REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 11-12, 2017, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

   a. Approval of automatic-qualifying conferences.

      (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences be awarded one AQ spot for each of the 10 weight classes to the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships: Atlantic Coast Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association; Eastern Wrestling League; Mid-American Conference; Pac-12 Conference; and Southern Conference.

      (2) Effective date. 2018 championship.

      (3) Rationale. The conferences listed meet AQ requirements. Each conference receives automatic-qualifying positions for the champion in each weight class. In addition, pre-allocated spots are awarded to conferences on behalf of the wrestlers competing in the respective conference who meet the gold or silver standard.

      (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

      (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation provides the eight conferences access to the 2018 championships.
b. Alternates.

   (1) Recommendation. That a single alternate per weight class be permitted to attend
   the championships at the expense of the respective institution. The alternate shall
   weigh-in and be permitted to compete should another wrestler in the respective
   weight class withdraw for any reason. If the alternate participates in the
   championships, he shall be eligible to receive per diem, travel reimbursement,
   and any participant awards or gifts provided to all student-athletes participating
   in the championships.

   (2) Effective date. 2018 championships.

   (3) Rationale. The committee already selects two alternates per weight class as part
   of the selection process. However, the replacement deadline is Sunday prior to
   the championships. By allowing alternates to travel to the championship site the
   replacement deadline can be extended, thus ensuring that each weight class will
   be filled. Moreover, it removes the possibility of gamesmanship by some
   coaches who wait until after the replacement deadline to notify the NCAA of
   injury or other withdrawals so that an alternate from another team is not allowed
   to participate.

   (4) Estimated budget impact. None, as the alternates will participate only if a
   selected wrestler withdraws. Only those wrestlers who compete will be eligible
   for travel reimbursement and per diem, thus the recommendation does not result
   in additional participants.

   (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation ensures that each weight class
   bracket has the maximum number of allowable participants, thereby ensuring
   the fairest and most equitable competition.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Failure to submit team information.

   a. In accordance with the NCAA Championships failure to adhere to policies and
   procedures, the committee recommends a $200 per occurrence fine for institutions
   that fail to submit headshots for credentials, or any selections information, by the deadline.

   b. The committee recommends that failure to submit team starters or rankings by the
   prescribed deadline will be assessed a $50 fine for the first occurrence and an additional
   $50 (up to $400) per occurrence. All fines must be paid prior to the institution receiving
   championships credentials.
2. **Site selection.** The committee recommends the following sites for the 2019-2022 championships:

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3. **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.)

*Committee Chair: Billy Walker, American University, Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association*

*Staff Liaison: Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances*

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**Attendees:**
- Brian Hill, U.S. Air Force Academy, Big 12 Conference.
- Bob Patnesky, Davidson University, Southern Conference.
- Valerie Richardson, University of Virginia, Atlantic Coast Conference.
- Tom Ryan, The Ohio State University, Big Ten Conference.
- Brian Smith, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mid-American Conference.
- Billy Walker, American University, Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.

**Guests in Attendance:**
- Pat Tocci, National Wrestling Coaches Association.

**Absentees:**
- None.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
- Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
- Heidi Wurster, Championships and Alliances.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
- Matt Holmes, Championships and Alliances.