



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE
APRIL 10-11, 2018, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. Two-day meets and dual meets.

- (1) Recommendation. To amend NCAA Bylaw 17.27.5.1.1 to allow institutions to count not more than two two-day meets and not more than four occasions in which the dual meets are held over a three-day period each as a single date of competition.
- (2) Effective date. 2019 championships.
- (3) Rationale. This change will reduce the number of trips required, allow teams to host more home dual matches, allow teams to travel to different regions of the country and compete against multiple teams in that area over a three-day period. It also will result in less missed class time, allow for flexibility with venue and broadcast windows, and assist with student-athlete well-being by allowing a day between competition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The recommendation should reduce expenses for institutions.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation reduces the strain on student-athletes and provides more rest between sessions.

b. Player pass list tickets.

- (1) Recommendation. To allow player guests to pick up tickets for the entire championship at one time.
- (2) Effective date. 2019 championships.
- (3) Rationale. This will provide operational efficiencies and eliminate the need for guests to stand in line for multiple sessions.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. There will be a cost savings, due to reduction in staff and security necessary to manage the player pass list for each session.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. 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 2019 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. 2019 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 2019 championships.

b. Seeding.

- (1) Recommendation. To seed all 33 wrestlers at each weight class. The current ranking system will be allowed to continue to order the seeds from 17-33. Seeds 29-33 may be assigned randomly to the brackets but will always be paired with the top four seeds and assigned to all pigtail matches.
- (2) Effective date. 2019 championships.
- (3) Rationale. The weighted selection criteria provide a clear and consistent quantitative process, enabling the committee to effectively seed the entire bracket.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Having more balanced brackets removes random match-ups.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Schedule of events.

- a. Open doors for competition 90 minutes before each session.
- b. Weigh-ins will take place two hours prior to competition each day.
- c. For future planning, the committee suggested scheduling welcome receptions in conjunction with the coaches meeting to boost attendance.

2. Evaluations. The number of submitted evaluations from institutions was down to 105 from 175 last year. In the future, NCAA staff will schedule visits with teams following the championship, similar to what is done for the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

3. Credentials. The committee wants staff to pursue added security measures for credentials. In addition, a letter will be sent to institutions as a reminder to take care of credentials and not allow anyone else to use them.

Committee Chair: Billy Walker, American University
Staff Liaison: Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee April 10-11, 2018, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Heath Eslinger, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
Karen Langston, California State University, Bakersfield.	
Tom Ryan, The Ohio State University.	
Brian Smith, University of Missouri, Columbia.	
Billy Walker, American University.	
Phillip Wille, University of Wyoming.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jim Fallis, National Wrestling Coaches Association.	
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.