The NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Anthony Holman, associate director, championships and alliances.

1. **2016-17 Committee Members.**
   - Brian Hill, U.S. Air Force Academy (beginning Sept. 1)
   - Bob Patnesky, Davidson College
   - Valerie Richardson, University of Virginia
   - Tom Ryan, The Ohio State University
   - Brian Smith, University of Missouri, Columbia
   - Billy Walker, American University, (incoming chair Sept. 1)
   - Matt Whisenant, Wyoming University (outgoing chair Sept. 1)

   Secretary-Rules Editor: Chuck Barbee
   National Coordinator of Officials: Tim Shiels
   Weight-Management Program Liaison: Chuck Barbee
   Certified Athletic Trainers’ Liaison: Jim Thornton

2. **Selection Criteria.**
   The committee recommended that the following modifications be made to the selection criteria:
   
   a. The basement standard for pre-allocations changes to:

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   The maximum number of pre-allocations per weight class will be 29. Wrestlers may be replaced up until 5 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, prior to 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, prior to the championships. 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.

3. **Officiating.**
   Tim Shiels, NCAA national coordinator of officials, will be conducting a series of officials training and enhancement clinics over the coming months. The materials and information shared at the clinics will also be available to coaches on “Center Mat”. The committee wants staff to explore assigning registered officials a number through Arbiter Sports that would be their number for the entire season and used to track their respective evaluations and coaches’ rankings. The committee requests that coaches provide rankings on officials for all dual matches.

4. **Dates for 2017 Championships.**
   - Selections: March 6-8
   - Championships: March 16-18

5. **Future Dates and Sites.**
   - 2017: March 16-18, St. Louis, Scottrade Center
   - 2018: March 15-17, Cleveland, Quicken Loans Arena
   - 2019: March 21 – 23, TBD
   - 2020: March 19 – 21, TBD
   - 2021: March 18 – 20, TBD
   - 2022: March 17 – 19, TBD

6. **Credentials/Hotels.**
   Each competing institution, regardless of the number of qualifiers, shall receive a maximum of four coaches’ credentials. A maximum of two support staff credentials may be purchased for non-coaches. Each institution must verify the members of its coaching and support staff. One complimentary administrator credential will be provided to each institution that has a qualifier. One additional hotel room (subject to availability, that may not be at the team hotel) from the NCAA room block, separate from the qualifier formula used to allocate hotel rooms, will be made available to the institution administrator.

7. **Annual Meeting.**
   The NCAA Wrestling Committee's 2017 annual meeting will take place April 10-12 in Indianapolis.

8. **Tournament Format.**
   The committee continues to support adding a team component to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. At the direction of the Championships/Sports Management Cabinet, the committee sought feedback from coaches, student-athletes and media partners on the proposed format change. Eighty-five percent of coaches surveyed in 2014 supported the general concept of separate team and individual components. Fifty-nine percent of coaches surveyed in 2014 supported the general concept of separate team and individual components. Fifty-nine percent of coaches surveyed supported the proposal as submitted. Media partner ESPN supported the proposal and concept of separating the team and individual components of the championships. While student-athletes were not officially surveyed, anecdotal feedback supported the concept, as it provides increased opportunity for participation for student-athletes. There was concern about the timing of the dual team component and how it would affect the season. Administrators shared some concerns that a separate team championship would affect Director’s Cup points and calculations. Additional opposition to the original proposal included, point distribution, team selection process, number of teams that qualify, and cost. The committee has modified the recommendation to address those concerns and believes this is a beneficial concept. To view the committee’s annual meeting report, please visit the NCAA Division I Wrestling Administration landing page.