REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 12-13, 2016, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

• None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

• None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

• Selection criteria.

   (1) Recommendation. That the following modifications be made to the selection criteria.

   a. The basement standard for pre-allocations changes to:
      .700    Top 30 CR    Top 30 RPI

      The maximum number of pre-allocations per weight class will be 29. Wrestlers may be replaced up until 5 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in their conference tournaments, and the conference may retain the pre-allocations spot if the replacement wrestler meets the standard in-win percentage and RPI.

   b. In a dual-meet format, only the results of the 10 weight-class matches will be considered for championship selections (e.g., no exhibition matches will be considered).

   c. Change the definition of a quality win to a win over any wrestler in the field. Throughout at-large consideration, that will include any wins over AQ wrestlers. During seeding, that will include all 33 wrestlers at each weight class.

   d. Modify the tiering formula so that Tier 6 is the basement requirement and so that points awarded in that tier will be .05.

   e. Change the deadline to submit an alternate wrestler to 5 p.m. Eastern
time, Sunday, March 12. If a non-seeded wrestler requires an alternate, the alternate simply replaces the wrestler in the bracket. If it is a seeded wrestler who is being replaced, then the alternate seeds move up one spot and the entire bracket is redrawn.

(2) **Effective date.** 2017 championship.

(3) **Rationale.** The modifications to the selection criteria provide clarity and transparency to the process. Extending the deadline for alternates to be inserted increases the probability of having complete and balanced brackets.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** The pre-determined standards for pre-allocations will give competing student-athletes a benchmark to strive for during the season. The extension of the alternate replacement deadline will be a positive student-athlete impact, as it provides additional time for injured wrestlers to be replaced.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Credential Policy.**
   
   a. Headshots of coaches and assistant coaches will be required.

   b. Staff was directed to work with the NCAA academic and membership affairs department to explore potential compliance implications if the committee allows up to two workout partners at the championships. Access would be limited to practice area during practice times only (no back-of-house, student-athlete hospitality or competition area access).

2. **Championship bracketing.** The committee recommends to the wrestling rules committee that an exception to rule 3.18 Drawings and Optional Bracketing be granted for the Division I Wrestling Championships. Presently an exception exists for NCAA sponsored regional qualifying tournaments, the committee would like to include the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships as well to that exception.

3. **ESPN.**

   a. The committee will help identify and develop unique stories. The opportunity for highlighting NCAA champions who are now Olympic hopefuls has passed. It is
necessary to continue featuring these student-athletes and promote the sport in the future.

b. The group will discuss table and camera positioning at the ESPN summer meetings.

4. **Team component.** The committee continues to support adding a team component to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. NCAA staff has been directed to reach out to conference liaisons to update them on the modifications that have been made to the original proposal, as well as share the results of the scoring model exercise. (See Attachments.)

5. **Committee chair.** The committee approved Billy Walker, director of athletics at American University, as the chair beginning September 1, 2016. Mr. Walker will replace current chair Matt Whisenant, deputy director of athletics at the University of Wyoming, when Mr. Whisenant’s term on the committee expires August 31.

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NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee  
April 14-16, 2016, Teleconference

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<td>Brian Smith, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mid-American Conference.</td>
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<td>Billy Walker, American University, Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.</td>
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<td>Matt Whisenant, University of Wyoming, Mountain West Conference.</td>
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| Absentees: | None. |

| NCAA Staff Support in Attendance: | Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances. |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | Heidi Wurster, Championships and Alliances. |

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