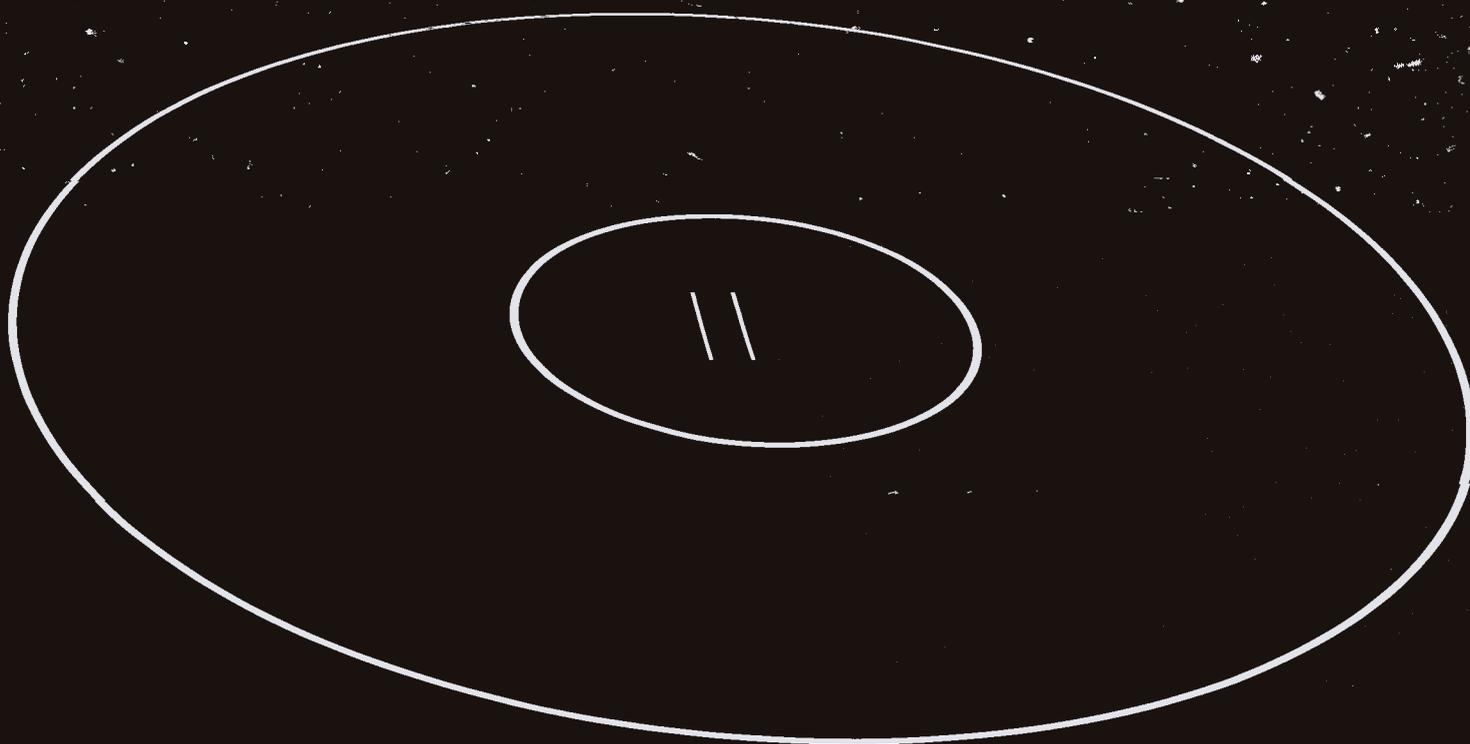




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3. KEY DEADLINES & CHECKLIST

The following are key administrative championship deadlines:

- Hotel and Credential Registration CLOSES Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. Eastern.
<https://go.planningpoint.net/Registration/2026NCWRWHOTELREQUEST-1>
- Elite Scholar-Athlete Award nomination – link [HERE](#) DEADLINE Friday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Eastern.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Site</u>
Wednesday, March 4		
5-9 p.m.	Registration/Entry Verification/Credential Issue	Xtream Arena
5-9 p.m.	Practice Area/Training Room Open	Xtream Arena
Thursday, March 5		
9 a.m.-noon	Registration/Entry Verification/Credential Issue	Xtream Arena
9 a.m.-8 p.m.	Practice Area/Training Room Open	Xtream Arena
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Selected coach and student-athlete press conferences	Xtream Arena
1 p.m.-2p.m.	Head Coaches Admin.Meeting	Xtream Arena
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Medical/Skin Check (by appointment only)	Xtream Arena
Friday, March 6		
6 a.m.	Practice Area/Training Room Open	Xtream Arena
7:50 a.m.	Medical/Skin Check	Xtream Arena
8 a.m.	Weigh-Ins	Xtream Arena
9 a.m.	Doors Open	Xtream Arena
10 a.m.	Session I – prelims & 1 st Round (120 matches), 4 mats, approx. 3 ½ hours	Xtream Arena
3 p.m.	Doors Open	Xtream Arena
4 p.m.	Session II – 2 nd Round Championship, 1 st & 2 nd Round Consolation, 4 mats, (120 matches), approx. 3 ½ hours	Xtream Arena

Saturday, March 7

6 a.m.	Practice Area/Training Room Open	Xtream Arena
7:55 a.m.	Medical/Skin	Xtream Arena
8 a.m.	Weigh-Ins	Xtream Arena
9 a.m.	Doors Open	Xtream Arena
10 a.m.	Session III – Championship Semi’s,	Xtream Arena
	3 rd Round Consolation, Consolation Semi’s	
	3 rd , 5 th , 7 th place matches, (90 matches), 4 mats, approx. 5 hours	
6 p.m.	Doors Open	Xtream Arena
6:25 p.m.	Parade of all-Americans Staging	Xtream Arena
6:40 p.m.	Parade of All Americans	Xtream Arena
7 p.m.	Session IV – Championships Finals, (10 matches),	Xtream Arena
	1 mat, approx. 2 ½ hours - Team Awards Ceremony (immediately following Session IV)	

5. REPLACEMENT DEADLINE

There will be no line-up replacements accepted after noon eastern time on Tuesday, March 3. If you have replacement submissions, email Ryan Tressel at rtressel@ncaa.org as soon as possible.

If there is a scratch to the bracket before the replacement deadline, the next place wrestler from the region of the scratch is selected and:

IF SEEDED:

- The seeds move up and the bracket is redrawn.

IF UNSEEDED WRESTLER:

- The new wrestler is just put in place of the scratched wrestler and the bracket will NOT be redrawn.

6. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The NC Women’s Wrestling Championships shall be conducted in the following 10 weight classes:

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

7. GRAND MARCH

The traditional grand march will be a virtual presentation. Teams will be introduced through a brief presentation on the videoboard prior to Session I. Upon arrival at registration, teams should plan to set aside 5-10 minutes for NCAA staff to capture a brief video of the student-athletes introducing themselves. **Please plan to arrive to registration in team apparel/podium jackets.**

8. PARADE OF ALL-AMERICANS

The NCAA would like to recognize All-Americans with a ceremony prior to Session IV. All All-Americans should gather at the designated area at 6:20 p.m. prior to Session IV. The parade will begin at 6:40 p.m. Please note that proper team warmup apparel must be worn for the Parade of All-Americans, including no hats, headgear or headphones being worn.

9. TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION

The NCAA has contracted with Short's Travel Management to provide for all NCAA travel needs. All NCAA championships travel must be arranged through Short's Travel Management. Please contact a member of the NCAA Travel Department at 866-655-9215 or by email at ncaaalo@shortstravel.com to make your travel arrangements.

The NCAA Travel Expense System is to be used for championship transportation and per diem reimbursement. That system, along with information on the Division I travel policies, can be accessed via the NCAA website [HERE](#). Reimbursement must be filed in the Travel Expense System within 30 days following the competition.

Teams and/or individuals should provide themselves with sufficient money to meet all expenses throughout the tournament, including ground transportation, lodging, meal expenses and other miscellaneous expenses.

10. TEAM HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel property your team will be staying in, along with the number of rooms you are permitted, are determined per the NCAA Guidelines that are set forth below. All teams must stay at the designated property. All hotel reservations will be reserved through the registration portal website:

- [PlanningPoint](#)

Each team must complete the registration link for the traveling party ONLY and must submit by 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Feb. 25. This will register teams for both hotel and credentials all within

one portal. If your team needs additional rooms, after all teams are confirmed with their allowable rooms, it is anticipated that you may contact the hotel directly **after** 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 27 (the NCAA will provide information once this is possible). No additional rooms will be given out prior to this time. Hotels are instructed not to book rooms or create a waiting list before this date. All additional rooms will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis.

# OF QUALIFIERS ON TEAM	# OF ROOMS PERMITTED
1-3	5
4-5	6
6-7	7
8-9	8
10	9

11. FAN HOTEL INFORMATION

For a list of all the great hotels in Coralville, click [HERE](#)

The link includes hotel locations, amenities, and links for the various fan hotels.

12. RENTAL CAR INFORMATION

For all rental car needs, click [HERE](#).

13. PARKING

Drury Inn & Suites

The hotel offers complimentary on-site self-parking.

Hampton Inn Coralville

The hotel offers complimentary on-site self-parking.

Homewood Suites

The hotel offers complimentary on-site self-parking.

Holiday Inn Coralville

The hotel offers complimentary on-site self-parking.

Hyatt Regency

The hotel offers parking in the North Ramp at a cost of \$1/hour or \$10/day.

Staybridge Suites

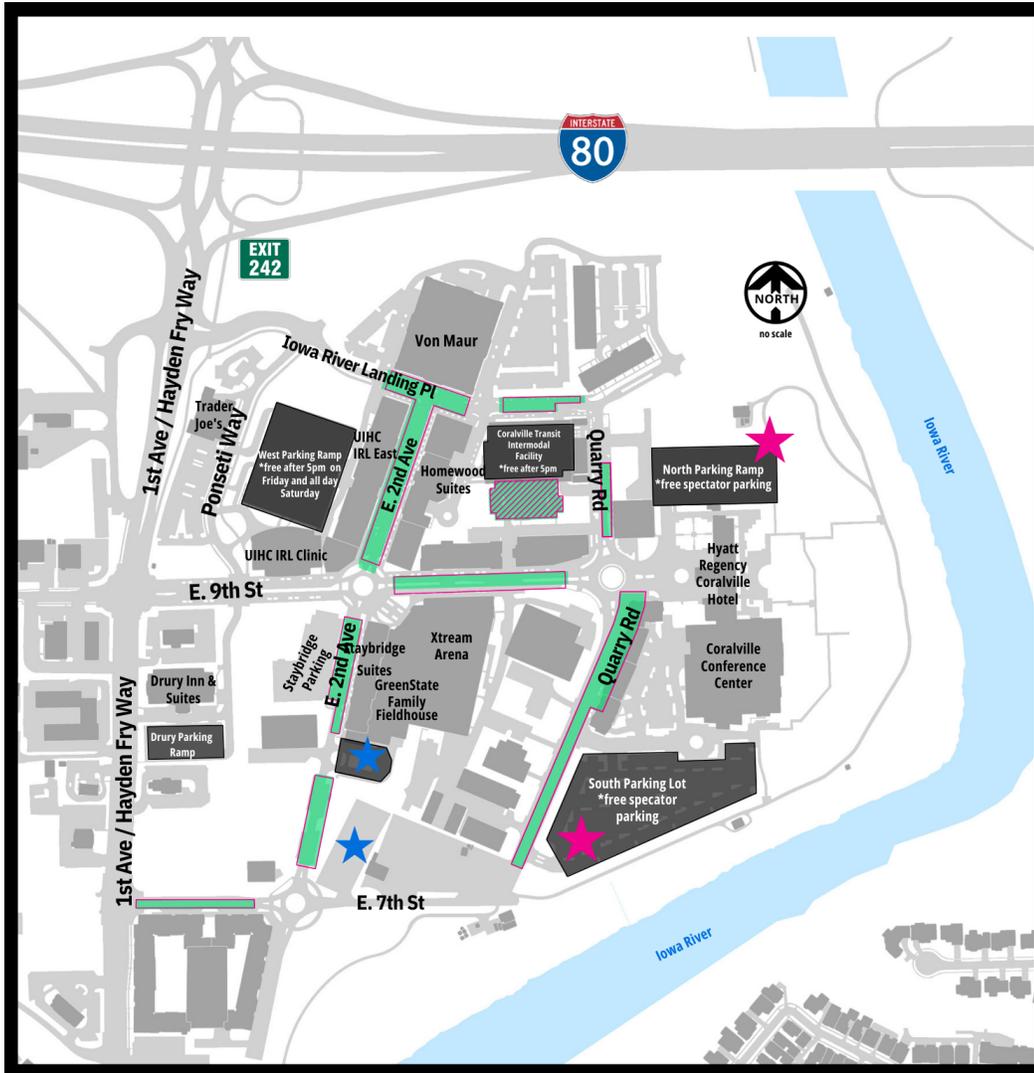
The hotel offers on-site self-parking for \$5 per day.

Xtream Arena (Competition Venue)

See the parking map below for spectator and team parking locations.

Team Bus or Large Vehicle Parking

Team bus parking is available in the team parking lot (see map below)



PARKING MAP

All parking facility availability is subject to change

PARKING LOTS & RAMPS

Coralville Transit Intermodal Facility

Top Level (access from west alley): Homewood Suites and Retail Only; 4-hour parking without permit
Lower Two Levels (access from Iowa River Landing Pl or Quarry Rd): Park & Ride and Special Events Only

North Parking Ramp ★

Free spectator parking

South Parking Lot ★

Free spectator parking

West Parking Ramp

Levels 1-3 (access from Ponsseti Way): UHC Iowa River Landing Staff & Visitors Only until 5pm
Ground Level (access from east alley): Retail only; 4-hour parking without permit

Drury Parking Ramp

Reserved for Drury Inn & Suites guests

Team Drop Off ★

Team and Media Parking ★

ON-STREET & OTHER PARKING

- 2-hour parking
No Parking 2 AM to 6 AM
- 4-hour parking without permit
No Parking 2 AM to 6 AM

14. FACILITY ENTRANCES & SECURITY

Greenstate Family Fieldhouse Entrance, (811 E 2nd Ave.) right around the corner from the Staybridge Suites Hotel entrance will be the only entrance point for credentialed individuals. Teams must pick up credentials at the GreenState Family Fieldhouse entrance (811 E 2nd Ave) for practice first before accessing the arena floor. Student-athletes and coaches will have access to the Xtream Arena floor and warm-up/team locker room areas. To gain access, student-athlete and coach credentials must be visible. The entrance will be marked by signage. Credentials will be available to be picked up at the following times:

- Wednesday, March 4: 5pm –9pm local time.
- Thursday, March 5: 9am-noon local time.

NCAA credentials are required for every individual to enter Xstream Arena and for access within the venue and must always be worn except for when student-athletes are practicing or competing.

Spectators may enter the venue through the main entrance located on the Northwest corner of the Xstream Arena (200 East 9th St.) at the corner of 9th St. and 2nd Ave. The main entrance will be open to general public beginning 1 hour before the scheduled start of each session. Credentialed persons are not able to gain access to the facility with their credentials through the main entrance. Our goal is to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for student-athletes, guests, and staff. The Xstream Arena provides an experienced security staff inside the arena before, during and after the championships.



Is there any safety and security information we should know about heading into this championship or is any security traveling with the team? Please complete the form below in preparation for the championship:

[SECURITY INFORMATION FORM LINK](#)

15. PRACTICE LOCATION/TIMES

Where: The main practice area will be at GreenState Family Fieldhouse which is attached to Xstream Arena. Practice mats, exercise bikes, taping tables, ice and Call to Mat TV’s will be located throughout the space.

When:

- Wednesday, March 4 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. local time.
- Thursday, March 5 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. local time.

- Friday, March 6 from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. local time.
- Saturday, March 7 from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. local time.

Parking Directions:

See parking map on page 8.

16. HOSPITALITY AREAS

Student-Athlete Hospitality (Hang Space)

Student-athlete hospitality will be in the Hang Space, which is located off Court 5 in the GreenState Family Fieldhouse. This space is highlighted on the map in blue.

Times:

- Thursday, March 5: 9am-8pm local time.
- Friday, March 6: 7am-9pm local time.
- Saturday, March 7: 7am-9:30pm local time.

Coaches Hospitality Area (Staybridge Conference Room)

Hospitality will be provided for coaches and athletic trainers within the travel party. Coach & Athletic Trainer Hospitality will be in the Staybridge Conference Room. This space is highlighted on the map in green.

Times:

- Friday, March 6: 7am-9pm (light snacks) local time.
- Saturday, March 7: 7am-10pm (light snacks) local time.

Meal:

- Friday, March 6: 5pm-7pm (dinner) local time.

Media Hospitality Area (Court 5)

Hospitality will be provided for media. Media Hospitality will be located on Court 5 at the GreenState Family Fieldhouse. Court 5 is at the far North end of the fieldhouse. This space is highlighted on the map in purple.

Hospitality Times:

- Friday, March 6: 9am-7pm local time.
- Saturday, March 7: 9am-10pm local time.

Meals:

Friday, March 6
Lunch: 11:30am-1:30pm
Dinner: 5pm-7pm

Saturday, March 7:
Lunch: 11am-1pm
Dinner:
5pm-7pm



17. STUDENT-ATHLETE SEATING

For the 2026 Championships student-athlete and coach seating in the bowl will be located in section 111. The access point for this seating will be in the NE corner of the venue from the floor entrance VOM on event level. You will need your credential to regain access to the floor. Please refer to the map above for location of student-athlete and coach seating.

18. NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

The NCAA Merchandise Store will be on sale for teams on Wednesday 3/4 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm and Thursday 3/5 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. The store is located on the north side of the arena concourse inside of the main entrance. The merch store will also be open to the public during each session on Friday and Saturday.

19. CREDENTIALS

All team credentials must be requested via the registration portal during the same process as the hotel requests – [Click here](#) for credential/hotel portal. Participation credentials will be provided to student- athletes, coaches, and managers involved in the championships. The following policy shall determine the number of credentials provided to each institution (not including qualifiers).

Each institution will be awarded four (4) coaches credentials, if requested, regardless of the number of competing student-athletes. Coaches credentials will be issued to only those coaches listed via the registration portal. Each coach must be a recognized member of the coaching staff authorized by the institution.

Regardless of the number of qualifiers, each institution will have the opportunity to purchase two (2) additional **Support Staff/Team Personnel** (e.g., director of operations, strength coach, nutritionist, team manager, etc.) credentials for \$50 per credential (cost of an all-session ticket). The support staff credentials will not have competition floor access during competition. Each institution must verify the members of its coaching and support staff. *Support personnel does not include athletic trainers, doctors, administrators or sports information, see below for additional information on credentialing those staff members.*

Two complimentary administrator credentials will be provided to each institution that has a qualifier. This credential must be for your director of athletics, University President, Faculty Athletics Representative, Senior Woman Administrator, or person who has oversight for the wrestling program at your institution. Administrator credentials will be allowed access to the facility. This credential does not allow back of house access for the 2026 Championship. Competition mats access is limited to before or after the round has concluded with no access during competition. This credential will be provided only to the appropriate person listed in the registration portal and must show an ID that matches the name on the credential. The administrator credential does **NOT** guarantee a seat, however, provides seating opportunities within the participant seating section if seats are available. Administrator credentials may be obtained at registration pick-up on Wednesday and Thursday at designated times. After that, administrator credentials will be picked-up at the Volunteer/Media Entrance located at GreenState Family Fieldhouse Entrance. Administrators will need to show a photo ID to pick up their credential.

Credentials are also available for your institution's authorized athletic trainer and/or physician accompanying the team. Please provide their names via the registration portal. Athletic trainers and physicians will need to show their appropriate certification credentials, in addition to a photo ID at medical registration.

Each qualifying team can purchase up to three practice partner credentials for \$50 per credential. This credential only allows access to the competition mats on warm-up days along with the warm-up mats on competition days. All other times the practice partner must be in the spectator seating area. If this pass is found in the competition area during competition the pass will be confiscated and the pass bearer will be escorted out of the building. The school associated with this credential then may also be subject to a penalty.

If purchasing additional credentials, be sure to include credit card information via the registration portal.

Sports information contacts from your institution traveling with your team should obtain the necessary credential through the [NCAA media credentialing system](#) in advance of traveling to the championships.

VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO MISCONDUCT PROVISIONS AS WELL AS REVOCATION OF THE CREDENTIAL.

Credential Request Link (combined with hotel registration): [Registration Link](#)

Payment will only be accepted through this online registration and can be picked up at team registration. All purchased credentials must be used by coaches/managers/practice partners. Improper use of credentials will result in revocation of the credential, possible ejection from the building and misconduct provisions.

20. ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM FACILITIES

A small athletic training room is located on floor level of Xstream Arena. An ATC will be present in this area. The athletic training room hours are listed at the end of the document. If a certified athletic trainer will NOT be traveling with your team, please provide a prescription for all modalities, taping lists, and fully stocked kits. There will be an ATC stationed in the athletic training room in Xstream Arena during practices and competitions.

A second location for athlete care will be in a designated area in Green State Field House. Athletic trainers are encouraged to use the athletic training designated area for their treatments, taping and minor evaluations. Tables and ice will be provided in this area. Water, cups, ice, and ice bags will be provided at designated areas in the competition venue.

A physician will be on site for both days of the competition and on call for practice days. They will be present at the arena during skin checks and during the times of competition. A dentist will be on call during competition days.

A dermatologist will be available during skin checks. Skin checks will be at the following times:

- Thursday, March 5 - 5:30pm – 6:30pm (**by appt. only**, reach out to Jennie Sertterh at 319-530-1298 by 12:00pm on Thursday to set up time.). You must also reach out to rtressel@ncaa.org if needing this appointment).
- Friday, March 6 – 7:30am – 8:15am
- Saturday, March 7 – 7:45am – 8:30am

**If your athletic trainer(s) are willing to assist with skin checks, please have them contact (jennie-sertterh@uiowa.edu or 319.530.1298) at their earliest convenience and also fill out the [signup form](#).

Communication will be sent out to team athletic trainers with this signup after reviewing the ATC contacts in registration portal (so please make sure to input their contact information).

Athletic Training Room hours:

- Wednesday 3/4 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- Thursday 3/5 9:00am – 8:00pm
- Friday 3/6 6:00am – end of competition
- Saturday 3/7 6:00am – end of competition

**** Please open the following documents for more important athletic training information and an emergency action plan.**

- [Athletic Training Letter](#) (Please share with team trainers)
- [Emergency Action Plan](#)

21. MEDICAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Head Athletic Trainer	Head Physician
Jennie Sertterh, MEd., LAT, ATC 319-530-1298	Dr. Ben Kopecky, MD Dr. Steven Gay, MD Dr. Ted Grask, MD
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Dermatologist
Matt Doyle, MS, LAT, ATC Johnnie James MS, LAT, ATC	TBD

Hospitals:

- UI Health Care Medical Center ER
 - 200 Hawkins Dr, Iowa City, IA 52242
 - Open 24 hrs.
 - 319-356-2233
- UI Health Care Medical Center Downtown ER
 - 500 E Market St, Iowa City, IA 52245
 - Open 24 hrs.
 - 319-339-0300
- UI Health Care Medical Center North Liberty ER
 - 701 W Forevergreen Rd, North Liberty, IA 52317

- Open 24 hrs.
- 319-485-0900

Pharmacies:

- Walgreens Pharmacy
 - 102 2nd St, Coralville, IA 52241
 - 319-341-6153
- Hy-Vee Pharmacy
 - 1914 8th St, Coralville, IA 52241
 - 319-351-3880
- Iowa River Landing Pharmacy (University of Iowa Health Care)
 - 105 E 9th St A, Coralville, IA 52241
 - 319-467-2050

22. DRUG TESTING

Student-athletes who compete in the NCAA Championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3.

23. RESULTS

Complete team and individual results from the 2026 NCAA National Collegiate Wrestling Championships will be updated throughout the tournament on www.ncaa.com and also found on the Trackwrestling platform.

24. AWARDS

Institutions may order additional awards by submitting the online form [here](#).

25. ELITE SCHOLAR NOMINATION

The Elite Scholar Award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. It is a tremendous opportunity to honor the academic accomplishments of the top student-athletes during our championships.

Each institution with at least one student-athlete qualifier for the finals site of any NCAA championship is eligible to submit an Elite Scholar nomination. The criteria for award eligibility are included on the nomination form.

[Click here](#) for more information or to submit your nomination form. The submission deadline for National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Elite Scholar nomination is Friday, Feb. 27 @ 5 pm ET. If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Baumhoer at 317-917-6884.

26. STUDENT-ATHLETE TRAVEL PARTY MEMENTOS

Mementos will be distributed onsite for all members of the travel party. *The NCAA considers awards as gifts to the institution for federal tax reporting purposes. It is up to the institution to consider further federal tax reporting requirements as awards are distributed by the institution.*

27. MEDIA SERVICES

Important information regarding NCAA media policies can be found online at [NCAA.com/media](https://www.ncaa.com/media). For media questions specific to the 2026 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships, please contact Gary Abbott; GAbbott@USAWrestling.org

Media Credentials

To apply for media credentials, use the following link: Click the link and then click on the image titled "credentials"

[ncaa.com/media](https://www.ncaa.com/media)

Media Room/Arena Seating/Post Press Conference

The media work room will be on Court 5 in the GreenState Family Fieldhouse. Seating for working media members is available at the head table and other locations on the floor. Media seating will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. A press conference will be set up directly behind court 5 in the hang space room for the finals post-match press conferences.

Hospitality Times:

Friday, March 6: 9am-7pm

Saturday, March 7: 9am-10pm

Meals:

Friday, March 6

Lunch: 11:30am-1:30pm

Dinner: 5pm-7pm

Saturday, March 7:

Lunch: 11am-1pm

Dinner: 5pm-7pm

Media Entrance/ Parking

Media and volunteer entrance will be at the GreenState Family Fieldhouse entrance. Media will park in the Audi VIP Parking Lot. See map on page 9.

Broadcasts/Live Streams

The championships will be streamed live on ESPN+.

Coaches/Student-Athlete Press Conference – Pre-Championships

The Pre-Championship press conference will be on Thursday, March 5th at 11:30 a.m. CT on the concourse of Xtream Arena just inside the main entrance. Coaches/student-athletes will be notified if selected to participate in the pre-championships press conference.

28. ACCESSING VIDEO OF MATCHES

Matches can be retrieved through accessing the event on your OPC schedule on Trackwrestling.com.

29. LOCAL RESOURCES

[Think Iowa City](#)