The NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken during the past year and provide notice of upcoming issues. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Ryan Tressel (phone: 317/917-6316; email: rtressel@ncaa.org).

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### Review of 2017 Championship

The 2017 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship consisted of ten weight classes with 16 participants per weight class for a total of 160 participants. Forty-eight (48) institutions where represented at the championship site. The finals were held in Birmingham, Alabama at the Birmingham CrossPlex as part of the Division II Winter Festival. The host was the Birmingham CrossPlex and the University of Alabama-Huntsville. The national champion was Notre Dame College (Ohio) and the runner-up was St. Cloud State University.

### Future Championship Dates

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<td>Feb. 26</td>
<td>Feb. 23-25</td>
<td>Mar. 9-10</td>
<td>Cedar Rapids, Iowa</td>
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<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>Feb. 22-24</td>
<td>Mar. 8-9</td>
<td>Cleveland, Ohio</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>Mar. 2</td>
<td>Feb. 28- Mar. 1</td>
<td>Mar. 13-14</td>
<td>Sioux Fall, South Dakota</td>
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<td>2022</td>
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<td>Feb. 25-27</td>
<td>Mar. 11-12</td>
<td>St. Louis, Missouri</td>
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*Indicates festival year.

### 2016-17 Wrestling Sponsorship (as of July 29, 2016).

| Division I | 76 |
| Division II| 61 |
| Division III| 104 |

### Annual Meeting

The 2018 national committee meeting is scheduled for April 9-11, 2018 in Indianapolis.

### Rules Committee

In 2012, a separate rules committee was formed such that the sport committee retains oversight of the championships and related processes and the rules committee will specifically handle all rules-related matters. The 2017-18 Members of this committee include the following individuals.

**Division I.**
- Mark Branch, University of Wyoming, Chair
- Jack Maughan, North Dakota State University
- Jason Coomer, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- Matt Valenti, University of Pennsylvania

**Division II.**
- Cy Wainwright, Newberry College
- Jason Warthan, University of Indianapolis

**Division III.**
- Brad Bruhn, State University of New York at Cortland
- Lonnie Morris, Johnson & Wales University
Chuck Barbee (Secretary Rules Editor), Tim Shiels (New National Coordinator of Officials), Jim Thornton (Medical) and Ashlee Follis (NCAA Rules Liaison) will also work with the committee.

For more information, please visit the Wrestling Playing Rules page located on the ncaa.org website.

**Officiating Program.**

The committee will work with the new National Coordinator of Officials, Tim Shiels, to enhance the identification, recruitment, training and evaluation of officials.

The postseason selection criteria that will be used to select the referees for championship assignment (super regionals, finals) across all three divisions are as follows:

- Score 85 percent or higher on the annual rules test (which will be managed through the NCAA’s Center Mat website through ArbiterSports at [http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com](http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com)).
- Evaluations through NCAA evaluators program.
- Coaches rankings.
- Referee an NCAA qualifying tournament.
- Referee a minimum of six NCAA dates during the current wrestling season.
- Participate in an NCAA referee/rules clinic annually.
- Past performance at NCAA tournament.

All wrestling officials who wish to officiate NCAA wrestling matches during the regular season and NCAA postseason must be registered on ArbiterSports. The NCAA has created the Center Mat website, which is housed on the ArbiterSports platform and will serve as the official site for NCAA wrestling rules and officiating. The site will house the NCAA rules book, interpretations, points of emphasis, as well as videos, testing and periodic rules and mechanics updates. Clinic information, postseason assignments and the annual rules test will be administered through the site. There is a cost of $125 for DI and a cost of $110 for DII & DIII for registration. Each referee will receive a registration welcome packet that will include an NCAA rules book, and we are working with officials’ equipment suppliers to provide product discounts as part of the registration.

**Key Items**

- The Upper Iowa University is the host for the 2018 Championship which will take place at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- All information pertinent to NCAA championships will continue to be communicated through the monthly newsletters and will be posted to each respective championship page on NCAA.org. *If you have any questions or would like to have someone added to the distribution list, please contact NCAAchampsnewsDII@ncaa.org*
- Committee is continuing to research and gather feedback on seeding the national tournament finals site.
- Committee has put forward the placement of Queens University of Charlotte into the Midwest Super Region.
- Reminder that All-American certificates are not a part of the NCAA championships and any questions should be sent to the Coaches Association.