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DIVISION I WRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS HANDBOOK

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Introduction

During the 2009-10 academic year, the Association will sponsor 88 national championships, of which 41 are for men, 44 are for women, and three are for both men and women. Among the men’s championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 13 are Division III championships. Among the women’s championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 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.

A championships handbook is produced for each NCAA championship and posted on the NCAA Online Web site (NCAA.org).

How to Use This Publication. The handbook is divided into four sections: (1) General Administration; (2) Determination of Competing Institutions; (3) Instructions to Participants; and (4) General Championship Information. The first three sections pertain only to the respective sport, while the fourth deals with NCAA policies applicable to all 88 championships. [Note: Some policies listed in the general section have been revised by individual sports committees. The revision(s) will appear in the sport-specific section of the handbook.]

Each topic included in the handbook is referenced to other applicable areas in the handbook or in the NCAA Manuals, where appropriate. For example, if you wish to know about regional advisory committees, the basic information for that particular sport would be included in an appendix. However, as referenced under the heading “Regional Advisory Committees,” more information concerning general NCAA policy governing regional advisory committees can be found later in the handbook and in the NCAA Manuals.
General Administration

Dates and Sites
[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the Division I Manual.]

NCAA Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering. No pre-determined or non-predetermined session of an NCAA championship may be conducted in a state with legal wagering that is based on single-game betting on the outcome of any event (i.e., high school, college or professional) in a sport in which the NCAA conducts a championship.

Qualifying Meets. Following are the dates, sites and tournament directors for those conferences receiving automatic qualification for the championships and the qualifying regionals:

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<td>Atlantic Coast Conference</td>
<td>March 6</td>
<td>North Carolina State Raleigh, North Carolina</td>
<td>Kris Pierce</td>
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<td>Big Ten Conference</td>
<td>March 6-7</td>
<td>Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan</td>
<td>Ragine Dvorak</td>
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<td>Big 12 Conference</td>
<td>March 6</td>
<td>Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma</td>
<td>Lindy Roberts</td>
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<td>Colonial Athletic Association</td>
<td>March 5-6</td>
<td>Rider Lawrenceville, New Jersey</td>
<td>Chet Dalgewicz</td>
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<td>Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling</td>
<td>March 6</td>
<td>Lehigh Bethlehem, Pennsylvania</td>
<td>Greg Schulze</td>
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<td>Eastern Wrestling League</td>
<td>March 5-7</td>
<td>West Virginia Morgantown, West Virginia</td>
<td>Terri Howes</td>
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<td>Mid-American Conference</td>
<td>March 6-7</td>
<td>Central Michigan Mount Pleasant, Michigan</td>
<td>Derek van der Merwe</td>
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<td>Pacific-10 Conference</td>
<td>February 26-27</td>
<td>UC Davis Davis, California</td>
<td>Josh Flushman</td>
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<td>Southern Conference</td>
<td>March 6</td>
<td>Davidson Davidson, North Carolina</td>
<td>Brandon Neff</td>
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<td>East Regional</td>
<td>March 6</td>
<td>Millersville Millersville, Pennsylvania</td>
<td>Stephen Roach</td>
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<td>West Regional</td>
<td>March 6</td>
<td>South Dakota State Brookings, South Dakota</td>
<td>Rob Peterson</td>
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Finals—March 18-20, Qwest Center Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, University of Nebraska, Lincoln and the Omaha Sports Commission, hosts.
The NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships shall be held each year on the dates and at the sites recommended by the NCAA Wrestling Committee and approved by the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

**Sports Committee**  
[Reference: Administration and Management in the general championships information section of this handbook and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the Division I Manual.]

The Division I Wrestling Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Wrestling Committee. Members of the committee are:
- Brad Traviolia, Big Ten Conference, chair
- Steve Garland, University of Virginia
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**Annual Forms**

**Wrestling Qualifying Tournament Entry Form.** The entry form for the qualifying tournaments must be completed and submitted online at www.nwcaonline.com/nwcaonline/default.aspx. All wrestlers expected to compete in a qualifying tournament must be listed on the form. The deadline to submit this form is determined by the respective qualifying tournament. A mailing including all applicable information will be sent in November to the head coaches at all member institutions that sponsor wrestling. An official entry form is not required for the national championships site.  
[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation forms in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the Division I Manual.]
Determination of Participants

Championships Structure

The NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships shall be conducted in the following 10 weight classes (33 wrestlers per weight class):

- 125 pounds
- 133 pounds
- 141 pounds
- 149 pounds
- 157 pounds
- 165 pounds
- 174 pounds
- 184 pounds
- 197 pounds
- Heavyweight (183-285 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 also will be used in conference and regional qualifying meets. Match times will be seven minutes in duration.

Qualifying Procedures

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, all wrestlers must participate in their respective automatic-qualifying conference or NCAA regional competition. All qualifying tournaments shall be completed not later than March 7. The Wrestling Committee, with the approval of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, has granted automatic-qualification privileges to various affiliated conferences according to the procedures outlined in NCAA Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5. In addition, various regional tournaments have been established for qualification purposes. All automatic-qualifying conference tournaments and regional tournaments may use true wrestle-backs to determine second place, fourth place, sixth place and eighth place.

All qualifying tournaments will be required to enter all results of all participants at the qualifying tournament into the NWCA OPC system no later than 8 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, March 7. It is imperative that these results are entered in a timely fashion so the NCAA wrestling committee may have complete season record forms and RPI rankings for the in-person selection meeting.

NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations shall be followed.

Qualifying Positions

Automatic Qualifying Positions. The Division I Wrestling Committee, subject to the approval of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, will determine annually in advance of the qualifying tournaments the total number of automatic qualifying positions awarded to conferences and qualifying tournaments for the Division I Wrestling Championships. The champion in each of the 10 weight classes at each qualifying tournament shall automatically qualify for the national championships. Each conference or regional qualifying tournament will be informed on February 25, 2010 of the number of qualifiers awarded in each of the 10 weight classes. It is anticipated that 250-300 positions (approximately 25-30 wrestlers per weight class) will be awarded through this process. For 2010, the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet has allocated 330 positions for the Division I Wrestling Championships.

The criteria that may be used in determining the positions are located in Appendix C.

At-Large Qualifying Positions. The at-large qualifiers will be selected by the NCAA Wrestling Committee via an in-person selection meeting. Wild card (at-large) selections at qualifying events have been eliminated. At-large qualifiers will tentatively be announced on March 10, 2010. Please review Appendix C for more details.

Automatic-Qualifying Conferences

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Automatic-Qualifying Conferences

[Reference: Bylaws 31.3.4 and 31.3.5 in the Division I Manual.] For a listing of those conferences that receive automatic qualification, see Appendix A.

Special Criteria. The Wrestling Committee may grant exceptions to the “six-team” requirement, subject to the approval of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

Submitting Qualifiers to Championships

The tournament directors of all qualifying tournaments are responsible for preparing a list of qualifiers for the qualifying positions in each weight class that will be awarded by the NCAA wrestling committee in February 2010. Please be sure to include their tournament finish and season won-lost record which must include results from the qualifying tournament. This information must be submitted online to the NWCA Web site at www.nwcaonline.com/nwcaonline/default.aspx by 8 p.m. Eastern time, Sunday, March 7.

Registration

The list of entrants submitted by the qualifying-tournament directors 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 championship before the competition. In case of emergency, verification may be accomplished by contacting Matt Davidson of the local organizing committee via telephone. The registration deadline (1 p.m. Wednesday, March 17) and emergency telephone number (402/472-1060 or 402/853-1933 [cell]) have been established. Failure to meet the entry and registration deadlines will eliminate a contestant from the championships. Only extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Wrestling Committee or an appointed subcommittee.

Replacement Policy

Qualifying-tournament personnel must submit the names of the individuals who have qualified for the championships before the established deadlines. Only the at-
Forms

The NCAA Individual Season Record Form and the NCAA Qualifying Tournament Entry Form must be completed online at www.nwcaonline.com/nwcaonline/default.aspx. The NCAA List of Qualifiers Form (to be completed by the qualifying tournament directors only) must also be submitted by each qualifying tournament director. Forms that are filled out incorrectly or have incomplete results are subject to a fine of $50 per form or a maximum of $300 per institution, to be paid in advance or at the national championships site.

Late Entry

If an institution fails to enter its individuals before the established qualifying tournament deadline, as determined by the respective qualifying tournament, a late-entry fine of $50 per individual, not to exceed $300 per institution, may be assessed. Fines will need to be paid before an institution is allowed to register any student-athletes for the national championships. Late-entry fines are to be made payable to the NCAA and be submitted to Randy L. Buhr at the NCAA. The funds received will be distributed to support NCAA student-athlete initiatives.

Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I general section and Constitution 3.2.4 and Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in the Division I Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Constitution 3.2.4, 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 championships competition.

Pairings

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.3 in the Division I Manual.]

An open draw will be conducted for the Division I championships. After the seeds have been determined and placed in the bracket, the remainder of the weight class will be drawn randomly; however, all wrestlers from the same qualifying tournament will be separated through the round of 32 competitors.

The NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet approved a modification that effective with the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, if a replacement is needed for the championships and it involves an unseeded wrestler, the brackets would not need to be redrawn to avoid a conference/regional match-up that may inadvertently occur in the first round. If the replacement is for a seeded wrestler, then the brackets would still be redrawn to avoid conference/regional match-ups in the first round.
Instructions to Participants

Athletic Training Facilities
Athletic training facilities will be made available to the competing teams by the host institution beginning at noon Tuesday, March 16.

Audio Coverage (Radio and Internet)
Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found on www.ncaa.com/broadcast.

Awards
[Reference: Awards in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.12 in the Division I Manual.]
Official NCAA awards will be presented to the top eight place finishers in each of the 10 weight classes. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams. In addition, individual awards shall be presented to student-athletes who competed in the wrestling championships and represented an institution that placed first, second, third or fourth. When student-athletes are receiving their awards, they shall wear their school’s official warm-up. No additional apparel or equipment (e.g., hats, jewelry, signs, etc.) may be worn or carried during the awards ceremony.

No awards may be provided at any NCAA-sponsored Division I wrestling regional.

Participant Social. There will not be an official NCAA banquet or participant social in conjunction with the championships. However, the hosts will provide each qualifier with a grocery gift card (via the head coach) in lieu of the banquet/social. These items will be provided to the head coach when the team registers.

Bracket Sheets
Bracket sheets will be distributed before each session of the championships to participating institutions based on the following formula developed by the Wrestling Committee:

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<tr>
<th>Qualifiers</th>
<th>Bracket Sheet(s)</th>
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Bye Points
A bye point will be awarded to wrestlers who win their next match after the bye.

Cheerleaders and Mascots
Cheerleaders and mascots are required to purchase a ticket and are not permitted on the floor.

Credentials (Other Than Media)
[Reference: Tickets in the Division I General Section and Bylaw 31.1.13 in the Division I Manual.]
Working credentials may be provided to bona fide working personnel. Participation credentials will be provided to student-athletes competing in the championships. Coaches, managers and other members of the participating institution’s official party, as defined by the Association, will be provided credentials as follows:

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Please note that for the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, an institution that earns one to three qualifiers may purchase two additional credentials for its coaching staff and an institution that earns four to seven qualifiers may purchase one additional credential for its coaching staff. Each institution must submit its declaration of coaches’ form to the host institution at the same time it submits its request form for credentials. The cost for each of these credentials is $165.

In addition to the above, one credential per institution will be available to the institution’s authorized athletic trainer and/or physician accompanying the team. These credentials will only be provided to the appropriate personnel at registration. Finally, for the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, each institution may designate one team administrator (this individual must have no coaching responsibilities) to receive a team administrator credential (e.g., associate director of athletics, director of athletics, etc.). Each institution must designate its administrator prior to team registration. Violators are subject to misconduct provisions as well as revocation of the credential.

The fee for replacement of credentials is $165.

Drug Testing
[Reference: Drug Testing in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the Division I Manual.]
Student-athletes who compete in these championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 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.

Housing
Hotel reservations for the official travel parties of the competing teams, the referees, the evaluators, media and Division I Wrestling Committee representatives shall be made by the NCAA. The Omaha Sports Commission will assign teams to the respective hotel properties. 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 hotel:

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Requests for hotel rooms must be made by 5 p.m. Eastern time March 11; after this
deadline, institutions will have to make their own hotel arrangements. Once the teams/
qualifiers have been determined and assigned to the 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 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.

Please contact the following individual with questions regarding room reservations:
Matt Davidson (402/472-1060 or 402/853-1933 [cell]).

**Mat-Area Control**

In addition to the participating wrestler, three representatives per institution will be
allowed in the corner of the mat; however, one of those persons must be the institution’s
physician or authorized institutional athletic trainer. The description of, and penalty for,
violation of this rule are listed in Rule 3.13 (page WR 33) in the 2010 and 2011 NCAA
Wrestling Rules and Interpretations.

**Medical Examinations/Skin Checks, Weigh-ins**

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 (see Appendix D)
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 pre-existing skin
conditions. This will take place at 3 p.m. on March 17 in the athletic training room at
the Qwest Center Omaha. (The NCAA Skin Evaluation and Participation Status Form
is available online in the OPC system at www.NWCAonline.com.)

The medical examination/skin examination and weigh-in area shall be a private,
secure area. All participants will be admitted to the medical/skin check and weigh-in
area. All participants must report to all weigh-ins clean shaven, 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.
Weigh-ins will be conducted at 9 a.m. March 18 and 20, and at 8:30 a.m. March 19.
The staging process will begin at 8:30 a.m. March 18 and 20, and at 8 a.m. March 19.
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.

Please refer to Appendix B of the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Wrestling Rules and
Interpretations book for specifics regarding skin infections.

**Meetings**

*Reference: Misconduct in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.02.3 and
31.1.10 in the Division I Manual.]*

A mandatory prechampionships meeting of coaches of participating teams, officials
and games-committee members is 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.

At the prechampionships meeting, administrative matters and the conduct of the
championships will be reviewed, including conditions under which a student-athlete
or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the
championships for reasons of misconduct. [See Bylaw 31.1.10.] It is mandatory that a
representative from each participating institution attend the meeting. Failure to attend
may result in penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 31.1.10.3.

**Mementos**

For only the championships, each student-athlete competing should receive a
memento. In addition, the following guidelines must also be used to determine the number of mementos that should be provided to non-athletes from each institution that has a qualifier: One memento for a non-athlete from institutions with one to three individuals selected; two mementos for non-athletes from institutions with four to six individuals selected; three mementos for non-athletes from institutions with seven to nine individuals selected; and five mementos for non-athletes from institutions with 10 individuals selected. Watches cannot be used as a memento.

**News, Media, Press Conferences and Satellite Feeds**

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found on www.ncaa.com/broadcast.

**Parking Passes**

Each institution with one to four qualifiers will normally receive one parking pass, and an institution with five to 10 qualifiers will normally receive two reserved parking spaces in a given year. Please note that due to parking availability, each institution participating in the 2010 championships may receive a maximum of two parking passes. This area will be in close proximity for student-athletes, coaches and other institutional personnel to enter the practice and competition venue. Any changes to the parking-pass policy must be approved by the NCAA championships manager, in consultation with the wrestling committee and the local organizing committee.

**Programs**

[Reference: Advertising in the Division I General Section and Bylaws 31.1.14.1 and 31.6.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

IMG College will be responsible for all program production including layout and design, advertising, printing, vending and distribution to the championship sites. No competing publications, whether sold or free of charge, are permitted at NCAA events without prior permission of the NCAA and IMG College. The championships host should not include expenses or revenues for programs in the championships proposed budget and/or financial report. All program contents are subject to NCAA approval.

**Advertising**

Each program will include NCAA corporate champion and partner advertising. Additionally, programs may include non-competing national advertisements as well as local advertisements. All advertisements must follow NCAA advertising guidelines and are subject to NCAA approval. If your school would like to sell advertising into the official program or you know of an individual who would like to serve as a local advertising representative, please contact Doug Iler (502/459-4346; doug.iler@imgworld.com) for information regarding rates, availability and deadlines.

**Editorial**

If you are interested in the specific content of the program you will receive, please contact Doug King (859/226-4588; dan.king@imgworld.com).

Generally, programs include the following:

1. Participant information - IMG College will request information, including rosters, schedule/results, photos, school quick facts and logos. If your team is eligible for postseason selection, please send all materials that are requested by the date requested. Programs print on the day selections for the championship are announced. If materials are not on file, your school’s information will not be included. IMG College will attempt to provide proofs for SID approval when time permits. If you are not sure what/when materials are needed, please contact Ms. Stoess at IMG College.

2. Programs for predetermined sites will include information on the host institution, host city and/or host facility. In addition, some programs provide complimentary advertising space. IMG College will contact via e-mail the tournament director and sports information contacts, as listed on the key contact form submitted to the NCAA, with the specifics of what items are needed and when those items are due. Host institution pages are subject to NCAA approval.

3. Event-specific historical information, including past champions, records, all-tournament teams and/or the previous year’s recap.

4. Information on the NCAA, including the sport committee.

5. Feature stories - Not all programs include event/sport-specific features. However, if you have an idea for a feature story, please submit it to Ms. Stoess at IMG College.

**Program Supplements and Update Sheets**

Host institutions for single-day/session championship rounds may choose to supplement the program with additional information (e.g., updated statistics or updated match notes) pertaining to the event at its site that day. The cost of producing these supplements will be covered by the host institution and will not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College. The content must be approved by IMG College prior to the event and the supplements must be distributed inside and as a part of the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the supplement. Once all programs have been sold, these supplements may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution.

No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the supplements. If supplements are distributed, following the conclusion of the championships event, please mail two samples of each supplement to Dan King (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, ATTN: Dan King).

For championships that have multiple sessions, matches, events or days, host institutions may choose or be required by the NCAA to produce update sheets (e.g., heat sheets, lane assignments, pairings). IMG College will contact hosts of those championships in advance of their events to discuss projected quantities and the paper on which update sheets should be printed. The cost of producing the update sheets will be covered by the host institution and will not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College. The first update sheet of the event should be distributed inside and as a part of the program. Subsequent update sheets supplement the program and are to be redeemed only with a coupon from the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the update sheet. Once all programs have been sold, update sheets may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the update sheets. If update sheets are distributed, following the conclusion of the championships event, please mail two samples of each update sheet to Mr. King (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, ATTN: Dan King).
If a host institution would like to supplement the program with additional information, or has a question about the update sheets, please contact Matt Briggs at IMG College (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com).

**Program Sales**

1. Predetermined sites: Will be contacted at least two weeks prior to the event. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of your championships, please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com). You will receive your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement prior to the championships.
2. Non-predetermined sites: Once sites are announced, IMG College determines how many programs will be sent to each site and will contact the site. Your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement will be e-mailed within one day of your site being selected.
3. Distribution of programs: Programs will be shipped to the host institution at least one day prior to the event when possible. If your shipping information is different than that on the contract, please contact Mr. Briggs at IMG College immediately.
4. Display of programs: Any posters/banners included with the programs should be hung in a visible location to promote awareness for the programs without obstructing other championships signage.
5. Collections
   a. Contracts
      i. Upon site selection, all contracts are e-mailed to each site representative.
      ii. A dedicated fax number will be assigned for receiving all signed contracts back to IMG College (859/226-4575).
      iii. An IMG College representative will track the return of all signed vending contracts to IMG College.
   b. Settlement Reports
      i. Three days after the conclusion of the event, all settlement reports must be faxed to IMG College (859/226-4575).
      ii. The vendor will have two weeks to submit payment to IMG College.
      iii. An IMG College representative will be assigned to track the receipt of all vending settlement reports and payments.
      iv. If payment and/or settlement have not been received within the two-week period, IMG College will include the site/championships on its “No Pay” list sent to the NCAA.
      v. Do not combine settlement statements for separate rounds/events or combine program settlements with Event 1 merchandise.
      vi. Please include the event number on the check that is sent.
      Please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com) at IMG College with any vending-related questions.

**Protest Protocol**

Protests may be lodged only for errors in the recording of points or match results, and for nonjudgment errors in the application of rules. The coach must inform the table scorer and the referee of his intent to protest the match. The protesting coach must declare his intention to protest before the bout sheet is removed from the scorer’s table. The table scorer informs the head table/announcer that a protest has been filed. The table scorer informs both the match referee and the assistant referee that the protesting coach has filed a protest. The match referee informs the non-protesting coach and wrestler that a protest has been filed. The opposing wrestler shall not leave the wrestling area until the matter is settled. The protest committee chair goes to the scorer’s table to inform both coaches of the misconduct rule (NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10 in Division I). The protest committee chair informs the protesting coach that he has 10 minutes in which to provide a written account of the protest situation and pay the required fee. The written protest must include the specific ruling being protested on the protest sheet provided by the games committee and be accompanied by a $100 protest fee. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. Protest fees are included in championships receipts.

A three-person committee composed of the protest committee chair, the secretary-rules editor and the national coordinator of officials reads the protest and listens to a verbal explanation of the protest to ensure an understanding of the protest situation. The three-person committee determines if the protested situation is valid. This determination is made mat-side. A majority vote carries the decision. If the protested situation is deemed valid of further review, it is referred to the protest committee.

If the protest situation is referred to the protest committee, the protest committee chair or his designee directs the scorer, all mat table personnel, the match referee and the assistant referee to be available if needed for a protest hearing. The protest committee chair or his designee decides whether to release the mat for continued wrestling.

Once the protest committee reaches a conclusion, the protest committee chair informs 1) the protesting coach, 2) the non-protesting coach, 3) the head table/announcer, and 4) all mat personnel (referee, assistant referee and the table scorer) of the decision.

**Qualifiers Lists on NCAA Web Site**

When available, qualifiers will be posted on the official championships Web site (NCAA.com).

**Referees-Finals Site**

Each referee is paid a per-session fee. The 2010 per-session fee is $150. In addition, referees will receive travel expenses according to the actual mode of transportation, not to exceed jet coach air fare or 50 cents per mile, but not including terminal or other local transportation. Referees who travel by air must make travel arrangements through the NCAA travel service, Short’s Travel Management (888/821-8547).

Hotel expenses (excluding incidentals) for referees required to stay overnight at the championships site shall be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA. Officials will receive a $45 per diem for meals and incidentals for each day at the championships, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. Officials not required to stay overnight also shall receive a per diem of $45. It is required that officials be paid not later than 10 days after the competition.

The NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee approved new requirements to qualify as an NCAA registered wrestling referee, effective with the 2009-10 season. The new rule states that a referee who wishes to be eligible to officiate regular-season and/or postseason competition must complete the following requirements: (1) The referee shall register after watching the NCAA Rules Presentation not later than October 19 each year; (2) After reviewing the rules presentation, the referee shall annually complete an
The Wrestling Committee selects 20 referees to officiate the championships based upon information provided by the coaches who participated in the various qualifying conference tournaments and regionals.

During the qualifying tournaments each year, tournament directors are asked to poll the coaches in their conference or qualifying tournament, and develop a list of the top referees they believe should be officiating the national championships. Each tournament director is required to submit names in rank order, complete with home addresses and telephone numbers. It is not a requirement for a referee to have worked in a conference or regional qualifying tournament to be considered for selection to the national championships.

Referees will be selected by the committee from a list of the top-ranked referees from the previous year’s championships.

All referees selected to officiate the national championships are required to execute an official contract; additionally, referees must arrive at the site of competition one day before the start of competition to attend a briefing meeting and review select rules and techniques.

Because the number of mats used during the championships is reduced each day, the number of referees also will be reduced. The following formula will be used:

First and second days = 20 referees
Third day, first session = 20 referees
Third day, final session = 10 referees, 10 assistant referees

Referees who do not advance may serve as assistant referees during the third day of competition. All referees will receive the same fee and regular per diem for the championships.

A referee-evaluation committee will be established to determine which referees will advance to the championship matches. The evaluation committee will consist of 10 members.

All members of the evaluation committee are required to attend an orientation meeting before the championships to discuss the evaluation process, review the rules and view the annual wrestling rules DVD.

The evaluation committee’s results will be computed and given to the referees approximately one hour after the conclusion of competition during the first and second day. In addition, performance criteria will be shared with each referee. At the conclusion of the championships, all scores will be computed, the referees will be ranked and the information will be used as a guide for selection of referees for next year’s championships.

Policies. A sports committee or games committee may not require membership in any specific officials’ association as a prerequisite for selection to officiate in an NCAA meet or tournament. Officials shall be selected and assigned by the sports committee or games committee, which shall ensure that officials adhere to the Association’s policies relating to gambling and drug and alcohol use. Furthermore, officials must conduct themselves in a manner befitting intercollegiate athletics. Failure to do so may result in termination of the officiating assignment.

Referees-Regional Competition

All NCAA-sponsored regionals must obtain referees from the local area that have met the requirements that were previously mentioned in the Referees-Finals Site section. The tournament directors are responsible for the acquisition of referees, subject to the approval of the division committee chair. The number of referees is determined by the application of the formula of 1 ½ referees per mat. If an uneven number of mats is being used, the number of referees shall be rounded up to the next whole number. Please note that if only two mats are used for the competition, then four officials may be assigned. Each referee is paid a per-session fee. The 2010 fee is $150. In addition, all officials will receive travel expenses based on 50 cents per mile. Referees will receive a $45 per diem for meals and incidentals for each day of the regionals, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. It is required that officials be paid not later than 10 days after the competition.

Results for National Office Files

Before the championships begin, the host institution’s sports information director shall provide the media coordinator with one file copy of the official program for national office filing purposes. Once the championships are completed, the host institution, in conjunction with IMG College, is responsible for printing a complete set of final bracket sheets. The host institution shall mail one set to the coach and sports information director, respectively, of each participating institution, via regular mail and send one set to the NCAA, attention Randy L. Buhr, via overnight mail, at the NCAA Distribution Center, 1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 (telephone: 317/917-6222). Similar files are not needed for the qualifying tournaments.

Results on NCAA Web Site System

The host sports information director, media coordinator or designee for the regions only are responsible for posting results on the official championships Web site at www.NCAA.com immediately after each session of the wrestling regionals. Please send all updates to ncaastaff@cstv.com. The results for the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships will be updated on the NCAA Web site system by an NCAA staff member or designee.

Rules

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.30, 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.

The 2010 and 2011 NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations will be followed for
the regionals and championships. Questions regarding rules interpretations should be
directed to Robert G. Bubb, secretary-rules editor, NCAA Wrestling Committee, 946
Forest Drive, Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214-4548; phone: 814/764-6374; fax: 814/764-
6395.

Seeding

When compiling a student-athlete’s won-lost record for seeding purposes, all
matches against student-athletes who compete on intercollegiate teams at two and four-
year, degree-granting institutions where NCAA rules are followed shall be counted,
including open or unattached competition.

Championships

The Division I Wrestling Committee will determine the seeds for each weight class
in the championships. At no time will lobbying or supplying of additional materials be
allowed. Coaches attempting to lobby or supply additional materials may be cited for
misconduct.

A selected representative from each qualifying tournament is responsible for
submitting the list of qualifiers and updated individual season record forms for all
qualifiers to be considered for seeding. This must be completed online via the NWCA
Web site at www.nwcaonline.com/nwcaonline/default.aspx immediately after the
respective qualifying tournament. In addition, each qualifying tournament director
must submit to Amber Feldman (Randy L. Buhr’s assistant) at the NCAA national
office by facsimile transmission (317/917-6210), immediately after the respective
qualifying tournament, one copy of the tournament results for each weight class.

Final seedings and pairings are made by the Division I Wrestling Committee. Pairing
sheets will tentatively be distributed via an Internet announcement after 6 p.m. Eastern
time Monday, March 15. Please note there is a possibility the pairings may be released
as early as Thursday, March 11. These pairings are not to be released by any other
media outlet before the official NCAA announcement.

Regionals

Coaches at all regional competitions are responsible for seeding the student-
athletes. The season record form for each participant is used in the determination of
the seeding.

Squad Size

[Reference: Per Diem and Transportation in the Division I General Section.]

Expense Reimbursement Form. Expense reimbursement for participation in the
2010 championships must be filed online through the Travel Expense System (TES) at

Team Banners

Each team, subject to the approval of the games committee, may display one team
banner void of commercial advertising.

Television Rights and Footage Licensing

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be
found on www.ncaa.com/broadcast.

Time Schedules (Tentative-Subject to Change)

Qwest Center Omaha
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and the Omaha Sports Commission, hosts
Omaha, Nebraska

Wednesday, March 17
1 p.m.—Prechampionships coaches meeting (coaches of participating teams must attend
the meeting)
1 p.m.—Registration closes
1:30 p.m.—Press conference with selected student-athletes
2:30 p.m.—Press conference with selected head coaches
3 p.m.—Mandatory skin checks with dermatologist for student-athletes with pre-existing
skin conditions

Thursday, March 18
9 a.m.—Weigh-ins (Medical/skin checks immediately precede weigh-ins)
11 a.m.—Session One - Preliminaries
6:30 p.m.—Session Two - Preliminaries and wrestle-backs

Friday, March 19
8:30 a.m.—Weigh-ins (Medical/skin checks immediately precede weigh-ins)
9:30 a.m.—Session Three - Quarterfinals and wrestle-backs
6 p.m.—Session Four - Semifinals and wrestle-backs

Saturday, March 20
9 a.m.—Weigh-ins (Medical/skin checks immediately precede weigh-ins)
10 a.m.—Session Five - Consolation finals
6:05 p.m.—Grand March (Parade of All-Americans)
6:30 p.m.—Championships finals
9:30 p.m.—Team Awards will be presented following all competition. Individual Awards will
be presented between each weight class.

Times subject to change for television. Times listed are Central time.

Uniforms

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the Division I Manual.]

The uniform shall conform to the standards set forth in Rule 1.12-.15 (pages WR 13-
16), of the 2010 and 2011 NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations. In addition, the
following rules will be applicable for contestants and coaches attire:

Contestants’ attire. All contestants shall be uniformly attired in their school’s official
warm-up and match uniform. No hats, stocking caps or other inappropriate apparel are
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.

The weigh-in and medical/skin examination area shall be in a private and secure area only. 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.

The weigh-ins will be conducted at the following times:

9 a.m. Thursday, March 18
8:30 a.m. Friday, March 19
9 a.m. Saturday, March 20

Times are subject to change if the session times change due to television.

Web sites/Internet

Please refer to the NCAA Broadcast Manual policies and guidelines that can be found at NCAA.com/broadcast.
Appendix A

Automatic-Qualifying Conferences

Atlantic Coast Conference
Big Ten Conference
Big 12 Conference
Colonial Athletic Association
Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association
Eastern Wrestling League
Mid-American Conference
Pacific-10 Conference
Southern Conference

Appendix B

Regions

East Region
Campbell University
Duquesne University
Gardner-Webb University

Liberty University
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

West Region
North Dakota State University
University of Northern Colorado
University of Northern Iowa
South Dakota State University

U.S. Air Force Academy
Utah Valley University
University of Wyoming
Appendix C

2010 Qualifier Allocation Criteria

2010 automatic qualifiers (250-300 of the 330 championships field) will be determined by using the primary criteria formula described below and will be communicated to all qualifying events on February 25, 2010.

After all qualifying events have concluded, the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee will meet in-person to select at-large qualifiers using secondary criteria, also described below. Wildcard selections at qualifying events have been eliminated. All weight classes at the 2010 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships will consist of 33 wrestlers. At-large qualifiers will be announced on March 10, 2010.

Primary Criteria Formula. On February 22, 2010, wrestlers in each weight class will be measured on the following: winning percentage (Win %), rating percentage index (RPI) and coaches’ ranking (CR). Win % is defined as Division I wins divided by total Division I matches contested. RPI is defined as Win % * opponents’ Win % * opponents’ opponents’ Win % (15 match minimum). CR is defined as the weight class specific ranking as determined by the NCAA Division I Wrestling Coaches Ranking Panel.

Wrestlers that meet or exceed threshold levels for all three measures will be labeled “Gold Standard.” Wrestlers that meet or exceed threshold levels for any two of the three measures will be labeled “Silver Standard.” All Gold Standard and Silver Standard wrestlers will earn a qualifier position for their respective weight class at their respective qualifying event. If a wrestler earns a Gold or Silver Standard label and does not compete in his conference or regional qualifying tournament, the qualifier position that was earned by this wrestler for his qualifying event will revert back to the at-large pool.

If a qualifying event does not have any Gold Standard or Silver Standard wrestlers at a weight class, one qualifier position will be allocated for that qualifying event’s champion at that weight class. It is the intent of the committee to allocate between 250-300 automatic qualifiers of the 330 championships field in 2010 using the primary formula. Threshold levels may slide up or down in concert (i.e., slide up to .800 Win %, Top 20 RPI and Top 20 CR or slide down to .700 Win %, Top 30 RPI and Top 30 CR) to achieve a total number of automatic qualifiers in the desired range.

Secondary Criteria. On March 8, 2010, wrestlers in each weight class will receive an updated Win % and RPI that includes all competition through the qualifying events. Wrestlers that meet or exceed any one of the following criteria will be labeled “Bronze Standard”:

- .700 Win %
- Top 33 RPI
- Top 33 CR (2/22/10 measure)
- .700 winning percentage against all competition
- One win against a wrestler receiving automatic qualification
- Qualifying event placement one below automatic qualification

Only Bronze Standard wrestlers will be eligible for selection as at-large qualifiers. A wrestler must have participated in their respective conference or regional qualifying tournament in order to be considered for at-large selection to the championships. The NCAA Wrestling Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate the Bronze Standard wrestlers:

- Head-to-head competition
- Qualifying event placement
- Quality wins
- Results against common opponents
- Win %
- RPI
- CR
- Number of matches contested at that weight class
Appendix D

National Collegiate Athletic Association

SKIN EVALUATION AND PARTICIPATION STATUS
(Please have this form filled out prior to student-athlete participation)

Student-Athlete:

Date of Exam: __ / __ / __

Institution:

Dual(s)/Tournament:

Number of Lesion(s):

Cultured: ☐ No ☐ Yes

Diagnosis:

Medication(s) used to treat lesion(s):

Date Treatment Started: __ / __ / ___

Time:

Earliest Date student athlete may return to participation: __ / __ / __

Physician’s Signature: ____________________________

Physician Name (Printed):

Physician Specialty:

Office Address:

Contact #: ____________________________

Institution Certified Athletic Trainer’s Signature: ____________________________

Note to Physician: Non-congenital lesions do not require treatment prior to return to participation (e.g. eczema, psoriasis, etc.). Please familiarize yourself with NCAA Wrestling Rules which state (refer to the NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations publication for complete information):

"W6A.3. The presence of a communicable skin disease...shall be full and sufficient reason for the disqualification." 

"W6A.5. If a student-athlete has been diagnosed as having such a condition, and is currently being treated by a physician (ideally a dermatologist) who has determined that it is safe for this individual to compete without jeopardizing the health of the opponent, the student-athlete may compete. However, the student-athlete or his/her coach or athletic trainer shall provide current written documentation from the treating physician to the medical professional at the medical examination..."

"W6A.6. Final determination of the participant’s ability to compete shall be made by the host site’s physician or certified athletic trainer who conducts the medical examination after review of any such documentation and the completion of the exam."

Below are some treatment guidelines that suggest MINIMUM TREATMENT before return to wrestling: (please refer to the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook for complete information):

Bacterial Infections (Furuncles, Carbuncles, Folliculitis, Impetigo, Cellulitis or Erysipelas, Staphylococcal disease, CA-MRSA): Wrestlers must have been free of any new skin lesions for 48 hours before the meet or tournament; completed 72 hours of antibiotic therapy and have no new, crusting or draining lesions at meet or tournament time. Gram stains of oozes from questionable lesions (if available). Active bacterial infections shall not be allowed to allow participation.

Herpetic Lesions (Simplex, fever blisters, cold sores, Zoster, Glandularum): Skin lesions must be covered by a FRM AHERENT CRUST at competition time, and have no evidence of secondary bacterial infection. For primary (first episode of Herpes Glandularum) infections, the wrestler must have developed no new lesions for 72 hours before the competition; be free of signs and symptoms like fever, edema, and swollen lymph nodes, and have been on appropriate dosage of systemic antiviral therapy for at least 120 hours before and at the time of the competition. Recurrent outbreaks require a minimum of 120 hours of oral anti-viral treatment, again so long as no new lesions have developed and all lesions are scabbed over. Active herpetic infections shall not be allowed to allow participation.

Tinea Lesions (ringworm): Oral or topical treatment for 72 hours on skin and 14 days on scalp. Wrestlers with solitary, or newly discovered, localized lesions will be disqualified if lesions are in a body location that cannot be adequately covered.

Molluscum Contagiosum Lesions must be covered or removed before the meet or tournament and covered.

Verruca Wresters with multiple digital verruca of their feet will be disqualified if the infected areas cannot be covered with a shoe. Solitary or single verruca lesions can be covered away before the meet or tournament. Wrestlers with multiple verruca plana or verruca vulgaris must have the lesions adequately covered.

Hidradenitis Suppurativa Wrestlers will be disqualified if offensive or persistent draining lesions are present; covering is not permissible.

Pediculosis Wrestlers must be treated with appropriate pediculicide and re-examined for completeness of response before wrestling.

Scabies Wrestlers must have negative scales prep at meet or tournament time.

DISCLAIMER: The National Collegiate Athletic Association shall not be liable or responsible, in any way, for any diagnosis or other evaluation made herein, or any performance in connection therewith, by the above named physician/provider; or for any subsequent action taken, in whole or in part, in reliance upon the accuracy or validity of the information provided herein.