable) or online program.*
5. *Credential template.*
6. *Promotional assistance, including NCAA signage.*

HOST INSTITUTION/CONFERENCE AND/OR SPONSORING AGENCY PROVIDES:

1. *Facility.*
2. *Key administrative personnel.*
3. *Media, public relations coordination.*
4. *Creation of championship website and web maintenance.*
5. *First aid/medical services including physicians for skin checks, athletic trainers, and blood personnel.*
6. *Championship hospitality – for teams, media, VIPs.*
7. *Food/beverage concessions.*
8. *Public address system.*
9. *Support personnel--ushers, ticket takers, merchandise sellers, etc.*
10. *Table Crew personnel – timekeeper, crew chief, scorekeeper, video review communicator, and camera operations.*
11. *Tickets.*
12. *All computers, printers, video equipment, photocopy machines, telephone lines, etc. necessary to administer the championships, and as may be required by the NCAA.*
13. *Appropriate directional signage within and outside the venue.*
14. *Lodging expenses for NCAA committee, staff, and officials. (NCAA will reimburse through the bid portal system).*
15. *Public Announcer fees (NCAA will reimburse through the bid portal system).*
16. *Other items requested later by the NCAA.*



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SECTION VIII: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Below is a sample schedule of events for two-day tournament and is subject to change.

Day prior to competition

12:00 PM – 9:00 PM *Practice Time*
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM *Coaches/Seeding Meeting*

Day One

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM *Warm Up Time*
8:45 AM *Skin Checks*
9:00 AM *Weigh Ins*
10:00 AM *Doors Open for Spectators*
11:00 AM *Session I (3 Mats)*
 (Championship first round, championship quarterfinals, consolation first round, consolation second round)

Day Two

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM *Warm Up Time*
8:45 AM *Skin Checks*
9:00 AM *Weigh Ins*
10:00 AM *Doors Open for Spectators*
11:00 AM *Session II (3 mats)*
 (Championship semifinals, consolation third round, consolation semifinals, placement matches (1st, 3rd, 5th))



IX: VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Approximately 20 volunteers per day will be needed for assignments, including scoreboard operations, scoring control, spotters, hospitality, media and merchandise sales. A training session should be held prior to the start of the championships especially for the technical table-side workers (scoreboard operations, scoring control).

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