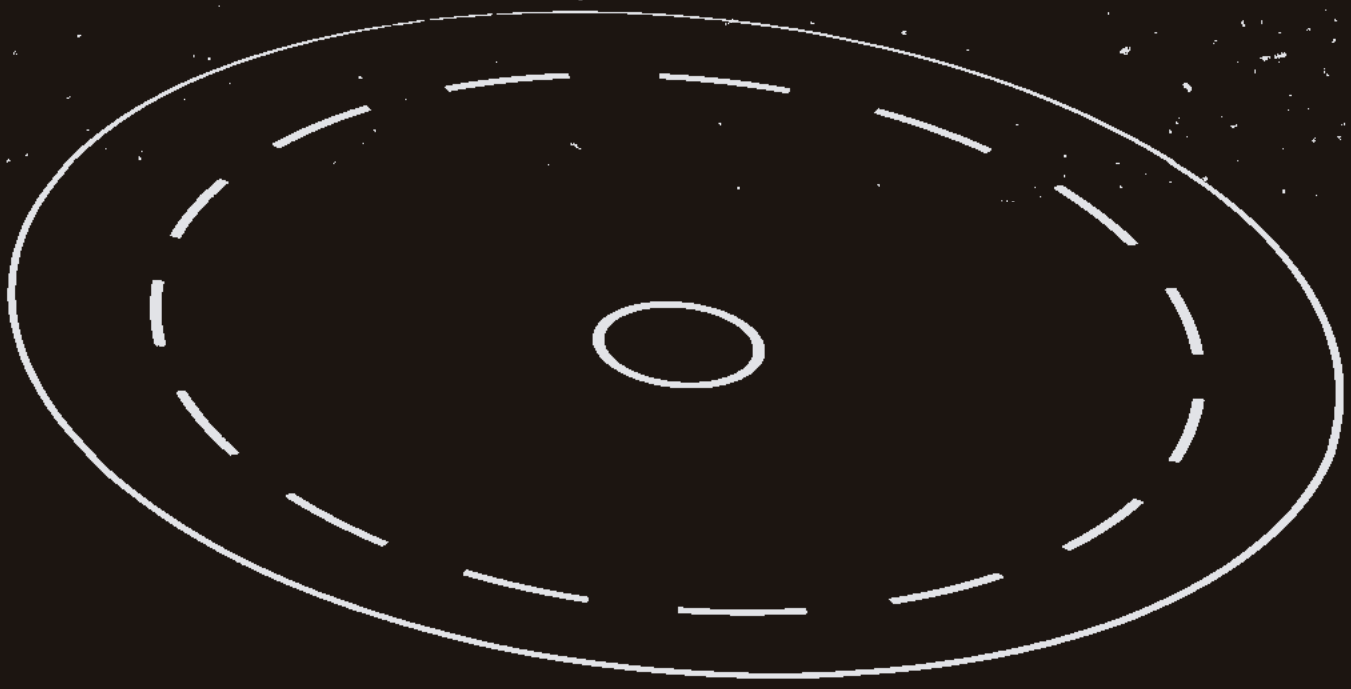
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NCAA General Administrative Guidelines

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Section 1 • Introduction

During the 2026-27 academic year, the Association will sponsor 94 national championships — 43 for men, 49 for women and two for both men and women. Of the men's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. Of the women's championships, 10 are National Collegiate Championships, 12 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

The Prechampionship Manual will serve as a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. This manual is divided into three sections: General Administrative Guidelines, Sport-Specific Information and Appendixes.

Sections one through nine apply to policies applicable to all 94 championships, while the remaining sections are sport specific.

Section 1•1 Definitions

Prechampionship Manual. Resource for institutions to prepare for the championship.

Administrative Meeting. Prechampionship meeting for coaches and/or administrators.

Appendixes. Any supplemental documents to be provided and distributed through the various resources.

Championship Manager. The NCAA staff member(s) responsible for the operational oversight of the championship.

Games Committee. The committee assigned to supervise the conduct of each championship session at a specific site. For finals sites, the games committee is typically the NCAA national committee.

NCAA National Committee. The sport committee with direct oversight responsibilities for the championship.

Nonpredetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host at the time of the participant/team selections announcement.

Playing Rules. The rules under which the competition will be conducted.

Predetermined Sites. Those sites that are selected to host before the participant/team selections announcement.

Preliminary Rounds. The rounds of the championship before the final or championship round.

Regional Alignment. The geographic location of institutions or regional advisory committees.

Schedule of Events. Official event schedule – includes all required activities (e.g., practices, banquets).

Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the team selection process.

Site Selection Criteria. Policies and procedures in place to guide the site selection process.

Squad Size. In any championship in which a squad limit has been established by the governing sport committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform eligible to participate at the start of competition.

Tournament Physician. The physician designated by the host institution/conference to serve as the chief medical advisor for the championship event(s) to be hosted at the host venue.

Section 2 • Championship Core Statement

The championships and alliances staff strives to administer competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner so that the experience of the student-athlete is paramount.

This is attained by:

Ensuring student-athletes' optimal experience.

Executing championship events reflecting appropriate quality and values to/for stakeholders — student-athletes, coaches, administrators, member institutions, sport committees, fans, broadcast partners and corporate champions/partners.

Coordinating all aspects of the championship in an efficient, effective manner through common operating policies and practices, using internal and external resources.

Integrating championships with broadcast and corporate relationships in a manner that maintains the integrity of the championship.

Assuring effective management of the business aspects of the operation.

Enhancing the assets of the NCAA and their value by collaborating with internal and external expertise to achieve heightened exposure (e.g., community programs, fan events, banquets, anniversaries).

Section 3 • Conduct

Section 3•1 Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20.2.4, 31.2.1.7.1, 31.2.1.7.1.2 and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual, Bylaws 7.3.1.5 and 18.2.1 in the NCAA Division II Manual and Division II Championships Committee Policy and Bylaws 31.2.1.5, 31.2.1.5.2, and 31.2.2 in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. Member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before the beginning of each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition.

Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championship competition.

DISCOVERY OF INELIGIBILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE AFTER SELECTION

If an institution fails to report an ineligible student-athlete and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sport committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.

Section 3•2 Drug Testing

As part of preparation and planning to participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable policy and legislative requirements pertaining to banned substances, drug testing and related eligibility requirements with their student-athletes. Student-athletes who compete in NCAA championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with legislation and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing are initially eligible for these championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Section 3•3 Honesty and Sportsmanship

Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

Section 3•4 Misconduct/Failure to Adhere to Policies

MISCONDUCT

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship, that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the representatives of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A governing sport committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing the administration of the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to comply with the procedures and deadlines for submitting scores, score sheets, schedules, rosters and entry/march-in forms for qualification and other materials necessary for the efficient administration of the competition. **Click here** to see the full misconduct/failure to adhere to policies and procedures online.

Section 3•5 Sports Wagering Policy

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; mobile betting; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

It is permissible for NCAA championships to be conducted at locations in states that permit sports wagering.

Section 3•6 Student-Athlete Experience Survey

During the NCAA championships, the student-athlete experience is paramount. NCAA staff and hosts dedicate themselves to planning the best experiences for all involved. As part of our commitment to getting better, following the championship, participants will receive a survey to provide feedback on their experience and input on how

championships can be improved for future NCAA student-athletes. Institutional administrators and coaches will receive an email containing a link to the survey and will be asked to forward the survey to student-athletes. Additionally, this survey will be accessible via QR code found on the back of NCAA-issued championship credentials.

We also understand that sometimes certain circumstances or conditions occurring during the events may require real-time consideration. When this is the case, student-athletes may reach out to their site representative or NCAA national office staff on-site.

Section 4 • Elite Scholar-Athlete™ Award

The Elite Scholar-Athlete award was created to recognize the true essence of student-athletes by honoring individuals who have reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The award is presented in every sport, every division, and goes to the student-athlete who has the highest cumulative grade-point average of all student-athletes competing at the finals site. One student-athlete per championship will receive the award, and the announcement of the winner will be made at the finals site.

Institutions that wish to nominate a student-athlete must do so through an online nomination process. For more information or to access the online form and submit a nomination, **click here**.

Section 5 • Fan Travel

Through support from Marriott International as the Official Hotel Partner of the NCAA, NCAA championships are pleased to provide easy and affordable accommodations for family and fans to follow their favorite student-athlete(s) and team(s) as they participate in NCAA championships competition. Travel arrangements completed through Marriott and NCAA Travel help support NCAA student-athletes. Please direct your fans to **ncaa.com/travel** to search and book online hotel reservations.

Section 6 • Health and Safety

As part of preparation and planning to host and/or participate in championship events, member institutions are reminded and encouraged to review all applicable health and safety policy and legislative requirements and guidance including, among others, those relating to concussion management, catastrophic injury prevention, inclement weather and independent medical care. These requirements and related information can be found in applicable division manuals, sports playing rules and the materials located on the **Health, Safety & Performance website**. In addition, a summary of some of the key health and safety considerations related to traveling to championship events can be found in the **NCAA's Guidance for Medical Care and Coverage for Student-Athletes at Away Events**.

Section 7 • Logo Policy

[Reference: Bylaw 22.4.1 in the NCAA Division I Manual, 17.1.10 Bylaw in the NCAA Division II Manual and 12.5.3 Bylaw in the NCAA Division III Manual.]

A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pregame and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pregame or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met.

(a) Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

(b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed four square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

Section 8 • Research

In order to avoid inappropriate and unnecessary participant distraction and disruption of championship events, it is expected any data collection or other research efforts conducted at or during championship events will be coordinated through the national office, with notice and a description of any research proposal to be submitted to the NCAA research staff at least six weeks before the championships event begins.

Section 9 • Travel Party

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. NCAA Travel policies are updated annually and can be found online **here**. Please reference Appendix A of the travel policies for reimbursable travel party numbers. The travel policies supersede all other documents.

Section 10 • Religious Conflicts

[Reference: Bylaws 31.1.4.1 and 31.1.4.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office on or before Sept. 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution. *(Adopted: 4/22/98, Revised: 8/11/98, 10/28/99, 5/2/13)*

Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the student-athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).

Section 11 • Team Replacement Policy

Division I developed a team replacement policy considering the possibility of unforeseen circumstances impacting championship fields. The policy will be implemented in accordance with the terms set forth in the policy document available **here** when, despite best efforts, a team within the championship field is impeded or hindered from participating in the championship for reasons beyond its control.

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Section 1 • General Administration

Section 1•1 NCAA Tournament Operations Staff Contact Information

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Section 1•2 National Committee

Current members of the committee can be found here. Additional information about the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championship can be found at ncaa.com (ncaa.com/sports/wrestling-women/nc).

Section 1•3 Important Dates

Tuesday, March 2	Replacement deadline (noon Eastern time).
Wednesday, March 3	On-site team registration begins (late afternoon).
Thursday, March 4	Mandatory coaches' administrative meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

March 5-6	Xtream Arena, Coralville, Iowa.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT DATES (FEB. 19-21)

TOURNAMENT	DATE	HOST	FACILITY
Region One	Feb. 19 & 20	Ithaca	Ben Light Gymnasium
Region Two	Feb. 19 & 20	Lehigh	Rauch Fieldhouse
Region Three	Feb. 19 & 20	Emmanuel (GA)	Shaw Athletic Center
Region Four	Feb. 19 & 20	Tiffin	Heminger Center
Region Five	Feb. 20 & 21	Wis.-Stevens Point	Quandt Fieldhouse
Region Six	Feb. 19 & 20	Fort Hays St.	Gross Memorial Coliseum

DATE FORMULA

Regionals (6)	Two weekends prior to finals (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday).
Finals	First full weekend in March (Thursday-Saturday - one week prior to DII/DIII Men's).

FUTURE DATES

2028 Finals

March 3-4	TBD

2029 Finals

March 2-3	TBD

Section 1•4 Uniforms

LOGOS

Refer to General Administrative Guidelines, Section 7.

Section 1•5 Rules

Member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization. Questions regarding rules interpretations should be directed to Jackie Paquette, rules interpreter (708-642-0767; **jpaquette@nwca.cc**).

Rule 9.1.1: Qualified Examiners. A physician (preferably a dermatologist) or certified athletic trainer shall examine all entrants for communicable skin diseases before all tournaments and meets.

Rule 9.2.4: Location and Personnel. Weigh-ins shall be conducted in a private, secured area at the site of competition or in an adjacent building to the competition, and attendance shall be limited to the wrestlers, coaches of the wrestlers, required medical personnel, the person(s) supervising the weigh-in and others deemed necessary by the tournament administration. If the medical checks and/or weigh-ins are being held in the competition arena, all spectators and unnecessary personnel shall not be permitted in the competition area until the weigh-ins are completed.

It is recommended that a digital scale be used for weigh-ins. All scales used for weigh-ins shall be certified before the start of each session.

At all official weigh-ins, the wrestler should stand with both feet flat in the middle of the scale, facing away from the dial or weight indicator. (For failure to make weight, see Rule 9.2.)

Section 2 • Determination of Championship Participation

Section 2•1 Championships Format

The National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships shall be conducted in the following 10 weight classes:

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

The order in which the finals of the respective weight classes will be wrestled may be adjusted by the games committee to accommodate television coverage and spectator interest. The same 10 classes will be used in conference and regional qualifying meets. Bout times will be six minutes in duration (two three-minute periods).

START TIMES (TENTATIVE - LOCAL TIMES)

Friday, March 5

10 a.m.	Preliminaries and first rounds.
4 p.m.	Quarterfinals and first- and second-round consolations.

Saturday, March 6

10 a.m.	Semifinals, wrestle-backs.
7 p.m.	Championship Finals.

NOTE: Times are subject to change for television.

TRAVEL PARTY

Please refer to the NCAA travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at **ncaa.org/championships/travel**.

HOUSING

Hotel reservations for the official travel parties of the competing teams, the referees and the NCAA Women's Wrestling Committee representatives shall be made by the NCAA in consultation with the host institution. Rooms will be allocated according to the number of student-athletes who have qualified from each institution. The following formula will be used for the team hotels:

QUALIFIERS	NUMBER OF ROOMS
1-3	5
4-5	6
6-7	7
8-9	8
10	9

Requests for hotel rooms must be made immediately upon communication from the national office. A deadline will be given. After this deadline, institutions will have to make their own hotel arrangements. Once the teams/qualifiers have been determined and assigned to a team hotel, the reservations should be reconfirmed in the names of the institutions and, thereafter, the institutions shall be responsible for the reservations.

Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the NCAA. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, the institution must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager (which the hotel manager is not obligated to do) or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. In either case, the institution is responsible for securing arrangements at another property. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of the rooms at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms.

Section 2•2 Results

QUALIFYING INFORMATION/FORMS

The tournament managers of all qualifying tournaments are responsible for ensuring the list of qualifiers and alternates, in rank order, are correct in the Trackwrestling system immediately following the conclusion of the tournament.

RESULTS AND STATISTICS REPORTING

The NCAA Women's Wrestling Committee will utilize TrackWrestling, powered by FloSports's scoring software to support its score-reporting system. As a result, it will be necessary for institutions to input their roster, schedule, and all statistics and results for all events in which they participate into the Trackwrestling Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) according to the following procedures:

a. Per the Wrestling Rulebook, all tournament hosts must register all individual-advancement and pool/round robin events in the OPC no later than Oct. 1. Institutions that fail to meet the deadline and wish to host a tournament may be assessed a monetary fine. Complete schedules must be submitted in the OPC by Oct. 1.

b. For any results to be considered for selection purposes, the host must accurately and completely input the statistics and results into the OPC within 24 hours (one day) of event completion or it may be assessed a monetary fine.

c. In addition to match results, full statistics must be input for each event. The host institution shall be responsible for all dual and/or tournament scoring and statistics.

d. Those not hosting events are responsible for reviewing and approving the inputted statistics and results from those events in which they participated within 48 hours (two days) of event completion.

e. Institutions that fail to accurately and completely input statistics and results for its events may be assessed a monetary fine.

Section 2•3 Selection Information

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR REGIONALS

For student-athletes to be eligible to participate in the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Regionals, their member institutions must meet minimum criteria:

- Seven countable competitions with at least six participants.
  - Not to be confused with sport sponsorships, which is determined per division and used to determine if you sponsor the sport.

DI	13 competitions	7 participants
DII	9 competitions	6 participants
DIII	7 competitions	6 participants

- Clarification regarding club team competition.
  - In an individual tournament, there must be one other NCAA/NAIA, four-year school.
- Duals.

DI	Up to 3 in a day.
DII	No daily limit in a day (still have overall countable contest max).
DIII	Up to 2 in a day.

An individual participant from an eligible team does not have to meet the minimum competition number in order to participate in the regional.

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR FINALS

For student-athletes to be eligible to participate in the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championship, their member institutions must compete in a minimum of seven countable contests with a minimum of six student-athletes in each of those contests.

ALLOCATION OF BERTHS

For 2027, the Championships Committee has allocated 180 positions for the championships:

REGIONAL	QUALIFIERS
Regional One	30
Regional Two	30
Regional Three	30
Regional Four	30
Regional Five	30
Regional Six	30
Total	**180**

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

To be eligible to participate in the 2027 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championship all participants must qualify through their respective qualifying tournament.

REPLACEMENT POLICY

Qualifying-tournament personnel must submit the names of the individuals who have qualified for the championships before the established deadlines. Only those individuals listed on the qualifiers list for the respective national championships will be allowed to compete. Replacements on the list are permitted until the established deadline. A replacement must be the next-best wrestler from the qualifying tournament at the weight class in which the replacement is required. As such, it is imperative that qualifying tournaments list the fourth-place finishers in each weight class. There will be no replacements after noon Eastern time on Tuesday, March 2. The contact person for replacements is Ryan Tressel. He can be reached at 317-917-6316 or **rtressel@ncaa.org.**

If, before the bracket is made official (noon Eastern time, Tuesday, March 2):

- The wrestler being replaced is seeded, then seeds move up one (pulling the 9th seed) and the bracket is redrawn.
- The wrestler being replaced is NOT seeded, then the new wrestler is inserted into the bracket at the same location as the replaced wrestler.

After the bracket is official at noon Eastern time, Tuesday, March 2 the wrestler would be removed from the bracket and no replacement will be made.

The contact person for replacements for the championships is NCAA championship manager Ryan Tressel (**rtressel@ncaa.org).**

SEEDING COMMITTEE

Final site seeding committee will consist of two representatives from each region (for a total of 12). For more details on the seeding committee visit the sport landing page: **ncaa.org/championship/national-collegiate/womens-wrestling**.

SEEDING

When compiling a student-athlete's won-lost record for seeding purposes at the qualifying tournaments, all matches in which NCAA rules are followed shall be counted, including open or unattached competition.

BRACKETING

The top eight seeded wrestlers will be placed in the bracket according to their seed. The remaining ten wrestlers will be drawn randomly. Regional matchups shall be avoided through the round of sixteen.

Unofficial brackets will be released on Friday, Feb. 26. Please note that brackets will not become official and are subject to change up to the replacement deadline.

5.3 Bracket Redraw Policy (Regional Tournament Only). The official verification deadline for weigh-ins to allow for a redraw of the bracket up until immediately after weigh-ins for regionals. This allows the tournament committee to redraw the bracket should there be any missed weight, failed skins checks, injuries, etc.

REGISTRATION

The list of entrants submitted by the qualifying tournament managers does not constitute the official entry. Each head coach, or the appointed institutional representative, must verify the entry of the student-athlete(s) at the site of the national championships before the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (TENTATIVE - LOCAL TIME)

Wednesday, March 3

5 p.m.	Registration opens.
7 p.m.	Registration closes.

Thursday, March 4

9 a.m.	Registration opens.
Noon	Registration closes.
Noon	Press conference.
1 p.m.	NCAA Coaches Meeting.

Friday, March 5

6 a.m.	Practice.
7:50 a.m.	Medical/skin examinations.
8 a.m.	Weigh-ins.
10 a.m.	Preliminaries and first round.
4 p.m.	Quarterfinals and first- and second-round consolations.

Saturday, March 6

6 a.m.	Practice.
7:55 a.m.	Medical/skin examinations.
8 a.m.	Weigh-ins.
10 a.m.	Semifinals, wrestle-backs (seventh-, fifth- and third-place matches).
6:40 p.m.	Parade of All-Americans.
7 p.m.	Championships finals. Trophies and awards follow the next weight class final.

NOTE: All times are local.

Section 2•4 Site Selection

Any institution interested in hosting regional round competition of the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships must submit a proposed budget, respond to sport-specific questions, and ensure the institution's key contacts and facility information are up to date via the Championships Bid Portal. To submit a bid, first search for the desired championship under "championships available for bid" and select "add bid." This process typically starts in January for the championship that will occur two years later (e.g., the portal opens in January 2027 for the 2028 regional bids). **For the first few years of the championship this may be altered.**

Please note the change in process that allows all member institutions to regularly and easily access their profiles by visiting **championships.ncaa.org**. For profile issues, user access or to reset a password, please email **championshipbid@ncaa.org** or contact the respective championships manager.

As a reminder, prospective hosts' budgets should include committee/site representative's lodging expense, game officials' lodging expense, state and city taxes/fees, if applicable, and any ticket fees. Committee/site representative's per diem, mileage and luggage fees will now be paid by the NCAA instead of the host institution. Game officials will be reimbursed via the RefQ System for their game fees, per diem, mileage and luggage fees.

FACILITY PROFILE

Institutions interested in hosting preliminary-round competition of the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships must add (or ensure accuracy of) facility information for the applicable competition venue. This information is located at **championships.ncaa.org**. Any supporting information (e.g., facility diagram, pictures) may be uploaded and attached to that facility's profile. This information will be made available to the sport committee to aid in their deliberations of prospective host sites.

KEY CONTACTS

Each institution should list and then maintain its key contacts associated with each sport and the institution. Individuals can be added via the NCAA Championships Bid Portal at **championships.ncaa.org**.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN

Based on a review of current and future championships competition venues, discussions with safety and security experts, and their own expertise and knowledge, the NCAA has established a Safety and Security Advisory Group (SSAG) to develop a compilation of Best Practices for NCAA championships. We urge each competition venue to take these Best Practices into account when developing its safety and security program. As part of your bid, please submit a safety and security plan for your venue, which would be inclusive of the NCAA Championships Safety and Security Team contact information form, located in Appendix A of the Best Practices document.

The best practices for venue safety and security, along with the safety and security contact form, are located in the **NCAA Safety and Security Best Practices Handbook**.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A final financial report from each championship site must be submitted via the Championships Bid and Host Profile portal under the "budget" tab not later than 60 days after the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the bid process, please contact the championships manager, Ryan Tressel, at 317-917-6316 or email us at **championshipbid@ncaa.org**.

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Buffalo State, State University of New York	Maine Maritime Academy
Centenary University (New Jersey)	Misericordia University
D'Youville University	New England College
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Norwich University
Elmira College	Sacred Heart University
Emmanuel College (MA)	University of Bridgeport
Felician University	Utica University
Ithaca College	Western New England University
Kean University	Wilkes University
Keystone College	
REGION TWO	
Albright College	Mercyhurst University
Alvernia University	Muhlenberg College
Arcadia University	Penn State University, Altoona
Bethany College	Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro
Cedar Crest College	University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
Chatham University	Point Park University
Delaware Valley University	Ursinus College
Eastern University of Pennsylvania	Washington and Jefferson College
Gannon University	West Liberty University
Gettysburg University	York College (Pennsylvania)
Lehigh University	
REGION THREE	
Allen University	Lincoln Memorial University
Bluefield State University	Marymount University (Virginia)
Concord University (WV)	McDaniel College
Delaware State University	Mount St. Joseph University
Emmanuel University (Georgia)	University of Mount Olive
Emory & Henry University	Newberry College
Fairmont State University	Presbyterian College
Frostburg State University	Randolph College
Greensboro College	Southern Virginia University
Huntingdon College	Waynesburg University
King University	Wheeling University
REGION FOUR	
Adrian College	John Carroll University
Albion College	Manchester University
Alma College	Millikin University
Aurora University	University of Mount Union
Baldwin Wallace University	North Central College
Davenport University	Northern Michigan University
Elmhurst University	Otterbein University
Grand Valley State University	Tiffin University
Heidelberg University	Trine University
Hiram College	Wittenberg University
Illinois Wesleyan University	

REGION FIVE	
Augsburg University	Lakeland University
Augustana College (Illinois)	Loras College
Blackburn College	Luther College
Buena Vista University	Milwaukee School of Engineering
Carthage College	Quincy University
Central College (Iowa)	Simpson College
Coe College	Upper Iowa University
Cornell College	Wartburg College
University of Dubuque	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Eureka College	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
University of Iowa	

REGION SIX	
Adams State University	Minot State University
Chadron State College	Northeastern State University
Colorado Mesa University	Pacific University (Oregon)
Fort Hays State University	Schreiner University
Jamestown University	Simon Fraser University
Lindenwood University	University of Sioux Falls
Linfield University	Texas Woman's University
Lyon College	Vanguard University
McKendree University	Western Colorado University
McMurry University	Westminster College (Missouri)
Menlo College	William Jewell College

Appendix B • Sports Information

BYE POINTS

A bye point will be awarded to wrestlers who win their next match after the bye.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

All student-athletes shall be examined by qualified physicians (at the national tournament, one of them shall be a dermatologist) and/or certified athletic trainers for communicable diseases before the competition.

WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION

If a student-athlete has been diagnosed as having a skin condition, and is currently being treated by a physician (ideally, a dermatologist) who has determined that it is safe for that individual to compete without jeopardizing the health of the opponent, the student-athlete may compete. However, the student-athlete or his or her coach or athletic trainer shall provide current written documentation from the treating physician to the medical professional at the medical examination **with the approved NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form** describing: (1) the diagnosed skin disease or condition; (2) the prescribed treatment and the time necessary for it to take effect; and (3) that the skin disease or condition would not be communicable or harmful to the opponent at the time of competition. Such documentation shall be furnished at the medical examination. There will be a mandatory skin examination with the dermatologist for student-athletes with preexisting skin conditions. (The NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form is available online in the OPC system at **trackwrestling.com**.)

The medical examination/skin examination and weigh-in area shall be a private, secure area. Only participants will be admitted to the medical/skin check and weigh-in area. All participants must report to all weigh-ins clean shaven, with nails trimmed and hair at proper length. Student-athletes who fail to make weight and/or pass the skin check will not have their transportation and per diem paid by the NCAA. The established medical-check time is just prior to weigh-ins each scheduled day of competition. Medical checks end precisely after the last student-athlete has been checked.

Failure to receive a medical examination or weigh-in during the designated time will result in disqualification. Only extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Wrestling Committee or an appointed subcommittee. The tournament physician, as designated by the host institution and the NCAA, shall examine the skin of all participants during the medical examinations. The tournament physician/dermatologist shall report the results of the examination to the chair of the Wrestling Committee or a designated representative, who shall then be responsible for the administrative enforcement of the medical recommendation if it involves disqualification from the tournament.

No media shall be permitted at the weigh-ins or medical examinations.

WEIGH-INS

It is mandatory that all participants in each weight class weigh in. The weigh-ins will be supervised by the Wrestling Committee. Digital scales are recommended for use at all weigh-ins.

Only participants and properly credentialed tournament officials will be admitted to the weigh-in area.

Student-athletes must complete a medical examination/skin check and receive medical clearance on site just prior to weigh-ins.

SCALE VERIFICATION

By one hour prior to the start of medical checks all scales to be used as a part of weigh-ins must be in the weigh in area, checked by the tournament committee to ensure that they are within 0.2 of each other, and out and available to participants.