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).

2018-19 NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee Members

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*Nominations for the six open committee member positions are currently going through the approval process.

Review of 2018 Championship

The 2018 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship consisted of ten weight classes with 16 participants per weight class for a total of 160 participants. Fifty-two (52) institutions were represented at the championship site. The finals were held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the U. S. Cellular Center. The host was Upper Iowa University. The national champion was St. Cloud State University and the runner-up was Notre Dame College (OH).

Future Championship Dates

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<td>Mar. 2</td>
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*Indicates festival year.

2017-18 Wrestling Sponsorship (as of July 28, 2017).

Division I 71 Division II 64 Division III 106

Annual Meeting

The 2019 national committee meeting is currently scheduled for April 8-10, 2019 in Indianapolis.

Rules Committee

As a reminder 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 2018-19 Members of this committee include the following individuals.

Division I.

John W. Smith, Oklahoma State University
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 86 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 $150 for DI and a cost of $125 for DII and $120 for DIII 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 Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and Ashland University are the hosts for the 2019 Championship which will take place at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

- 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](mailto:NCAACHAMPSNEWSDII@NCAA.ORG)*

- 2019 Championships will be first year of 180 qualifiers (increased by 20 qualifiers) along with an updated six super region model in which 30 qualifiers would come from each super region. Details on this can be found on the Division II wrestling sport landing page – [LINK](http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com). Seeding the finals site will also occur for the 2019 Championships.

- Super Regional hosts for 2019 and 2020 have been approved (Exception is 2020 Super Region 4 due to no bids). Bid portal for super regional bids for the 2020 (also for 2020 Super Region 4) will open early January. With a deadline to submit by March 22, 2019.